Surah 25 Surah Furqaan

THE DECIDER

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH FURQAAN AND SURAH NOOR

By Name: Allaah declares in Surah Noor, “Allaah is the Light of the heavens and the earth.” The light of Touheed illuminates the universe and keeps it in existence. Allaah begins Surah Furqaan by saying, “Blessed indeed is the Being Who revealed the Decider (Furqaan) to His bondsman (Rasulullaah ﷺ) so that he may be a warner to the universe.” Allaah revealed the Furqaan (the Qur’aan, which is the Criterion to differentiate between right and wrong) so that this light of Touheed may be explained. It may also be said that this light of Touheed will itself distinguish right from wrong.

By Content: From Surah Kahaf the message was made clear that Allaah is the Creator, Controller and Master of the universe. He requires no deputy, neither has He vested any of this power in any of his creation. Therefore, only He is the Supreme Deity and Helper. Only He should be called upon in all adversities and offerings can be made only to Him.

Surah Furqaan and Surah Saba now discuss the result of the above i.e. since Allaah is the source and fountainhead of all blessings, prayer for favour and protection should be sought only from Him.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The main assertion of this Surah is that Allaah is the source of all blessings in this world and in the Aakhirah. This assertion is stated in the following three verses of the Surah.

1. “Blessed indeed is the Being Who revealed the Decider to His bondsman (Rasulullaah ﷺ)…” [verse 1]

2. “Blessed is that Being Who, if He willed, would have granted you better bounties than this (than what they ask), by way of gardens beneath which rivers flow and He would have made palaces for you…” [verse 10]. Both the above verses, prove that only Allaah confers blessings in this world.

3. “Blessed is the Being Who created gigantic stars in the sky…” [verse 61]. This verse proves that Allaah is the only source of blessings in the Aakhirah as well.

Thereafter, the Surah provides twenty proofs for this assertion. Several of these proofs are included in the incidents mentioned about certain Ambiyaa ﷺ. Together with these arguments, replies are given to several objections that the Kuffaar raised.
Just as Allaah is the Only One Who confers blessings to people in this world, it will be only He Who can do the same in the Aakhirah. Allaah thereafter describes those people who will receive from Him the blessings of the Aakhirah. They are referred to as “Ar Rahmaan's bondsmen”. Allaah describes eight attributes of these pious bondsmen from the words “Ar Rahmaan's bondsmen are those who walk on earth in humility... (until the words) ...and make us leaders of the pious” [verses 63 to 74].

This Surah aspects are discussed in the Surah, the following:

* The primary assertion of the Surah is that Allaah is the only source of blessings. is repeated thrice, as mentioned above.
* Twenty arguments are mentioned to prove this assertion.
* Replies are given to seven objections usually raised about the assertion.
* Reproaches and warnings are sounded.
* Consolation is offered to Rasulullaah ﷺ.
* A detailed description of Allaah's pious bondsmen is given.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. Blessed indeed is the Being Who revealed the Decider (the Qur’aan, which differentiates between right and wrong, Halal and Haram, etc) to His bondsman (Rasulullaah ﷺ) so that he may be a warner to the universe.

2. (Blessed indeed is) The One to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, Who has not taken any son (as the Christians say), has no partner in the kingdom (as the Mushrikeen say), has created everything, and then meticulously perfected them (He ordained every thing in its exact manner).

3. Besides Him, they (the Kuffaar) adopt Aaliha who cannot create anything, but have themselves been created. They have no power to effect any harm nor any benefit to themselves, and do not have any power over life, death or resurrection. (When they are so helpless, how can they be worshipped?)

4. The Kuffaar say, “This (Qur’aan) is merely a lie that he (Rasulullaah ﷺ) has forged and which other people (learned Jewish and Christian scholars) have assisted him (to compose).” They have indeed presented a grave injustice and lie. (see Surah 16, verse 103 where Allaah makes it clear that it is impossible for a non-Arab to produce a book that even the most eloquent Arabs could not produce.)
5. They (the Kuffaar) say (about the Qur’aan), “Fables of the old men that he (Rasulullaah ﷺ) has had written (by others) and which are recited (dictated) to him morning and evening.” (These were the two appointed times of prayers at first.)

6. Say, “The One Who knows the secrets of the heavens and the earth has revealed it (for someone without this knowledge can never produce such a masterpiece). Certainly, He has always been the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful (and will therefore not punish them immediately for their insolence but gives them time to repent).”

7. And (in addition to this) they (also) say, “What is the matter with this Rasool that he eats food and walks in the marketplaces (like any ordinary human)? Why is an angel not sent with him to be a warner alongside him?”

8. “...Or why is a treasure not given to him or why does he not have an orchard from which he may eat?” (Allaah did not allow Rasulullaah ﷺ to demonstrate to the people these miracles because they would have rejected them and thereby attracted Allaah’s immediate punishment.) (Not satisfied with saying only this,) The oppressors (Kuffaar) say (to the Muslims to prevent them from following Rasulullaah ﷺ), “You are merely following a bewitched man!”

9. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) Look how they coin examples (fabricated lies about) of you (when they are unable to present any credible argument)! So (by doing this) they wander (further) astray and will not find any road (to guidance).

10. Blessed is that Being Who, if He willed, would have granted you better bounties than this (than what they ask), by way of gardens beneath which rivers flow and He would have made palaces for you. (However, Allaah had not done this because it was unnecessary and would have been harmful for them.)

11. Nevertheless, (their main reason for rejecting the message of Rasulullaah ﷺ is that) they reject
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Qiyaamah and We have prepared the Blaze (Jahannam) for those who reject Qiyaamah.

12. When it (Jahannam) will see them from a distance (on the Day of Qiyaamah), (it will be so intense that) they will hear the roar of its fury and its crackling (flames).

13. When they are flung into a narrow place (in Jahannam) with their hands and feet in shackles, they will cry out for destruction (they will plead for death to come to them).

14. (However, they will be told,) “Do not cry for only one destruction (death) today, but cry for many a destruction (regardless of how much you wish for it, death will never come to you and you will suffer here forever).”

15. Say, “Is this (Jahannam) better, or the Jannah of eternity that those with Taqwa have been promised. It shall be a reward and an abode (home of pleasure) for them.”

16. There they shall have whatever they desire and they will live there forever (eternally). This is a promise that your Rabb has undertaken to fulfil (by this grace only) and for which He should be asked. (man should constantly pray to Allaah to enter him into Jannah.)

17. (Do not forget) The day (of Qiyaamah) when they (the Mushrikeen), together with those whom they worship besides Allaah, will be gathered together and Allaah will ask (their gods), “Did you lead these bondsmen of Mine astray, or did they themselves (on their own) deviate (far) from the (straight) path?”
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18. They (the gods) will say, “You are Pure (from having any partners)! It was not befitting for us to take (as gods) any friends besides You, but what happened was that You granted enjoyment (wealth, comfort and luxuries) to their fathers until they (became so engrossed in these things that they) forgot to remember (You) and were a destroyed nation (that fell headlong into kufr).”

19. (It will then be said to the Mushrikeen) “They (your gods) have denied what you said (that you worshipped them for their pleasure). You will (now) neither be able to turn the punishment away nor receive any assistance (from anyone to rescue you from the punishment). We shall inflict a grievous punishment on those of you who are oppressive (sinful).”

20. All the Ambiyaa that We sent before you (O Muhammad ﷺ) used to eat food and walk in the marketplaces (because they too were humans, which is perfectly in order). (Therefore, do not worry about the persistent taunts of the Kuffaar because) We have made some of you as trials (tests) for others (to see whether you will exercise patience). Will you then exercise patience (to pass this test)? Your Rabb is Ever Watchful (so beware of what you do and know that He will reward every good deed that you do).

21. Those who do not aspire (hope) to meet Us say, “Why are angels not sent to us (as Ambiyaa) or why do we not see our Rabb (before believing in Rasululah ﷺ)?” They are certainly proud of themselves (and therefore refuse to believe) and are extremely rebellious (because of which they make such absurd demands).

22. There shall be no good news (of Jannah) for the criminals (Kuffaar) on that day (of Qiyaamah) when they see the angels (of punishment), and they will shout, “Stay far away!” (This was exactly what they used to tell the Ambiyaa 666 in the world. However, on the Day of Qiyaamah, they will say these words to protect themselves from punishment.)

23. We will then turn (Our attention) to their (good) deeds and reduce them to scattered.
24. (On the other hand,) The people of Jannah will be in the best of abodes and the best of resting places (everlasting bliss).

25. (Do not forget) The day (of Qiyaamah) when the sky will be split and from the clouds the angels will descend in large numbers (onto the Plain of Resurrection).

26. True sovereignty on that day will be exclusive (only) for Ar Rahmaan (because no one else will even be able to claim ownership over anything). The day will be very difficult for the Kaafiroon (because they will be condemned to eternal punishment).

27. (Remember that this is) The day when the oppressor (the Mushrik Uqba bin Abi Mu'eed, who forsook Islaam to please his friend Ubay bin Khalaf) will bite his hands (his fingers out of regret) saying, "If only I had chosen the path (to guidance and salvation) with the Rasool!"

28. “...Woe to me! If only I had never taken such a person (Ubay bin Khalaf) as a friend (for I would have then remained a Muslim and would not be condemned to Jahannam today).”

29. “...He (Ubay bin Khalaf) has certainly deviated me from the reminder (the Qur’aan) after it had come to me.” Shaytaan always deserts (betrays and fails to help) man (when man is in need after following Shaytaan’s deceptions).

30. (On the Day of Qiyaamah) The Rasool will say (attesting to the kufr of his people), “O my Rabbi! My people have ignored this Qur’aan (regarded it to be obsolete).”
31. In this manner (just as Rasulullah ﷺ had opposition) We have appointed from the criminals (the Kuffaar) an enemy for every Nabi. (However, the Ambiyaa صلی اللہ عیه وسلم had no cause to fear their enemies because) Your Rabb suffices as a Guide and a Helper (He will make you reach the desired destination).

32. Those who commit kufr say, “Why is the entire Qur’aan not revealed to him (Rasulullah ﷺ all at once) like how the Torah was revealed?” We have revealed it in this manner (part by part over a period of approximately 23 years) so that your heart (O Rasulullah ﷺ) may be strengthened by it (when it provides you with encouragement each time you require it), and We have revealed (recited) it gradually (slowly so that it is easier to understand and easier to memorise).

33. (O Rasulullah ﷺ) Whenever they (the Kuffaar) present a (ridiculous) example to you (to falsify and find fault with your message), We reveal the precise reply to you with explicit clarity (so that you may counter their words with something better).

34. Those who shall be resurrected (and then dragged to Jahannam) on their faces will certainly be in the worst of predicaments (Difficulties) and most deviated from the path (of salvation).

35. Verily We gave the Book (Torah) to Moosa ﷺ and made his brother Haaroon ﷺ a minister (assistant) to him.

36. We then said, “The two of you should go (and preach Touheed) to the nation that rejects Our Aayaat (Fir’oun’s nation).” (When the two brothers preached Touheed to Fir’oun and his people, they rejected the message.) Thereafter We completely annihilated (destroyed) the nation (of Fir’oun when We drowned them in the Red Sea).

37. And We drowned the people of Nooh ﷺ when they rejected the Rusul (by rejecting the message of Nooh ﷺ, they actually rejected all the Rusul because each one carried the same message).
making them a lesson to people. (In addition to this punishment in the world), We have prepared (in the Aakhirah) an excruciating (and extremely painful) punishment for the oppressors (the Kuffaar).

38. (Just as the destruction of this nation is a lesson, do not forget that) We also annihilated the Aad, the Thamud, the people of the well (a community of Kuffaar that was swallowed by the earth as they sat beside a well) and numerous nations between them.

39. We had cited (many) examples to each of them (to explain Touheed to them) and (when they refused to accept Imaan, We) destroyed each one of them.

40. These people (the Mushrikeen of Makkah) have certainly (en route to Shaam) passed the town (Sodom) that was showered by a devastating rain (a shower of stones). Have they not seen it (because their behaviour indicates that they have not)? No (it is not that they have not seen it), (they have definitely seen the ruins of this place) but (they refuse to take a lesson because) they are not expecting any resurrection. (Because they do not believe in resurrection, they do not fear the punishment of the Aakhirah and therefore fail to learn a lesson from the destruction of previous nations.)

41. When they (the Kuffaar) see you (O Rasulullah ﷺ) they seek only to mock you (by saying), “Has Allaah sent him as a Rasool (Could Allaah not find someone else with more wealth and higher social standing)?”

42. (They also say) “He (Rasulullah ﷺ) would have led us away from our gods if we had not (been steadfast and) persevered with them.” Shortly, when they see the punishment (in the Aakhirah), they will come to know who has strayed most from the path. (They will then realise that it was they rather than Rasulullah ﷺ and the Mumiineen who had strayed from the path of salvation.)
43. Have you seen the one who has taken his whims (wishes, fancies, desires) as an Ilah (one who does whatever his desires dictate)? Will you be a guardian over him (constantly checking his actions)? (You have no control over his beliefs and actions and should therefore not be grieved when he refuses to accept Imaan. His fault is not your responsibility at all.)

44. Or do you think that most of them hear (with the intention of accepting) or understand (everything they are told)? (This is not the case because) They are merely like animals, but even more astray. (Whereas animals still realise that they should avoid things that cause them harm, the Kuffaar plunge further into kufr and sin that will cause them the worst harm in both worlds.)

45. Do you not see how your Rabb spreads (prolongs) the shadow (causes it to extend as the afternoon progresses), If He willed, He could have made it stationary. (It is therefore only because of Allaah’s will that shadows move.) (However) We then appoint the sun as a guide to it (the shadow). (Although the shadow falls and moves solely because of Allaah’s power, Allaah has made the sun and the movement of the earth signs for man to understand the falling of the shadow. It is not the sun nor the earth’s movement that are responsible for the shadow falling, but they are merely instruments. Man should therefore not think that things happen because of the visible means that he sees. Everything happens by Allaah’s will.)

46. Then We gradually withdraw it (the shadow) towards Ourselves (causing it to shorten as the morning passes).

47. Allaah is the One Who has made the night as a garment (which covers the earth and conceals things as clothes do), has made sleep a form of rest and has made the day a time (for people and other creatures) to spread out (on earth in search of their provisions because it is a time when they can see clearly and do much more).

48. He is the One Who sends the winds as a carrier of good news ahead of His mercy (the winds precede the rain that is due to arrive). And He sends from the skies water that purifies.

49. (Allaah sends the rain) So that We revive the dead (aris) and with it (causing vegetation to flourish there) and so that We give drinking water to Our creation, (who comprise of, among other things)
animals and many people.

50. We have certainly distributed (divided) it (water) between them (creation) so that they (people) take heed (thank Allaah for this great bounty), but most people only wish to be ungrateful.

51. If We willed, We would have sent a (separate) warner to every village. (However, We sent many Ambiyaa as warners to several towns.)

52. So do not follow the (whims of the) Kaafiroon and staunchly oppose them (with a mighty force) with it (the Qur’aan). (Use the teachings of the Qur’aan to oppose the false beliefs and actions of the Kuffaar.)

53. It is He (Allaah) Who has merged two seas (two masses of water), the one (rivers and lakes) being sweet and quenching, while the other (the ocean) is salty and bitter. He has created between them a barrier that acts as an impregnable (forbidden) veil (which prevents the two types of water from mixing even though they run into each other).

54. It is He Who has created man from water (a drop of semen) and (to extend and enrich man’s social life, Allaah) has appointed for him relatives by blood and relatives by marriage. Your Rabb is Ever Powerful (over all things).

55. (However, despite all these favours that Allaah has given man,) Besides Allaah they (the Mushrikeen) worship things that do not benefit them, nor harm them (in any way). The Kaafir was ever opposed to (against) his Rabb (by following the dictates of Shaytaan his enemy rather than the commands of Allaah, Who gave him everything he has).

56. We have sent you (O Rosulullaah ﷺ) only as a carrier of good news (to the Mu’mineen) and a warner (to the Kuffaar).
57. Say (to the Kuffaar, O Rasulullah ﷺ), “I do not ask you for any payment (for the message I am conveying to you) apart from being the person who wishes to tread a path towards his Rabb (having such faithful followers is all I ask for, not any other payment).”

58. Rely only on The Living (Allah) Who cannot die and glorify His praises. Allah suffices as the Knower of His bondmen’s sins (even if there was nothing else to witness man’s sins, Allah’s knowledge is sufficient to prove him guilty).

59. It was He Who created the heavens, the earth and whatever is between them in six days, and then turned (His attention) to the Throne. He is the Most Merciful, so enquire about Him from one who is knowledgeable. (Find out about Allah from those who have recognised Him so that you may also recognise Him.)

60. When they (the Kuffaar) are told, “Prostrate to Ar Rahmaan,” they (insolently) say (pretending not to understand), “What is Ar Rahmaan? Should we prostrate to whatever you command us?” Their hatred then only increases. (One who recites or hears this verse being recited should perform Sajdah.)

61. Blessed is the Being Who created gigantic stars in the sky and (among the more prominent sources of light that He created in the sky, He has) placed the sun and the luminous moon in it.

62. It is He Who has appointed the night and the day in succession for the one who intends to take heed (reflect) or who intends to be grateful. (It is such people who appreciate these favours of Allah and use them in obedience to Him.)

63. Ar Rahmaan’s bondsmen are those who walk on earth in humility (without pride) and, when the ignorant talk to them, they (excuse themselves) saying, “Salaam” (Leave us in peace).
64. (They are) Those who spend the night in prostrating and standing before their Rabb (performing salah while others are asleep).

65. (They are) Those who say, “O our Rabb! Turn the punishment of Jahannam away from us. Verily its punishment is devastating indeed!”

66. “It (Jahannam) is surely an evil residence and abode.”

67. (They are) Those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant (do not squander) nor miserly, but are rather stationed (found) in moderation between the two (extremes. They neither spend too much nor too little).

68. (They are) Those who do not call to (do not worship) another Ilaah with Allaah, who only kill a soul forbidden by Allaah with a warrant (when required to execute a person whom a court of Shari’ah sentences to death), and (they are those) who do not fornicante (they neither engage in fornication nor adultery). Whoever commits these (sins of Shirk, murder, fornication or adultery) shall meet with a grave punishment.

69. (In fact.) Punishment will be multiplied for him on the Day of Qiyaamah and he shall remain disgraced in it (the punishment) forever.

70. (This punishment is for all such people) Except for those who (sincerely) repent, accept Imaan
and perform good actions. For such people Allaah will convert their sins into good deeds. Allaah is Ever Most Forgiving, Most Merciful (for He is All Powerful).

71. Whoever repents and performs good actions has certainly turned to Allaah in earnestness (and will be greatly rewarded).

72. And (ArRahmaan’s bondsmen are) those who do not engage in acts of deceit (do not take false oaths and give false evidence) and, when they pass by frivolous (useless) acts, they pass by gracefully (without participating and without unnecessarily arguing with the participants).

73. (They are) Those who, when they are reminded by the Aayaat (messages) of their Rabb, do not fall down (become) deaf and blind (Rather, they heed the advice given and see the truth).

74. (They are) Those who say, “O our Rabb! Grant us the coolness (comfort) of our eyes (grant us pleasure and satisfaction) from our spouses and children (so that they never become a source of regret or distress for us in either world when they follow Islaam properly), and make us Imaams (guides) of the pious (make our progeny pious and make us pious enough to guide pious people).”

75. These people, because of their steadfastness (In Imaan and Islaam), shall be rewarded with balconies (in Jannah) where they will be met (by the angels) with greetings (of welcome) and Salaam (which will increase their honour and reverence).

76. They will live there (in Jannah) forever. It is surely a beautiful residence and abode.

77. Say, “My Rabb would not concern Himself with you if it had not been for your du’aa (prayer to Him). You have surely rejected (Imaan) and it (your punishment) will soon become necessary (inevitable and unavoidable).”