

SOO-RA-TUL-IN SHI RAH

Chapter 94
Revealed in Mak-ka, 8 Verses

In the Name of Allaah, the All-Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. **A lam nash-rah la-ka sad-ra-ka** – **Have We not opened up for you your breast** i.e., opened up the latent and potential faculties of your breast and mind so as to enshroud the apparent and the hidden seas of knowledge, foresight and wisdom to enable you, to bear the huge burden of the Prophethood, befitting the last Messenger of Allaah.
2. **Wa wa-zha'-naa 'an-ka wiz-ra-ka** – **And We took off from you your burden -**
3. **Al-la-zee an-qa-zha zah-ra-ka** – **which was breaking your back** (pressing hard on you), huge burden of being the last Messenger of Allaah for all the mankind till the dooms, was the most difficult job. Even Hazrat Nuh (Noah) ('alai-his-salam) could not convince all his tribe over a span of 950 years. Whereas other Prophets had their missions confined to their own tribe or territory, the teachings of our Kind Prophet were for the whole of mankind. He proved most successful and completed his mission marvelously, and infused the honoured Companions and those who followed them to spread the Final Divine Message to all nooks and corners of the globe. This process of the spread of Islam, will go on till the end of this world. It is thus, that the huge burden of the Prophethood for the entire world, was eased by the Almighty-Lord on him.
4. **Wa ra-fa'naa la-ka zik-ra-ka** – **and exalted for you, your mention** (remembrance and renown).

The Kind Prophet enquired of Jibreel, (*'a-lai-his salam*) how his mention was elevated. He replied: 'Your name is next to that of Allaah. It is mentioned after the name of Allaah, in '*Azaan*', '*Takbir*', in both the *kalimaaz* – *Tay-yi-bah* and *Sha-haa-dat* (the Sacred Words and the Words of Testimony), and *At-ta-hi-yaat*, the *Khutba*; and also in matters of obedience – e.g., "Obey Allaah and the Prophet"; and in the abstinence from sins – e.g., "He who disobeys Allaah and the Prophet, indeed for him is the Fire of Hell to reside therein forever."

5. **Fa-in-na ma-'al 'us-ri yus-raa** – So truly, with the hardship comes ease.
6. **In-na ma'al 'us-riy us-raa** – Indeed with the hardship comes ease.
7. **Fa-i-za-fa-raqh-ta fan-sab** – **When you are free** (from preaching); **then toil** (stand for complimentary prayers etc.)
8. **Wa i-laa rab-bi-ka far-qhab-** and towards your Almighty-Lord incline (with supplication, hope and meditation).