

SURAH AS A STORY



Surah At-Tur

The Mount

The complete journey — the oath by the mountain and the questions with no answer —
told the way a loving elder shares it with a child



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The Surah at a Glance

Wat-Toor. Wa kitaabim-mastoor

1-2. By the Mount, and by a Book inscribed

Wal-baytil-ma'moor

4. and by the frequented House,

Inna 'azaaba Rabbika lawaaqi'

7. Indeed, the punishment of your Lord will occur.

*Wa allazeena aamanoo wattaba'at-hum
zurriyyatuhum bi-eemaanin alhaqnaa bihim
zurriyyatahum*

21. And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith — We will join their descendants with them.

*Am khuliqoo min ghayri shay'in am
humul-khaaliqoon*

35. Or were they created by nothing, or are they the creators?

*Fazakkir famaana anta bini'mati Rabbika
bikaahininw-wa laa majnoon*

29. So remind — for you are not, by the favour of your Lord, a soothsayer or a madman.



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Five Oaths of Enormous Weight

Beta, this surah opens with five oaths, and each one is a place or a thing of immense sacredness. Allah is gathering witnesses.

'WAT-TOOR — by the MOUNT.' This is Mount Sinai, beta — the mountain where Musa (alaihis salam) spoke with his Lord, where the Torah was given, where a mountain crumbled at a manifestation of Allah's majesty.

'WA KITABIN MASTOOR — and by a BOOK INSCRIBED — FEE RAQQIN MANSHOOR — in PARCHMENT SPREAD OPEN.' A book written and laid out for reading — the scholars mention the Preserved Tablet, the revealed scriptures, and the records of deeds.

'WAL-BAYTIL-MA'MOOR — and by the FREQUENTED HOUSE.' Beta, this is one of the wonders the Prophet ﷺ saw on the night of Mi'raj. He described a House in the



heavens directly above the Ka'bah, which SEVENTY THOUSAND ANGELS enter every single day — and once they leave, they never return to it again.

Beta, pause and let that number work on you. Seventy thousand angels each day, and not one repeats. Since the beginning of creation. That is how many worshippers Allah has, in one House, in one heaven — and He was never in need of a single one of them. And yet He calls us, small and forgetful, to worship Him.

'WAS-SAQFIL-MARFOO' — and by the ROOF RAISED HIGH' — the sky above you, held up without pillars. 'WAL-BAHRIL-MASJOOR — and by the SEA FILLED with fire' — the scholars explain 'masjoor' as swollen and filled, and as the sea that will be set ablaze on the Last Day.

And what are these five great oaths sworn upon? 'INNA 'AZABA RABBIKA LA-WAQI' — indeed, the PUNISHMENT of your Lord WILL OCCUR — MA LAHU MIN DAFI' — there is NO PREVENTER of it.'



The Day the Sky Sways

'YAWMA TAMOORUS-SAMA'U MAWRA — the Day the SKY will SWAY with a violent swaying — WA TASEERUL-JIBALU SAYRA — and the mountains will TRAVEL, moving away.'

Beta, imagine a sky that shudders like water disturbed in a bowl, and mountains walking. And the ayahs then describe the deniers being driven to the Fire and told: 'HAZIHIN-NARUL-LATI KUNTUM BIHA TUKAZZIBOON — THIS is the Fire you used to DENY!'

'A FA-SIHRUN HAZA AM ANTUM LA TUBSIROON — is this MAGIC, then? Or do you not SEE?' Beta, the very word they threw at every miracle — 'sihr', magic — is thrown back at them.

'ISLAWHA FASBIROO AW LA TASBIROO — BURN in it; be PATIENT or IMPATIENT — SAWA'UN 'ALAYKUM — it is ALL THE SAME for you.'



Beta, feel how terrible that is. In this world, patience always helps: it eases pain, it earns reward, it changes outcomes. There, patience buys nothing. It is the only place in existence where sabr has no value — because the time for sabr was HERE, and it has ended.

Beta, that alone should make us treasure our present difficulties. Every hardship you carry patiently today is being converted into something. Later, the exchange counter closes.

Your Children Will Be Joined to You

And then the surah turns to the believers — and beta, what follows is one of the most comforting passages in the whole Quran for anyone who has a family.

'INNAL-MUTTAQEENA FEE JANNATIN WA NA'EEM — indeed, the God-conscious will be in Gardens and pleasure — FAKIHEENA BIMA ATAHUM RABBUHUM — enjoying what their Lord has given them — WA WAQAHUM RABBUHUM 'AZABAL-JAHEEM — and their Lord protected them from the punishment of



Hellfire.'

'KULOO WASHRABOO HANEE'AN BIMA KUNTUM
TA'MALOON — eat and drink in satisfaction for what
you used to do — MUTTAKI'EENA 'ALA SURURIN
MASFOOFAH — reclining on couches ARRANGED IN
ROWS.' Beta, notice 'masfoofah' — lined up, arranged,
facing each other. Even the furniture is placed for
companionship.

And then the ayah, beta: 'WAL-LAZINA AMANOO
WATTABA'AT-HUM ZURRIYYATUHUM BI-IMANIN
ALHAQNA BIHIM ZURRIYYATAHUM — and those who
BELIEVED and whose DESCENDANTS FOLLOWED
THEM IN FAITH — WE WILL JOIN THEIR
DESCENDANTS WITH THEM — WA MA ALATNAHUM
MIN 'AMALIHIM MIN SHAY' — and We will NOT
DEPRIVE THEM of anything from their deeds.'

Beta, understand the mercy in this. In Jannah there are
ranks — people are placed according to their deeds. So
what if a father reached a high level and his children,



who believed but did less, were placed lower? Would he spend eternity separated from those he loved most?

Allah says: no. He will RAISE the descendants to join the parent — out of pure grace, not because they earned it — and, note carefully, 'without depriving the parent of anything of his deeds'. The elevation is a gift added on top; nothing is deducted from anyone's account to pay for it.

Beta, some scholars also mentioned the reverse: that a child's righteousness can raise a parent. Either way, the principle is the same and it is beautiful: FAMILIES THAT BELIEVE TOGETHER ARE REUNITED.

And beta, take the practical lesson. If you want your children beside you in Jannah, the condition in the ayah is 'bi-imanin' — WITH FAITH. They must have iman; the joining is not automatic for anyone who merely shares your surname. So the greatest inheritance you can leave your children is not property. It is faith. Teach them, pray for them, and let them see you praying.



'KULLU-MRI'IN BIMA KASABA RAHEEN — every person, for what he earned, is held in pledge.'

So Remind — You Are Not What They Say

The surah then turns to the Prophet ﷺ and to the accusations hurled at him: 'FA-ZAKKIR FA-MA ANTA BI-NI'MATI RABBIKA BI-KAHININ WA LA MAJNOON — SO REMIND — for you are NOT, by the FAVOUR of your Lord, a SOOTHSAYER or a MADMAN.'

Beta, notice the phrase 'bi-ni'mati Rabbik' — BY THE FAVOUR of your Lord. His soundness of mind and truthfulness are described as a FAVOUR from Allah, not merely an absence of defect. And notice the instruction that comes first: 'fa-zakkir' — REMIND. Keep going. Do not let their labels stop the work.

'AM YAQOOLONA SHA'IRUN NATARABBASU BIHI RAYBAL-MANOON — or do they say: a poet, for whom we await a misfortune of time?' Beta, they were waiting for him to die so the problem would solve itself. 'QUL



TARABBASOO FA-INNI MA'AKUM

MINAL-MUTARABBISEEN — say: WAIT — for I am with you among those waiting.'

And then, beta, comes one of the most powerful sequences of questions in the entire Quran. Allah asks the deniers a series of questions to which there is no possible answer. Listen to them:

'AM TA'MURUHUM AHLAMUHUM BI-HAZA — do their MINDS command them to this — AM HUM QAWMUN TAGHOON — or are they a transgressing people?'

'AM YAQOOLONA TAQAWWALAH — or do they say: he INVENTED it? BAL LA YU'MINOON — rather, they do not believe. FALYA'TOO BI-HADEETHIN MITHLIHI IN KANOO SADIQEEN — then let them PRODUCE A DISCOURSE LIKE IT, if they are truthful!'

Beta, that is the standing challenge of the Quran — issued fourteen centuries ago to the greatest masters of Arabic who ever lived, in their own language, at the



height of their poetic civilisation. And it has never been met.

And now the three questions that go to the root of existence — beta, these are the deepest ayahs in the surah:

'AM KHULIQOO MIN GHAYRI SHAY'IN — were they CREATED BY NOTHING? — AM HUMUL-KHALIQOON — or are THEY the creators?'

Beta, think about the logic. There are only three possibilities for your existence. ONE: you came from nothing, by nothing, with no cause at all. TWO: you created yourself — which is absurd, because you would have to exist before you existed in order to do it. THREE: Someone created you.

There is no fourth option. And the first two collapse the moment you say them aloud. So the ayah does not argue further; it simply lays the three doors open and lets the honest mind walk through the only one that stands.



'AM KHALAQUS-SAMAWATI WAL-ARD — or did they
CREATE the heavens and the earth? BAL LA
YOOQINOON — rather, they are not CERTAIN.'

Beta, and there is the diagnosis again: 'la yooqinoon' —
they lack certainty. Not evidence. Certainty.

And the questions continue like waves: do they possess
the treasures of your Lord? Do they have a ladder by
which they eavesdrop on the heavens? Do they have
knowledge of the unseen and write it down? Do they
intend a plot — then those who disbelieve are
themselves the ones plotted against? Do they have a god
other than Allah?

Beta, question after question, and every single one has
the same answer: no. This is the Quran arguing the way
a calm man argues with someone who has run out of
reasons.

Be Patient — You Are in Our Eyes



And now, beta, the surah closes with an instruction to the Prophet ﷺ that is among the most comforting sentences ever revealed:

'WASBIR LI-HUKMI RABBIKA — and BE PATIENT for the DECISION of your Lord — FA-INNAKA BI-A'YUNINA — FOR INDEED, YOU ARE WITHIN OUR EYES.'

Beta, stop everything and take that in. 'Bi-a'yunina' — in Our eyes, under Our sight, in Our care. The same phrase used for Nuh's ark sailing through the flood.

Imagine what those words meant to a man being called a madman in his own city, watching his followers tortured, cut off, mocked, hunted. Allah did not say 'I will destroy them tomorrow'. He said: be patient — you are being WATCHED OVER.

Beta, this is what a believer needs most in hardship. Not always a solution — sometimes just the certainty that he is SEEN. Most human suffering becomes unbearable when a person feels invisible: nobody knows what I



carry, nobody sees what it costs me, nobody understands. And Allah says to His servant: you are in My eyes.

Carry that, beta, into your own hard days. The effort nobody notices, the patience nobody credits, the tears nobody sees — 'innaka bi-a'yunina'.

'WA SABBIIH BIHAMDI RABBIKA HEENA TAQOOM — and GLORIFY your Lord with praise WHEN YOU ARISE — WA MINAL-LAYLI FA-SABBIIH-HU — and in the NIGHT, glorify Him — WA IDBARAN-NUJOOM — and at the RETREATING OF THE STARS.'

Beta, notice the prescription that accompanies the patience: dhikr on rising, dhikr in the night, and dhikr at the hour when the stars fade before dawn. Patience is not passive endurance in this deen — it is endurance FILLED with remembrance. The two are given together because one without the other does not last.

And so this surah, beta — which began with an oath by a mountain and a House in the heavens visited by



seventy thousand angels a day — ends with a small human being told: be patient, you are in My eyes, and keep My Name on your tongue at dawn.

That is the whole religion in one closing instruction.

What This Surah Teaches Us

- 1.** Seventy thousand angels enter the Bayt al-Ma'moor daily and never return — He was never in need of your worship, yet He invites you.
- 2.** There, patience buys nothing: the exchange counter for sabr is open only in this life.
- 3.** Believing families are reunited — Allah raises descendants to their parents' rank without deducting from anyone.
- 4.** The condition is 'bi-imanin' — so leave your children faith, not just property.
- 5.** Keep working when they label you; 'fa-zakkir' comes before the reply to the accusation.



6. Only three explanations for your existence are possible, and two of them collapse when spoken aloud.

7. When nobody sees your struggle, remember:
'innaka bi-a'yunina' — you are within Our eyes.

Ya Allah, keep us in Your sight, join our families in Your Gardens, and let our patience be filled with Your remembrance. Ameen.

— This is a simplified, faithful retelling for understanding, based on the Quran's translation and established tafseer (Ibn Kathir and others). For deeper study, always read with a qualified teacher. —

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