

# Break of Dawn: Rays of Light from Surah Al Fajr

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The theme of this Surah is basically in the ayah, *inna rabbaka bil mirsaad* - that Allah SWT hasn't forgotten the people who disobey Him but is waiting for the right time.

But the name of this surah, *Al Fajr*, is such a tranquil and peaceful one despite it being about the torment for those who disbelieve. *Hijr* is something when a person has a quality like a stone because they resist anything that is in the disobedience of Allah SWT or rebellion.

And there are people despite their intelligence and power, they use to wilfully disobey Allah SWT and He is not ignoring them, nor has He forgotten them. These people, they also treat the weaker people in their society in a bad manner. And the reason behind this is given as well - the love of money and their personal preferences.

How do you join the character of such a person with the day of judgement? It is the word, *kalla* in ayah 21, an admonishment. Allah SWT says all this money and things that we pursue in life, none of this is important, and will not remain. It is a reminder of the Day Of Judgement - Allah SWT reminds us with scenes from this great day. When the earth will be shaken and knocked about in a great manner, with great intensity, until nothing remains but flat land. Everything will be wiped out.

The next ayah says Allah SWT will come in order to judge between the slaves, covered by clouds. The pleasure of seeing Allah SWT will be reserved for those in Jannah. Along with Allah SWT, the inhabitants of the heavens, the *malaika*, the obedient ones made from light, will be present in an very organized manner, in row after row.

Jahannam will be brought forward as well, hot and boiling and scary. It will be pulled from its place with chains by 70,000 angels and the *malaika* will follow the orders of Allah SWT without any hesitation at all. When people see this, they will fall on their knees from fear. Tranquility will come from the fact that we will be protected from this by Allah SWT, that is where our enjoyment of Paradise will come.

That is when people will remember, but by then it will not matter. Now is when we need the *dhikr*, every moment we can do it, we should. This is such a huge reminder, the dawn, *al Fajr* always comes after the darkness, like a new beginning, a fresh start. So we start again, we ask for forgiveness from the darkness in our lives and seek tranquility.

There was the story of two brothers, one who had been taught arabic and the other who hadn't, and they were playing when Surah Al Fajr came on and the one who knew arabic stopped

playing. His father asked him why and he said, after hearing this how can I go back to playing. And this is how it should be for us, we hear this and it reminds us to stop playing, because the world is just play after all. It should remind us to start again to seek tranquility. If a person seeks to remind himself of what will come on the Day of Judgement and act accordingly then Allah SWT will provide a shield for him.

On the Day of Judgment *insaan* will remember his deeds, his actions. While in dunya he did not hold himself accountable, did not consider his deeds - thinking about his decree on him, and other people's deeds. And Allah SWT asks what is the use of the remembrance now? The time for remembrance is over. Man will feel regret and say that he worked harder for his eternal life.

The believers when they read these ayaat, they feel the reminder like they can actually see it. They work harder at ending the darkness. This is a really important time and we must make the most of it! Use your strength, your intelligence - whatever gifts Allah SWT has given you - to build your place in Jannah, to protect yourself from the Hellfire. We should struggle and strive to the best of our ability.