Suratul Shams

Introduction:

Surah talks about 2 main things:
   1. Human souls + human nature to take either the path of good/evil.
   2. Tyranny - disbelief in Allah e.g. People of Thamud

Testifying by celestial objects. So Allah wants us to contemplate more/more on these amazing creations - sun/moon/stars. There are many testifications in this Surah to intensify the qasm.

Qasm + Reply (ayah 9/10)

Ayah (1-4):
The sun is talked about in ayah 1-4 which shows how important this creation is. Imagine a boy in prison who has never been outside. He's released when he is 12 yrs old. When he goes out he'll watch the sun come up/go down and he will appreciate the miracle of Allah.

Testifications – almost like when we discover things in nature - Allah wants us to move forward from just saying wow and get to know their creator.

Ayah (5+6):
Allah is testifying by himself here.

Ayah (7):
Nafs: Allah says that even if the whole world got together they wouldn't even be able to create a fly let alone a soul.

Ayah (8):
Allah shows us his mercy in this ayah because he didn't just create us but also guided us to what is good/bad in every aspect of our lives.

Allah put guidance in our souls and didn't leave us lost.

Allah put in us an innate thing where sometimes we can feel whether we are doing something wrong/good. E.g. conversion to Islam.
Ayah (9 + 10):
“Das”: to step down on something – cover the truth – Know that there disbelief is wrong but trying to hide to hide the truth anyway.

The prophet (Saw) would read this du’a more/more:
“Oh Allah give my soul its righteousness and purify it. You are the best of purifiers. You are the friend of this soul and You are its master”

Ayah (11):
Talking about the people of Thamud. Verses of Allah destroying them – already done.
The people of Thamud told their prophet Salih that they wouldn't believe in Allah until Allah turned a big wall into a she-camel.

Miracles are easy for Allah to bring – but after Allah brought the she-camel and they still accept Islam then they would be destroyed.

Ayah (12):
“ashqaha – shaqi”: most wicked person – only because of his disobedience.

Ayah (13):
“naqa -t- allah”: This is the camel of Allah. So leave it alone. It was so enormous that it would drink from the well one day and the people would use the well the next day.

Ayah (14):
If Allah uses a "faa" then it means it happened immediately after they killed the camel.

“fadamdama”: punishment after punishment – no one left alive.
Why did Allah destroy the whole nation when only one man killed the she-camel because everbody was silent and accepted what he was doing/ didn’t try to stop him.

Ayah (15):
Show’s Allah’s power – Allah doesn’t fear destroying them and taking No one can take Allah into account.
revenge. So when Allah punishes people he doesn’t fear retaliation.

When a person chooses the wrong path – of disobedience then Allah doesn’t care about you.