Surah 74 Surah Muddathir

THE ONE WRAPPED IN A BLANKET

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH MUDDATHIR AND SURAH MUZZAMMIL

Surah Muzzammil conveyed the message that people should regularly recite the Qur’aan and remain steadfast on their belief in Towheed. Surah Muddathir goes a step further by saying that, not only should people recite the Qur’aan and practise it, but they should also actively involve themselves in propagating Towheed as well as every other injunction of the Qur’aan.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The beginning six verses of the Surah contain the following primary instructions:

* Warn others about Allaah’s punishment.
* Actively promote Towheed.
* Proclaim Allaah’s purity from all partners.

Thereafter, Allaah gives encouragement to Rasulullaah ﷺ in verse 7. Verses 8 to 10 proceed to warn people that the inevitable Day of Judgement will be difficult for the Kuffaar. In verses 11 to 16, Allaah severely rebukes those who reject the message of Islaam, more particularly a Mushrik by the name of Waleed bin Mughiera. The punishment in store for such people in the Aakhirah is then mentioned in verses 17 to 31.

Allaah condemns these people further in verses 32 to 38, after which He conveys glad tidings to the Mu’mineen in verses 39 and 40. From verse 41 up to verse 48, Allaah relates how the Kuffaar and sinners will admit their sins on the Day of Qiyaamah and realise that they are suffering on account of misguided ways.

The concluding eight verses of the Surah describe how the Kuffaar flee from the message of Towheed and other advice just as donkeys flee from a lion. They foolishly demand that Allaah personally convey the message to them, a demand that will never be fulfilled.
1. O you wrapped in a shawl!

2. Stand up (among the people) and warn (them about Allaah’s punishment for rejecting Imaan).

3. Announce the greatness of your Rabb (which is a most important point of your message).

4. (When preaching Towheed, mind your appearance and ensure that you) Keep your clothing clean. 
(External purity complements internal spiritual purity.)

5. (In addition to this, also) Stay away from filth (idols and sin, as you have always been doing).

6. Do not give (anything) to others with the intention of receiving back more (from them as a token of thanks).

7. Be patient (endure the taunts and opposition of the Kuffaar) for the sake (pleasure) of your Rabb (for He will reward you abundantly for it).
8. **When the trumpet is blown** (to signal the arrival of Qiyaamah)... 

9. ...that day will be an extremely severe day...

10. ...for the Kaafiroon and it will not be easy.

11. (Referring specifically to Waleed bin Mughiera, one of Rasulullaah ﷺ's worst enemies, and to all such Kuffaar in general, Allaah says,) **Leave Me (to deal)** with the one (the Kaafir) **whom I have created single-handedly**...

12. ...and to whom I have granted ever increasing wealth...

13. ...Sons (10) who are present with him (to boost his pride)...

14. ...and for whom I have prepared every type of comfort.

15. He then wishes that I grant him even more *(in the Aakhirah).*

16. **Never** (shall he receive any good in the Aakhirah)! **He was certainly opposed to** *(rejected)* Our Aayaat.
17. I shall soon make him climb a mountain of Jahannam. (Rasulullah ﷺ said that the mountain refers to a mountain of fire in Jahannam that will take a person seventy years to climb and another seventy years to descend. This will continue forever without any respite.)

18. Verily, when Waleed was asked about the Qur’aan he thought about what to say so that the Mushrikeen are not displeased, even though he knew that the Qur’aan was truly Allaah’s word and (finally he) devised something and announced that the Qur’aan was magic and that Rasulullah ﷺ was a magician.

19. May he be destroyed! How does he plot?

20. May he be destroyed again! How does he plot?

21. He looked (at the Mushrikeen waiting for his reply)...

22. ...and then frowned (to show dislike for the Qur’aan) and scowled.

23. Then he turned away and was proud.

24. He said, “This is nothing but magic recounted from (fables of) the past.”

25. “This is nothing but the word (ordinary) of man.”
26. I shall soon enter (cast) him into Jahannam.

27. What shall inform you what Jahannam is?

28. It neither spares (anyone) nor leaves (anyone without injury).

29. It distorts the body (by burning and making the skin red).

30. Nineteen angels are appointed (as keepers to watch) over it.

31. We have made (appointed) only angels as the keepers of the Fire (because each of them is individually stronger than all of mankind and Jinn, and because they never disobey Allaah). We have made their number (nineteen) only a test for the Kaafiroon (to see who scoffs at the number) so that the People of the Book may be convinced (about the truth of the Qur’aan because the same number is mentioned in their divine scriptures) and so that the Mu’mineen may be increased in Imaan (by believing in another verse of the Qur’aan), (The number has been fixed at nineteen) So that the People of the Book and the Mu’mineen may not doubt (the words of the Qur’aan) and so that those with diseased (hypocritical) hearts (the Munaafiqeen) and the Kaafiroon may say, “What does Allaah intend with this (strange) example?” Thus does Allaah send astray whoever He wills (allows them to stray) and guides whoever He wills. Only He (Allaah) knows the armies of your Rabb (the number of angels and other forces He uses). This (Qur’aan with all its subject matter) is certainly advice (guidance) for mankind.
32. Indeed, (I speak the truth) by the oath of the moon!

33. And by the oath of the night when it retreats (at dawn to make way for daylight)!

34. And by the oath of the morning when it gets bright!

35. Undoubtedly it (Jahannam) is among the gravest matters.

36. (It signals) A warning for mankind (that he should avoid everything that leads to it)...

37. ... (It is a warning especially) for those of you who wish to advance (towards good) and those who wish to retreat (move away from good).

38. Every soul shall be held back (in Jahannam) in custody for his (evil) actions...

39. ...except for the people of the right (those who will receive their records of actions in their right hands).

40. They will be in Jannat asking...
41. ...the sinners (in Jahannam)...

42. “What has landed (thrust) you in Jahannam?”

43. They will reply, “We were not among those who performed salaah…”

44. “…and we did not feed the poor.”

45. “We used to absorbed (in vain talk) with those who were absorbed (equally vain)…”

46. “…and we used to deny the Day of Reckoning…”

47. “…until death came to us (only then did we realise the error of our ways, but it was too late).”

48. The intercession of intercessors will not help them (because no one will be allowed to intercede on their behalf).

49. What is the matter with them that they turn away from the Advice (the Qur’aan)…”
50. ...(so vehemently) that they seem like wild donkeys...

51. ...fleeing from a lion?

52. In fact, (before they believe in Rasulullah ﷺ) each one of them waits to be given open scrolls (from the heavens, clearly commanding them to follow him).

53. Never (will this never happen)! The fact is that (they refuse to believe because) they have no fear for the Aakhirah.

54. Behold! This (Qur’aan) is the Advice (for all).

55. So whoever wills should take heed (because there shall be no separate book for each one).

56. (However) They cannot take heed unless Allaah wills. It is He Who should be feared and He Who forgives.