Surah 43 Surah Zukhruf

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THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH ZUKHRUF AND SURAH SHURA

*Surah Shura* mentions that all the Ambiyaa ❇️رسَل اللَّهِ نَا مُنْبِطِرُهُمَا* received revelation that Allaah is The Only Controller of the universe and True Helper. Therefore, all supplication should be made only to Him. Whatever aspects be contrary to this in the previously revealed divine scriptures are fabricated additions of the deviant scholars of these scriptures. Because of their rebelliousness, they intentionally added these fabrications to mislead others.

However, despite conceding Allaah's omnipotence, the Mushrikeen say that they merely worship their gods because they can intercede on their behalf before Allaah. *Surah Zukhruf* replies to this statement in the verse 86 where Allaah says, “*Those (gods) that they (the Mushrikeen) worship besides Allaah have no power to intercede, except (that intercession will be allowed only) for the one who attests to the truth (of Towheed) and (for) those who have knowledge (who are convinced about the truth of Towheed).*” The Surah explains that none can impose their will upon Allaah, and that permission to intercede will be granted only for those who believe in Allaah and in Towheed in this world. Intercession will not be permitted for the Kuffaar, nor on their behalf.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The Surah contains the following:

* An introduction with encouragement.
* Three logical proofs, two being admissions of the Mushrikeen (one is at the beginning of the Surah while the other is at the end).
*Four quoted proofs, three detailed proofs and one stated briefly.
* A proof relating to divine revelation.
* Various warnings, glad tidings and reproaches.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. HaaMeem. (Only Allaah knows the correct meaning of these letters.)

2. By the oath of the Clear Book (the Qur’aan)!

3. We have made it an Arabic Qur’aan so that you (O people of Arabia, who were the first recipients of the Qur’aan) understand (it).

4. Verily, in the Mother Book with Us (the ‘Luw’ul Mahfoodh’), it (the Qur’aan) is (known to be) exalted (revered and free of fault) and full of wisdom.

5. (However, despite the fact that the Arabs could understand the Qur’aan, many of them refused to accept it. Allaah therefore asks them,) Should We take the Reminder (the Qur’aan) away from you completely (thereby depriving others of it merely) because you are a transgressing (sinful) nation (who refuse to accept it)? (Regardless of their refusal to accept the Qur’aan, Allaah still sent the Qur’aan to them so that they cannot claim that they were never shown the path to salvation.)

6. Numerous were the Ambiya’ that We sent among the former nations (to guide them).

7. (However, instead of accepting the message of their Nabi) They used to ridicule (mock) every Nabi that came to them.
8. So (because of their kufr) We destroyed (the) people (of the past) who were much more powerful than these people (of the present). (Thus) The example of the past nations pass (has been given so that the present nations may learn from their mistakes and not follow them in their awful ways).

9. Undoubtedly, if you ask them (the Mushrikeen) who created the heavens and the earth, they will certainly say, “The Mighty, the All Knowing (Allaah) created them.”

10. (It is Allaah) Who made the earth into a bedding (a restful place) for you, Who made pathways (roads) on it for you so that you may be guided (in your travels)...

11. ...and (it is Allaah) who sends rain from the sky in measure (as and when needed). With this rain We revive dead ground (causing vegetation to flourish there). In this (similar) manner (as We revive dead ground) will you all be resurrected (on the Day of Qiyaamah).

12. (And it is Allaah) Who created all pairs (male and females of every species) and made ships and animals, which you ride (when at sea and on land respectively).

13. (Allaah created them for you so) That you may be seated on their backs and then recall the bounty of your Rabb (Who placed them at your service) when you mount and say, “Pure is Allaah, Who has placed this (animal) at our service whereas we would never have been able to control it (without His assistance)...”

14. “…and our return shall certainly be to our Rabb.”
15. (However, instead of being grateful to Allaah and worshipping Him Only) They (the Mushrikeen) make some of His (Allaah's) bondsmen a part of Him (by saying that they are His children). Man (the Mushrik) is clearly ungrateful (to Allaah).

16. Or has (it become part of their beliefs that) Allaah (has) chosen (created) daughters from His creation (for Himself) and selected you to have sons? (Why would Allaah choose daughters when, according to them, daughters are inferior to sons?)

17. (In fact, they regard having daughters as such a disgrace that) When any of them is given the tidings of (the birth of) that which they ascribe to Rahmaan (a daughter), his face darkens (with anger, gloom and displeasure) as he suppresses his emotions.

18. (Do they ascribe to Allaah) One who is brought up with (the habit of using) jewellery (ornaments) and who cannot make herself clear in disputes (referring to daughters)?

19. And the angels, who are Allaah's bondsmen, they (the Mushrikeen) make into females (when they say that the angels are Allaah's daughters). Did they witness the creation of the angels (that they are so sure of their gender)? Their testimony (that the angels are Allaah's daughters) will certainly be recorded (written down) and they will be questioned (about this blasphemous statement on the Day of Qiyaamah).

20. They say, “If Allaah willed, we would not have worshipped (served) them (our gods).” They have absolutely no justification (reason) for this (statement) and only speculate. (Whereas Allaah has given them the choice to do good and evil, they shift the blame from themselves by claiming that Allaah has made them commit Shirk.)

21. Or have (they chosen to remain set in their kufr because they claim that) We (had) given them a book
22. They say, “But we found our forefathers following a certain way (practising Shirk), and we will be guided in their footsteps.”

23. In a like manner, whenever We sent a Warner (Nabi) to any town before you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ), the affluent (rich) people of the town (also) said, “We found our forefathers following a certain way, and we will be guided in their footsteps.”

24. (When faced with this excuse, the Nabi ﷺ replied) “(Will you adhere to the ways of your forefathers) Even though I have brought to you something that is better guidance than that which you found your forefathers following?” (Unable to justify their position,) They replied, “We certainly will not accept what you have been sent with.”

25. So We exacted (took) retribution from them (and destroyed them). See what was the plight (terrible end) of those who deny (the truth)!

26. (The time is well worth remembering) When Ibraheem ﷺ said to his father and to his people, “I absolve (free) myself of what (gods) you people worship…” (serve)

27. “…except for the One Who has created me (Allaah). Undoubtedly, He shall guide me.”

28. So he (Ibraheem ﷺ) left it (the message of Tawheed) as a lasting word among his progeny so that they may abstain (from Shirk and return to Allaah).
29. I had given enjoyment (the good things of life) to these people (the progeny of Ibraheem عليه السلام) and their forefathers (but they forgot the message of Ibraheem عليه السلام and started committing Shirk) until (when it was time to guide them,) there came to them the truth (the Qur’aan) and a Rasool (Muhammad ﷺ who explains (matters) clearly.

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30. (However) When the truth (the Qur’aan) came to them they said, “This is magic (sorcery) and we certainly reject it.”

وقالوا نولا نزل هذا القرآن على جمل من القرى

31. (Instead of accepting the Qur’aan,) They say, Why is this Qur’aan not revealed to a prominent (important) man from one of the two cities (Makkah or Ta’if) “(instead of being revealed to Rasulullaah ﷺ)?”

أمهم قومون بهم فلما بنيهم معيشتهم في الحياة الدنيا ورفعنا بعضهم فوق بعض دارجًا ليتجد بعضهم بعضاً حورًا ورحمت ربك خيرًا ما يجمعون

32. Do they distribute (allocate) the mercy (Prophethood) of your Rabb? (Do they have a choice in selecting who Allâh’s Rasool should be?) (With regard to worldly matters,) We distribute their livelihood among them in this worldly life and (thereby) elevate (raise) the ranks of some of them above others so that they may derive (take) benefit from each other (by being interdependent). (When this is the state of affairs concerning worldly matters,) The mercy of your Rabb (Prophethood, which is related to the Aakhirah,) is better than what (wealth) they amass. (It is therefore Allâh’s right to decide who receives the mantle of Prophethood.)

ولولا أن يكون الناس أمة واحدة لجعلنا من يملأ بيتين وليلهم وهم مخالجًا عليهما علىنا

33. (Whereas the Kuffaar foolishly regard wealth as a token of prominence by which a person becomes eligible for receiving Prophethood, Allâh selects differently. In fact, wealth means nothing to Allâh and He could give it in abundance to every Kaafir if it were not foreseeable that everyone would become Kuffaar because of their greed for wealth. Referring to this, Allâh says,) If it were not for mankind becoming a single nation (of Kuffaar), We would (give so much wealth to the Kuffaar that We would) have made roofs of silver for the homes of those who disbelieve in Rahmaan (for the Kuffaar), as well as (silver) staircases which they can climb.
34. And (We would have also made) doors (of silver) for their homes, and (silver) couches on which they may recline.

35. And (let alone silver, We could have even made all these things of) gold. This is all merely the (temporary) articles of this worldly life (which they will surely leave behind them if it does not leave them first). (However,) The (everlasting and much more precious) Aakhirah with your Rabb is (exclusively reserved) for those with Taqwa.

36. We shall appoint a Shaytaan to (take charge of) every person who turns a blind eye to Rahmaan's advice (the Qur'aan and teachings of Rasulullaah س.ف.), who will be his (constant) companion (to always mislead him).

37. Indeed, they (these Shayateen) will forbid (prevent) people from the path (Islaam), while they (these people foolishly) think that they are rightly guided. (In this manner, they never have the opportunity to mend their ways because they see no reason to do so.)

38. (Such a person therefore continues to foolishly follow the directives of this Shaytaan) Until, when the time arrives for him to come to Us (on the Day of Qiyaamah), he says (to his Shaytaan companion), “O dear! If only there was the distance of the East and West between yourself and Me! A terrible (evil) companion you were indeed!”

39. (It will then be said to all of them) “Since you were oppressive (transgressing) people (Kuffaar), the fact that you all share the punishment shall be of no benefit to you.” (Neither will any of you be able to take solace from the fact that others are suffering the same fate, nor will you be able to help each other.)

40. Can you (O Rasulullaah س.ف) make the deaf (those who refuse to listen) hear (the truth), guide the blind (those who refuse to see the truth) and those who are in manifest deviation (clearly in the wrong)? (Such people refuse to accept guidance and you cannot force them to do so. Therefore, do not grieve over them.)
41. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) If We have to take you away (from this world without punishing them), We shall still exact (take) retribution from them (punish them after your demise or in the Aakhirah).

42. Otherwise (if We will), We can show you (during your lifetime) what (punishment) We have promised them, for We certainly have control (power) over them (and can punish them whenever We wish).

43. So (do not worry about them, but rather) hold fast to the revelation We have sent (revealed) to you. You are definitely upon the straight path (and the opposition of the Kuffaar will not change this fact).

44. This (Qur’aan) is certainly a Reminder (and a source of pride) for you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) and for your people. Soon, they shall be questioned (about whether they practised its teachings and propagated them).

45. Inquire from those Rusul of Ours whom We have sent before you (by referring to their teachings. Ask them) Have We introduced other Aaliha who can be worshipped Besides Rahmaan? (The teachings of every Nabi ﷺ emphasised that Only Allaah should be worshipped.)

46. Undoubtedly, We sent Moosa ﷺ with Our Aayaat (miracles) to Fir’oun and his ministers (proud chiefs). He (Moosa ﷺ) said, “I am the Rasool of the Rabb of the universe.”

47. When he came to them with Our Aayaat (miracles), they began to mock them.

48. Every Aayah (miracle) We showed them was greater than the other. (Together with showing them these miracles,) We afflicted them with punishment (calamity) so that they may return (to Tawheed after committing kuf).
49. (As each punishment afflicted them,) They said to Moosa, “O magician! On our behalf, pray to your Rabb for the covenant He has made with you (that He would remove the punishment if we accept Imaan). Then (when the punishment is removed) we will surely be rightly guided.”

50. (However) When We removed the punishment (calamity) from them, they immediately broke their promise (and continued committing Shirk).

51. Fir’oun called his people saying, “Does not the land (kingdom) of Egypt and these rivers flowing beneath belong to me? Do you not see (that you should rather be listening to me instead of Moosa)?”

52. “Am I not better than this person (Moosa) who is low in status (honour) and can hardly express himself (cannot speak clearly)?”

53. “(If he is a true Rasool) Why are bangles of gold not thrown (given) to him (why does he not have wealth, I were gold bangles), or why do angels not follow him in procession (to verify what he says)?”

54. So (by convincing them to follow him instead of Moosa) Fir’oun deceived his people (misled them) and they followed him. They were a sinful (disobedient) nation indeed.

55. When they infuriated (angered) Us (by persisting with Shirk and harassing the Mu’mineen) We exacted (took) retribution from them and drowned them all (in the Red Sea).
56. Thus We made them forebears (from whose bitter experience later generations were to learn) and an example for those to come after them.

57. (O Rasuulllah ﷺ) When the unique example of the son of Maryam (Isa ﷺ) is mentioned, (when you tell the Mushrikeen that there is no benefit in all the gods that they worship, someone of them say that there is therefore no good in worshipping Isa ﷺ as well, whom some Christians worship,) your people suddenly start arguing (in support of this objection).

58. They (the Mushrikeen then) say, “Are our gods (idols) better or he (Isa ﷺ) ?” They say this to you only to dispute, for they are a people given to arguing. (They realise that it is their idols that are being referred to, but merely raise the objection to develop an argument.)

59. He (Nabi Isa ﷺ) is but a slave (servant) on whom We have bestowed (blessed) Our bounties (by making him Our Rasool), and whom We have made an example for the Bani Israa'eeel (and for mankind after them to prove to them that Allaah can create without the obvious means of a father).

60. (In fact, Allaah's power is limitless because) If We willed, We could have created angels among you (to reside) on earth, who would appear in (succeed each other in your place).

61. And he (Isa ﷺ) is certainly a sign of Qiyaamah (proving that just as Allaah created him miraculously, Allaah can also enact the miraculous feat of resurrecting mankind), so never doubt it, and follow me. (All of) This (towards which I am calling you) is the straight path.

62. Never let Shaytaan stop you (from treading this straight path), for he is certainly your open (delivered) enemy (and we'll do everything to stop you).
63. When Isa came with the clear signs (to prove Touheed and the fact that he was Allaah's Nabi), he said, “I have come to you with wisdom (to correct your beliefs) and to make clear to you the matters about which you quarrel. So fear Allaah and follow me.”

64. “Allaah is definitely my Rabb and your Rabb, so worship Him only. This (Touheed) is the straight path.”

65. However, (despite his clear teachings) the parties (among his followers) differed between themselves (and divided into many denominations), May the oppressors (the Kuffaar) suffer the destruction (calamity) of a painful day's punishment!

66. (Before accepting Imaan.) They (the Kuffaar) are waiting only (looking) for Qiyaamah to come to them suddenly without them realising (However, it will then be too late.)

67. Friends will be enemies on that day (of Qiyaamah because they will refuse to assist each other), except for those with Taqwa (who will remain loyal to each other).

68. (Allaah will say to the people of Taqwa on the Day of Qiyaamah.) “O My bondsmen! (Servants) You shall have no fear (of the future) today, neither will you grieve (about the past).”

69. “(In the world you were) Those who believed in Our Aayaat and were (remain) obedient (to Our commands).”

70. “You and your spouses should enter into Jannah happily (so that you may be honoured).”
71. Bowls (filled with delicious foods) and cups of gold (filled with delicious drinks) will be passed
around between them and in Jannah there shall be whatever the heart desires and
whatever pleases the eye (the greatest bounty being the ability to see Allaah). You will live there
forever.

72. (It will be told to them.) “This is Jannah, which you have been made to inherit because of
the (good) deeds you carried out.”

73. “In it (Jannah) you will have an abundance of fruit (of your desire) to eat (there shall never be
any shortage there).”

74. Verily, the sinners (Kuffaar) shall suffer the punishment of Jahannam forever.

75. The punishment shall not be reduced for them, and they will lose all hope (of ever
emerging from) there.

76. We did not oppress (wrong) them, but they were oppressors (unjust) themselves (their
punishment is the result of the sins that they committed despite the advice and warnings We sent to them).

77. (In Jahannam.) They will call out (to the keeper of Jahannam saying), “O Maalik! (The Angel in charge
of Jahannam) Your Rabb should settle (decide) our matter (quickly to allow us to die instead of suffering
here eternally).” He (Maalik) will reply, “You people will certainly have to remain (here
forever).”

78. (They will be told further.) “We definitely brought the truth to you, but most of you
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disliked (resented) the truth (and therefore you have to suffer punishment here).”

79. Or (besides having a dislike for the truth) did they (even) devise a resolute (definite) plan (to harm Rasulullaah ﷺ)? Indeed, We are also planning (to protect Rasulullaah ﷺ and punish them - and Our plan always prevails over all others).

80. Or do (they plot against Islaam and the Muslims because) they think that We do not hear their secrets and their stealthy meetings (conspiracies)? Most certainly We do (know), and Our scribes are with them (at all times), writing (everything they say and do).

81. Say (O Rasulullaah ﷺ), “If Rahmaan had a son, then I would have been the first to worship (His children).” (However, because I am convinced that He has no children, I worship Allaah Alone.)

82. (Allaah) The Rabb of the heavens and the earth, the Rabb of the Throne is Pure from whatever (partners and children) they (the Mushrikeen) associate with Him.

83. So (after conveying the message of Islaam to the Kuffaar) leave them to engage in (vain) talks and to play (engage in useless vanities) until they encounter (meet) the day (of punishment) that they have been promised.

84. It is Allaah Who is the Ilhaah in the heavens and the Ilhaah on earth. He is the Wise, the All Knowing.

85. Blessed is that Being to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens, the earth and whatever is between the two. The knowledge of Qiyaamah is only with Him, and to Him shall you all be returned (for reckoning).
86. Those (gods) that they (the Mushrikeen) worship besides Allaah have no power to intercede, except (that intercession will be allowed only) for the one who attests to (believes) the truth (of Tawheed) and (for) those who have knowledge (who are convinced about the truth of Tawheed).

87. If you have to ask them (the Mushrikeen) who created them, they will definitely say, “Allaah”. (While admitting this) where are they wandering astray (by remaining adamant as Kuffaar)?

88. (Allaah understands fully) His (the Rasool’s) statement when he said, “O my Rabb! This is a nation who refuse to accept Imaan (despite being given every opportunity to do so).”

89. Ignore them (do not entertain any hopes of them ever accepting Imaan and so do not be disappointed) and say, “Salaam” (greet them and part ways). They will soon come to know (the error of their ways in the Aakhirah if not sooner).