

Surah Takathur

Introduction:

This Surah is a wakeup call for those people who are distracted by the dunya. Allah (swt) is telling us about the distractions of this life which come from our wealth/offspring.

Theme of the Surah:

- Wealth coupled with ungratefulness to Allah

Ayah (1):

"alhakum" diverts you

"takathur" to show off - - if somebody buys something you want something better than that person, Showing off to the other person.

River of life - people allow the water to push them to the waterfall.

The only money which will actually benefit you is the one you spent in sadaqa. If you ate/wore something which wasn't for the sake of Allah then it's gone.

All these blessings we enjoyed in the dunya, we will be asked about them. Not necessarily a punishment but something to think about.

Ayah (2):

"zurtum": death - no return, at that time there will be no return.

Maqabir: graves

Visit isn't actually just going to the graveyard but death.

Ayah 1+2 is of shame

Ayah (3)

"Kalla": No ... but you are going to know when you see the hereafter.

They will know the reality of death

Ayah (4):

They will know the reality of the day of judgement. Ibn Al-Qayim said we will realise the reality when everyone will be assembled.

Ayah (5):

When you read this ayah then think that is you knew with certainty that the hereafter was coming what would you change in you life today. If you

knew Jannah/Jahannam and had seen them then which sin would you leave?

Ayah (6)

The use of noon + shadda is for emphasis that they will see the hellfire for sure.

Ayah (7)

Why does Allah say with "sight": because when they saw the signs in dunya they would say it was magic e.g. moon splitting so almost as if to say here that when they see the hellfire they may say this is magic.

Lesson:

- Don't become comfortable with the fact that if everyone is sinning, each and everyone is responsible for their own action.
- Hasan Al-Basri said "Don't accept the false security of everyone around you - you will be raised alone/ put to trial alone".