

Surah Al-Qariah

Introduction:

If I said to you on the Day of Judgement you're scales will be heavy: where would you go? Paradise/Hellfire? In our minds when we think of heavy scales we think Hellfire. We don't think of Paradise, but in this Surah Allah tells us its going to be Paradise.

Names of Day of Judgement: Al-Qariah - to strike something with intense pounding - that day will strike the heart/ears of people. Sakhaa: thing which will deafen the ears. Taamaa- enormous calamity. Haqqah: truth. Ghashiya: overwhelming day.

Theme of this Surah: End of times (End of world)

People will be alive at this time and will witness everything.

Ayah (2):

Almost as if pushing us to ask/question

Ayah (3):

"wa ma adraka": nothing will make you understand but here is a glimpse so that we can prepare for this day a window into this striking day.

When we read about the End of Times, we realise how distracted they've become in their lives. When the Hour comes people will realise how incorrect they were living their lives. How unprepared they were.

Ayah (4):

Allah knows these are the Surahs , the people recite often so messages are strong - waking us up because the end is near. On that day people won't walk in an orderly fashion but they will be like scattered moths.

Ayah (5):

If that will be the condition of the mountain then what of human beings?

Ayah (6+ 7):

Automatically when someone says heavy scales we think - heavy of sins - because we always think negatively. The shuyookh said the scale that has

la ilaha illallah has every right to be heavy. Ayah 7 explains what they will be rewarded with.

Ayah (8+9):

"fa ummuhu" - his mother

"hawa" : to fall

Whoever's scales are light then his mother will be Hellfire. If you see a child in the mosque and he's crying because he has just seen new faces of uncles/aunties and you can see the fear on his face but when he sees his mother/father then he feels comforted. That is the only face he knows and it brings him comfort.

So when a person is in intense fear that's where they go for security. Here on this day the person witnesses all of the frightening signs of the Day of Judgements and then he runs to his mother which he will find out is Hellfire.

Ayah (10):

Again Surah asks you to contemplate on this.

Making this Surah part of your lives - by finding ways to make your scales heavy.