

## Sūrat Al-ʿAnkabūt: Review for Today





#### Sūrat Al-'Ankabūt: Introduction

# God's precedence in testing humans' faith

Testing people's faith at all times. (Verses 1-4)

4 Verses

Different groups going through Divine Trials. (Verses 5-13)

9 Verses

Consequences of disbelieving in Prophets sent by God. (Verses 14-44)

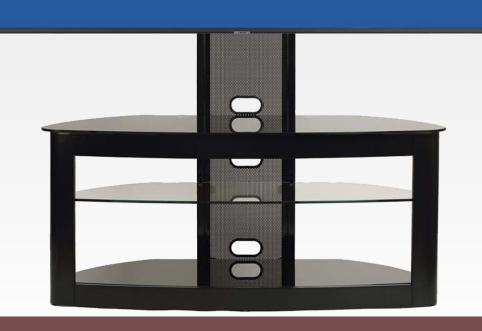
31 Verses

The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. (Verses 45-68)

24 Verses

Achievements of those who struggle in the way of God – Divine Mercy and Guidance. (Verse 69)

1 Verse











## The Creator: Al-Khaliq

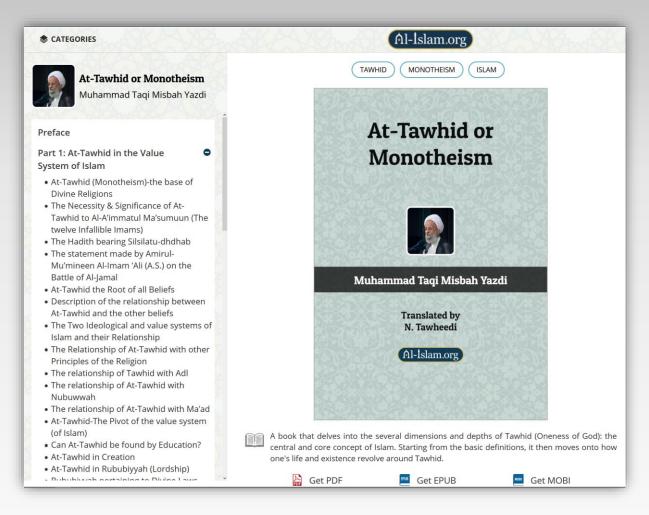


The Nurturer: Al-Rabb



The Sustainer: Al-Raziq





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اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّرْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ إِنَّ

اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمُ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ

Allah enlarges the sustenance which He gives for whom He wills of His servants, and at the same time Allah also limits the sustenance which He gives for whom He wills for His servants. Surely Allah has full knowledge of everything. (62)



اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ...

Allah enlarges the **sustenance** which He gives...

**Sustenance (Rizq):** "Every benefit that reaches a person, even if it is not food, and in this respect, all the benefits of life, including wealth, status, family, friends, beauty, knowledge, and so on all fall under the category of sustenance (rizq)."







**SUSTENANCE (RIZQ):** 

A TEST IN LIFE



فَأَمَّا الْإِنْسَانُ إِذَا مَا ابْتَلَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَأَحْرَمَهُ وَنَعَّمَهُ فَيَقُولُ رَبِّي أَحْرَمَنِ

And as for the human being, when his Lord **TESTS** him, then treats him with honor and makes him lead an easy life, he says: My Lord honors me! (89:15)

وَأُمَّا إِذَا مَا ابْتَلَاهُ فَقَدَرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقَهُ فَيَقُولُ رَبِّي أَهَانَنِ

However when He, *his Lord*, **TESTS** him differently, and limits to him his means of subsistence, he says: My Lord has disgraced me! (89:16)



قال الباقر عَنْهُ إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيُذْنِبُ الذَّنْبَ، فَيُدْرَأُ عَنْهُ الرِّقُ

Imam al-Baqir has said: "Indeed a person commits a sin and due to this, his *guaranteed* sustenance is repelled from him."



قال الصادق عليه: إِنَّ الْمُؤْمنَ لَينْوِى الذَّنْبَ فَيحْرَمُ رِزْقَهُ

Imam al-Sadiq has said: Indeed a believer makes the intention to sin and due to this, his *guaranteed* sustenance is repelled from him.

For more information on this, refer to Surah al-Qalam, Verses 17-19



#### **HOW to ATTRACT MORE SUSTENANCE?**

Every day, in every obligatory prayer in the final sajdah, recite the following short Dūʿāʾ as taught by Imam Muhammad al-Baqir ::



يَا خَيْرَ الْمَسْئُولِينَ وَ يَا خَيْرَ الْمُعْطِينَ ارْزُقْنِى وَ الْمَعْطِينَ ارْزُقْنِى وَ الْفَضْلِ ارْزُقْ عِيَالِى مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْوَاسِعِ فَإِنَّكَ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْوَاسِعِ فَإِنَّكَ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ الْعَظِيمِ

'O Best of the ones asked from, and O Best of the Givers! Grace me and Grace my dependents from Your Extensive Grace, for You are the One With the Magnificent Grace.'



#### **HOW to ATTRACT MORE SUSTENANCE?**

Every day, recite the following short Dūʿāʾ as taught by Prophet Muhammad ::



لَا حَوْلَ وَ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلَى الْعَظيمِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى الْحَى الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخذْ صَاحبَةً وَ لَا وَلَداً وَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ في الْمُلْكُ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلَيَّ مِنْ الذُّلِّ وَكَبِّرُهُ تَكْبِيرًا



وَلَيِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ نَزَّلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهَا لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْدِ مَوْتِهَا لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ اللَّهُ عَلْمُ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الللْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الللْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللْعَالْمُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الللْعَلَى الللْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللْعَلَى اللْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللللْعُلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ عَلَى اللللّهُ عَلَى اللللْمُ اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللللْمُ الللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللللْمُ اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللللْمُ اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللّه

If you *O Muhammad* ask them – *the disbelievers*, "Who is it that sends down water from the sky, and revives with it the earth after its death?" they – *the disbelievers* - will most certainly say, "Allah." Say *you*, *also*: "All praise and gratitude are for Allah." But most of them – *the non-believers* - do not use their reason *to know the truth and distinguish it from falsehood*. (63)



#### **Points for Reflection**

- 1. Our responsibility is to work hard AND pray to Allah for our sustenance however ultimately, it is up to Allah to grant us this is not in our hands.
- 2. We must always engage with those whom we feel are not on the right path or have deviated away rather than just leaving them to the society.
- 3. As Muslims, we must always be in a state of gratitude and thanks to Allah for the greatest of blessings He has given us that we are Muslims who submit to Him alone.

