Surah 55 Surah Ar-Rahmaan

THE MOST MERCIFUL

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH AR RAHMAAN AND SURAH QAMAR

Surah Qamar declare that Allaah is the Creator of the universe and that Only He can assist people in need. Surah Ar Rahmaan states further that since Allaah is the source of all help, His name must surely be most blessed. He should also be regarded as the Fountainhead of all blessings. This stated in the concluding verse of the Surah where Allaah says, "Blessed is the name of your Rabb, the Possessor of majesty and benevolence."

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

* The beginning of the Surah, mentions nine logical proofs of Allaah’s immense powers.
* Verses 26 to 45 warn to the Kuffaar about the punishment they will have to face in this world and in the Aakhirah.
* Verse 46 up to the end discuss the pleasures and bounties that the Mu'mineen will receive in Jannah.
* The Surah repeatedly asks man and Jinn in a rhetorical manner which bounties of Allaah’s do they reject by claiming.
* These multiple bounties denote that Allaah is the Only source of blessings and fortune. Those who deny this fact will have to face terrible consequences in this world and in the Aakhirah.
* However, those who will have Imaan and who accept this shall receive the everlasting bounties of Jannah.
1. *Ar Rahmaan* (The Most Compassionate - Allaah) ...

2. ....taught the Qur’aan (to Rasulullah ﷺ and to mankind, guiding them with it).

3. He created man...

4. ....and (In addition to this favour, He even) taught him to speak.

5. (Another of His favours is that) The sun and moon are (travelling) by calculated courses (orbits which Allaah has set for them until their end of time). (Because of these fixed courses, man is able to accurately calculate time so that he can plan and organise his activities.)

6. (Even) The creeper (shrub and the) tree prostrate (to Allaah in submission to Him).

7. He (Allaah) raised the sky (as a protective roof above the earth) and set up the scales (in this world by which man can properly weigh in trade so that none is unjust to another)...

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.
8. So (in return for this favour ensure) that you do not transgress in the matter of the scale (do not cheat people when weighing their goods).

9. And (in return for this favour ensure) that you observe weight with justice and you do not weigh less in the scale (than what is due).

10. He (Allah) has spread out the earth for people.

11. On it are fruit, palms with sheathed stalks,…

12. …seeds as chaff (fodder for animals) and sustenance (food for people and fragrant flowers) as well.

13. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you (man and Jinn) deny? (Since you cannot deny any of Allah's favours to you, you ought to express gratitude to Him by obeying Him and fulfilling His commands. After reciting this verse, Muslims should say, "O our Rabb! We do not deny any of Your bounties. All praise and admiration is for You Alone.")

14. He (Allah) created (the first) man from melodious (sounding) sand that resembles potter's clay. (Allah mixed sand with water to make clay and then used the clay to fashion the mould of the first man, Adam). When the clay had dried, it became hard and it made a melodious sound when struck by hand, just like a clay pot or vase.

15. And He created the (first) Jinn from pure leaping fire. (After creating the first pair of man and Jinn, the rest of the creation were born from them.)
16. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you (man and Jinn) deny?

17. (Allah is) The Rabb of the two Easts (the two extreme points in the Eastern horizon where the sun rises throughout the year) and the two Wests (the two extreme points in the Western horizon where the sun sets throughout the year).

18. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

19. He has released (dislodged) the two (salty and fresh) waters so that they (appear to) meet.

20. (However,) Between the two (waters) is a (invisible) barrier so that the two do not transgress (do not mix with each other).

21. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

22. (Another of His favours is that) Small and large pearls emerge from the two of them (the two types of waters).

23. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?
24. (In) His (control) are the raised (high) ships on the oceans (which are) like mountains (in size). (Despite their immense size, Allaah keeps the ships afloat so that man is able to derive great benefits from them.)

25. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

26. Everything on earth shall perish (on the Day of Qiyaamah if not sooner).

27. (When this happens,) Only the countenance of your Rabb the Possessor of majesty and benevolence shall remain (forever, without ever perishing).

28. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

29. All in the heavens and the earth ask (their needs) from Him and He is engaged in some matter every day (caring for and sustaining His creation).

30. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

31. We shall soon free Ourselves for you (to reckon with you on the Day of Qiyaamah), O the two of you groups (man and Jinn).

32. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?
33. O assembly (gathering) of Jinn and man! If you are able to transcend (go beyond) the limits of the heavens and the earth (in an effort to escape My punishment), then (try to) do so. (However,) You will be unable to transcend (pass) without the power (which you can get only from Allaah).

34. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

35. (On the Day of Qiyamah) A flame and smoke shall be unleashed on the two of you (man and Jinn in Jahannam) and you will be helpless to ward it off.

36. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

37. (The time shall certainly come on the Day of Qiyamah) When the sky shall split asunder and become red like hide (leather).

38. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

39. On that day no man and no Jinn shall be asked (questioned) about his sins. (The asking will not be the usual enquiry to gain knowledge because Allaah has knowledge of everything. However, the asking will be merely to get them to admit their sins.)

40. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?
41. The criminals (the Kufaar) will be recognised by their traits (among these will be their gloomy faces and terrified blue eyes) and will be seized by their forelocks (hair) and feet (and dragged into Jahannam).

42. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

43. (It will then be announced) “This is the Jahannam which the criminals (Kufaar) used to deny.”

44. They shall pass between it and the boiling water. (Their punishment will alternate between suffering in Jahannam and sometimes drinking from the boiling water which will tear their internal organs.)

45. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

46. The one who fears standing in the presence of his Rabb (on the Day of Qiyaamah) shall have two gardens (of Jannah). (These two gardens of Jannah are reserved for those Mu’mineen who are extremely close to Allaah. The Jannah that other Mu’mineen will receive is mentioned from verse 62 onwards.)

47. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

48. Both these (gardens) shall be filled with branches (trees laden with fruit).

49. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?
50. In both (gardens) there shall be two gushing springs (fountains).

51. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

52. In both there shall be a pair of every fruit (the same fruit with different flavours).

53. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

54. They (the people of Jannah) shall recline on bedding (couches) lined with thick silk. The fruit of both gardens shall be extremely close (at hand, requiring no effort to pluck them).

55. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

56. In these gardens, there shall be maidens with lowered (modest) gazes whom no man or Jinn has ever touched.

57. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

58. They (these maidens) seem to appear like rubies and pearls (because of their delicate and clear complexions).

59. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?
60. Can the reward for good be anything but good? (The reward for the good done in this world will be the excellent bounties of the Aakhirah.)

61. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

62. Lesser than these two gardens (of Jannah) are another two gardens (reserved for all the other Mu'mineen).

63. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

64. Both (are) dark green (because of their lush foliage).

65. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

66. Both have gushing springs (fountains).

67. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

68. In both are fruits, date palms and pomegranates. (Although sharing their names with those fruits)
69. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

70. In them are good and beautiful women (who will be their wives). (Apart from their physical beauty, the women of Jannah will also possess excellent qualities and character.)

71. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

72. (Describing these women further, Allaah says that they will be) Fair damsels sheltered in tents (camps).

73. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

74. Neither any man nor Jinn has ever touched them.

75. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

76. The people of Jannah shall recline on green cushions and most beautiful carpets.

77. So which favours of your Rabb do the two of you deny?

78. Blessed is the name of your Rabb, the Possessor of majesty and benevolence (ground).