

Tafseer: Group C

Surah Al- Mulk (1-14) *(The Kingdom / The Dominion)*

Introduction:

This is the 67th surah of Quran. It is a Makki surah. It has total 30 verses. In the first five verses man has been made to realize that the universe in which he lives is a most well organized in which he cannot detect any fault, any weakness, how ever hard he may try to probe. This Kingdom has been brought from nothing into existence by Allah Almighty Himself and All the powers of controlling, administering and ruling it are also entirely in Allah's hand and His power is infinite. Besides, man has also been told that in this wise system he has not been created without a purpose, but he has been sent here for a test and in this test he can succeed only by his righteous deeds and conduct.

In vv. 6-11, dreadful consequences of disbelief which will appear in the Hereafter have been mentioned, and the people told that Allah, by sending His Prophets, has warned them of these consequences in this very world, as if to say "Now, if you do not believe in what the Prophets say and correct your attitude and behavior accordingly, in the Hereafter you will yourself have to admit that you really deserved the punishment that was being meted out to you."

In vv. 12-14, the truth that has been impressed on the minds is that the Creator cannot be unaware of His creation, as if to say: "He is aware of each open and hidden secret of yours, even of the innermost ideas of your hearts."

Hence, the right basis of morality is that man should avoid evil, fearing the accountability of the unseen God, whether in the world there is a power to take him to task for this or not, and whether in the world there is a possibility of being harmed by such a power or not. Those who adopt such a conduct in the world alone will deserve forgiveness and a rich reward in the Hereafter."

Virtue of Surah Al- Mulk:

- *It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "A surah from the Quran containing thirty verses will intercede for a man so that he will be forgiven. It is the surah Tabaarak Alathi bi yadihi 'l-mulk [i.e., Surat al-Mulk]."*

-Narrated by al-Tirmidhi

- *It was narrated that: Whoever reads Tabaarak allaahi bi yadihi 'l-mulk [i.e., Sura al-Mulk] every night, Allah will protect him from the torture of the grave.*

What is meant is that a person should read it every night, act and follow what Allah asked to do in this surah, and believe in the information mentioned in it.

- *Jabir (radiAllahu anhu) said it was the custom of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam) not to go to sleep until he had read Tabarakalladhi Biyadihil Mulk and Alif Laam Meem Tanzeel.*

Explanation:

Aya 1.

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Blessed is He (Allah) in Whose Hand is the dominion, and He is Able to do all things.

What does this verse mean-?

- *Allah is the owner of whole kingdom.*
- *Allah has control over everything in the world.*

- *Allah's blessings are long lasting and continuously increasing, so we should never give up hope on Allah and always believe that we are having lots of blessing from Allah all the time whether we can see them or not. For example, we breathe in oxygen all the time without knowing that, if for any reason the supply of oxygen was shut down, no one would be able to survive.*

Tabaraka- *blessings that are everlasting, also continuously increasing*

Aya2.

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ

Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving;

- *Allah is the creator of death and life*
- *Allah has created death and life to test us to see who among us are doing the good deeds: Like our school, we are having a test now and Allah will give us the result and award on the Day of Judgment. Our test result will depend on how good we are in following the study notes (i.e. Al Quran) given by the creator in this world.*
- *Allah wants us to compete with each other, for what? Toys, cars, money? No, we should compete for good deeds: we have to try to be the best to Allah in every action we do, anything that Allah likes. How do we know what are the good deeds Allah likes? We know from the Quran, and lives of Prophet (Peace be upon him) and his companions.*
- *Allah is Gafoor i.e. He can cover up our sins if He wants although he is very powerful, so we should fear Allah when we are tempted to do any bad deed. Allah can forgive us if we ask for forgiveness sincerely, from heart.*

Ahsanu a'mala- *Actions of excellence, best in quality.*

Aya3.

الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا مَّا تَرَىٰ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِن تَفْوُتٍ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرَىٰ مِن فُطُورٍ □ □

Who has created the seven heavens one above another, you can see no fault in the creations of the Most Beneficent. Then look again: "Can you see any cracks?"

- Allah created the sky in layers one on top of another in a very organized way
- There is no fault/inconsistency in Allah's creation
- Allah asked us to look at his creations and think about them, so we can see how great Allah is and we can increase our faith in Him. Let's try to look outside more, look at sky, human, trees etc, not all the time to the TV or games.

Aya4.

□ □ ثُمَّ ارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ الْبَصَرُ خَاسِئًا وَهُوَ حَسِيرٌ

Then look again and yet again, your sight will return to you in a state of humiliation and worn out.

- Allah again asked us to look at His creations again and again (not the video games or cartoons!!!!), that means think more and more.
- If you do so, you will find how amazing Allah's creation is and your confidence and faith on Allah will increase.

Yanqalib: When something is sent forward, it turns, in a different way

- When you look at Allah's creation, your vision will return back to you changed, you will think different than first time: will make you humble, truthful.

Khashiya: to be tired of looking at something for long time, to be humble

Aya5.

وَلَقَدْ زَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا بِمَصَابِيحَ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا رُجُومًا لِلشَّيَاطِينِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابَ السَّعِيرِ □

And indeed We have decorated the nearest heaven with lamps, and We have made such lamps (as) missiles to drive away the Shayatin (devils), and have prepared for them the torment of the blazing Fire.

Aya6. □ وَلِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ

And for those who disbelieve in their Lord (Allah), is the torture of Hell, and this is for sure the worst destination.

Aya7. □ إِذَا أُلْقُوا فِيهَا سَمِعُوا لَهَا شَهيقًا وَهِيَ تَفُورُ

When they are cast therein, they will hear the blowing of its breath as it blazes forth.

Aya8. □ □ تَكَادُ تَمَيِّزُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ كُلَّمَا أُلْقِيَ فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَذِيرٌ

It almost bursts up with fury. Every time a group (of disbeliever) is thrown therein, its keeper will ask: "Did no warner come to you?"

Aya9. □ □ تَكَادُ تَمَيِّزُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ كُلَّمَا أُلْقِيَ فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَذِيرٌ

They will say: "Yes indeed; a warner did come to us, but we lied him and said: 'Allah never sent down anything, you are only in great error.'"

Aya10. □ □ تَكَادُ تَمَيِّزُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ كُلَّمَا أُلْقِيَ فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَذِيرٌ

And they will say: "Had we but listened or used our intelligence, we would not have been among the dwellers of the blazing Fire!"

Aya11. □ فَأَعْتَرَفُوا بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسُحِقًا لِأَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ

Then they will confess their sin. So, away with the dwellers of the blazing Fire.

Aya12. □ □ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُم بِالْغَيْبِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ

Verily! Those who fear their Lord unseen (i.e. they do not see Him, nor His Punishment in the Hereafter, etc.), theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise).

□ وَأَسِرُّوا قَوْلَكُمْ أَوِ اجْهَرُوا بِهِ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ . *Aya13.*

And whether you keep your talk secret or disclose it, verily, He is the All-Knower of what is in the hearts.

□ أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ . *Aya14.*

Should not He Who has created know? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous (to His slaves) All-Aware (of everything).

End.