

سُورَةُ التِّينِ

Sūrah at Teen

(THE FIG)

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

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. By the fig, by the olive.
2. By the Mount Sinai.
3. By this secure city.
4. Assuredly We have created man in the goodliest mould.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالنِّينِ وَالزَّيْتُونِ ﴿١﴾

وَطُورِ سِينِينَ ﴿٢﴾

وَهَذَا الْبَلَدِ الْأَمِينِ ﴿٣﴾

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

5. Thereafter we revert him to the lowest of the low.
6. Save those who believe and work righteous deeds. Theirs shall be wage unending.
7. What will make you deny the Requital?
8. Is not Allah the Greatest of the rulers?

تُرَدُّوهُ إِلَىٰ أَسْفَلَ سَافِلِينَ ﴿٥﴾

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ

غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ﴿٦﴾

فَمَا يَكْذِبُكَ بَعْدَ بِالذِّينِ ﴿٧﴾

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿٨﴾

Secrets of Revelation

By the fig, and the olive! Both beautify the human body; purify blood, regulate digestion, strengthen the vital organs and render the face radiant. And by the Mount Ṭūr and the secure city of Makkah! Both being the centres of Divine Refulgence, dispensate intrinsic beauty. In other words; these four providing extrinsic and intrinsic beauty, are witness to the fact that Allah created mankind as the comeliest of all creations, by way of disposition and outlook, limbs and joints, intellect and wisdom, thought and understanding. And intrinsically, inspite of being a handful of dust, human being claims passion for Allah. What a beautiful combination; matter housing the celestial Rūḥ, whereby physical excellences and spiritual magnificence are put together. He blessed mankind with lamp like hearts which once illuminated with the light of Prophethood, turn them into seekers of the Supreme Being.

Given the right to choose in the temporal existence, man made such blunders that he qualified to be rated even below the animals and beasts, for the higher the altitude one plummets from the more severely he is likely to be hurt. So once he falls down from the sublime pedestal of humanity, he proves to be worse than beasts, who display brutality only to satiate their hunger, while man ravages his fellow beings to satisfy his ego, to enforce his superiority. However, those who retained their originality and progressed were the believers who placed an unrelenting trust in Allah and His Messenger^{SAW} whereby their conduct was reformed. Mark that a virtuous deed is only the one governed by Shari'ah and is done in conformity with the Holy Prophet^{SAW}. For them are endless rewards and they will be greeted by success in this world at every step.

Continuous Progress

They will experience continuous increase in their spiritual states enduring to the *Ākhirah* and their rewards are boundless. Remember that if a seeker stops at a certain station due to non availability of an accomplished Shaikh or does not live long enough, the intensity of the spiritual states and exhilaration within that station will continue to increase. Truly fortunate are those who enjoy progress in stations as well as levels.

So O' man! Having closely witnessed the entire system of life, wherein is an outcome to every action, will you still deny *Qayamah* and the requital? Do you still harbour doubts about the fact that to Allah belongs the real Sovereignty, over all the rulers and all the Governments?