

## سُورَةُ الضُّحَى

### Sūrah adh Dhuhā

#### (THE MORNING BRIGHTNESS)

Revealed at Makkah, it has eleven Āyāt and only one Section.

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. By the morning brightness.
2. By the night, when it darkens.
3. Your Rabb has not forsaken you, nor is He displeased.
4. And the Hereafter is indeed better for you than the present life.
5. And soon shall your Rabb give for you so that you shall be well-pleased.
6. Did He not find you an orphan? So he sheltered you.
7. And He found you wandering, so He guided you.
8. And He found you destitute, so He enriched you.
9. Wherefore as to the orphan, be not you overbearing to him.
10. And as to the beggar, chide him not.
11. And as to the favours of your Rabb, discourse you thereof.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالضُّحَىٰ ①

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا سَجَىٰ ②

مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قَلَىٰ ③

وَلَلْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَىٰ ④

وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَىٰ ⑤

أَلَمْ يَجِدَكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ ⑥

وَوَجَدَكَ ضَالًّا فَهَدَىٰ ⑦

وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَىٰ ⑧

فَأَمَّا الْيَتِيمَ فَلَا تَقْهَرْ ⑨

وَأَمَّا السَّائِلَ فَلَا تَنْهَرْ ⑩

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ ⑪

## Secrets of Revelation

By the brightness of the day and enshrouding of the night! This refers to the fact that the day is inevitably followed by the night and vice versa.

### Constriction and Expansion

This exactly is the situation with regard to states of the Qalb. At times the feelings of the Qalb are very strong and clear. This is a state of expansion. And at other times it is feelingless, in a state of constriction, which does not mean that this state shall prevail and will not be replaced by expansion. Once the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> did not receive revelation for some days and the pagans sarcastically commented that his Rabb had abandoned him. The answer was given by Allah that He had neither abandoned nor was annoyed with him, for he indeed is innocent and His beloved Messenger, the leader of all Prophets blessed directly with both extrinsic as well as intrinsic excellences without a parallel. Rather his situation shall progress and improve by every fleeting moment.

### The Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> on Path of Progress Every Second

Right from the day he was raised, he is blessed with continuous rise in status. When in this world, each moment was marked with progress and while in Barzakh, he is continuously receiving his share of reward, for any righteous act done by anyone around the globe till the end of time being taught by him. The salutations of the angels and the Magnificent Rabb are in addition. And in the Field of Gathering, according to the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>, he will be revealed more words to invoke His blessings.

This shows that he will be progressing even there, while in Jannah his grace shall be the highest. Even an ordinary dweller of Jannah will progress by the moment. Same is the case with the seekers of Taşawwuf. They are constantly progressing provided they are resolute in their adherence to the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>, as this progress is regulated through him.

The Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> progressed in this world every day. Islam continued to spread and an independent Islamic State emerged at Madinah, followed by many victories. Infidelity was at the run and the programme of life revealed to him continued to flourish. May Allah awaken the contemporary Muslims as the prevailing pause in Islam's progress is making our claims of being Muslims dubious! And his Rabb will bless him so much that he will be pleased, both here as well as in the Hereafter, by making his Ummah grow and by forgiving it respectively. Though the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> was an orphan by His Wisdom, yet he

was raised and nurtured with care by His favour. And being seeker of the Truth, Allah guided him at every step.

### **A Clarification**

Strangely enough the translation generally rendered "found you wandering", gives rise to many questions. "Found you seeking, or searching" is the correct rendering. Just as everything in nature is impatient to get to its optimum excellence, for instance, a single bud is keen to develop into a full fledged flowering bud and then to blossom as a flower. Like wise, by his noble nature, he was anxious for the manifestation of Prophethood and would seclude to meditate for months, in Cave Hira. This anxiety is hinted at in the revelation that he was seeking so Allah obliged him.

Allah also found him needy, having no pals, possessions or power and blessed him with diehard followers in plenty as well as wealth and State power. So the best way of displaying gratitude by the Ummah for his raising is that the rights of the orphans and the destitute are given to them and, under no circumstances, violated. The needy must not be impeded from fulfilling their needs, nor insulted by virtue of being human. This is mandatory for the entire Ummah forever.

### **Residence, Dress etc. must Match the Status**

Allah's blessings must be acknowledged both by word of mouth as well as by disposition. These blessings, such as knowledge, State power, wealth must be pressed into service of mankind. And the lifestyle of a believer must be commensurate to what Allah has blessed him with, in terms of residence, dress, means of transportation etc. for this falls under acknowledgement and appreciation of Allah's blessings.