

SOO-RA-TUL-ALAQ

Chapter 96

Revealed in Mak-ka, 19 Verses

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

1. *Iq-ra-bis-mi Rab-bi-kal-la-zee kha laq* – Read in the name of your Almighty-Lord, Who created (all creations);
2. *Kha-la-qal in-saa-na min ‘a-laq* –He created (developed) man from a clot.
3. *Iq-ra-wa rab-bu-kal ak-ram* – Read; and your Almighty-Lord is the Most-Generous:
4. *Al-la-zee ‘al-la-ma bil qa-lam*– Who taught by the pen -
5. *Al-la-mal in-saa-na maa-lam ya’-lam* – taught man what he knew not.

The above five Verses were the first of the Qur’aan Majeed to be revealed on the last Messenger of Allaah. They reflect on the Greatness of the Almighty-Creator; how man develops in the womb from a clot and the Generosity of the Almighty-Lord, in giving us knowledge (Sciences and Arts). They also exhibit the importance of knowledge and education due to which Hazrat Adam ‘alai-his-salaam, had superiority over the angels, who were ordered to prostrate before him.

6. *Kal-laa in-nal in-saa-na la-yat-qhaa* – Nay, but indeed man does transgress -
7. *Ar-ra-aa-hus-tagh-na*– that he sees (thinks) himself self-sufficient (obstinate and independent of Allaah).

8. *In-na i-laa Rab-bi-kar-ruj-'aa*– Surely, to your Almighty-Lord is the return (of all).
9. *A-ra-'ai-tal-la-zee yan-haa*– What do you see (think) of him who forbids -
10. *'Ab-dan-i-zaa sal-la* –a (true) servant (of Allaah), when he prays.

The above two and the following Verses appear to originally refer to Abu Jihl, one of the unbelievers' chief, who used to try to coax and prevent the Kind Prophet from offering the prayers.

11. *A-ra-'ai-ta in-kaa-na 'a-lal hu-daa*– What do you see (anticipate); if he were on the right path;
12. *Aw a-ma-ra bit taq-waa* – or enjoined with piety.
13. *A-ra-'ai-ta in kaz-zaba wa-ta-wal-la*– Did you see that he denied (Truth) and turned back?
14. *A-lam y'a-lam bi-an-nal laa-ha ya-raa*– Did he not know that Allaah sees (his actions and deeds)?
15. *Kal-la la-'il-lam yan-ta-hi la-nas-fa-'am bin-naa-siyah*– Never so, if he do not desist, We will drag him by the forelock -
16. *Naa-si-ya-tin kaa-zi-ba-tin khaa-ti-'ah*– a lying sinful forelock;
17. *Fal-yad-'u naa-di-yah*– so, let him call his associates, (helpers);
18. *Sa-nad-'uz za-baa ni-yah*– We, too, will call the angels (guards) of Hell.
19. *Kal-la laa tu-ti'-hu was-jud waq-ta-rib*– Never so, do not obey him but prostrate (in Sajdah) and be near (to Almighty).

NOTE: After reciting the above Verse, a 'Sajdah' (prostration) to the Almighty is obligatory.