Surah 44 Surah Dukhaan

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THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH DUKHAAN AND SURAH ZUKHRUF

Surah Zukhruf dispels the notion of the Mushriken that their gods are Allaah’s deputies and that they will intercede on their behalf on the Day of Qiyaamah. The Surah presents various types of arguments to substantiate the fact that Allaah is the Creator, Master and Controller of the universe without any partners. None can overrule His decision.

Although some Mushriken accept that none can overwhelm Allaah’s decision with their intercession and that Allaah is the Master and Controller of the universe without any partners or deputies, they still believe that their gods can hear their supplications. They believe that their gods will present their case in Allaah’s court for attention. Therefore, they feel that even though the intercession is rejected, there is no harm in supplicating to these gods because the possibility of acceptance still exists. Surah Dukhaan rejects this belief by stating that Only Allaah is All Hearing and All Knowing [verse 6]. Therefore, He will attend to all pleas.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This Surah contains the following:

* An introduction coupled with encouragement.
* The primary assertion of the Surah i.e. “He (Allaah) is certainly All Hearing, All Knowing.” [verse 6]
* Warnings of pending doom in this world for the Kuffaar.
* Warnings of punishment for them in the Aakhirah.
* Glad tidings for the Mu’mineen in this world.
* A logical proof to substantiate Touheed.
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 revealed it (the Qur’aan) on a blessed night (the Night of Qadr). Verily We are the Ones Who warn (people about the consequences of rejecting Imaan).

4. The (responsibility to put into action the) decision of every matter of wisdom is passed on (to the angels) (on) this night...

5. ...as a command proceeding from Us (the duties of the angels for the forthcoming year are delegated to them on this night). We are certainly the ones who send (the Ambiya &W& to people)...

6. ...by way of mercy from Us. He (Allaah) is certainly All Hearing, All Knowing...

7. ...The Rabb of the heavens, the earth and whatever is between the two. (This is the
8. There is no Ilaa but He Who gives life and death. He is your Rabb and the Rabb of your predecessors (your fathers and forefathers).

9. However, (instead of accepting the truth of Islaam) they (the Mushrikeen of Makkah) are frolicking (enjoying themselves) in their doubts (pleased to stick to their look of faith instead of submitting to the truth).

10. So (if they refuse to accept, let them) wait for the day when (they will be struck with a severe drought and because of their intense hunger, it will appear to them as if) the sky will issue forth a manifest smoke...

11. ...which will envelope (affect all) the people (of Makkah). This is a painful punishment (This affected the people of Makkah when Rasulullaah ﷺ and the Muslims were already living in Madinah.)

12. (When this occurs, they will cry,) “O our Rabb! Remove this punishment (calamity) from us and we will surely accept Imaan.” (Hence, the Mushrikeen of Makkah pleaded to Rasulullaah ﷺ to pray for rain and to request the leader of Yamaamah to supply them with grain.)

13. From where can they (now) have advice (how will they now accept Islaam) when a manifest Rasool has already come to them...

14. ...and they turned away from him saying, “He is a trained madman”?

15. (However) We shall alleviate (remove) the punishment (the drought) for a (little) while, but
you people will certainly return (to kufr and Shirk). (As the Qur’aan predicted, when the rains fell and the grain arrived, they broke their promise and continued living as Mushrikeen.)

16. (However, Allaah warns them that) The day (will soon arrive) when We shall seize them with a firm grip (when they will be punished and will find no escape). Surely We will exact retribution (punish them).

17. Before them We had definitely tested the people of Fir’oun, to whom an honourable (noble) Rasool (Moosa) came...

18. (saying to Fir’oun) “(Release them from slavery and) Hand over (deliver) Allaah’s bondmen (the Bani Israa’ee’l) to me. I am a trustworthy Rasool (of Allaah) to you.”

19. “Do not rebel against Allaah (for this will be your destruction). I have come to you with a clear proof (of my Prophethood).”

20. (However, Fir’oun refused to accept the message and when he threatened violence, Moosa said,) “I seek refuge with my Rabb and your Rabb against your harming me.”

21. “If you will not believe me, then (at least) stay away from me (because if you attempt to harm me, Allaah will soon destroy you),”

22. (However, despite repeated efforts to convince Fir’oun and his people to accept Imaan, they refused and continued harassing the Mu’mineen.) He (Moosa) then (eventually) prayed to his Rabb saying, “These people are certainly a sinful nation (and deserve to be destroyed).”
23. (Allah said to him,) “Leave (Egypt) with my bondsmen (the Mu'mineen) by night, (but beware because) you will surely be pursued (followed by Fir'oun and his army).”

24. (Moosa left with the Bani Israa'eel one night. When Fir'oun received news of this, he mustered a large army and set out in pursuit of the Bani Israa'eel. Allah instructed Moosa to strike the ocean with his staff, causing the waters to hold back and form several dry paths for them to cross over to the opposite shore. When the Bani Israa'eel went across, Fir'oun followed with his troops. Allah addressed Moosa saying,) “Leave the sea (divided) as it is, (so that Fir'oun and his army may enter it) for they are an army who will be drowned (when it closes in on them).”

25. Plenty were the gardens and springs that they (the people of Fir'oun) left behind...

26. ...along with the plantations (sown fields), palatial homes (excellent houses)...

27. ...and articles of pleasure (luxuries) which they enjoyed.

28. So it (their story) was (happened). (As always,) We then made others successors to this (for them to enjoy this inheritance).

29. Neither the sky nor the earth wept for them (for the people of Fir'oun when they were destroyed), and (when the time for their destruction arrived,) they were denied reprieve (any postponement because it was too late).

30. Undoubtedly We saved the Bani Israa'eel from the humiliating punishment...

31. ...of Fir'oun. He was certainly a haughty (very proud) person from those who
32. Without doubt, according to Our thorough knowledge (and wisdom) We granted superiority to the Bani Isra’eel over the people of the universe (during their time).

33. And We gave them such Ayaat (demonstrating Our power, like the splitting of the sea) in which there was clear grace (many blessings which served to strengthen their Imaan).

34. Verily these people (the Mushrikeen) say...

35. ...“This (our death) is merely our first death and we will not be resurrected (for accountability).”

36. (They challenged Rasulullaah ﷺ saying,) “Bring forth our forefathers (from their graves) if you are truthful (about the coming of resurrection).”

37. Are they (these Mushrikeen) better (more powerful) than the people of Tubba (title of the king of Yemen) and those before them? (Despite the immense strength of these people,) We destroyed them all, for they were all sinners (Kuffaar).

38. We have not created the heavens, the earth and whatever is between the two in vain (there are definite reasons for the creation of everything).

39. We have created them with wisdom (for specific purposes), but most people do not...
40. Indeed, the Day of Judgement has been stipulated for all of them.

41. (It is) The day when one companion will be of no benefit to another, neither shall they be assisted...

42. ...But those on whom Allaah has mercy. Allaah is undoubtedly the Mighty, the Most Merciful.

43. Verily the tree of Zaqqoom (a tree like the cactus)...

44. ...shall be food for the sinful.

45. It will be like the residue of oil (molten copper) and will boil (bubble) in the bellies...

46. ...just as water boils.

47. (Allaah will command the angels of punishment) “Grab him (the Kaafir) and drag (thrust) him to the very midst of the Blazing Fire!”
48. “Then pour the punishment of boiling water over his head.”

49. “(The Kaafir will be told) Taste (this punishment)! You are surely the ones who regarded yourself as the most honourable and esteemed (in the world and therefore refused to accept the message of the Ambiyaa (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam).”

50. “This (punishment) is what you used to doubt.” (Now you have in it in front of you and cannot doubt anything.)

51. Verily those with Taqwa shall be in a place of peace...

52. ...in Jannaat and springs (fountains).

53. They will wear clothing of fine silk and thick silk, and will be seated facing each other (to enjoy the companionship).

54. This is how it will be. We will also marry them to fair, large-eyed damsels.

55. In comfort, they will call for all types of fruit there (as they please).

56. They will not taste death there, but for the first death (of this world which would have already passed). Allaah will save them from the punishment of the Blazing Fire...
57. ...as a favour from your Rabb. This is the greatest success (what can be better than this!).

58. (O Rasulullah ﷺ) We have made it (the Qur’aan) easy on your tongue (in your language) so that they (your people) may heed (remember the advice given to them).

59. So (O Rasulullah ﷺ) wait (for Allaah to deal with them), for they are also waiting (for some calamity to overtake you).