Surah 52 Surah Toor

(MOUNT) TOOR

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TOOR AND SURAH DHAARIYAAT

Surah Dhaariyaat states that rewards and punishment in the Aakhirah are a definite reality in the verse, “Indeed what you have been promised is undoubtedly true (Qiyamah shall certainly arrive) and retribution (rewards and punishment for actions) will undoubtedly take place.” Surah Toor defines the subject more finely by stating, “Indeed, the punishment of your Rabb shall take place (on the Day of Qiyamah). There shall be none to avert it.”

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

Surah Toor deals with the following aspects.

* Two logical proofs to prove the immense powers of Allaah so that all may understand that it is simple for Allaah to punish people when and as He pleases.
* Consolation to Rasulullaah (Saw).
* Warnings of punishment to the Kuffaar.
* Glad tidings of Jannah together with a detailed description of Jannah.
* Reproaches to those who reject Touheed.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. By the oath of Mount Toor (the mountain where Allaah addressed Moosa ﷺ)...  

2. And the written book (the record of every person’s actions)...  

3. Which is in an open manuscript (to be made available for reading on the Day of Qiyaamah).  

4. And (by the oath of) the “Baytul Ma’moor” ("The Frequently Visited House", referring to the place in the heavens directly above the Kabah where the angels make Tawaaf)...  

5. And (by the oath of) the raised roof (the sky)...  

6. And (by the oath of) the brimming (swelling) ocean.  

7. Indeed, the punishment of your Rabb shall take place (on the Day of Qiyaamah).
8. There shall be none to avert (prevent) it (the Day of Reckonings).

9. (It will be) The day when the sky shall tremble uncontrollably...

10. ...and the mountains will fly through the air (as dust particles after being reduced to dust).

11. Destruction be to the rejecters (those who reject the coming of Qiyaamah) on that day (the Day of Qiyaamah)...

12. ... (the rejecters are) those who are frolicking (playing) in their vanities (who enjoy themselves by doing as they please without caring for the day when they will have to account for everything they do).

13. (Do not forget) The day (of Qiyaamah) when they will be forcibly shoved (driven) into the Fire of Jahannam.

14. (It will then be said to them,) “This is the Fire that you used to deny (reject)!”

15. “Is this magic (as you used to say about the miracles and scriptures of the Ambiyaa) or are you unable to see?” (Today you are unable to deny its existence!)

16. “Enter into it! Whether you bear it with patience or you do not, it will make no difference to you! (In any event, your suffering will be the same.) You are being punished only for what (kufr and sins) you used to do.” (You are not being oppressed without reason.)
17. Verily (truly) those with Taqwa shall be (enjoying themselves) in Jannaat and (its) bounties (bliss)...

18....enjoying what (blessings) their Rabb gives them. (The greatest blessing is that) Their Rabb shall save them from the punishment of the Blaze (Jahannam).

19. (They will be told) “Eat and drink with blessings in return for the (good) deeds that you did (in the world).”

20. They will be reclining on couches arranged in rows and We shall marry them to fair maidens with large (wide) eyes.

21. Those (Mu’mineen) who do good deeds and whose progeny (families) follow them in Imaan (who are Mu’mineen as well), We shall join their progeny with them (in Jannah, and this privilege of having their family with them in Jannah will be given to them) without reducing anything from (the rewards of) their (good) deeds. (However, the Kuffaar will be unable to join their Mu’mineen relatives in Jannah because) Every person (Kafir) shall be detained (in Jahannam) for his (evil) actions (of kufr and sin).

22. (Continuing with the bounties of the Mu’mineen in Jannah, Allaah says,) In addition (to all the other bounties mentioned.), We shall grant them (an abundance of) fruit and meat (which they shall have) as (and when) they desire (without delay or interruption).

23. There (in Jannah) they will pass around (enjoy) a cup (of pure drink) in which there is no
24. Their young (servants in Jannah) shall wait on them (serving them whatever they wish), appearing to be like concealed (preserved) pearls (because of their beauty and refined manners).

25. They (the people of Jannah) will face each other asking questions.

26. They will say, “Before this (in the world) we used to be fearful (of Jahannam as we sat) among our families (houses).”

27. “However, Allaah favoured us and saved us from the punishment of the scorching wind (of Jahannam).”

28. “Indeed before this (in the world) we always used to pray (call) to Him (to save us from Jahannam). (Allaah answered our prayers because) He is certainly the One who treats with kindness, the Most Merciful.”

29. So (O Muhammad ﷺ) continue reminding (and advising people about Allaah) for, by the grace of your Rabb, you are neither a fortune-teller (who receives news from the Jinn) nor a madman (as the Kuffaar claim).

30. Or (besides saying this) do they say, “He (Rasulullaah ﷺ) is a poet whose calamity of time (death) we are eagerly awaiting?”
31. Say, “Wait (to see my success), for I am also waiting with you (to see your disastrous end).”

32. Or is their intelligence (of which they are proud) commanding (teaching) them to do this (to reject Imaan despite being shown the proofs) or are they (not accepting Imaan simply because they are) a rebellious (disobedient) nation?

33. Or are (they rejecting Imaan and the Qur’aan because) they (are) saying, “He (Rasulullaah ﷺ) has forged it”? The fact of the matter is that they refuse to accept Imaan (and will not accept despite every proof shown to them).

34. Let them produce (bring forth) a speech like it (the Qur’aan) if they are truthful (in their claim that it is the speech of Rasulullaah ﷺ).

35. Or (if they refuse to believe in Allaah Who created them, then) were they created (did they come into existence) without a creator or are they (under the misconception that they are) creators themselves?

36. Or (if as they say, Allaah did not create everything, then) did they (themselves) create the heavens and the earth? The fact is that they have no conviction (no faith in the fact that Allaah is The Only Creator and The Only Ilah).

37. Or are the treasures (bounties) of your Rabb with them (in their control) or (if they do not have complete control) do they possess authority (to distribute Allaah’s bounties as they please)? (Since the Kuffaar have no say in the distribution of Allaah’s favours, they have no say in who should be Allaah’s Nabi and therefore have no right to object to Allaah’s choice of Ambiyaa ﷺ.)

38. Or do they (the Kuffaar) have a ladder (stretching into the heavens) by which they are able to eavesdrop (divine revelation that permits them to commit kufr)? So (if they have heard some revelation to}
39. Or are (you Mushrikeen saying that) daughters (are) for Him (Allaah, by saying that the angels are His daughters) and sons (are reserved exclusively) for you (because you like to have sons) ?

40. Or do (the Mushrikeen reject Imaan because) you (O Rasulullaah) ask from them a fee so (and because of this fee they feel as if) they are burdened (troubled) by a penalty (making it difficult for them to accept your message)?

41. Or do they (reject Imaan because they) have knowledge of the unseen (proving their claims) which they are writing (down to ensure that it continues)? (The fact is clear that the Kuffaar and Mushrikeen have nothing concrete to substantiate their beliefs and actions.)

42. Or are they plotting (planning) something (against Rasulullaah, which they are waiting to carry out)? Indeed those who commit kufr will themselves be ensnared (trapped) in a plot (when Allaah punishes them).

43. Or do (they reject Imaan because) they have an Ilaah besides Allaah? Allaah is Pure (free) from the partners they ascribe to Him. (None can be an Ilaah but Allaah.)

44. (These Kuffaar are so obstinate that) If they see a portion (part) of the sky hurtling down (towards them as a form of punishment) they (will deny it and) say, “This is (only) a cloud in stacked (thick) layers.”

45. So (it is best that you) leave them (without insistently preaching to them) until they meet their day (the Day of Qiyaamah) when they will fall unconscious (after hearing the blast of the trumpet).
46. The Day of Qiyaamah will be the day when their schemes will be of no benefit to them (but will rather be to their detriment) and they will not be assisted (against Allaah’s punishment).

47. There shall surely be another punishment (in this world like Badr) besides this (punishment in the Aakhirah) for the oppressors (the Kuffaar) but they have no idea.

48. (Therefore, O Rasulullaah) Bear patiently with the decision (order) of your Rabb (to allow the Kuffaar respite until the appointed time of their punishment) for you are under Our protection (and have nothing to fear from them). Glorify the praises of your Rabb when you rise (sleep and stand in prayer).

49. And glorify Him during a portion of the night (in Tahajjud salah) and even after the stars have vanished (at early dawn).