Surah 92 Surah Layl

THE NIGHT

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH LAYL AND SURAH SHAMS

Like Surah Shams, Surah Layl differentiates between correct and erroneous beliefs.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This Surah may be summarised as follows:

* Verses 1 to 4 declare that just as day and night, and male and female are different, so too are deeds. Good and evil deeds can never be the same.
* Verses 5 to 13 explain the above distinction further.
* Verses 14 to 16 warn about the terrible consequences to be faced in the Aakhirah.
* Verses 17 to 21 convey glad tidings about the rewards to be received in the Aakhirah.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. By (the oath of) the night when it covers (darkens the earth)!

2. By the day when it illuminates (brightens the earth)!  

3. By the One Who created male and female!  

4. Verily your efforts are varied (while some people strive for the material possessions of this world, others strive for the Aakhirah).  

5. As for the one (the Mu'min) who gives (charity to the needy), who has Taqwa (fears Allaah)  

6. ...and who believes (fully) in the most beautiful word (the Kalimah)...  

7. ...We shall make the (means to attain) great comfort (Jannah) easy for him (to carry out good deeds).
8. As for the one who is miserly and indifferent (careless about the truth of Islam)...

9. ...and who rejects (falsifies) the most beautiful word (the Kalimah)...

10. …We shall make the (means to attain) great grief (Jannah) easy for him (to commit sins).

11. His wealth will not benefit him when he falls (into destruction in Jahannam).

12. Verily, guidance (leading a person to the straight path) is Our responsibility (because people can only indicate to others the straight path and they cannot compel them to take it)...

13. …and the Aakhirah and the world are in Our control. (We therefore have free reign to do as we please and people should obey Our commands.)

14. I have warned you about a raging fire (so stay away from it)...

15. …which only the most wretched shall enter...

16. …who reject (Imaan) and turn away (from the truth).
17. Far removed from it (Jahannam) shall be the ones with the most Taqwa (the Mu'min)...

18. ...who spent their wealth to purify (their soul from greed and from other sins by attaining Allaah's pleasure and His forgiveness).

19. They do not have (to spend in charity because they need) to repay a favour to anyone...

20. ...(but they spend for no after reason) except for the pleasure of their Exalted Rabb. (Their good deeds are therefore done sincerely for Allaah's pleasure and not for ulterior motives.)

21. Soon shall they be completely satisfied (when Allaah rewards them in full in the Aakhirah).