

104. Al-Humazaa ~ The Backbiters

9 Ayaat (Makki)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF ONE WHOSE GOD IS WEALTH
AND THE CONSEQUENCES ON THE DAY OF QIYAMA

DID YOU KNOW?

HUMAZAA MEANS TO DESTROY ANOTHER'S CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY BY
WORDS OR DEEDS THROUGH GOSSIP FOR PERSONAL GAIN - TO PRESENT
ONESELF IN A BETTER LIGHT.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 104:1 Woe to every slandering backbiter.
104:2 Who amasses wealth and continually tallies it.
104:3 Assuming that his wealth will make him immortal.
104:4 No indeed! He will be thrown into the crushing fire (hutamaa).

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER TAKES ITS TITLE FROM THE CONDEMNATION OF EVERY SLAN-
DERING BACKBITER IN THE FIRST VERSE.

IT IS A PERSONALITY TRAIT OF ONE WHO AMASSES WEALTH AND IS OVERLY
CONCERNED WITH OTHERS; FINDING FLAWS OR MAKING THEM UP TO COVER
HIS OWN WEAKNESSES AND INSECURITIES.

THE CHAPTER ENDS WITH THE PUNISHMENT THAT AWAITS THE ONE WHO
DESTROYS ANOTHER CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY FOR PERSONAL GAIN.

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CONSEQUENCES OF BACKBITING AND SLANDER
As a result of devastating the character of others they will be cast into the
self-created crushing fire which engulfs them and from which there is no escape

Ayaat 4-9

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**PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF ONE WHO AMASSES WEALTH AND CONTINUOUSLY
MONITORS HIS POSITION IN RELATION TO OTHERS**
He slanders those above him on the rich list and backbites those below him
Thinks his wealth will make him immortal

Ayaat 1-3

