23. Surah Al-Muminun
(The Believers)

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful.

1. The believers have, indeed, attained the success.

2. Those who offer their *Salat* humbly.

3. And those who turn away from vain talk.

4. And those who pay the poor-due.

5. And those who guard their chastity.

6. Except from their wives and from those slaves whom they possess (according to the Islamic law), so there is no blame on them.

7. Hence, whoever seeks (sexual satisfaction) beyond that, then those are the transgressors.

8. And those who faithfully fulfil their trusts and promises.

9. And those who strictly guard their (five obligatory) prayers (in congregation and at fixed times).

10. Those are indeed the inheritors.¹

11. They shall inherit the Paradise. They shall reside there forever.

12. Indeed, We created man (Adam) out of an extract of clay [i.e. Adam (אָדָם)] who was created from dust. Also mankind eats food products coming from the earth, and this

¹ One person asked Aisha (عائشة بنت أبي بكر الصديق) “What was the character of Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)?” She said: “His character is described in the Quran.” Then she recited first nine Verses of Surah Al-Muminun and added: “This was the character of Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم).”

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food has nutrients to produce the sexual discharge.

13. Then We made him [the Children of Adam (عائشة)] as nutfah (mixed drops of male and female sexual discharge and placed it) in a safe place (i.e. womb of the woman).

14. Then We made it into a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood), then We changed it into a lump of flesh, then We made the lump into bones, then We clothed the bones with flesh, and then We made it into another form and shape (i.e. a child with hearing, sight etc.). So blessed be Allah, the Best of creators! (Some modern embryologists have embraced Islam inspired by this Verse). (Also Surah At-Tin:4)

15. Then after that, you will surely die.

16. Then you will, surely, be resurrected on the Day of Resurrection.

17. And, indeed, We have created above you seven heavens (one over the other), and We are never unaware of Our creation.¹

18. And We sent down from the sky the rain water in a (suitable) quantity, and We stored it in the earth (for a long period). We are able to take away this water from you (by penetrating it deep into the earth so that you cannot reach it).

19. Then We produced with it for you gardens of palm trees and grapes. There is plenty of fruit for you in them and some of that you eat.

20. And olive tree which grows on Mount

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1. While creating heavens We were not ignoring Our creatures on the earth. We rather made the earth safe by not letting the heavens fall on it. Or, We did not ignore the necessities of life of Our creatures on the earth (Fateh al-Qadeer).
Sinai, which produces oil and is an enjoyable sauce for the eaters (during their meals).

21. And, indeed, there is a lesson for you in the cattle. We give you to drink (milk) from their bellies. And there are many other benefits for you in them and some of them you eat too.

22. And on them, and on the ships you are carried.

23. And, indeed, We sent Nuh (אֱלֹהִים) to his people, and he said: “O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other God but Him. Will you then not fear (Allah)?”

24. But the leaders of his people who disbelieved said: “He is just a human being like you wishing to have superiority over you. If Allah willed, He would have sent down angels (to do this job). We never heard such a thing from our forefathers.

25. “He is only a man with madness. So wait for a while (till his death).”

26. Nuh (אֱלֹהִים) said: “O my Creator! Help me since they deny me.”

27. So We revealed to him (saying): “Construct the boat under Our Eyes and under Our Guidance. So when Our Command comes, and water gushes out from the land, then take two of each kind (male and female) to ride in your boat and also your family except those against whom the Command (for drowning) has already been issued. And (at the time of torment) don’t talk to Me regarding the wrong-doers since all of them are going to be drowned.”
28. So when you and your followers have seated yourselves comfortably in the boat, then say: “All praise and thanks are due to Allah Who has saved us from the people who are the wrong-doers.”

29. And (when the storm is calmed down) say: “O my Creator! Make me land at a blessed landing-place. Since You are the best of those who bring to land (as your guests).”

30. Indeed, in this story there are many signs. And We always put people into test.

31. Then, after them We created another nation (A’d or Thamud).

32. So We sent to them a messenger from among themselves (saying): “Worship Allah! You have no other God but Him. Will you not then fear (Allah)’?”

33. And the leaders of his people who disbelieved and denied the Meeting in the Hereafter and whom We had given the comforts of worldly life said: “He is just a human being like you, he eats what you eat, and drinks what you drink.

34. “And if you were to obey a human being like yourselves, then, indeed, you would be losers.

35. “Does he promise you that when you have died and have been reduced to dust and bones, you will be reborn?

36. “Far, very far is that which you are promised!

37. “There is nothing except the worldly life. Some of us die and others survive and we are not going to be resurrected.

38. “He is just a man who has coined a lie against Allah (saying that we will be resurrected again), and we are not going
39. (The Prophet) said: “O my Creator! Help me because they deny me.”

40. (Allah) said: “They will surely be regretful in a short while for what they used to do”.

41. So, due to (Allah’s) justice, an awful cry seized them, and We made them like rubbish. So away with the people who are wrong-doers.

42. Then, after them, We created another nation.

43. No nation can advance or delay their appointed time (of destruction).

44. Then We sent Our messengers one after another. Every time a messenger came to a nation, they denied him. So We made one follow the other (to destruction) and made them stories (to learn lesson from them). So (far) away are the people who did not believe!

45. Then We sent Musa (J.S.) and his brother Harun (J.S.) with Our revelations and clear proofs,

46. To Firaun and his chiefs, but they showed arrogance, and they were very haughty people.

47. They said: “Shall we believe in two men like ourselves while their people are our obedient servants”.

48. So they denied both of them and became of those who were destroyed.

49. And, indeed, We gave Musa (J.S.) the Scripture, so that they may be guided.

50. And We made the son of Maryam and his mother as a sign, and We gave them
refuge on a high ground, a secure place with flowing streams.

51. O you messengers! Eat from the lawful things and do good deeds (i.e. one cannot do good deed without lawful eating. This instruction is not for messengers only but for their followers too). I am All-Knower of what you do.

52. And, indeed, this is your religion and it is one and the same religion. (The essence of this is) that I am your Creator, so fear Me.

53. But people divided their religion among themselves into many sects. Every group is happy and content with its own sect.

54. So leave them in their headlessness and ignorance for a (limited) time.

55. Do they think that We increase them in their children and wealth,

56. (And by doing so) We are hastening for them with good things? (It is only a test for them). In fact, they don’t understand it.

57. Indeed, those who tremble with fear of their Creator;

58. And those who believe in the revelations of their Creator,

59. And those who don’t join any one (in worship) as partners with their Creator;

60. And those who give that which they give (i.e. charity) and their hearts tremble with the thought that they have to return to their Creator (for accountability).

61. Those are people who hasten in the good deeds and they are foremost in them (e.g. performing obligatory Salat in early and fixed time etc).
62. (And these activities are not difficult, since) We don’t burden any person except according to his capacity. (These activities also have good reward, since) We have a Book with Us which describes everything justly and people will not be wronged (at all).

63. In fact, the hearts of the disbelievers are heedless to this (i.e. the Quran) and they engage in other (evil) activities which they (continuously) do.

64. Until when We seize their well-to-do people with punishment, then they start crying bitterly.

65. Don’t cry bitterly today. Certainly, you shall not be helped against Us.

66. Indeed, Our Verses were recited to you, even then you used to turn back on your heels,

67. With arrogance and talking evil about the Quran in their private meetings at night.

68. Have they not pondered over this Word (i.e. the Quran)? In fact, what (guidance) came to them, it did not come to their forefathers (so they should be thankful and accept it willingly).

69. Or is it that they did not recognize their messenger [Muhammad (ﷺ)] so they deny him?

70. Or do they say: “There is madness in him?” In fact, he has brought them truth but most of them hate the truth.

71. And if the truth (i.e. religion) had followed their vain desires, then the heavens and the earth and whosoever is in them would have been corrupted! In fact, We have conveyed them their reminder, but they turn away from the reminder.
72. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] Are you demanding some wages from them? But the reward of your Creator is far superior, and He is the Best of those who give sustenance.

73. And [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] you are, indeed, inviting them to a Straight Path.

74. And those who don’t believe in the Hereafter, they are, indeed, going astray from the (Straight) Path.

75. Even if We have mercy on them and remove their distress which has afflicted them, still they would, (due to their stubbornness) persist in their transgression, wandering blindly.

76. And We did seize them with punishment (i.e. defeat in Badr), but they did not bend a bit to their Creator nor cared to humble themselves to Him.

77. Until, when We opened the door of severe torment for them, then they suddenly became disappointed in despair.

78. And He has created for you the hearing, the eyesight and hearts, but you hardly thank Him. Also 67:23

79. And He has created you and spread you in the earth and (on the Day of Judgement) you shall be gathered back to Him. (Then you will realize your ungratefulness to Him).

80. And He gives life and causes death and He brings about the alternation of the night and the day. Don’t you understand this?

81. In fact, they say just like what the people before them said.

82. They said: “When We are dead and have reduced to dust and bones, shall we, indeed, be resurrected?
83. “Indeed, this we have been promised and our forefathers before us too! This is nothing but tales of the ancient times.”

84. Say: “Whose is the earth and whosoever is on it? Tell, if you know!”

85. They will say: “It is Allah’s!” Say: “Will you not then learn a lesson (from it)?”

86. Say: “Who is the Creator of the seven heavens and the Creator of the Great throne?”

87. They will say: “Allah.” Say: “Will you not then fear (Allah)?”

88. Say: “In whose Hand is the kingdom of everything? And He protects all, while against Whom there is no protector, if you know?”

89. They will say: “All belongs to Allah.” Say: “How then are you enchanted?”

90. In fact, We have conveyed them the truth, but they (the disbelievers) are, indeed, liars. (This topic is finished).

91. Allah did not beget any son, nor is there any god along with Allah. (If there were more than one god), each god would have taken away what he had created and then they would have tried to attack others (to snatch their creation) Glorified is Allah above all that they attribute to Him!

92. All-Knower of the Unseen and the seen! So Exalted is He over all that they associate partners with Him!

93. [O Muhammad (صلی الله علیه وآله وسلم)!] Make this supplication: “O my Creator! If you would show me that which they are promised (i.e. torment).

94. “My Creator! So don’t put me amongst the wrong-doers.”
95. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] And, indeed, We are Able to show you that which We have promised them.

96. Repel evil with goodness (don’t take personal revenge. Leave it to Us). We are fully aware of what they say (about you).

97. And (in case you get angry as a human being, then) say: “O my Creator! I seek refuge with You from the whispering (or suggestions) of the devils.

98. “And my Creator! I seek refuge with you, lest the devils should come near me (and whisper).” (With this supplication anger will disappear).

99. When death comes to one of them (i.e. disbelievers), he says: “My Creator! Send me back,

100. “So that I may perform good deeds in that (world) which I have left behind!” (It will be said to them :) “No way. It is only a lip service from him, and behind them is Barzakh (i.e. period between the death and resurrection) until the Day when they will be resurrected.” (Also Surah Al-Anam:28)

101. So when the Trumpet will be blown, there will be no kinship among them that Day (due to awe), nor will they care to ask about each other.

102. Then, those whose scales (of good deeds) are heavy, so they are the successful.

103. And those whose scales (of good deeds) are light, so they pushed themselves into loss, and they will reside in Hell forever.

104. The Fire will keep burning their faces, and they will be there with their
disfigured faces.

105. (Allah will say): “Were not My Verses recited to you, even then you used to deny them?”

106. They will say: “Our Creator! Our un blessedness overpowered us, and we were the people who went astray.

107. “Our Creator! Bring us out of this. If we revert (to evil), then, indeed, we shall be wrong-doers.”

108. (Allah will say): “You remain in it disgraced, and don’t speak to Me!”

109. Indeed, there was a group of my obedient servant, who used to say: “Our Creator! We believe, so forgive us, and have mercy on us, since you are the Best of all those who show mercy!”

110. So you mocked at them, (as a hobby) until (this hobby made you forget) My Remembrance while you used to make fun of them.

111. Indeed, I have rewarded them today for their patience; they are, indeed, the successful ones.

112. (Allah will) Say: “How many years have you stayed on the earth?”

113. They will say: “We stayed a day or a part of a day only (we cannot say), so ask them who keep the count (i.e. ask the angels).”

114. (Allah will) Say: “You stayed only a little while, if you had known it (or realized it).

115. “Do you think that We created you in vain (i.e. without any purpose), and that you would not be brought back to us?”

116. So Exalted is Allah, the True King.
None has the right to be worshipped except Him, the Creator of the Supreme Throne!

117. And whoever worships other gods along with Allah, of whom he has no proof, then he will be accountable to Allah for it. Indeed, the disbelievers will not be successful.

118. [O Muhammad] Say: “O my Creator, forgive (my sins) and have mercy on me (in all situations), since you are the Best of those who show mercy!

24. Surah An-Nur
(The Light)

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. This is a chapter of the Quran which We have sent down and made (the Commands in it) compulsory and We have sent in this Our clear Revelations so that you may remember them (and follow them).

2. The fornicatress and fornicator, flog each of them with a hundred stripes. You should not show any pity to both of them while acting in accordance with the religion of Allah, if you believe in Allah and the last Day. And let a group of believers witness their punishment. [(i)Fornicate means to have sex with somebody that you are not married to. (ii)Adultery means sex between a married person and somebody who is not their husband or wife].

3. (Adultery and fornication are, indeed, very evil activities). The adulterer – fornicator does not marry except an adulteress – fornicatress or a mushrikah (idolater woman), and the adulteress – fornicatress does not marry except an
adulterer – fornicator or a mushrik (i.e. idolater). Such marriages are forbidden for the believers.

4. And those who accuse chaste women, and don’t produce four witnesses, flog them with eighty stripes. And don’t accept their testimony forever. And they are disobedient people.

5. Except those who repent thereafter and reform themselves (by doing good deeds). So, indeed, Allah is Very Forgiving, Most Merciful.

6. And those who accuse their wives, but they have no witnesses except themselves. Then the testimony of one of them is equivalent to four if he testifies four times by Allah stating that he is one of those who speak the truth.

7. And his fifth testimony should be (stating) Curse of Allah be on him if he is one of those who tell a lie (against her).

8. And she shall prevent the punishment (of stoning to death) for her, if she testifies four times by Allah that her husband is telling a lie.

9. And her fifth testimony should be that the Wrath of Allah be upon her if her husband speaks the truth. (In this way both husband and wife are saved from the worldly punishment. However that woman will become forbidden for that man).

10. And had it not been the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you, (Allah would not have made such laws and the liar would have received the punishment from Allah immediately). And that Allah accepts repentance, the All-Wise.
11. Indeed, those who coined a lie [against Aisha (ماضت), the wife of the Prophet (رسول الله ﷺ)] is a group among you. Don’t consider it a bad thing for you. In fact, it is good for you.¹ Every person among them will have sin according to his actions. The one who played the bigger role among them (i.e. Abdullah bin Obayy), he will have great torment.

12. Why did the believers, men and women, when they heard the slander, not think good of their own people and said: “This (accusation) is an obvious slander (i.e. lie)?”

13. Why did they not produce four witnesses? Since the slanderers have not produced witnesses, hence they are liars in the sight of Allah.

14. And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy to you in this world and in the Hereafter, a great torment would have been inflicted upon you for what you were propagating,

15. When you were propagating with your tongues, and expressing it with your mouths about which you had no knowledge. You considered it a light matter, while in the sight of Allah it was a very great thing (i.e. a major sin).

16. And why did you not say when you heard it: “It is not befitting for us that we speak like this. Glorified are You (O Allah!). This is a big accusation.”

17. Allah advises you not to repeat like this again ever, if you are believers.

¹ Several hidden benefits are: (i) You will get reward for your distress (ii) Innocence of Aisha (ماضت) will come from Allah to raise her esteem and that of her family (iii) There are many reminders in it for the believers.
18. And Allah makes the Verses clear to you and Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

19. Indeed, those who like to propagate obscene activities among the believers; they will have a painful torment in this world and in the Hereafter. And Allah knows (how big is this sin) and you don’t know.

20. And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you (Allah would have punished you). And, indeed, Allah is full of Kindness, Most Merciful.

21. O you who believe! Don’t follow the footsteps of Satan. And whosoever follows the footsteps of Satan, then, indeed, Satan orders you to engage in obscene activities and what is forbidden (in Islam). And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you, none of you would ever have been purified (from sins). But Allah purifies whom He wills, and Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.

22. And those among you, who have grace and wealth, should not swear to stop giving (financial support) to their relatives, the needy and those who emigrated for Allah’s Cause. And they should pardon and forgive others. Don’t you like that Allah forgive you (your mistakes)? And Allah is Very-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

23. Indeed, those who accuse chaste, simple minded and believing women – are cursed in this life and in the Hereafter, and for them will be a great torment.
24. On that Day their tongues, their hands and their legs (i.e. feet) will bear witness against them about what they used to do.

25. On that Day Allah will give them their full reward with justice and they will know that Allah is the truth and He also shows the truth clearly.

26. Bad women are (suitable) for bad men and bad men are for bad women. Good women are for good men and good men are for good women. Such good people are absolutely innocent regarding any accusation made against them. There is forgiveness for them and good provision (i.e. Paradise).

27. O you who believe! Don’t enter houses other than your own, without seeking the permission and greeting their residents. That is better for you, so that you may learn a lesson from it.

28. And if you find no one there, so don’t enter without permission. And if you are asked to go back, do go back since it is purer for you. And Allah is All-Knower of what you do.

29. There is no sin on you that you enter (without taking permission) the houses not used for living while you have some interest in them. And Allah knows what you reveal and what you conceal.

30. Tell the believing men to lower their gaze (or sights) and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual activities). That is purer for them. Indeed, Allah is Well-Acquainted with what they do.

31. And tell the believing women to lower their gaze (for looking at prohibited things) and protect their private parts
(from illegal sexual acts) and not to show their adornments except which is apparent, and draw a veil all over their bodies and not to show their adornments except to their husbands, or their fathers, or their husband’s fathers, or their sons, or their husband’s sons, or their brothers, or their brother’s sons, or their sister’s sons, or their sisters in Islam, (since disbelieving women are like males to them), or the (female) slaves which have been put under your control according to Islamic law, or old male servants who are without sexual desires, or small children who have yet no idea of feminine private parts. And they should not stamp their feet (on the ground) to reveal what is hidden of their adornment. And, O believers! All of you should ask Allah to forgive you so that you may be successful!

32. And arrange marriage for those who are single (men or women) and also pious male slaves and female slaves. Even if they are poor, Allah will make them self-sufficient with His Bounty. And Allah is All-Sufficient (for His creatures’ needs) All Knowing.

33. And those who are not financially able to marry, should keep themselves chaste (by fasting as often as they can) till Allah makes them self-sufficient with His Bounty. And if any of your slaves request for a written contract to set him free by some payment, do make such contracts if you see some good in them. And give them something from the wealth which Allah has given you. And don’t force your maids to prostitution, to gain some enjoyment of this worldly life, if they desire chastity. And whoever is forced (to
prostitution), then Allah is Very Forgiving and Most Merciful to those women who were forced.

34. And, indeed, We have sent down to you clear revelations and examples of those who have passed before you and it is an advice for the pious people.

35. Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The example of His Light is as if there was a niche and in it is a lamp, the lamp is in a glass, the glass is like a shining star. That lamp is lit by (useful) olive oil of blessed tree. That tree is neither eastern nor western (i.e. it is exposed to sunlight throughout the day) whose oil would almost glow (by itself), though no fire touched it. Light upon light (hence Allah’s revelations are very clear and each one is more beneficial than the other). Allah guides to His Light (i.e. guidance) whom He wills. Allah gives examples for the (guidance of) the people and Allah is All-Knower of everything.

36. (Here the characteristics of the guided people are described). Those houses (Masajid) regarding which Allah has commanded to be respected and in them His Name is remembered, they glorify Allah (in their prayers) in the mornings and in the evenings in them.

37. Men whom neither trade nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allah, or from performing Salat, or from paying the poor-due. (They are so humble that) they fear the Day when hearts and eyes will be overturned (due to horror). (Also Surah Ghafir:18)

38. So that Allah may give them the best
reward for the good deeds they performed, and increase their reward even more out of His Bounty. And Allah provides without limit to whom He wills.

39. And the deeds of the disbelievers are like a mirage in a desert. It appears like water to a thirsty person. When he reaches there, he finds nothing. He however finds Allah with him who paid him in full (i.e. he dies with thirst). (Hence the deeds of the disbelievers are like mirage which will not do any good to them). And Allah is Swift in taking account.

40. Or (the deeds of the disbelievers) are like the darkness in a deep sea. It is covered by waves one over another and the sea is overcast by dark clouds. Hence there is darkness one over another. When he stretches out his hand, he can hardly see it. And he, for whom Allah has appointed no light (i.e. guidance), will not get light (or guidance).

41. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] Do you not observe that whoever is in the heavens and in the earth and the flying birds with spread-out wings glorify Allah? Each one of them knows his prayer and glorification. (Even then the disbelievers don’t believe in the Oneness of Allah). And Allah is All-knower of what they do.

42. And the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah and (all of them) will return to Allah.

43. Don’t you see that Allah makes the clouds travel, then joins them together, and then puts their layers one upon another, and then you see the rain comes down from between them. There are mountains (of hails) in the sky and He sends down hail
from them. He strikes with hail whom He wills and saves whom He wills. The brightness of the lightning (produced by the clouds) is such that it may blind the eyesight.

44. Allah alternates the night and the day (automatically). There is, indeed, a lesson in this for those who have keen observation.

45. And Allah has created every (living) creature from water. Some of them move on their bellies, and some walk on two legs and others walk on four legs. Allah creates what He wills. Indeed, Allah is Able to do all things.

46. We have, indeed, sent down very clear revelations. And Allah guides to a Straight Path whom He wills. (Also Surah Al-An'am:38)

47. And they (the hypocrites) say: “We have believed in Allah and in the messenger (Muhammad (ﷺ)) and follow his command (sincerely), but then a (notorious) group among them turns away afterwards. And they are not believers at all.

48. And when they are called to Allah and His messenger (ﷺ) to judge between them, then a group of them (refuses to show up there and) turns away.

49. But if the truth is on their side, they come to him with full submission.

50. Is there a disease in their hearts? Or do they doubt or fear lest Allah and His messenger would deal unjustly with them? In fact, they themselves are the wrong-doers.
51. Indeed, when the believers are called to Allah and His messenger to judge between them, they say: “We hear and we obey.” And such are the successful ones.

52. And whosoever obeys Allah and His messenger, fears Allah and keeps his duty to Allah, so such are the successful ones.

53. They swear by Allah as their most binding oaths: “If you order them, they would promptly leave their homes (to participate in Jihad).” Say: “Don’t swear. The extent of your obedience is known. Indeed, Allah is Well-acquainted with what you do.”

54. Say: “Obey Allah and obey the messenger, but if you turn away, then the messenger is responsible for only what he is assigned to do and you are responsible for what is placed on you (i.e. accountability of your deeds). Hence if you obey the messenger, then only you are rightly guided. The messenger’s duty is only to convey (the message) clearly. (Also Surah Ar-Rad:40)

55. Allah has promised those who believe and do good deeds, that He will make them the ruler in the land, as He did make rulers before them, and that He will firmly establish them to practice their religion freely which He has chosen for them. And He will change their fear and harassment into peace and security. They will worship Me (Alone) and will not associate any partners in worship with Me. And whoever disbelieves after this, they are disobedient (to Allah).

56. And perform Salat regularly, pay the poor-due and obey the messenger.
57. Don’t think that the disbelievers can escape (from Our punishment) in the earth. And they shall reside in Hell-Fire which is a terrible destination.

58. O you who believe! Your slaves and slave-girls and those who have not come to the age of puberty should ask your permission (for visiting you in your room) on three occasions: before Fajr Salat and during the mid-day rest, when you remove some of your clothes, and after Isha Salat. These three times are of privacy for you. Apart from these, there is no sin on you nor on them since you mutually visit each other as a routine at other occasions. Thus Allah describes His revelations in detail to you. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

59. And when the children come to puberty, they should ask permission (for visitation) like those who are older to them. Thus Allah describes His revelations in detail to you. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

60. And old ladies who don’t have wish (and hope) for marriage, it is no sin on them if they remove their (outer) clothing provided that they don’t mean to show their adornment. But if they refrain (from removing their outer clothing), it is better for them. And Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.

61. There is no restriction on the blind, nor on the lame, nor on the sick person, nor on yourselves, if you eat from your houses or the houses of your fathers, or the houses of your mothers, or the houses of your
brothers, or the houses of your sisters, or the houses of your father’s brothers, or the houses of your father’s sisters, or the houses of your mother’s brothers or the houses of your mother’s sisters or from the houses of which you hold keys, or (from the houses of) your friends. There is no sin on you if you eat together or separately. However, when you enter a house, then greet one another with a greeting from Allah [i.e. Assalamu Alaikum (peace be upon you)] a blessed and a good greeting. Thus Allah describes His revelations in detail to you so that you may understand.

62. The true believers are only those who believe in Allah and His messenger (ﷺ) and they stay in the company of the Prophet (ﷺ) on the occasions when gathering is needed (for consultation etc), and they don’t leave the meeting without the permission of the Prophet (ﷺ). Hence those who ask for your permission on such occasions are the true believers in Allah and His messenger (ﷺ). So, if they ask your permission for some of their affairs, give permission to them whom you will, and ask Allah for their forgiveness. Indeed, Allah is Very-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

63. Don’t make the calling of the messenger (ﷺ) as your calling one another [i.e. don’t address the Prophet (ﷺ) as you address each other]. And Allah knows those among you who slip away secretly. Hence those who oppose any of the messenger’s commands, should be scared lest a trial befalls on them or a painful torment is inflicted on them.

64. Bear in mind, all that is in the heavens
and the earth, indeed, belongs to Allah. He knows what condition you are in now, and the Day when they will be brought back to Him then He will inform them about what they did. And Allah is knower of everything.

25. Surah Al-Furqan
(The Criterion)

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. Blessed is He Who sent down the criterion (of right and wrong i.e. the Quran) to His slave [Muhammad (ﷺ)], so that he may be a warner to mankind and jinn. (Also Surah Al-Araf:158)

2. He to Whom belongs the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth, and He has not begotten any son and He has no partner in the Sovereignty, and He has created everything and fixed (suitable) quantity and quality of everything [i.e. (i) fixed the life and provision for everything in advance or (ii) everything has specific taste, colour etc].

3. Yet they worship other gods besides Him while their gods created nothing, rather they themselves are created, and they are neither able to harm nor benefit themselves; and they are also not able to cause death, nor give life, nor are able to raise the dead.

4. And the disbelievers say: “This Quran is nothing but a lie that he [Muhammad (ﷺ)] has fabricated and other people helped him in this. In fact, they (the disbelievers) are very unjust and big liars.

5. And they say: “(The Quran) is the tales of the ancient people which he has written
down and they are dictated to him every morning and evening.”

6. Say: “It (the Quran) has been sent down by Him Who knows the secrets of the heavens and the earth. Indeed, He is Very-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

7. And they say: “What a strange messenger is this? He eats (as we eat) and walks around the market (like we do). Why is not an angel sent down to him to act as a warner with him?

8. “Or (why) has he not been granted a treasure (so that he doesn’t have to look for means of livelihood)? Or why does he not have a garden to eat from it?” And the wrong-doers say: “You are merely following a bewitched man.”

9. [O Muhammad (peace be upon him)!] Note how many different examples they coin about you. So they themselves are led astray by these, and cannot find a (Right) Path.

10. Blessed is He Who, if He wills, will grant you far superior (gardens) than all that – Gardens beneath which rivers flow and will grant you palaces (in the Paradise).

11. In fact, they deny the Hereafter, and We have prepared a flaming Fire for those who deny the Hereafter.

12. When it (Hell) will see them from a distant place, they will hear its raging (with anger) and roaring. (Also Surah Al-Mulk:7,8)

13. And when they shall be chained together and thrown in some narrow spot (of Hell), they shall long for death there.

14. Today don’t long for one death, rather long for many deaths.
15. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] say: “Is that (torment) better or the Paradise of Eternity which is promised to the pious people?” It (Paradise) is their reward and their final destination.

16. They will have in it whatever they desire. They will reside there (forever). It is a promise from your Creator which must be fulfilled.

17. And on the Day when Allah will gather them and those whom they worshipped besides Allah, then Allah will ask them: “Did you lead my slaves astray or did they (themselves) go astray from the (Right) Path?”

18. They will say: “Glorified You are! It was not befitting for us to make protectors beside You, but You gave them and their forefathers luxuries till they forgot the reminder and actually they were the people who deserved the destruction.”

19. (Allah will say): “Now they (your false gods) have denied what you used to say. So neither you can turn away My torment, nor can you help yourselves. And whoever among you have wronged, We will make him taste a big torment.”

20. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] And We did not send any messenger before you, but they ate food and walked in the markets. And We have made some of you as a trial for the others. (Those who were patient came out successful). Will you have patience too? And your Creator is All-Seer (of everything).