

سُورَةُ الْكَوْثَرِ – Abundance – Sūratu l-Kawthar

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إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ﴿١﴾ فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَحْزَرَ ﴿٢﴾ إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ ﴿٣﴾

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

¹ We have truly given abundance to you [Prophet]—² so pray to your Lord and make your sacrifice to Him alone—³ it is the one who hates you who has been cut off. [M. A. S. Abdel Haleem]

Vocabulary Words

sacrifice [1 M]	أَحْرَزَ	surely we...	إِنَّا
surely/no doubt	إِنَّ	we gave	أَعْطَيْنَا
a hating enemy [1 M]	شَانِئٍ	a lot of good	الْكَوْثَرَ
one who is cut off [1 M]	أَبْتَرُ	pray [1 M]	صَلِّ

Short-Answer Questions

- Is this a مَكِّيَّة or a مَدَنِيَّة 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 connect to the one before it, al-Mā'ūn? Write two connections.

Connection	al-Mā'ūn	al-Kawthar
a.	In this sūrah, Allāh mentions people who are so miserly that they harshly push away the orphan and do not encourage feeding the poor.	In this sūrah, Allāh says that He gives so much (al-kawthar), so we should give a lot to others, too.
b.	Allāh mentions people who forget and delay their prayers because they do not care about them.	Allāh commands the Prophet, ṣalla l-lāhu 'alayhi wa sallam, and the believers to be consistent in their prayers.

c.	Allāh mentions people who pray only to show off to others.	Allāh commands the believers to pray only to Him (“pray <u>only</u> to your Master”).
d.	Allāh mentions people who do not do even the smallest acts of kindness.	Allāh orders sacrifice , which costs money, and part of the meat goes to charity.

3. What is al-Kawthar? Write two descriptions of it.

- a. It is a river in Jannah, which has a lot of good in it.
- b. The 'ummah of the Prophet Muḥammad, ṣalla l-lāhu 'alayhi wa sallam, will gather by it on the Day of Rising.
- c. It is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey.
- d. There are birds in it whose necks are longer than carrots, and it has domes of hollowed pearls on its banks.
- e. Its banks are made of gold and run over pearls.

4. Were the disbelievers right that the Prophet Muḥammad, ṣalla l-lāhu 'alayhi wa sallam, would not be remembered because all of his boys died at a young age?

- a. Absolutely not! Until this day, Muslims call the 'adhān, which mentions his name, in mosques all over the world. This is also said to children when they are born, so one of the first things they hear is his name, ṣalla l-lāhu 'alayhi wa sallam.
- b. Every day when we pray, we say his name and remember him, ṣalla l-lāhu 'alayhi wa sallam.