

سورة

النجم

TAFSIR

IBN KATHIR

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

★ The first Surah in which a prostration Revealed.

- Surah An Najm was first Surah in which a prostration was revealed. The prophet (recited it) & prostrated. Those who were with him did same.

★ Allah Swears the messenger is true & His words are a Revelation from Him

- The Creator Swears by whatever He wills among His Creation, but the Created only vow by the Creator.

1 وَالنَّجْمِ إِذَا هَوَىٰ

By the stars when its goes down.

- The star refers to Pleiades when it sets at fajr. (also refer "when shytan shut with it)
- This Ayah similar to

فَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِمَوَاقِعِ النُّجُومِ
I Swear by the setting of the stars.

2 مَا ضَلَّ صَاحِبِكُمْ وَمَا غَوَى

Your Companion has neither gone astray nor erred

- This confirms the subject of the oath. This witness that prophet is sane & a follower of the Truth.

★ Muhammad (pbuh) was sent as a mercy for all that exists. He does not speak of his desire.

3 وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَى

Nor does he speak of desire

- Asserting that nothing the prophet utters is of his own desire or wish.

4 إِنَّ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَى

It is only a revelation revealed.

- he only conveys to the people what he was commanded to convey, in its entirety without additions or deletions.

Hadith: Prophet said:- "By He in whose Hand is my soul, every word that comes out of me is the truth"

★ The Trustworthy Angel brought Allah's Revelation to the Trustworthy Messenger.

٥ عَالَمَهُ شَدِيدُ الْقُوَى

He has been taught by one mighty in power.

- he is Jibreel, As Allah said.

بِإِذْنِهِ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ

This is the word a most honorable messenger

ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ

Owner of power, with (Allah) the Lord of the throne.

مُطَاعٍ ثَمَّ أَمِينٍ (81: 19-21)

Obeeyed (by the angels) and Trustworthy.

٦ ذُو مِرَّةٍ فَاسْتَوَى

Mighty in power (strong) then he rose.

ذُو مِرَّةٍ - (a strong person

Hadith.

"لَا تَجِلُّ الصَّدَقَةُ لِغَنِيِّ وَلَا لِأَدْنَى مِرَّةٍ سَوِيٍّ"

"Charity is not allowed for a rich

person nor (Dhu Mirrah) strong person of

sound mind & body.

7 وَهُوَ بِالْأُفُقِ الْأَعْلَى

while he was in the highest part of the horizon
- Jibreel rose to the highest part of the horizon. "the highest horizon where Morning Comes from."

Hadith:- "The Messenger of Allah saw Jibreel in his original shape having six hundred wings, each wing filling the side of the horizon, with color fill array, and pearls and rubies falling from each wing as much as only Allah knows"

Hadith:- "Jibreel appeared to the Messenger of Allah as huge figure appeared to him from the east & kept rising & spreading. when the Prophet saw jibreel in his original shape, he was knocked unconscious. Jibreel came down & revived the prophet & wiped the saliva off of his cheeks

8 ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّى

Then he approached and came closer

* Meaning of "at a distance of two bows' length or less"

٩ فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ

(And was at a distance of two bows' length or less)

- Jibril was descending to the prophet on earth. At that time, the distance between them became only two bow lengths, when the bows are extended to full length.

Meaning here is the distance between the bows' string and its wood centre.

أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ - indicates that the distance was as only as far described, not more.

١٠ فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ

"So, he revealed to His Servant whatever He revealed"

- Allah revealed to His Servant Muhammad (pbu) whatever He revealed through Jibril.

١١ مَا كَذَبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَىٰ

The heart lied not in what he saw

١٢ أَفَتَمُرُّونَهُ عَلَىٰ مَا بَرَأَىٰ

(Will you then dispute with him about what he saw)

13 وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ

And indeed he saw him at a second descent.

14-15 عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ عِنْدَ جَنَّةِ الْمَأْوَىٰ

Near it is the Paradise of Abode | Near Sidrat Muntaha

- It was jibreel. The Prophet saw jibreel twice in his original shape. Once near Sidrat al Muntaha - a lot tree of the utmost boundary over the Seventh heaven beyond which none can pass) another time in Ajjed (in Makkah) while jibril had six hundred wings that covered horizon.

* Angels, light and colors covered Sidrat Al-Muntaha

16 إِذْ يَغْشَى السَّدْرَةَ مَا يَغْشَىٰ

(When that covered the lote tree which did cover it")

- That the angels, Allah's light, and Spectacular colors covered the Sidrah.
- When Prophet was taken on the Istz' journey, he ascended to Sidrat Al-Muntaha, which is in the Seventh heaven. He was given five prayers, last two verses of Baqara & remission of serious sins for those who among his ummah who do not shirk "

17 مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَى

The sight turned not aside, nor it transgressed beyond the limit.

- indicates that the prophets sight did not turn right or left.

وما طغى - not exceeding what has been ordained for it. This is a tremendous quality that demonstrates the prophets firm obedience to Allah, because he only what was commended and did not ask beyond what he was given.

18 لَقَدْ رَأَى مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَى

indeed he saw of the greatest signs of his lord

- Signs that testify to Allah's might and greatness.

★ Refuting Idolatry, Al-Lat & Al-Uzza.

19 أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ اللَّاتَ وَالْعُزَّىٰ

Have you then considered Al-Lat & Al-Uzza

- Allah exalted rebukes the idolaters for worshipping idols & taking rivals to Him. They built houses for their idols to resemble the ka'ba

- Al-Lat was white stone with inscriptions on. There was a house built around Al-Lat in At-Taif with curtains. People of Taif derived this name from Allah's name, and made it feminine. Allah is far removed from what they ascribed to Him.
- Al-Lat was a man who used to mix Sawaq (barley) for pilgrims.
- They also derived the name al-Uzza from Allah's name Al-Aziz. Al-Uzza was a tree on which the idolaters placed a monument & curtains.

20 وَصْنُ الثَّلَاثَةِ الْأُخْرَى

And Al-Menat, the other third.

- Menat was another idol in the area between Makkah & Madinah. Aws, Khazraj used to rever.
- There were many other idols but Allah mention these three idols because they were more famous than the others.

★ Refuting the idolators who appoint Rivals to Allah & claim that the Angels were females.

21 أَلَكُمُ الذَّكَرُ وَلَهُ الْأُنثَىٰ

"is it for you the males & for Him the females."

- Allah asked idolators, do you choose female offspring for Allah and give preference to yourselves with the males?

22 تِلْكَ إِذًا قِسْمَةٌ ضِيزَىٰ

That indeed is a division most unfair

- it would be an unfair & unjust division.

How is it then that you make this division between you and Allah, even though this would be foolish and unjust, if you made it between your self and others.

23 إِنْ هِيَ إِلَّا أَسْمَاءٌ سَمَّيْتُمُوهَا أَنْتُمْ وَآبَاؤُكُمْ

They are but names which you have named & ^{your} fathers

مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ

for which Allah has sent down no authority.

إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَمَا تَهْوَى الْأَنْفُسُ

they follow but a guess & that which they themselves desire

- They have no proof, except their trust in their forefathers who took this false path in the past, as well as, their lusts and desires to become leaders, and thereby gain honor and reverence for their forefathers.

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِنْ رَبِّهِمُ الْهُدَىٰ

whereas there has surely come to them the guidance from their Lord.

- Allah has sent them messengers with the clear truth and evidence.

★ wishful thinking does not earn one righteousness.

24 أَمْ لِلْإِنْسَانِ مَا تَمَنَّى

- Or shall man have what he wishes?
- Not everyone gets the goodness what he wishes. Not everyone who claims to be guided is truly guided. Hadith:- when one of you wishes for something, let him be careful what he wishes for, because he does not know what part of his wish will be written for him"

25 فَلِلَّهِ الْأَخِرَةُ وَالْأُولَى

But to Allah belongs the last and the first.

- All matters belong to Allah and He is the King & Owner of this world & the Hereafter.

★ No intercession except with Allah's leave

26 وَكَمْ مِنْ مَلَكٍ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ لَا تُخْبِرُ

شَفَعَتُهُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ أَنْ يُأْذَنَ اللَّهُ

لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَرْضَى

And there many angels in the heavens, whose intercession will avail nothing except after Allah has given leave for whom He wills and is pleased with

- as Allah says in other ayah:-

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ 2:255
who is he that can intercede with Him
except with His permission?

وَلَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَاعَةُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِمَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ 34:23

- if this is the case with the angels who are close to Him, how can you, O ignorant ones, hope for Allah to grant you the intercession of the idols and rivals you worship with Him without having His permission or any divine legislation permitting you to worship them?

★ Refuting the claim of the idolators that the Angels are Allah's Daughters

27 **لَنْ يَنْفَعَكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ لِيَسُوءُوا**

الْمَلَائِكَةَ تَسْمِيَةَ الْأُنثَىٰ

verily, those who believe not in the hereafter, name the angels with female names'

- Allah admonishes the idolators for calling the angels female names and claiming that they are Allah's daughters. Allah is far removed from what they ascribe to Him.

28 **وَمَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ**

But they have no knowledge thereof.

- what they say is all lies, falsehood, fake.

إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ الظَّنُّ لَا يَغْنَى

مِنَ الْحَقِّ شَيْئًا

They follow but Conjecture, and verily, Conjecture is no substitute for the truth.

- Conjecture is no benefit and never takes the place of truth.

Hadith:-

(Beware of Suspicion, for Suspicion is the most lying speech)

★ The Necessity of Turning away from the People of Misguidance.

29 فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْ مَنْ تَوَلَّىٰ عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا

Therefore withdraw from him who turns away from Our Reminder

وَلَمْ يُرِدْ إِلَّا الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا

and desires nothing but the life of this world.

- whose aim & knowledge are concentrated on this life; this is the goal of those who have no good news in them.

30 ذَاكَ مَبْلَغُهُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ

That is what they could reach of knowledge.

Hadith :-

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا

O Allah! Make not this life greatest of our concerns

وَلَا مَبْلَغَ عِلْمِنَا

nor the best knowledge we can attain

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ

verily, your lord is He, who knows best him who goes astray

وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ اهْتَدَى

& He knows best him who receives guidance.

- Allah is the one who guides whom He wills and misguides whom He wills. and all of this indicates His power, knowledge & wisdom.

* Allah knows Every Matter, whether Small or Big and He rewards Each according to His or Her Deeds.

31 وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ Earth.

And to Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and all on the

- Allah asserts that He is the King & Owner of the heavens and Earth & that He is independent of the need for anyone.

لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسَاءُوا بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَيَجْزِيَ

that, He may requite those who do evil with that which they done

الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا بِالْحُسْنِ

and reward those who do good, with what is best.

- He recompenses each according to his or her deeds.

good for good and evil for evil.

* Qualities of the Good-doers, Allah forgives

the small faults.

32 الَّذِينَ يَجْتَنِبُونَ كَبِيرَ الْإِثْمِ وَالْفَوَاحِشِ

Those who avoid great sins

إِلَّا اللَّعْمَ

except Al-Lamam.

اللعم means, Small faults & Minor errors.

Hadith:-

'verily, Allah has decreed for the son of Adam his share of Zina. and he will certainly earn his share.

Zina of eye is looking, Zina of tongue is by talking and the heart wishes lusts, But the sexual organ

either substantiates all this or not "

Abu Huraira statement on Iman:-

'it pertains to kissing, Winking one's eye, looking and embracing. When the Sexual organ meets the Sexual organ intercourse then that Zina.

★ Encouraging Repentance and forbidding claims of Punty for one self.

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ وَاسِعُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ

verily, your lord is of vast forgiveness.

- asserts that His Mercy encompasses everything.

and His forgiveness entails every type of sins if repents

قُلْ يَعْبَادُوا الدِّينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا

(39:51)

من رحمة الله فإن الله يغفر الذنوب جميعا فإنه هو الغفور الرحيم

هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِكُمْ إِذْ أَنشَأَكُم مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ

He knows you well when He created you from the Earth

- Allah Says, He was and still is the All-knowing whose knowledge encompasses your affairs, all of the actions that will be committed by you

وَلِيذُ أَنْتُمْ أَجِنَّةٌ فِي بُطُونِ

أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ

And when you were fetuses in your Mothers wombs.

- when He Commanded the angel to record one's Provisions, age, actions and if he would be among the Miserable or the happy.

فَلَا تُزَكُّوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ

So, ascribe not purity yourselves

- forbidding one from ascribing purity and Praising himself and thinking highly of his actions.

هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنِ اتَّقَى

He knows best him who has Taqwa.

as Allah Says in another ayah,

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَزْعُمُونَ أَنَّهُمْ بِاللَّهِ يَزْكُونَ
مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَلَا يظلمون فتيلًا (4:49)

"Have you not seen those who claim Sanctity for themselves. Nay, but Allah Sanctifies whom He wills. and they will not be dealt with unjustly, even equal to the extent of a fathil (thread)

Hadith:- "if one of you must praise a friend of his, let him say, 'I think that so-and-so is this and that, Allah knows best about him and I will never purify anyone before Allah'"

وَاللَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِنْكَ وَلَا تُزَكِّي عَنْ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا

Hadith: "Prophet ordered us to throw sand in their faces when we see those who praise"

★ Chastising those who disobey Allah and stop giving charity.

Did you observe him who turned away?

33 أَفَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي تَوَلَّى

- Allah chastises those who turn away from obedience.

فَلَا صَدَقَ وَلَا صَلَّٰهُ دَلِكِ كَذَّابٌ وَتَوَلَّى (75:31-32)

34 وَأَعْطَى قَلِيلًا وَأَكْدَى

And gave a little, then stopped.

- This is like the case of a people who dig a well, during the course of which they find a rock preventing them from completing their work. So, they say 'we are finished' and they abandoned their work.

35 أَعِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ الْغَيْبِ فَهَوِيَ

Is with him the knowledge of the Unseen So, that he sees?

- does this person, who stopped giving for fear of poverty and ended his acts of charity have knowledge of the unseen and thus knows that if he does not stop giving, his wealth will go away?
- No, Such a person has stopped charity not for righteous reason and did not keep relations with kith and kin because of his miserliness, being stingy and out of fear of poverty.

Hadith:- "O Bilal, Spend and fear not less provisions from the owner of throne."

as Allah Says:-

وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ
وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

'And whatsoever you spend of anything (in Allah's Cause) He will replace it. And He is the Best of Providers.' (34:39)

* The Meaning of 'fullfilled'

36 أَمْ لَمْ يُنَبِّأْ بِمَا فِي صُحُفِ مُوسَى

37 وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ الَّذِي وَفَّى

Or is he not informed with what is in the Shuhuf of Musa, And of Ibrahim who fullfilled.

- وَفَّى - fullfilled Means, 'Conveyed all that he was ordered to Convey'
- 'He obeyed Allah and delivered His Message to His Creatures'

None shall carry the burden of any other on the day of Resurrection.

- Allah Explained what he has revealed in the Scripture of Ibrahim and Musa.

أَلَا تَنْزُرُ وَازِرَةً وِزْرَ أُخْرَى

That no burdened person shall bear the burden of another.

- Every Soul shall carry its own injustices, whether disbelief or sin, and none else shall carry its burden of sin.

وَأَنْ لَيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَى

And that man can have nothing but what he does.

- The soul shall only benefit from the good that one earns for himself.

Hadeeth:-

Three things will benefit for a soul even after

death:- 1. righteous son's invokes Allah for him.

2. an ongoing charity after his death.

3. knowledge that people benefit from.

Then those three things are in reality a results of one's own deeds, efforts and actions.

Allah Says:-

إِنَّا نَحْيُ الْحَيِّ الْمَوْتَىٰ وَنَكْتُبُ مَا قَدَّمُوا
وَأَنشُرُهُمْ

Verily, we give life to the dead, and we record that which they send before & their traces

- The knowledge that one spreads among people which they are guided by is among his actions.

Hadeeth:-

Whoever invites to guidance, he will earn as much reward as those who follow him, without decreasing anything out of their own rewards.

وَأَنَّ سَعْيَهُ سَوْفَ يُرَى

And that his deeds will be seen.

(on the day of Resurrection)

ثُمَّ يُجْزَاهُ الْجَزَاءَ الْأَوْفَى

Then he will be recompensed with a full and best recompense.

- Allah will recompense them in the best manner, good for good & Evil for evil.

Some Attributes of the Lord that He returns man as He originated him and Some of what He does with His Servants.

وَأَنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ

And that to you Lord is the End

- The return of everything on the Day of Resurrection

Hadith:-

Know that the Return is to Allah, either to Paradise or the fire.

وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَضْحَكَ وَأَبْكَى

And that it is He who makes you laugh, & weep. He created the ability to laugh or weep.

وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَمَاتٌ وَأَحْيَا

And that it is He who Causes death & gives life

وَأَنَّهُ خَلَقَ الذُّكُورَ وَالْأُنثَى

And that He creates the pairs, male & female.

مِن نُّطْفَةٍ إِذَا تُمْنَى

from NutfaL when it is emitted.

وَأَنَّ عَلَيْهِ النَّشْأَةَ الْآخِرَى

And that upon Him is another bringing forth.

- Just as He Originated Creation, He is able to bring it back to life, resurrection on Day of Judgment.

وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَغْنَى وَأَقْنَى

And that it is who gives much and little.

- It is Allah who gives wealth to His servants and this wealth remains with them. They are able to use it to their benefit.

أَقْنَى - gives Contentment.

وَإِنَّهُ هُوَ رَبُّ الشُّعْرَى

And that He is the Lord of AS-Shi'ra

- The bright Star. (Sirius)

وَإِنَّهُ أَهْلَكَ عَادًا الْأُولَى

And that it is He who destroyed the former Ād.

- They are descendants of Ād, Son of Fārm, Son of Sam, Son of Nuh.

- They were among the strongest, fiercest people and the most rebellious against Allah & Messenger.

وَتَمُودَ فَمَا أَبْقَى

And Thamud, He spared none.

- declares that He destroyed them all and spared none.

وَقَوْمَ نُوحٍ مِّنْ قَبْلُ

And the people of Nuh a fine time.

لَإِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا أَكْثَرَ أَظْلَامٍ وَأَطْغَىٰ

venily, they were more unjust and more rebellious and Transgressing.

- More unjust in disobeying Allah than those who came after them.

وَالْمُؤْتَفِكَةَ أَهْوَى

And He destroyed the Overthrown Cities.

- The Cities of Lut, Allah turned their Cities upside down over them and sent on them stones of Sijil.

فَغَشَّاهَا مَا غَشَّى

So, there Covered them that which did Cover.

فَبِأَيِّ ذَا الْبُرْجَانِ تَتَمَارَى

- then which of the graces of your Lord will you doubt?
'which of Allah's favour for you, Oman, do you doubt?

هَذَا نَذِيرٌ مِّنَ النَّذِيرِ الْأُولَى

This is a warner from the warner of old.

- Just like the warner of old, Prophet Muhammed Sent as a messenger. as Allah says

قُلْ مَا كُنْتُ بِدَعَاةٍ مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ (46:9)

Say "I am not a new thing among the Messengers.

أُزْفَةٌ الْأُزْفَةِ

which is near draws near.

- The Day of Resurrection has drawn near.

لَيْسَ لَهَا مَن دُونَ اللَّهِ كَاشِفُهُ

None besides Allah can avert it.

- No one besides Allah can prevent it from coming, nor does anyone know when it will come except Him.

Hadith:- **أَنَا النَّذِيرُ الْعُرْيَانُ**
"I am the naked Warner"

- Means, 'I was in such hurry to warn against the evil I saw coming, that I did not wear anything.'

Hadith:- Beware of Small sins! The example of the effect of Small sin is that of people who settled near the bottom of a valley. One of them brought a piece of wood, and another brought another piece of wood, until they cooked their bread. Verily Small sins will destroy its companions, if one is held accountable for them.

أَفَمَنْ هَذَا الْحَدِيثِ تَحِبُّونَ

Do you then wonder at this recitation?

Allah admonishes the idolaters because they hear Quran, yet they turn away from it in heedless play.

وَتَضْحَكُونَ وَلَا تَبْكُونَ

and you laugh and weep not.

- you are not weeping just as those who believe it.

وَيَخْرُونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ يَبْكُونَ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ خُشُوعًا (17:109)

And they fall down on their faces weeping and it increases their humility.

وَأَنْتُمْ سَامِدُونَ

while you are 'Samidun' - singing

- in yemenite dialect 'Ismaid for us' means (sing for us)

- also means 'Turning away'

فَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ وَاعْبُدُوا

So, fall you down in prostration to Allah and worship Him.

Hadith:-

The prophet prostrated upon reciting 'An Najm' and the Muslims, idolators, Jinns & Mankind who were present prostrated along with him.

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NOTES FROM TAFSIR SA'DI

النجوم - includes all heavenly bodies.

Allah Swears by the stars to the soundness

of what the prophet brought of divine revelation because, Allah has made the stars an adornment for the heaven, and in like manner He has made the revelation and its effects an adornment for the earth. were it not for the knowledge inherited from the prophets, the people would be in darkness greater than that of the darkest night.

شَدِيدُ الْقُوَى - 'mighty in power' in both visible and invisible.

- Jibreel has strength to carry out whatever Allah commands him to, and has strength to convey the revelation to the messenger and to protect it from the eavesdropping of the devils or their attempts to insert into it that which is not part of it.

This is part of Allah's guarding His revelation, that He sent with this powerful messenger.

كَذَيْغَشِ السُّدْرَةِ مَا يَغْشَى

that is in accordance with divine decree,

It was covered by something very great,

the description of which no one knows but Allah.

مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ

his gaze did not wander right or left away from what he saw.

وَمَا طَغَى

he did not look any further than he was supposed to.

لَقَدْ رَأَى مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَى

- Such as paradise and hell, and other things that he saw on the night of the Isra (Night Journey)

أَمْ لِلْإِنْسَانِ مَا تَمَنَّى فِىهِ الْآخِرَةُ وَالْأُولَى

- Allah denounces those who claim that they will get what they wish for, they are lying:

Allah gives thereof to whomever He wills, and withholds from whomever He wills. So, the matter not in accordance with their wishes or with their whims and desires.

كَانَ رَبُّكَ وَاسِعَ الْخِفَّةِ

were it not for His forgiveness, the land & the people would have been destroyed.

were it not for His pardon & forbearance, the sky would have fallen upon earth.

He would have left no living creature on the face of the earth.

Prophet said :-

"The five daily prayers, one Summe to another and one Ramadan to another, are expiration for whatever comes in between them so long as Major Sins are avoided (Muslim)

هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِكُمْ...

- Allah knows best all your circumstances, and He knows your inherent nature of weakness and inability to do much of what Allah has enjoined upon you, and your inability to do much of what Allah has enjoined upon you, and your strong inclination towards some prohibited matters, for which there great temptation.

Because Allah knows of your weak Condition, His kindness upon you and remove evil deeds and sins from you, especially if an individual's aim is to please his Lord at all times and he is striving to do that which will bring him close to Allah most of the time, and he is fleeing from the sins that may lead to him incurring Allah's wrath, yet he slips up time to time.

Allah is most generous and merciful, He is more merciful to His slaves than a mother to her child. Therefore such person must be close to his Lord's forgiveness. and Allah will surely respond to him in all circumstances.

فَلَا تَزُكُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنِ اتَّقَى

- do not tell people that your souls are pure, by way of Self Praise. The place of righteous is the heart, and it is Allah who sees it and will reward what the heart contains of righteousness & piety.

وَأَنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ

- that final destination is with your Lord, all things will ultimately come to Him and all creatures will return to Him at the resurrection. The final destination with Him in all cases, and He possesses the ultimate knowledge, wisdom, mercy and all perfect attributes.

وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَضْحَكَ وَأَبْكَى

- It is He who creates the causes that lead to laughter and weeping, namely good and bad, Joy and happiness, worry and sorrow, and there is great wisdom in that.

وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ رَبُّ الشَّرِّ

- Sirius is a star, also known as Dog star. Allah singles out for mention, although He is the Lord of all things, because this star was worshipped during the jahiliyyah. This ayah highlights the fact that it's created & controlled by Allah.

أَفَئِنَّ هَذَا الْحَدِيثَ تَعَجِبُونَ

- do you wonder at this Quran, which is the best and noblest of speech, and regard it as something extraordinary.
- It is mighty Quran, which if it had been sent down upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbled and rent asunder out of fear of Allah.
- It increases the people of wisdom in wisdom. Mature thinking, steadfastness, faith & assurance.
- What should be seen as strange is a man whose reasoning makes him find it strange, it is amazing how foolish and misguided he is.

وَتَضَعُونَ وَلَا تَنْكُونَ

- they resorted to laughter and ridicule when dealing with it, even though what should be the case is that it should have an impact on their hearts & souls, and they should shed tears when they hear its commands and prohibitions, listen to its promises & warnings, and pay attention to its true glad tidings.

وَأَنْتُمْ سَاهُونَ

- while you remain heedless,-

- heedless of it, distracted from reflecting upon it. that is because of your lack of rational thinking and religious Commitment,

فَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ وَاعْبُدُوا

~ So, Prostrate to Allah and worship Him ~

- The Command to Prostrate to Allah in particular Serves to Highlight the virtue of this action, which is the Core and essence of worship, the Core & essence of which is humility before Allah & Submission to Him.
- Prostration is the greatest manifestation of humility & Submission, in which a person's heart and body are in a state of humility, as he places his noblest faculties on the lowly ground, which is the place where feet tread.

Then Allah enjoins worship in general terms which includes all that Allah loves and is pleased with of words and deeds, both visible and hidden.

