Surah 111 Surah Lahab

The Flame

The link and summary of the surah

Allaah already made it clear that the Kuffaar should be ignored if they refuse to take heed after numerous attempts to persuade them to believe. Allaah will still grant victory to the Muslims and destroy the Kuffaar. Surah Lahab now describes how a particular Kaafir was destroyed.

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. (Abu Lahab was the brother of Rasulullah ﷺ’s father. He and his wife were among the staunchest opponents of Islaam and should take every opportunity to harass Rasulullah ﷺ. When he once cursed Rasulullah ﷺ, Allaah revealed this Surah saying,) May the hands of Abu Lahab be shattered (broken) and may he be destroyed.

2. Neither his wealth nor the things he earned shall benefit him (when he faces the terrible punishment of the Aakhirah).

3. He shall soon enter the flaming fire (ofJahannam)...

4. ...and his wife (Umme Jamil) as well. (Evil is) That woman (his wife) who carries firewood bound together with twisted rope. (This refers to her evil act of collecting thorny branches to place in the path of Rasulullah ﷺ to cause him harm.)

5. (In retribution) Around her neck (inJahannam) shall be (the same) twisted rope (a yoke)!