

## سُورَةُ النَّصْرِ – Help – Sūratu n-Naşr

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ ۖ وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا ۗ فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ

تَوَّابًا ﴿٤﴾

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

<sup>1</sup> When God's help comes and He opens up your way [Prophet], <sup>2</sup> when you see people embracing God's faith in crowds, <sup>3</sup> celebrate the praise of your Lord and ask His forgiveness: He is always ready to accept repentance. [M. A. S. Abdel Haleem]

## Vocabulary Words

they are entering [3+ M]	يَدْخُلُونَ	when	إِذَا
in crowds	أَفْوَاجًا	he came	جَاءَ
say how perfect Allāh is [1 M]	سَبِّحْ	help	نَصْرُ
seek forgiveness [1 M]	أَسْتَغْفِرْ	the opening	الْفَتْحُ
always ready to accept repentance [1 M]	تَوَّابًا	you saw [1 M]	رَأَيْتَ

## Short-Answer Questions

- Is this a مَكِّيَّة or a مَدَنِيَّة sūrah? What does that mean?
  - This sūrah is مَدَنِيَّة , meaning it was revealed **1)** while the Prophet Muḥammad, صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ , was residing in Madīnah, **2)** in the last 10 years of receiving waḥy (revelation), **3)** after the hijrah (migration).
- How does this sūrah connect to the one before it, al-Kāfirūn?

Connection	al-Kāfirūn	an-Naşr
a.	When Muslims were few, the kāfirūn tried to make a compromise with them to worship idols for some time.	Allāh (SWT) promises the Muslims His help and an opening, reminding them to be patient and not feel hopeless.

3. What event is this sūrah referring to?
  - a. **This is referring to Fath Makkah, the Opening of Makkah.**
  - b. **After lots of patience and struggling for the sake of Allāh, the Muslims were granted victory through Allāh's help.**
  
4. When the Muslims were victorious and powerful, what did they do with their weak enemies?
  - a. **They did not take advantage of the situation.** The mushrikūn of Quraysh tortured and killed Muslims while take their wealth when they were few in number. However, the Muslims did not respond with violence or hatred when they became numerous and powerful. **Rather they were merciful to them and gave them protection.**
  
5. What are at least two lessons this sūrah teaches us about victory?
  - a. **We should be patient and not feel frustrated or hopeless when we are not immediately successful.**
  - b. When we are granted victory, **we should be humble**, recognizing that Allāh was the One who helped us and gave us the opening. As a result, **we should seek His forgiveness and say how perfect He is.**
  - c. **We cannot force anyone to become a Muslim, even if we are strong and powerful. When matters become clear, each person can either choose The Truth, 'Islām, or turn away from it.**