



AL-A'LAA - THE MOST HIGH

THE MISSION OF THE PROPHET SUMMED UP IN TWO COMMANDS –
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ZHAKKIR - CONTINUOUSLY REMIND THE HUMAN BEING OF MONOTHEISM, DIVINE
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Ayaat 10-17

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Here Allah ensures the facilitation and ease in the mission every
step of the way.



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Ayaat 6-9

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An order from Allah to declare His Perfection whilst reflecting
on the perfection of creation and in-built guidance for each
one to reach his full potential.



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Ayaat 1-5



SURA AL A'LAA

19 AYAAT - MAKKI



MUSABBIHAAT CRESCENT

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Al Israa
The Night Journey

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Al Hadeed
The Iron

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Al Hashr
The Gathering

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Al Saff
The Row

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Al Jumu'a
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Al A'laa
The Most High

Chapters beginning
with declaration of
His perfection

FOCUS



The mission of the Prophet summed up in two commands:

- **Sabbih** - declare the perfection of the Rabb) and
- **Zhakkir** - continuously remind the human being of monotheism, Divine guidance and accountability



DID YOU KNOW?



When the first verse of the chapter was revealed, the Prophet (pbuh) said "Put it in your sujood (prostrations)'

"If people knew the blessings of Sura Al A'laa they would recite it ten times every day."
Imam Ali (pbuh)



BENEFITS OF RECITATION



- Memory retention
- Relief of ear pain
- Entry through any door of Janna
- Safety on journey



SECTION 1 AYAAT 1 - 5



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SECTION 2 AYAAT 6 - 9



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SECTION 1 AYA 1

سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى

Glorify the name of your Lord, the Most High,

Declare the perfection of the name of your Rabb the most high
Sabbaha - maintaining motion
Ij'al fiy sjudikum
Ruku - 56:96
Only sura that begins with the command of tasbeeh
Allah's names - limitless 17:110
Rabb - total control
Previous sura - Taariq - highest star
Here Allah - Most High



SECTION 1 AYA 2

الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسَوَّى

Who creates, then makes complete,

Fasawwaa - balance, intrinsically perfect - finishing touches
Planned at every detail
Taahaa - Rabbunallazhiy khalaqa thummaa hadaa



SECTION 1 AYA 3

وَالَّذِي قَدَّرَ فَهَدَىٰ

And Who makes according to a measure, then guides
(them to their goal),

Qadr - quantity and measure

Fahadaa - denotes guidance

1. Nature - baby knows where milk is
2. Instinct - within
3. Fitra (disposition) - natural morals
4. Aql - intellect and reason - see smoke - know fire
5. Shariaa- Prophets, Qur'an + M14 - revelation



SECTION 1 AYA 4

وَالَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الْمَرْعَى

And Who brings forth herbage,

Akhraja - to draw out

Mar'aa - place of greenery - from raa' - grazing pastures - shepherd



SECTION 1 AYA 5

فَجَعَلَهُ غُثَاءً أَحْوَىٰ

Then makes it dried up, dust-colored.

Turned it into dark coloured waste

Ghuthaa' - rotting plants (nauseous)

Hawaau - putting two things together - becoming black (overwhelmed by blackness)



SECTION 2 AYAAT 6 - 9



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SECTION 2 AYA 6

سَنُقْرِئُكَ فَلَا تَنْسَى

We will make you recite so you shall not forget,

Soon We will give you the ability to conserve in the future
Nothing will be forgotten – don't worry - it will be assisted reading



SECTION 2 AYA 7

إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ إِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُ الْجُحْرَ وَمَا يَخْفَىٰ

Except what Allah pleases, surely He knows the manifest, and what is hidden.

Mashyaa- concrete decisions

Allah wills that human beings will age and become forgetful

He will forget only that which is not under his control

Jahr - activity everyone can see - obvious - easily seen

Yakhfaa- to hide something so don't even know its there

Currently hidden



SECTION 2 AYA 8

وَنُيِّسِّرُكَ لِلْيُسْرَىٰ

And We will make your way smooth to a state of ease.

We will make the Prophetic mission easy for you
What was his assigned mandate?
It should put you at ease
Strength to deal with it
Not to change reality - but to be able to have the ability to deal with it - will empower you - make you stronger
Lil yusraa - for the sake of the ultimate ease



SECTION 2 AYA 9

فَذَكِّرْ إِن نَّفَعَتِ الذِّكْرَى

Therefore do remind, surely reminding does profit.

Remind them of the purpose of life



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SECTION 3 AYA 10

سَيِّدٌ كَرُمٌ مِّنْ يَّحْشَىٰ

He who fears will mind,

The one who made an effort to remember



SECTION 3 AYA 11

وَيَتَجَنَّبُهَا الْأَشْقَى

And the most unfortunate one will avoid it,

The one who makes an effort to run away (to stay away from the reminder)



SECTION 3 AYA 12

الَّذِي يَصُلِّي النَّارَ الْكُبْرَى

Who shall enter the great fire;

Conduct causes them to burn from within



SECTION 3 AYA 13

ثُمَّ لَا يَمُوتُ فِيهَا وَلَا يَحْيِي

Then therein he shall neither live nor die.

Inner fire doesn't ever stop burning - 104:6-7



SECTION 3 AYA 14

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ تَزَكَّى

He indeed shall be successful who purifies himself,

Salvation through Tazkiya (1st step)



SECTION 3 AYA 15

وَذَكَرَ اسْمَ رَبِّهِ فَصَلَّى

And magnifies the name of his Lord and prays.

To figure out which direction to go



SECTION 3 AYA 16

بَلْ تُؤْثِرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا

Nay! you prefer the life of this world,

But you prefer the world



SECTION 3 AYA 17

وَالْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَىٰ

While the hereafter is better and more lasting.

Khayr - good and blessed

Ikhtiyaar - chosen and selected



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SECTION 4 AYA 18

إِنَّ هَذَا فِي الصُّحُفِ الْأُولَى

Most surely this is in the earlier scriptures,

Divine scriptures have been reminders



SECTION 4 AYA 19

صُحُفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى

The scriptures of Ibrahim and Musa.

Suhuf plural of Sahifa



NARRATIVE



The chapter begins with an order to glorify (declare the perfection of) Allah whilst reflecting on His Creative Ability and perfection and guidance for each human being to reach His full potential.

This is followed by an order to continuously remind the human being of purpose of life as it serves as a benefit.



NARRATIVE



The chapter then continues to show the contrast between those who heed the Qur'an and those who don't concluding with a warning to those who prefer the world.

Finally, there is an affirmation of the timeless universal message of the Qur'an which is also found in previous revelations.



SELECTED AYAAT



- 87:1 Declare the perfection of Your Rabb The Most High
- 87:6 We shall to teach you to recite that which you will not forget
- 87:9 So continuously remind if (as) it serves as a benefit
- 87:15 Remembers the name of his Rabb and prays salaa

