

Surah A'laa

Introduction:

The prophet would read this surah during witr + recite it frequently - eid prayers/Jum'aah. The surah talks about 3 things:

1. Tawheed of Allah - explanation of his characteristics so we know him
2. Revelation of the Quran
3. Godly reminders + who benefits from them

Ayah (1):

"sabbih": commanding verb - telling you to do something. So we need to implement this verse in our sajdah - subbhana rabbi al a'laa. When the prophet read this ayah he would recite the above.

So many things are falsely ascribed with Allah e.g. daughters so when we hear this we should say Subhanallah. (So we are saying how far Allah is from what they are saying).

In sajdah we say: "rabbi - my lord" - honour for us

Ayah (3):

Allah guided the animals as well.

Ayahs 1/2/3 : 3 characteristics of Allah: Most high/Creator/Guide

Ayah (4):

When we sow a seed - we need to wait for it to grow/come out of the ground - who is it that does that?

Ayah (5):

"ghutha": foam/rubbish on the sea water. When the plant comes up and you take the fruit and you remove the cover - corn - the cover dies and turns brown. So we get daily reminders of life/death.

Ayah (6):

The prophet was worried that because he didn't have the option of reviewing the Quran because he was illiterate. So Jibrael would come down and the prophet would review the surahs with him. This was a miracle that he didn't forget the Quran.

Ayah (7):

This ayah tells us that the prophet would forget some of the ayahs and this is because Allah wanted him to forget it so we could learn how to correct someone.

Allah knows what is open/hidden: reminder before committing sin

Ayah (8):

"Yusr" : 2x in one ayah - Emphasising the fact that Islam was the easiest religion that came down from the heavens. E.g. Israelis had to kill themselves as Tawbah.

Ayah (9):

Here we learn a da'wah technique: give people reminders when people are most likely to accept them. We have to be wise when we are giving da'wah. Hajj - either makes you or breaks you.

Ayah (10):

Allah is telling us who will benefit from the reminders that others give them: The reminder will only benefit the person if they fear Allah and our sincere.

Ayah (12):

"annar al kubra": another name for Hellfire

a fire in this world is called sughrāh .

Ibn Qayyim said: people are like minerals of different types if you grind them - it will either break/ crumble or beautify the rock and make it a pearl. And similarly are the hearts of the people. If a test falls on them it will either break them or polish them. So it all depends on what they are made of.

Ayah (13):

Allah will give him new skin + if they died that would be mercy from Allah - but in Hell there will be no mercy. Death would come from every direction but it wouldn't kill him because he is in Hell.

Ayah (14):

"Aflaha" : past tense - has already happened: Allah's promised it. Person who has taken the path of purification has already become successful.

Ayah (15):

"wadhkar": remembers because it is in his fitrah.

Ayah (16): Allah is telling us the reason why we aren't accepting the truth.