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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الْأَنْبَيْهُ

THE ORIGINATOR

TAFSIR NOTES

IBN KATHIR

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

* THE POWER OF ALLAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطَّرَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ جَاعِلَ الْمَلَائِكَةَ
رُسُلًا أُولَئِيْ أَجْنِحَةٍ مُّثْنَى وَثُلَاثَ وَرَبِيعَ

All praise is due to Allah, Originator of the heavens and the earth, who made the angels messengers with wings, two or three or four.

- Originator means creator.
- Angel messengers between Allah and His prophets.
- among them are Some who have two wings, Some have three wings and Some have four. Some have more than that..

يَرِيدُ فِي الْخَلْقِ مَا يَشَاءُ وَلَمْ يَعْلَمْ شَيْءٌ قَدْرِيْنَ

He increases in creation what He wills.

vergil , Allah is Able to do all things.

- He increases their wings and creates them as He wills

* None Can Withhold the Mercy of Allah

مَا يَفْتَحُ اللَّهُ لِنَاسٍ مِّنْ رَّحْمَةٍ فَلَا مُنْهِيَّ لَهَا
وَمَا يَمْنَعُكَ فَلَا مُرْسِلٌ لَهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ
وَهُوَ الْخَيْرُ الْحَكِيمُ

Whatever of Mercy, Allah may grant to Mankind, none can withhold it, and whatever He may withhold, none can grant it thereafter. And He is the Almighty, the All-wise.

Prophet used to say after praying "There is no god except Allah alone, with no partner or associate To Him be praise and dominion, and He is able to do all things. O Allah, there is none who can withhold what you give, and none can give what you withhold, and good fortune and richness in anything cannot benefit one against your will.

* THE EVIDENCE OF TAWHEED

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِذْ كُرِبُوا نَهْبَتِ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ
هَلْ مِنْ خَلِيقٍ لِّيَرْبِّ اللَّهِ يُرْزِقُكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَأَنْتُمْ تُؤْفَكُونَ

O Mankind! Remember the grace of Allah upon you! is there any creator other than Allah who provides for you from the Sky (rain) and the earth? no god except Him. How then you turning away? (from Him)

- ~ Allah Shows His Servants that they should worship Him alone, for just as He is independent in His power of creation and provision, So He should be worship alone with no partners or associates.
- ~ How can you turn away from Him after this has been made clear and this proof has been made obvious, but you still worship idols & false gods?

* Consolation in the fact that the previous Messengers were denied, and a reminder of the Resurrection.

وَإِن يَكُنْ يُؤْكَدْ فَقَدْ كُذِبَتْ رُسُلٌ مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ
وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ

And if they deny you, So were Messengers denied before you. And to Allah return all matters.

- ~ if these idolators disbelieve you & go against you, previous Messengers who came before you also denied by their people when they brought clear message to them.
- ~ We will requite them for that in full.

بِأَمْبَيْهِمَا النَّاسُ يَأْنَ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ ٥

O Mankind! verily, the promise of Allah is true.

- the resurrection will undoubtedly come to pass.

فَلَا تَغُرِّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا

So, let not this present life decieve you,

- this life is nothing compare to the great good that Allah has promised to His close friends & the followers of His messengers, So do not let these transient attractions distract you from that which is lasting.

وَلَا يَغُرِّنَّكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغَرُورُ

and let not the chief deciever decieve you about Allah.

- This refers to shaytan, do not let shaytan tempt you and divert you away from following the messengers of Allah & believing them, for shaytan is the chief deciever and liar.

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌ فَاتَّخِذُوا مَحْدُودًا

Surely, shaytan is an enemy to you, So take (treat) him as an enemy.

- Allah tells us of the enmity of Iblis towards the Son of Adam.

- Shytan has declared his enmity towards you, So be even more hostile towards him, oppose him and do not believe the things with which he tries to tempt you.

لَنْ يَدْعُوا حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَضْلَابِ السَّيِّئِ

He only invites his followers that they may become the dwellers of the blazing fire.

he only wants to Misguide you so that you will enter the blazing fire with him.

The punishment of the disbeliever & the Reward of the believer on the Day of Resurrection.

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَالَّذِينَ ظَاهَرُ
وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ

Those who disbelieve, theirs will be a severe torment, and those who believe and do righteous good deeds, theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward.

~ Allah tells us that for those who disbelieve there will be a severe punishment. This is because they obeyed the Shytan and disobeyed Ar-Rahman.
~ And for those who believed is forgiveness from whatever sins they did & Reward for good deeds.

أَفَهُنْ زَيْنُ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ فَرَدَاهُ حَسْنٌ ٨

Is he, then, to whom the evil of his deeds is
Made fairseening, So that he considers it as good?

- Such as disbelievers or immoral persons who
do evil deeds and believe that they are doing
Something good. a person like that has been
Misguided by Allah, So what can you do for him?
you Cannot help him at all.

فَلَوْلَمْ يَرَهُ اللَّهُ يُضْلِلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ

verily, Allah Sends astray whom He wills and
guides whom He wills.

- Means according to His decree.

فَلَا تَذَهَّبْ لِنَفْرِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَزَارَتْ

So destroy not your self in Sorrow for them.

~ do not grieve about that, for Allah is wise in His
decree and He leaves astray whosoever He leaves
astray, and He guides whosoever He guides, and in
doing so He has Perfect Knowledge & wisdom.

طَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ كَا يَصْنَعُونَ

Truly, Allah is the All-Knower of what they do!

* Evidence of Life after Death.

وَاللَّهُ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ الرِّيحَ فَتُثْبِرُ سَمَا بَأْفَيْقَةً
إِلَى بَلْدَ مَيِّتٍ فَأَخْيِيْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِنَا
كَذَّالِكَ الْنَّشْرُ

And it is Allah who Sends the winds, So that they rise up the clouds, and we drive them to a dead land, and revive therewith the earth after its death. As Such (will be) the Resurrection!

- often Allah refers to Resurrection by using the analogy of the earth coming back to life after it has died, He urges His Servants to draw the lesson of the former from the later. for the earth is dead and lifeless, with nothing growing in it, then He Sends to it clouds which bring water, which He Sends down upon it.

'it is stirred (to life) and it swells & put forth every lovely kind (of growth) 22:5

So too, when Allah wishes to resurrect the bodies, He will Send rain from beneath the Throne which will cover the whole earth, and the bodies will grow in their graves like Seeds grow in the earth.

Prophet Said: "Every part of the Son of Adam will disintegrate apart from the coccyx, from which he was created and from it he will be made a new"

Honor, Power and Glory in this world and in the Hereafter come only by obeying Allah.

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعَزَّةَ فَلِلَّهِ الْعَزَّةُ بِحَمْنَا ¹⁰

Whoever desires honor then to Allah belongs all honors.

~ Whoever desires honor, power and glory in this world and next let him be obedient towards Allah.

This will help him reach his goal, for Allah is the Sovereign of this world and the Hereafter, and to Him belong all honor, power and glory.

* Righteous Deeds ascend to Allah.

بِإِلَيْهِ يَصْعُدُ الْكَلْمُ الْطَّيِّبُ وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ
يَرْفَعُهُ

To Him ascend the good words, and the righteous deeds exalt it.

- Means, words of remembrance, recitation of Quran and Supplications.

in Hadith : "When the Muslim Servants says:

'Glory and Praise be to Allah, there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, Allah is Most Great and blessed be Allah' an angel takes these words and puts them under his wing, then he ascends with them to heaven. He does not pass any group of angels but they seek forgiveness for the one who said them, until he brings them before Allah.

Prophet Said: "Those who remember Allah and glorify Allah by saying, 'Glory be to Allah, Allah is most Great, all praise is due to Allah and La ilaha illallah, these words go around the throne buzzing like bees, mentioning those who said them. Would one of you not like to have something with Allah mentioning him ?

- The righteous deeds that exalt are the performance of obligatory duties. Whoever remembers Allah and does not perform obligatory duties, his words will be rejected.

وَالَّذِينَ يَمْكُرُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ
وَمَكْرُ أُولَئِكَ هُوَ يَبُورُ

but those who plot evils, theirs will be a severe torment. And the plotting of such will perish.

-This refers to those who shows off by their actions. they deceive the people by giving the impression that they obey Allah, when in fact they are hated by Allah for showing off. their plot will fail and vanish. for their reality is apparent from up close to those who have insight and wisdom. No one Conceals a secret but Allah will cause it to become known.

* Allah is the Creator and knower of the unseen.

وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُم مِّنْ نُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ
ثُمَّ جَعَلَكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ۝

And Allah did create you from dust, then from Semen, then He made you Pairs.

- He initiated the creation of your father Adam from dust, then He created his offspring from Semen. then as male and female as a kindness and Mercy from Him.

وَمَا تَحْكُمُ مِنْ أُنْثَىٰ وَلَا تَضْعُخُ بِالْأَيْمَانِ

And no female conceives or gives birth but with His knowledge.

~ He knows about it and nothing is hidden from Him at all.

وَمَا يُحَمَّرُ مِنْ مَوْمَرٍ وَلَا يُنَقَصُ مِنْ كُفْرٍ
بِالْأَيْمَانِ كُتُبٌ بِطَانُهُ دَلِيلٌ عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ بِسِيرٍ

And no aged man is granted a length of life nor is a part cut off from his life, but is in a Book.

Surely, that is easy for Allah.

~ a long life or a short life is all has been decreed by Allah. no one will exceed what is decreed.

every thing is in recorded Book with Him.

Prophet Said : Whoever would like to have ample provision and a long life, let him uphold the ties of kinship.

- this is very easy for Allah and He has detailed knowledge of all His creation, for His knowledge encompasses all things, and nothing at all is hidden from Him.

* The Blessings and Signs of Allah.

وَمَا يَنْهَا الْبَخْرَانَ هَذَا عَذْبُ فَرَاتٍ
سَارِعُ شَرَابَةً وَهَذَا مَلْحُ أَجَاجٍ¹²

And the two seas are not alike: this is palatable, sweet and pleasant to drink, and that is salty and bitter.

- Allah pointing out His Mighty Power in creating different things. How he created the two seas.
- The fresh, palatable refers to the rivers which flow among the people according to the people needs to drink it.
- Unpalatable is the ocean in which the big ships sail, and it is salty and undrinkable.

وَمِنْ كُلِّيْنِ تَأْكُلُونَ لَهُمَا طَرِيْقًا وَلَتَسْتَرْجُوْنَ
حَلِيْهَا تَلْبَسُونَهَا

And from them both you eat fresh tender meat, and derive the ornaments that you wear.

- Eating fish & getting out pearl and coral.

وَتَرَى الْفَلَكَ فِيهِ مَا خَرَّ لِتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشَكُّرُونَ

And you see the ships cleaving the waves that you may seek of His bounty, and that you may give thanks.

- they travel through water & the winds drives the ships for their journeys to engage in trade. So you may give thanks to your Lord for Subjugating this mighty Creation.

The gods of the Idolators do not even own a
Qitmir

يُولِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي الْيَمِّ
وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلَّ إِجْرَى لِأَجْلِ
مُوسَى ١٣

He merges the night into the day, and He merges the day into the night. And He has subjected the Sun and the Moon, each runs its course for a term appointed.

- Another aspect of Allah's perfect Power and Might is that He has Subjugated the night with its darkness and the day with its light. they takes the length from one another in Summer & Winter.
- all Stars, Planets run in their appointed Courses and in the manner Prescribed for them until the Day of Resurrection.

ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ

Such is Allah, your Lord; His is the kingdom.

- The one who has done all this is the Almighty Lord besides whom there is no other true God.

وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُورَتِهِ مَا يَمْلَكُونَ
مِنْ قَطْنَيْرٍ

And those whom you invoke or call upon instead of Him, own not even a Qitmir.

- Qitmir means, the thread that is attached to the pit of a date. they do not possess anything in the heavens or on earth.

إِنَّ لَذِكْرَهُمْ لَا يَمْحُوا دُعَاءَكُمْ
وَلَوْ سَأَمُوا مَا أَسْتَجَابُوا لَكُمْ

if you invoke them, they hear not your call, and if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it to you.

- those are inanimate and have no soul in them. they are not able to do any of the things that you ask them for.

وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ يَكُفُّونَ بِشَرِكَكُمْ وَلَا يَنْبَغِي

And on the Day of Judgment, the will ^{مُثْلِ خَيْرٍ} disown your worshipping them. and none can inform you like Him who is the All-Knower.

- no one can tell you about the consequences of things and how they will end like the one who is all knower of them.

* Mankind is in need of Allah, and each person will carry His own burdens on the Day of Resurrection.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ١٥
أَعُجُّ بِكُمُ الْأَنْتَمُ الْفَقَادُ إِلَيْنَا اللَّهُ
وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ

O Mankind! it is you who stand in need of Allah but Allah is the Rich, worthy of all praise.

- they need Him in all that they do, But He has no need of them at all.
- Allah is unique in His being free of all needs, and has no partner or associate, and He is worthy of all praise in all that He does.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَمَا ذَلِكُو إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ لَغَيْرِهِ ١٦

If He willed, He could destroy you and bring about a new creation. And that is not hard for Allah.

- if He wanted He could destroy you and bring forth another people, its not impossible for Him.

وَلَا تُرْزِقَ اُخْرَى وَزْرَ اُخْرَى وَإِنْ تَذْعُ مُثْقَلَةً
عَلَى حَمْلِهَا لَا يَحْمِلُهَا شَرْعٌ وَلَوْكَانْ ذَا قُرْبَى¹⁸

And no bearer of burdens shall bear another's burden
and if one heavily laden calls another to (bear)
his load, nothing of it will be lifted even though
he be near of kin.

- if the person who is carrying a heavy burden calls
someone else to help him carry his load, all or part
of it, even if he is closely related to him, they
couldn't help him as each person will be preoccupied
with his own self and his own situation.

عَلَمَاهَا تَنْذِرُ الَّذِينَ لَا يَشْرُكُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَيْبِ
وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ

you can warn only those who fear their Lord
unseen and perform the prayers.

- the only ones who will draw a lesson from what
you have brought are those who are possessed of
insight and wisdom, who fear their Lord and
who do as He Commands.

وَمَنْ تَرْكَى فَلَا فَنْمَا يَتَرْكَى لِنَفْسِهِ

And he who purifies himself, then he purifies only
for the benefit of himself.

- who does righteous deeds, the benefit of that will come back to him.

وَإِلَهُ الْأَوَانِيْرِ

And to Allah is the Return.

to Allah everything will be ultimately return, and He is swift in bringing to account and reward or punish according to everyone's deeds.

* The believer and the disbeliever are not equal.

وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَنْعَمُ وَالْبَصَرُ¹⁹

Not alike are the blind and the Seeing.

وَلَا الظُّلْمَاتُ وَلَا النُّورُ²⁰

nor are (depths of) darkness and light.

وَلَا الظَّلَلُ وَلَا الْحُرُورُ²¹

Nor are the shade and the Sun's heat.

وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَحْيَاءُ وَلَا الْأَمْوَاتُ²²

Nor are the living and the dead.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُسْمِعُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَا أَنْتَ^{وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ} مَنْ فِي الْقُبُوْرِ

verily Allah makes whom He wills to hear, but you cannot make hear those who are in the graves.

- Allah Says these antonyms are clearly not equal, the blind and the seeing are not equal, there is a huge difference and gap between them. Darkness and light, neither shade and sun's heat are not equal. Living and the dead are not equal. This is the parable Allah makes of the believers who are living, and the disbelievers who are the dead.
- The believer sees and hears, and walks in the light upon a straight path in this world and the hereafter. The disbeliever is blind and deaf, walking in darkness from which he cannot escape, he is lost in his misguidance in this world and the hereafter.
- Allah guides the ones who wills to listen to the proof and accept it and adhere it. but just as dead cannot benefit from guidance & truth you too cannot help these idolators who are decreed to be doomed. You cannot guide them.

طَنْ أَنْتَ بِالْأَنْجَنِي 23

you are only a warner

- all you have to do is to convey the message & warn them Allah guides only whoever He wills.

24 **إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بِشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا**
وَإِنْ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا أَخْلَكَ فِيمَا نَذَرَ

Verily we have sent you with the truth, a bearer of glad tidings and a warner. And there never was a nation but a warner had passed among them.

- there was never any nation among the Sons of Adam but Allah sent warners to them, and left them with no excuse. "and to every people there is a guide" 13:7

25 **وَإِنْ يُكَذِّبُوكَ فَقَدْ كَذَبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ**
جَاءُوكُمْ مِنْ رَسُولِنَا مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْمَانِكُمْ وَبِالْأَكْتَابِ
الْمُنَّيِّرِ

And if they deny you, those before them also denied. Their messengers came to them with clear signs, and with the scriptures, and with the Book giving light.

~ They came with clear miracles and definitive proofs, clear and obvious Books.

26 **لَمْ أَخْذَنْتُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَكَيْفَ كَانُوا نَكِيرٌ**

Then I took hold of those who disbelieved and how terrible was my denial?

- despite all of this, they denied the messengers and the message they brought, so, I seized them with My punishment. how great and intense and terrible my punishment was?

* The perfect power of Allah.

أَلَمْ تَرَكُنَ اللَّهُ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَا وَعَدَ فَأَخْرِجْنَا بِهِ
ثُمَّرَاتٍ مُّخْتَلِفَاتٍ أَلَوْا نَهَا 27

See you not that Allah Sends down water from the Sky, and we produce therewith fruits of various colors,

- Allah tells us how He makes different kind of things from one thing. which is the water that He Sends down from the heaven. from that He brings forth fruits of various colors, yellow, red, green, white and other colors. and variety of Scents & tastes. as Allah Says in another Ayah:

"And in the earth neighbouring tracts, and gardens of vines, and green crops, and date palms, growing into two or three from a single stem root, or otherwise, watered with the same water, yet some of them we make more excellent than others to eat. " 13:4

وَمِنَ الْجَبَالِ جُدُودٌ لِيَضْرُبُونَ مُخْتَلِفَ الْوَنْدَهَا²⁸

and among the Mountains are Path ways,

white and red of varying colors.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ وَلَدَوَابَاتٍ وَالْأَنْعَمْ مُخْتَلِفَ الْوَانَهَا
كَذَالِكَ

And likewise, men and Moving creatures and Cattle
are of various colors.

- The Same is true of living creatures too, human
and animals, all creatures which walk on their
feet and Cattle.

"and the difference of your languages and Colors,
verily, in that are indeed Signs for men of
Sound knowledge." 30: 22

لَا يَعْلَمُونَهُ عِبَادَةُ الْعَالَمُونَ

it is only those who have knowledge among His Servants
that fear Allah.

- only those who have knowledge truly fear Him as He
should be feared. because the more they know about
the Almighty, the more they will fear Him.

- The knowledgeable person is the one who fears Allah
with regards to unseen, who likes that which Allah
wants him to like, & Shuns which that angers Allah."

* The Muslims will be the ones who gain in the Hereafter.

بِإِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتَلَوَّنَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ
وَأَنفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُ سِرًا وَعَلَادَنِيَةً يَرْجُونَ
تِجْرِيَةً لَّكُنْ تَبُورُ²⁹

Verily, those who recite the Book of Allah, and perform the prayers, and Spend out what we have provided for them, Secretly and openly, they hope for a (sure) trade-gain that will never perish.

- Allah tells us that His believing Servants, who recite and believe in His Book, and do the deeds prescribed in it such as prayers and Spending charity Secretly and openly, they hope for a reward from Allah which will inevitably be theirs.

لِيُوْفِيْهِمْ أَجُورَهُمْ وَيَرِيْدُهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
وَإِنَّهُ عَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ³⁰

That He may Pay them their wages in full, and give them (even) more, out of His grace. Verily, He is oft-forgiving. Most ready to appreciate.

- Multiply the rewards for what they have done, He forgives their sins and appreciates even a Little of their good deeds.

* The Quran is the true Book of Allah.

وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا عَلَيْنَا مِنَ الْكِتَبِ هُوَ الْحَقُّ
مَصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُعِبَادُ
لِخَيْرٍ بَصِيرٌ³¹

And what we have revealed to you of the Book, it is the (very) truth Confirming that which was (revealed) before it. verily, Allah is indeed All-Aware and All- Seer of His Servants.

- Quran Confirms the Previous Books as they bore witness to the Coming of the Quran and that it would be Sent down from the Lord of the worlds.
- Allah is All-Aware of His Servants and knows who deserves to receive the blessing which He may give to him and not to others.

ثُمَّ أَوْرَثْنَا الْكِتَبَ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَيْنَا مِنْ عِبَادِنَا
فِيهِنْهُمْ ظَلَلْمٌ لَنَفْعِلُ وَمِنْهُمْ مُّؤْمِنُونَ وَمِنْهُمْ
سَابِقُونَ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ بِإِنَّ اللَّهَ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ
الْكَبِيرُ³²

Then we gave the Book as inheritance to such of our Servants whom we chose. Then of them are some who wrong themselves, and of them are some who follow a Middle Course, and of them are some who are by

Allah's leave, foremost in good deeds. That - that is indeed a great grace.

* The inheritance of the Quran is of three kinds.

1. Who wronged themselves.

- these are the ones who are careless about doing some obligatory actions, and who commits some forbidden actions.

2. Who follow a middle course.

- these are the ones who full fill their obligations and avoid things that are forbidden, but they may neglect some good deeds and do some things which are disliked.

3. The ones who are foremost in good deeds.

- these are the ones who do obligatory actions and things which are encouraged, and who avoid doing unlawful and disliked actions, and avoid some actions which are permissible.

Ibn Abbas commented: This refers to the ummah of Muhammed. Those who wronged themselves will be forgiven, those who follow middle course will have an easy accounting, those foremost enter Paradise without accounting.

Prophet Said: "My intercession will be for those among my ummah who Commit Major Sins."

* The virtues of the Scholars.

The Scholars are the most fortunate of people with regard to this blessing, and most entitled to this Mercy.

Prophet Said: "Whoever follows a path to seek knowledge, Allah will show him the way to paradise. The angels lower their wings being pleased with the one who seeks knowledge. Whoever is in the heavens and on earth, even the fish in the sea, ask for forgiveness for the Scholar. The superiority of the Scholar over the worshipper is like that of the Moon over all other heavenly bodies. The Scholars are the heirs of the prophets, for the Prophets did not leave behind Dinars & Dirhams, but they left behind knowledge, and whoever receives it, receives an abundance of good fortune.

جَنَّتْ عَذْنَ يَدْخُلُونَهَا يَكْلُونَ فِيهَا مِنْ أَسَاورِ³³
مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلُؤْلُؤًا وَلِبَاسُهُمْ فِيهَا خَرِيرٌ

Adn (Gardens) will they enter, therein will they be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments therein will be of silk.

- Allah tells us that those whom He choose among His servants, those who inherited the Book which was revealed from the Lord of the worlds, will have and abide in Everlasting Gardens which they will enter on the Day of Resurrection when they are raised anew and meet Allah.
- Prophet said "the ornaments of the believer will reach as far as his hrudu" "whoever wears silk in this world, will not wear it in the Hereafter"

وَقَالُوا أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَذَّهَبَ عَنَّا الْخَزْنَةَ³⁴
إِنَّ رَبِّنَا لَغَفُورٌ لَشَكُورٌ

And they will say, "All praise and thanks be to Allah, who has removed from us (all) grief, verily, Our Lord is indeed oft-forgiving, most ready to appreciate.

- fear of everything has been lifted from us & we have been relieved of all that we used to fear of the anxieties of the world and hereafter.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
اللَّهُمَّ لَا يَحْلِمْنَا دَارُ الْمَقَامَةِ
وَلَا يَمْلِئَنَا فِي هَا لَفْوَبٌ³⁵

"who, out of His grace, has lodged us in a home that will last forever, where toil will touch us not nor weariness will touch us.

- Allah has given us this position and status out of His grace and blessing and mercy, for our good deeds are not equivalent to this.

Prophet Said: "None of you will enter Paradise by virtue of his good deeds, Not even me, unless Allah encompasses me with His mercy & grace."

- neither hardship nor exhaustion will touch them in Paradise. They used to exhaust themselves in worshipping this world, but their obligations will come to an end when they enter Paradise, when they will enjoy eternal rest and repose.

* The Punishment of the Disbeliever and what their state will be in Hell,

~ Having told us how the blessed will be (in paradise) Allah now starts to tell us what the state of doomed will be

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ نَارٌ جَحِيدٌ لَا يُقْبَلُ عَلَيْهِمْ
فَنَمُوتُوا 36

But those who disbelieve, for them will be the fire of Hell. Neither will it have a complete killing effect on them so that they die.

Prophet Said: "As for the people of Hell who will dwell therein, they will neither live nor die there"

"And they will cry (to the keeper of Hell): "O Malik! Let your Lord Make and end of us" He will say: "Verily, you shall abide forever." 43:77

- when they are in this state, they will think if only they could die, it would be a time of rest for them, but that can never happen to them.

لَا يُنْفَدِنُ الْكَافِرُونَ لَا يُنْفَدِنُ الْكَافِرُونَ

And nor shall its torment be

لَا يُنْفَدِنُ الْكَافِرُونَ لَا يُنْفَدِنُ الْكَافِرُونَ

lightened for them, Thus do we requite every disbeliever!

As Allah says in other verses:

"So taste you. No increase shall we give you, except in torment" 78:30

- This is the recompense of everyone who disbelieved in his Lord and denied the truth.

وَهُمْ يَضْطَرُّونَ فِيهَا 37

Therein they will cry

- they will call out in the fire, beseeching Allah in their voices.

رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا نَحْنُ صَالِحُونَا غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا نَحْمِلُ

"Our Lord! Bring us out, we shall do righteous good deeds, not that we used to do."

- they will ask to go back to the worldly life so that they can do something different to the first deeds they did. But Allah knows that they are lying, so He will not respond their plea.

أَوَلَمْ نُعْمَلْ كُمْ مَا يَتَدَبَّرُ فِيهِ مِنْ تَذَكُّرٍ
وَجَاءُكُمُ النَّذِيرُ فَذُوقُوا مِمَّا لَطَّافَيْتُمْ مِنْ تَصْبِيرٍ

Did we not give you lives long enough, so that whosoever would receive admonition could receive it? And the Warner came to you. So taste you. for the wrongdoers there is no helper.

- did you not live long enough in the world that if you were to be among those who would benefit from the truth, You would have benefited from it during the lifetimes.

Prophet Said: "Allah has left no excuse for the Person who lives to be Sixty or Seventy years old; Allah has left no excuse for him; Allah has left no excuse for him."

Prophet Said: "The usual life Span in my Ummah is between Sixty and Seventy years, and Only a few pass this age."

"the Warner Came to you" - This Means grey hair or this means the messenger of Allah.

- Proof will be established against them by the fact that they lived long enough and that messengers Came to them.

طَبَّنَ اللَّهُ عَلَمٌ فِي بَطْنِ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ،³⁸
عَلَيْمٌ بِذَاتِ الْمَدْوَرِ

Verily, Allah is the All-Knower of the unseen of the heavens and the earth. Verily, He is the All-Knower of that is in the breasts.

- Allah tells us that He knows the unseen in the heavens and the earth, and that He knows all that is hidden and the secrets of the hearts. And He tells us that He will reward or punish everyone according to his deeds.

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَكُمْ خَلِيفَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ³⁹
 فَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَعَلَيْهِ كُفْرُهُ وَلَا يُرِيدُ الْكُفَّارُ
 كُفْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ بِالْأَمْقَاتِ وَلَا يُرِيدُ الْكُفَّارُ
 كُفْرُهُمْ بِالْأَخْيَارِ

"He it is who has made you successors generations after generations in the earth, So whosoever disbelieves, on him will be his disbelief. And the disbelief of the disbelievers adds nothing but hatred of their Lord. And the disbelief of the disbelievers adds nothing but loss.

- ~ All people succeed one another, generation after generation.
- ~ the longer they persist in their disbelief, the more Allah hates them, & More they and their families will lose on the Day of Resurrection.
- ~ for believers longer they live and do good deeds the higher their status in paradise.

* The helplessness of the false gods and the power of Allah

40 قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ شَرْكَاهُمُ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُوْنِ اللَّهِ
أَرْوَاحِنِي مَاذَا خَلَقُوا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكٌ
فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ

Say: "Have you considered your partners whom you call upon besides Allah? Show me, what they have created of the earth. or have they any share in the heavens?

~ The idols and rivals, they have nothing at all of that, they do not possess even the membrane covering the stone of a date.

أَمْ عَلَيْهِمْ كِتَابٌ فَهُمْ عَلَيْهِ لَيَنْتَدِعُونَ
or have we given them a Book, so that they act on clear proof therefrom?

~ have we revealed to them a Book on which they base their shirk and disbelief? This is not the case at all.

بَلْ لَمْ يَعْدُ الظَّالِمُونَ بِعِزْمَتِهِمْ لَعْنَهُمْ لَعْنَهُمْ
Nay, the wrongdoers promise one another nothing but delusions.

- they are merely following their own whims, opinions and wishes which are their personal desires. and they are no more than Misguidance and falsehood.

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لَنْ أَلِلَّهُ مَكِبُوكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ أَنْ تَزُولَا
Verily, Allah grasps the heavens and the earth lest they should move away from their places.

- lest they should shift from where they are.

'He who holds the heaven from falling on the earth except by His leave.' 22:65

وَلَيْسَ زَالَتَا بِإِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ
and if they were to move away from their places, there is not one that could grasp them after Him.

- no one can make them stay and preserve them except Him.

لَنْ أَلِلَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا عَفُورًا

Truly, He is Ever Most forbearing, oft-forgiving.

- Allah is ever Most forbearing and oft-forgiving because He sees His servants disbelieving in Him & disobeying Him, yet He is patient and gives them time, and does not hasten the punishment.

* They longed for a Warner to Come, but when He Came, they disbelieved in Him.

Allah tells us how Quraysh and Arabs Swore by Allah before the messenger of Allah Came to them.

وَأَقْتَنُوا مِنْ بَالِهِ حَجَّدُوا مِنْهُ كُلَّنِيْرْ
لِيَكُونُنَّ أَعْذَى الْأَمْمِ 42

And they Swore by Allah their most binding oath that if a Warner Came to them, they would be more guided than any of the nations;

- then any of the nations to whom Messengers had been Sent.

فَلَمَّا جَاءُهُمْ لِذِيْرَ مَا زَادُهُمْ بِالْأَنْفُرَا

yet when a Warner Came to them, it increased in them nothing but flight (from the truth)

- when clear Quran revealed to prophet Muhammed they only increased in their disbelief.

بِاسْتِكْبَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمُكْرَرَ الْمُنْكَرِ 43

(because of their) arrogance in the land and their Plotting of evil.

- they were too arrogant to follow the signs of Allah and they plotted to prevent people from following the Path of Allah.

وَلَا يَحْيِقُ الْمُكْرَرُ السَّعْدَ بِالْأَمْلَهِ

But the evil plot encompasses only him who makes it.

~ the evil consequences of that will come back upon them and not on others.

فَهُلْ يَنْظَرُونَ بِالْأَسْوَأِنَّ

then, Can they expect anything (else) but the Sunnah (way of dealing) of the people of old.?

- the punishment of Allah for disbelieving in His Messengers.

وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِمُنْهَاجَ اللَّهِ تَبَدِّيلًا وَلَنْ تَجِدَ
لِسُنْنَاتِ اللَّهِ تَحْوِيلًا

So, no change will you find in Allah's Sunnah, and no turning off will you find in Allah's Sunnah.

~ it will not change or alter, and this is what happens to every disbeliever. no one can remove that from them or ward it off from them.

* Remember the Bad Consequences of disbelieving in the Prophets.

Allah says travel in the land & see what was the punishment of those disbelieved the Messengers.

أَوْلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ
عِزْبَةُ الدِّينِ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَكَانُوا أَشَدُ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً 44

Have they not traveled in the Land, and seen
what was the end of those before them - though
they were Superior to them in power?

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيَخْجُرَ مِنْ شَرِّ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّمَا كَانَ عَلَيْهَا قَدِيرًا

Allah is not such that anything in the heavens or
in the earth escapes Him. Verily, He is All-knowing
All-Able.

~ Allah knows all that exists and is able to do all things.

* The wisdom behind delaying the punishment

وَلَوْ يُؤَاخِذَ اللَّهُ النَّاسُ بِمَا كَسَبُوا مَا تُرَكَ
عَلَى ظَهِيرَهَا مِنْ ذَلَّةٍ 45

And if Allah were to punish men for that which
they earned, He would not leave a Moving
Creature on the Surface of the earth;

~ He would have stopped sending rain to them, and
all the animals would have died as a result.

وَلَكِنْ يُؤْخِرُهُمْ إِلَى أَجَلٍ مُّؤْكَدٍ

but He gives them respite to an appointed term,

- He delaying until the Day of Resurrection.

خَوَذُوا جَاءَ أَجَلُهُمْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِعِبَادِهِ بَصِيرًا

and when their term comes, then verily, Allah

is Ever All Seer of His Servants.

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