

Sūratu l-Qāri‘ah – The Crashing Blow – سُورَةُ الْقَارِعَةِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْقَارِعَةُ ۝۱ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ ۝۲ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ ۝۳ يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ ۝۴ وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ
كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ ۝۵ فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ۝۶ فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ ۝۷ وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ۝۸ فَأُمُّهُ
هَٰوِيَةٌ ۝۹ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا هِيَ ۝۱۰ نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ ۝۱۱

In the name of Allāh, the Unimaginably Merciful, the All-Merciful:

¹ The Crashing Blow! ² What is the Crashing Blow? ³ What will explain to you what the Crashing Blow is? ⁴ On a day when people will be like scattered moths ⁵ and the mountains like tufts of wool, ⁶ the one whose good deeds are heavy on the scales ⁷ will have a pleasant life, ⁸ but the one whose good deeds are light ⁹ will have the Bottomless Pit for his home—¹⁰ what will explain to you what that is?—¹¹ a blazing fire. [M. A. S. Abdel Haleem]

Vocabulary Words

it became heavy [1 F]	ثَقُلَتْ	the crashing blow	الْقَارِعَةُ
scales	مَوَازِينُ	moths	الْفَرَاشِ
pleasing [1 F]	رَاضِيَةٍ	scattered	الْمَبْثُوثِ
it became light [1 F]	خَفَّتْ	colored wool	الْعِهْنِ
bottomless pit [1 F]	هَٰوِيَةٌ	teased	الْمَنْفُوشِ

Short-Answer Questions

- Is this a مَكِّيَّة or a مَدِينِيَّة sūrah? What does that mean?
 - This sūrah is مَكِّيَّة , meaning it was revealed **1)** while the Prophet Muḥammad, صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ , was residing in Makkah, **2)** in the first 13 years of receiving waḥy (revelation), **3)** before the hijrah (migration).
- How does this sūrah, which is a part of four interconnected sūrahs connect with the two before it, az-Zalzalah and al-‘Ādiyāt, and the one after it, at-Takāthur?
 - az-Zalzalah speaks about the ’ākhirah (Hereafter).
 - al-‘Ādiyāt speaks about the dunyā (This Life).

- c. al-Qāri‘ah again speaks about the ‘ākhirah (Hereafter).
- d. Then at-Takāthur again speaks about the dunyā (This Life).

3. What are two things we can do to help our deeds be accepted by Allāh?
- a. We can do things sincerely for Allāh’s sake.
 - b. We can follow the sunnah (way) of the Prophet Muḥammad, ṣalla l-lāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam.
4. How does the beginning of this surah relate to its ending?
- a. In the beginning, Allāh gave a terrifying warning (about al-Qāri‘ah), and He also gave a terrifying warning at the end (about nārun ḥāmiyah).
 - b. He started the sūrah with a question and answer (about al-Qāri‘ah), and He also ended the sūrah with a question and answer (about nārun ḥāmiyah).