

## IN THE LIGHT OF SURAH BANI ISRAEEL

### The Incident Of “ Mairaj-u-Nabi” (P.B.U.H.)

Glorified (and Exalted) be He (Allâh) [above all that (evil) they associate with Him] [*Tafsir Qurtubî*, Vol. 10, Page. Who took His slave (Muhammad SAW) for a journey by night from *Al-Masjid-al-Harâm* (at Makkah) to the farthest mosque (in Jerusalem), the neighborhood whereof We have blessed, in order that We might show him (Muhammad SAW) of Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, lessons, signs, etc.). Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer{1}.

### The Way of the Righteous

Verily, this Qur'ân guides to that which is most just and right and gives glad tidings to the believers (in the Oneness of Allâh and His Messenger, Muhammad SAW, etc.). who work deeds of righteousness, that they shall have a great reward (Paradise){9}

### The Quran is A Source of Healing and Mercy

And We send down from the Qur'ân that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe (in Islâmic Monotheism and act on it), and it increases the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers) nothing but loss{82}.

### Holy Quran is Unique

Say: "If the mankind and the jinns were together to produce the like of this Qur'ân, they could not

produce the like thereof, even if they helped one another."{88}.

### **Quran is Revealed in Gradual Stage**

And (it is) a Qur'ân which We have divided (into parts), in order that you might recite it to men at intervals. And We have revealed it by stages. (in 23 years){106}.

### **Result of Evil Deeds**

And man invokes (Allâh) for evil as he invokes (Allâh) for good and man is ever hasty [i.e., if he is angry with somebody, he invokes (saying): "O Allâh! Curse him, etc." and that one should not do, but one should be patient]{11}.

### **Signs of Day and Night**

And We have appointed the night and the day as two *Ayât* (signs etc.). Then, We have made dark the sign of the night while We have made the sign of day illuminating, that you may seek bounty from your Lord, and that you may know the number of the years and the reckoning. And We have explained everything (in detail) with full explanation{12}.

### **List of Deeds**

And We have fastened every man's deeds<sup>□</sup> to his neck, and on the Day of Resurrection, We shall bring out for him a book which he will find wide open{13}. (It will be said to him): "Read your book. You yourself are sufficient as a reckoner against you this Day."{14}.

And remember) the Day when We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) *Imâm* [their Prophets, or their records of good and bad deeds, or their Holy Books like the Qur'ân, the Taurât (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel), etc.]. So whosoever is given his record in his right hand, such will read their records, and they will not be dealt with unjustly in the least{71}. And whoever is blind in this world (i.e., does not see Allâh's Signs and believes not in Him), will be blind in the Hereafter, and more astray from the Path{72}.

### **Both Benefit and Loss are Your Own Doing**

Whoever goes right, then he goes right only for the benefit of his ownself. And whoever goes astray, then he goes astray to his own loss. No one laden with burdens can bear another's burden. And We never punish until We have sent a Messenger (to give warning){15}.

Say (O Muhammad SAW to mankind): "Each one does according to *Shakilatihi* (i.e. his way or his religion or his intentions, etc.), and your Lord knows best of him whose path (religion, etc.) is right."{84}.

### **You Reap Whatever You Sow**

And when We decide to destroy a town (population), We (first) send a definite order (to obey Allâh and be righteous) to those among them [or We (first) increase in number those of its population] who are given the good things of this life. Then, they transgress therein, and thus the word (of torment) is justified against it (them). Then We destroy it with complete destruction{16}. And how many generations have We destroyed after Nûh (Noah)! And Sufficient is

**your Lord as an All-Knower and All-Beholder of the sins of His slaves{17}.**

**Whoever wishes for the quick-passing (transitory enjoyment of this world), We readily grant him what We will for whom We like. Then, afterwards, We have appointed for him Hell, he will burn therein disgraced and rejected, ( far away from Allâh's Mercy){18}. And whoever desires the Hereafter and strives for it, with the necessary effort due for it (i.e. do righteous deeds of Allâh's Obedience) while he is a believer (in the Oneness of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism), then such are the ones whose striving shall be appreciated, thanked and rewarded (by Allâh){19}.**

### **Allah's Help**

**To each these as well as those We bestow from the Bounties of your Lord. And the Bounties of your Lord can never be forbidden{20}.**

### **Rank On the Day of Judgment**

**See how We prefer one above another (in this world) and verily, the Hereafter will be greater in degrees and greater in preference{21}. Set not up with Allâh any other *ilâh* (god), (O man)! (This verse is addressed to Prophet Muhammad SAW , but its implication is general to all mankind), or you will sit down reproved, forsaken (in the Hell-fire){22}.**

### **Being Kind to Parents**

**And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not**

to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour{23}. And lower unto them the wing of submission and humility through mercy, and say: "My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was small."{24}. Your Lord knows best what is in your inner-selves. If you are righteous, then, verily, He is Ever Most Forgiving to those who turn unto Him again and again in obedience, and in repentance{25}.

### Being Miserly and Lavish Spending

And give to the kindred his due and to the *Miskîn*<sup>□</sup> (poor) and to the wayfarer. But spend not wastefully (your wealth) in the manner of a spendthrift<sup>□</sup>. [*Tafsîr. At-Tabarî, Vol. 10, Page 158 (Verse 9: 60)*]{26}. Verily, spendthrifts are brothers of the *Shayâtîn* (devils), and the *Shaitân* (Devil Satan) is ever ungrateful to his Lord{27}. And if you (O Muhammad SAW) turn away from them (kindred, poor, wayfarer, etc. whom We have ordered you to give their rights, but if you have no money at the time they ask you for it) and you are awaiting a mercy from your Lord for which you hope, then, speak unto them a soft kind word (i.e. Allâh will give me and I shall give you){28}.

And let not your hand be tied (like a miser) to your neck, nor stretch it forth to its utmost reach (like a spendthrift), so that you become blameworthy and in severe poverty{29}.

### Murder of Your Own Children or Fear of Shortage Of Food

Truly, your Lord enlarges the provision for whom He wills and straitens (for whom He wills). Verily,

He is Ever All-Knower, All-Seer of His slaves{30}. And kill not your children for fear of poverty. We provide for them and for you. Surely, the killing of them is a great sin{31}.

### Adultery

And come not near to the unlawful sexual intercourse. Verily, it is a *Fâhishah* [i.e. anything that transgresses its limits (a great sin)], and an evil way (that leads one to Hell unless Allâh forgives him){32}.

### Murder

And do not kill anyone which Allâh has forbidden, except for a just cause. And whoever is killed (intentionally with hostility and oppression and not by mistake), We have given his heir the authority [(to demand *Qisâs*, Law of Equality in punishment or to forgive, or to take *Diya* (blood money)]. But let him not exceed limits in the matter of taking life (i.e he should not kill except the killer only). Verily, he is helped (by the Islâmic law)<sup>11</sup>{33}.

### Orphan's Property

And come not near to the orphan's property except to improve it, until he attains the age of full strength.

### Oaths

And fulfil (every) covenant. Verily! the covenant, will be questioned about{34}.

## Measurement

And give full measure when you measure, and weigh with a balance that is straight. That is good (advantageous) and better in the end{35}.

## Don't Follow Gossip

And follow not (O man i.e., say not, or do not or witness not, etc.) that of which you have no knowledge (e.g. one's saying: "I have seen," while in fact he has not seen, or "I have heard," while he has not heard). Verily! The hearing, and the sight, and the heart, of each of those you will be questioned (by Allâh){36}.

## Don't Walk on the Earth with Insolence

And walk not on the earth with conceit and arrogance. Verily, you can neither rend nor penetrate the earth, nor can you attain a stature like the mountains in height{37}.

## Hate Things

All the bad aspects of these (the above mentioned things) are hateful to your Lord{38}.

## Be Careful Not to Worship Another God

This is (part) of *Al-Hikmah* (wisdom, good manners and high character, etc.) which your Lord has inspired to you (O Muhammad SAW ). And set not up with Allâh any other *ilâh* (god) lest you should be thrown into Hell, blameworthy and rejected, (from Allâh's Mercy){39}. Has then your Lord (O pagans of Makkah)

preferred for you sons, and taken for Himself from among the angels daughters. Verily! You utter an awful saying, indeed{40}.

### Infidels

And surely, We have explained [Our Promises, Warnings and (set forth many) examples] in this Qur'ân that they (the disbelievers) may take heed, but it increases them in naught save aversion{41}.

And indeed We have fully explained to mankind, in this Qur'ân, every kind of similitude, but most mankind refuse (the truth and accept nothing) but disbelief{89}. And they say: "We shall not believe in you (O Muhammad SAW), until you cause a spring to gush forth from the earth for us;{90}. "Or you have a garden of date-palms and grapes, and cause rivers to gush forth in their midst abundantly;{91}. "Or you cause the heaven to fall upon us in pieces, as you have pretended, or you bring Allâh and the angels before (us) face to face;{92}. "Or you have a house of adornable materials (like silver and pure gold, etc.), or you ascend up into the sky, and even then we will put no faith in your ascension until you bring down for us a Book that we would read." Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Glorified (and Exalted) be my Lord (Allâh) above all that evil they (polytheists) associate with Him! Am I anything but a man, sent as a Messenger?"{93}.

### Permanent Veil between Unbelievers and Allah

And when you (Muhammad SAW) recite the Qur'ân, We put between you and those who believe not in the Hereafter, an invisible veil<sup>□</sup> (or screen their hearts, so they hear or understand it not){45}. And We have put



coverings over their hearts lest, they should understand it (the Qur'ân), and in their ears deafness. And when you make mention of your Lord Alone [*Lâ ilâha ill-Allâh* (none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh) Islâmic Monotheism (<><)] in the Qur'ân, they turn on their backs, fleeing in extreme dislikeness{46}.

### Allah Knows Everything

We know best of what they listen to, when they listen to you. And when they take secret counsel, behold, the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) say: "You follow none but a bewitched man."{47}. See what examples they have put forward for you. So they have gone astray, and never can they find a way{48}.

### Objection on Being a Man

And nothing prevented men from believing when the guidance came to them, except that they said: "Has Allâh sent a man as (His) Messenger?"{94}. Say: "If there were on the earth, angels walking about in peace and security, We should certainly have sent down for them from the heaven an angel as a Messenger."{95}.

### Allah is Complete in All Respect

Say: "Sufficient is Allâh for a witness between me and you. Verily! He is the All-Knower, the All-Seer of His slaves."{96}.

### The Glory of Allah

The seven heavens and the earth and all that is therein, glorify Him and there is not a thing but glorifies

**His Praise. But you understand not their glorification. Truly, He is Ever Forbearing, Oft-Forgiving{44}.**

### **True Guidance**

**And he whom Allâh guides, he is led aright; but he whom He sends astray for such you will find no *Auliyâ'* (helpers and protectors, etc.), besides Him, and We shall gather them together on the Day of Resurrection on their faces<sup>□</sup>, blind, dumb and deaf, their abode will be Hell; whenever it abates, We shall increase for them the fierceness of the Fire{97}. That is their recompense, because they denied Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and said: "When we are bones and fragments, shall we really be raised up as a new creation?"{98}. See they not that Allâh, Who created the heavens and the earth, is Able to create the like of them. And He has decreed for them an appointed term, whereof there is not doubt. But the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) refuse (the truth the Message of Islâmic Monotheism, and accept nothing) but disbelief{99}.**

### **Recreation**

**And they say: "When we are bones and fragments (destroyed), should we really be resurrected (to be) a new creation?"{49}. Say (O Muhammad SAW) "Be you stones or iron,"{50}. "Or some created thing that is yet greater (or harder) in your breasts (thoughts to be resurrected, even then you shall be resurrected)" Then, they will say: "Who shall bring us back (to life)?" Say: "He Who created you first!" Then, they will shake their heads at you and say: "When will that be ?" Say: "Perhaps it is near!"{51}. On the Day when He will call**

you, and you will answer (His Call) with (words of) His Praise and Obedience, and you will think that you have stayed (in this world) but a little while!{52}.

### **Satan: An Enemy of Mankind**

And say to My slaves (i.e. the true believers of Islâmic Monotheism) that they should (only) say those words that are the best. (Because) *Shaitân* (Satan) verily, sows disagreements among them. Surely, *Shaitân* (Satan) is to man a plain enemy{53}.

### **Our Prophet (P.B.U.H.) is not Responsible For Anybody**

Your Lord knows you best, if He will, He will have mercy on you, or if He will, He will punish you. And We have not sent you (O Muhammad SAW) as a guardian over them{54}.

### **Blessings**

And your Lord knows best all who are in the heavens and the earth. And indeed, We have preferred some of the Prophets above others, and to Dawûd (David) We gave the Zabûr (Psalms){55}.

### **Day of Judgment**

And there is not a town (population) but We shall destroy it before the Day of Resurrection, or punish it with a severe torment. That is written in the Book (of our Decrees)□{58}.

## Arrogance of Iblis

And (remember) when We said to the angels: "Prostrate unto Adam." They prostrated except *Iblis* (Satan). He said: "Shall I prostrate to one whom You created from clay?"{61}. [*Iblis* (Satan)] said: "See? This one whom You have honoured above me, if You give me respite (keep me alive) to the Day of Resurrection, I will surely seize and mislead his offspring (by sending them astray) all but a few!"{62}. (Allâh) said: "Go, and whosoever of them follows you, surely! Hell will be the recompense of you (all) an ample recompense{63}. "And *Istafziz* [literally means: befool them gradually] those whom you can among them with your voice (i.e. songs, music, and any other call for Allâh's disobedience), make assaults on them with your cavalry and your infantry, mutually share with them wealth and children (by tempting them to earn money by illegal ways usury, etc., or by committing illegal sexual intercourse, etc.), and make promises to them." But Satan promises them nothing but deceit{64}. "Verily! My slaves (i.e the true believers of Islâmic Monotheism), you have no authority over them. And All-Sufficient is your Lord as a Guardian."{65}.

## Remember Allah in all Times

Your Lord is He Who drives the ship for you through the sea, in order that you may seek of His Bounty. Truly! He is Ever Most Merciful towards you{66}. And when harm touches you upon the sea, those that you call upon besides Him vanish from you except Him (Allâh Alone). But when He brings you safely to land, you turn away (from Him). And man is ever

ungrateful<sup>□</sup>{67}. Do you then feel secure that He will not cause a side of the land to swallow you up, or that He will not send against you a violent sand-storm? Then, you shall find no *Wakîl* (guardian one to guard you from the torment){68}. Or do you feel secure that He will not send you back a second time to sea and send against you a hurricane of wind and drown you because of your disbelief, then you will not find any avenger therein against Us?<sup>□</sup>{69}.

### Honor for the Son of Adam

And indeed We have honoured the Children of Adam, and We have carried them on land and sea, and have provided them with *At-Taiyibât* (lawful good things), and have preferred them above many of those whom We have created with a marked preference{70}.

### Prayers

And in some parts of the night (also) offer the *Salât* (prayer) with it (i.e. recite the Qur'an in the prayer), as an additional prayer (*Tahajjud* optional prayer *Nawâfil*) for you (O Muhammad SAW). It may be that your Lord will raise you to *Maqâman Mahmûda* (a station of praise and glory, i.e. the highest degree in Paradise!)<sup>□</sup>{79}.

### Falsehood is Bound to Perish

And say (O Muhammad SAW): My Lord! Let my entry (to the city of Al-Madinah) be good, and likewise my exit (from the city of Makkah) be good. And grant me from You an authority to help me (or a firm sign or a proof){80}. And say: "Truth (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism or

this Qur'ân or *Jihâd* against polytheists) has come and *Bâtîl* (falsehood, i.e. Satan or polytheism, etc.) has vanished. Surely! *Bâtîl* is ever bound to vanish."{81}.

### Miserly

Say (to the disbelievers): "If you possessed the treasure of the Mercy of my Lord (wealth, money, provision, etc.), then you would surely hold back (from spending) for fear of (being exhausted), and man is ever miserly!"{100}.

### Beautiful Names of Allah

Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Invoke Allâh or invoke the Most Beneficent (Allâh), by whatever name you invoke Him (it is the same), for to Him belong the Best Names. And offer your *Salât* (prayer) neither aloud nor in a low voice, but follow a way between{110}.

### There is not One But Allah

And say: "All the praises and thanks be to Allâh, Who has not begotten a son (nor an offspring), and Who has no partner in (His) Dominion, nor He is low to have a *Walî* (helper, protector or supporter). And magnify Him with all the magnificence, [*Allâhu-Akbar* (Allâh is the Most Great)]."{111}.