

AL-MA'AARIJ - THE STAIRWAY



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE ONE WHO CHALLENGED IMAMA (SUCCESSION TO THE PROPHET) AND QIYAMA (ACCOUNTABILITY)
THE GREEDY ON THE DAY OF QIYAMA AND A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUALITIES OF THE RIGHTEOUS WHO WILL BE IN JANNA

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DISGRACE OF THOSE WHO ACCOST THE PROPHET ABOUT DIVINE GUIDANCE AND DENY ACCOUNTABILITY

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Ayaat 36-44

QUALITIES OF THE RIGHTEOUS WHO WILL BE IN JANNA

1. Constant in their essential (wajib) salaa
2. Share their wealth
3. Believe in accountability
4. Mindful of their sexual behaviour
5. Trustworthy
6. Establish and guard their salaa



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Ayaat 22-35

NATURE OF THE HUMAN BEING

1. Hasty
2. Grieves when afflicted with difficulty
3. Stingy when good befalls him

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Ayaat 19-21

SITUATION OF THE GREEDY ON THE DAY OF QIYAMA

- The length of the day - 50,000 years
- The heavens like molten copper
- Mountains like carded wool
- The guilty will want to ransom even those who are close to him - children, spouse and even intimate friends. No respite for the one who rejected guidance and hoarded wealth



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Ayaat 4-18

CYNICAL PERSON WHO DOUBTED SUCCESSION TO THE PROPHET AND ACCOUNTABILITY DEMANDING PUNISHMENT

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Ayaat 1-3

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE WORD MA'AARIJ COMES FROM 'ARAJAA - TO CLIMB STAIRS. ALLAH IS THE POSSESSOR OF GREAT HEIGHTS WHO TAKES CREATION TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL STEP BY STEP

IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS AL MAWAAQI WHICH MEANS THAT WHICH IS IMPENDING REFERRING TO THE IMPENDING PUNISHMENT

SELECTED AYAAT

- 70:1 The one who demanded punishment
70:3 Ma'arij (ascension, stairways)
70:19 The human being created to want

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER BEGINS WITH A REBUKE TO THE ONE ASKED MOCKINGLY TO HASTEN THE PUNISHMENT OF RETRIBUTION FOR COVERING UP THE TRUTH.

IT FOLLOWS WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT FOR THOSE WHO LACKED HUMANITY AND HOARDED WEALTH REFUSING TO BELIEVE IN ACCOUNTABILITY AND THEN THE THREE VERSES (19-21) WHICH DESCRIBE THE HASTY AND GRIEVING NATURE OF THE HUMAN BEING WHEN AFFLICTED WITH DIFFICULTY AND HIS STINGINESS WHEN GOOD COMES HIS WAY.

THE NEXT SECTION DESCRIBES THE QUALITIES OF THE RIGHTEOUS WHO WILL BE IN JANNA AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME THEIR ANXIOUSNESS

THE CHAPTER ENDS WITH THE DISGRACE OF THOSE WHO REJECT THESE QUALITIES AND ACCOST THE PROPHET ABOUT DIVINE REVELATION.