



Chapter (59) sūrat I-ḥashr (The Gathering)

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He is Allah, beside Whom La ilaha illa Huwa			
Al- Alim (All Knower)	Ar-Ra’hman (The Most Gracious)	Ar-Ra’heem (The Most Merciful)	Al-Malik (The King)
Al-Quddus (The Holy)	As-Salam (The Giver of Peace)	Al-Mu’min (The Giver of Security)	Al-Muhaymin (The Guardian)
Al-Aziz (The All-Mighty)	Al-Jabbar (The Irresistible)	Al-Mutakabbir (the Supreme)	Al-Khaliq (The Creator)
Al-Bari (The Inventor)	Al-Musawwir (The Fashioner)	Al-Aziz (The All-Mighty)	Al-Hakim (The All-Wise)

Allah swt is the All Mighty, the All Wise, you will see His izzat and wisdom in every creation and in every decree. Surat al Hashr teaches us that only Allah swt makes us to exit from any matter. When a believer believes this Allah swt will:

- Make you to exit from the darkness into the light
- Make you to exit from disobedience into the obedience.

This is how Allah swt takes care of the believers, by taking them out of the chaos and into the peace and tranquillity and security.

THE REAL LOSS

For the disbeliever the exit is from light into darkness, from peace to chaos and panic; from a fake feeling of security to being scared and panicking; from fake hope to despairing; from rejoicing in the dunya to feelings of sadness. For the believer Allah swt takes them out of loss to the success. However, for disbeliever Allah swt takes them out of the deceit of winning to the real loss. The real loss is not the dunya being restricted but the real loss is when we loose our faith, we loose the tranquillity and peace of good relationships and connections.

THE REAL PROGRESSION

The current situation (COVID-19) we are facing right now causes us to return to nature, it returns us to unity, it returns us to real peace and tranquillity. Previously humanity thought it was progressing but now Allah swt is showing us that the real progression is towards Allah swt, the progression to anything else is not a real progression.

AL MUTAKABBIR – THE SUPREME

It is not about being so arrogant that you elevate yourself higher and higher to deceive yourself and to deceive the people. Allah swt shows you that no one is **Al-Mutakabbir (the Supreme)** except Allah swt. Only Allah swt Al Mutakabbir can be above anything.

JABBAR

For centuries humanity has always been trying to develop itself and to increase in its power & knowledge, but the problem is humanity is only trying to build itself higher and to increase in confidence, and this is creating a monster for our own selves. Allah swt hates the one who is ‘jabbar’

- the one who is arrogant, the one who suppresses the people or thinks themselves as someone important.

Last time we looked at 'jabbar' for the people:

- Those who are tyrants and how Allah swt brings them down and how their transgressions in the end only causes them pain
- For those who are believers, when going through any pain Allah swt will console them

AL JABBAR – THE IRRESISTIBLE

Right now we see day by day, hour by hour how Allah swt deals with you with His 'Jabbar' by giving you so much consolation. When you are being consoled by Allah swt you feel 'high', not high because you made yourself to feel to be the top, but because Allah swt erases the negative feelings and faults in your heart. Only Allah swt can take people or anything higher.

The faith is the highlight of our current times. Families are now praying and purifying themselves, we are more conscious of our surroundings and who we mix with. The feeling is like the feelings you have during Hajj, you are connected to Allah swt and you are cautious of what you should say, what you should do and touch. You are conscious of the people you mix with as the sins are very contagious, just as the disease (COVID-19) is very contagious.

AT TAKABBUR - ARROGANCE

Arrogance is the first sin which was first displayed by Iblis. Arrogance is a dispraised attribute for mankind or any creation. We cannot exalt anything whether it is good or bad, human or non-human. Only Allah swt is **Al-Mutakabbir (the Supreme)**. At takabbur is the characteristic of Iblis who refused to prostrate down to Adam AS. When a person resists the commands of Allah swt this will cast them out of Paradise, and Paradise is our security.

We make at-takabbur of so many things, we exalt idols, fans, actors, sports people, good people, bad people, technology, and even our own concerns etc. Allah swt shows us He is Al Kabir no matter what people are arrogant about. Iblis was arrogant, he thought himself better than Adam AS. Iblis refused to bow down to something made of sand as he was made of fire. At-takabbur is the description of the devil.

PUNISHMENT OF AT-TAKABBUR

In the Qur'an Allah swt mentions the worst of the punishment on the Day of Judgement will be inflicted upon the arrogant.

Chapter (46) sūrat I-aḥqāf (The Curved Sand-hills)

46:20 And the Day those who disbelieved are exposed to the Fire [it will be said], "You exhausted your pleasures during your worldly life and enjoyed them, so this Day you will be awarded the punishment of [extreme] humiliation because you were arrogant upon the earth without right and because you were defiantly disobedient."

On the day of judgment Allah swt will make the arrogant like ants and people will step on them. An atom of arrogance in the heart will prevent you from entering Paradise.

WHAT IS AN ATOM OF ARROGANCE?

An atom of arrogance is when you think for only one second that you are better than anyone else or you think you are above someone else. This is the characteristic of the devil.

Chapter (37) sūrat I-ṣāfāt (Those Ranges in Ranks)

37:35 Indeed they, when it was said to them, "There is no deity but Allah," were arrogant

The best remedy is 'La illaha illAllah' to keep you humble, to keep everyone at the same level.

You find arrogance even in the religion when you think that you have more knowledge than someone else, when you think that you pray more than someone else, or when you think that you are more patient than someone else, or you think your akhlaq is better than someone else's etc.

Now with COVID-19 Allah swt made all the countries the same level, even those that thought they were the best. Allah swt is showing us that He is the only One, no one can elevate themselves to a higher position except Allah swt.

The Messengers came to make everyone the same level as Allah swt will account us all, so we don't need to compare or compete with other people, we don't need to show our arrogance. May Allah swt protect us. Ameen.

ARROGANCE IS A DISEASE

When we think we have more knowledge and more ability than anyone else this arrogance is a disease as it is behaving like Shaitan and Fir'awn.

- Iblis refused to prostrate
- Fir'awn was a tyrant who didn't give his people a choice
- Qarun thought he was most knowledgeable

The punishment of the arrogant people in this life besides the humiliation is mentioned in Surat al Ghafir.

Chapter (40) sūrat ghāfir (The Forgiver God)

40:35 Those who dispute concerning the signs of Allah without an authority having come to them - great is hatred [of them] in the sight of Allah and in the sight of those who have believed. Thus does Allah seal over every heart [belonging to] an arrogant tyrant.

The worst punishment is when the heart of the arrogant person is sealed, the heart is closed.



no guidance, no reminders, no faith will enter this heart. This is the worst punishment, worse than being humiliated. This is like Iblis behaviour.

Ibn Quiyum said 'If it is said to Iblees to carry a mountain, it would be easier for him to prostrate to Adam AS'. A person is arrogant because of their ego so they will not say they are sorry or admit that they are wrong, but it is easier for them to carry a mountain.

However for us being humiliated is better than being arrogant. Iblees hated to humiliate himself, he only did what pleased his ego. May Allah swt make us humble and never to humiliate us in front of the people by believing in Allah swt, rather than showing arrogance.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Al-Mutakabbir (the Supreme) is the solution for humanity. Right now we are being made to stay at home, made to go back to our homes, but also to go back for our future. All over the World everyone is being forced to be with only a limited number of people whom they know. This is the Furq'an, we don't need to mix with so many people or know so many people. The new term is 'social distancing' but in Islam we already have this.

- Don't let anyone to eat your food except the pious
- Don't accompany anyone except a believer. If you accompany a disbeliever you will put yourself in danger.

Don't follow the crowd, limit yourself to those who will not affect your faith like the People of the Cave. The People of the Cave were with those whom they trusted – this is social distancing. Allah swt is teaching us this right now.

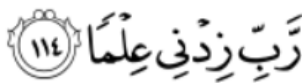
Right now you are at home maybe you are being saved from a bigger problem. Even children studying at home maybe are being saved from bad influences at school as you may not know all the friends of your children. Allah swt is taking care of everybody. You can work from home which avoids having too much 'hashr' on your mind. When you have hashr in your life you are so worried and occupied by the hashr.

Just be with a few people and Allah swt is the only One in your life you really know. Allah swt has removed so much from the believer and the disbeliever of what they think is the best. When you think you are the best the guidance will not come to your heart. May Allah swt make us to always submit and be appreciative Ameen. Now we appreciate the smallest things, just the few people that we have in our lives, we are now appreciative of very little. It is not about the quantity but about the quality.

ALLAH SWT TEACHES US

COVID-19 is teaching us, but arrogance prevents a person from learning because they always think that they know it all so they don't feel that they need to learn. Knowledge should be a saviour as it should make you to be humble as you feel that Allah swt will teach you. But you will find people that don't feel that they need any knowledge because they think they know everything. Knowledge refines us as Allah swt will teach you something you didn't know.

Chapter (20) sūrat ʾā hā



20:114 "My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

Increasing in your knowledge is a protection from being arrogant. There is no need to be arrogant when gaining knowledge. Arrogance will prevent you from benefitting from the knowledge as you don't want to learn. Seeking knowledge will keep you humble as it will make you realise something about yourself. The knowledge refines you as Allah swt will teach you something you didn't know.

Acquiring knowledge is the best thing ever. Allah swt takes care of everyone's heart. The knowledge saves you from being arrogant. At takabbur makes someone to always argue, makes someone to always blame others, to reject the point of view of others, it is only their views that are worthy.

In Hajj people argue with each other so much and the arguing is due to the arrogance. We need to be humble and humiliate ourselves.

Chapter (22) sūrat l-ḥaj (The Pilgrimage)

22:8 And of the people is he who disputes about Allah without knowledge or guidance or an enlightening book [from Him],

22:9 Twisting his neck [in arrogance] to mislead [people] from the way of Allah. For him in the world is disgrace, and We will make him taste on the Day of Resurrection the punishment of the Burning Fire [while it is said],

When you have so many people gathered together during Hajj you will see people are arguing even more. But, it should be the opposite as people are facing their reality. The rate of divorce goes up as everyone is together 24/7 so they see each other's faults. There is no taqwa so people separate from each other. However, the believer's are more united, more loving. Hajj is like the Day of Judgement.

With the current situation (COVID-19) it is like everyone is going through Ramadhan and Hajj at the same time. While we are at home and we are practising all the pillars of Islam. You would think that there is more compassion towards each other but when you don't have any faith you don't know what to do, so you track the faults of the people. You will see those with faith really living in Paradise with so much love, with so many feelings, with so much happiness, so many connections. But you also see the opposite where the wife doesn't want to see the husband, the children don't want to be with their parents – this is the disbelief. This time shows the real nature of the people.

FITNA AD DUNYA

Chapter (18) sūrat l-kahf (The Cave)

18:46 Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life. But the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord for reward and better for [one's] hope.

Goods deeds remain. Allah swt mentions one scene of the Day of Judgment regarding the mountains.

18:47 And [warn of] the Day when We will remove the mountains and you will see the earth prominent, and We will gather them and not leave behind from them anyone.

The desires of the people (mountains) have now stopped – the mountains of education, of travelling, the shopping malls. Now we see the earth, now we see the people, all the mountains are closed. Now we understand how simple life can be, we can go back to the Qur'an. The mountains are a distraction. We make life difficult for ourselves when there is takabbur as then we don't want to change, we don't want to adapt to the situation.

SHIRK

59:22 He is Allah , other than whom there is no deity, Knower of the unseen and the witnessed. He is the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

In Surat al Hashr Allah swt mentions that He knows everything and He is the Most Merciful. Then begins the journey with the Names of Allah. However the problem is when people commit shirk, they idolise something other than Allah swt. These Names of Allah swt will remove the shirk.

- Allah Al Malik is the owner
- Allah Al Qaddus is the Most Holy, the Most Pure
- Allah As Salaam, we need the peace, Allah swt is the Most Peaceful and He is the One giving you the peace. Allah swt will give you the peace so that there is no pain.
- Al Mumin will give you the inner security with faith.

Externally 'salaam' is when I submit with my actions, and internally a 'mumin' is when you confirm everything that makes you a believer, you trust Allah swt and you trust everything the Messengers bring so inside you feel secure.

- Al Muhaymin – Allah swt has all the power and He will Dominate. Allah swt will dominate because He is the All Mighty, Al Aziz, Irresistible.
- Al Aziz – Allah swt will bring decrees we cannot comprehend. Allah swt dominates to give you the honour in order to elevate you, and bring you the decree which is best for you.
- Al Jabbar – Allah swt will fix whatever needs to be fixed, fix your religion, fix your dunya, your feelings and your akhirah.
- Al Mutakabbir – only Allah swt is Mutakabbir (Supreme)

DAY OF JUDGEMENT

After solving the issue of arrogance and the reality of the people we will look at the Name of Allah Al Mutakabbir. COVID-19 is the best situation for us to increase in faith, to be saved from the real fear which is the Day of Judgement. Allah swt will not make you to die many times, only once will you realise and believe. When you believe you are saved and secure.

Allah swt is giving you consolation. Al Mutakabbir is from the vastness, from the honour, from the Dominion – no one is suitable to be Mutakabbir. Someone could be a king, some people are peaceful, but no one can be ‘mutakabbir’.

The one mutakabbireen, Allah swt will put them down. Fir’awn body was saved to humiliate him. When it thunders we make du’a. When you see the rain and the wind it is a glad tiding. For the believer who always submits to Allah it is a ‘highlight’.

MUTAKABBIR IS SUITING ALLAH SWT.

Shirk is a big sin, and when people don’t know Allah Al Mutakabbir they think anyone can be big and mighty, they think they have the right to be arrogant. But there are qualities only for Allah swt, they cannot be shared with humankind or even mentioned.

1. Allah Al Mutakabbir (The Supreme) from any faults, evil or transgression.

We make mistakes, we all have faults but people measure the faults of the people as a bad sign. However the people need to make mistakes as the purpose of us having faults is that we are not ‘mutakabbir’. You cannot be obsessed with perfection, we are human, it is ok to make mistakes.

Accept the faults of the people, as Allah swt wants to save your heart from believing that someone does not make any mistakes. Musa AS made mistakes and he was a Prophet and he would always remember his mistakes. Ibad ar Rahman make mistakes and they remember their mistakes to remain humble. May Allah swt open the gates of mercy and protect us Ameen.

Everything in this life is by the permission of Allah swt and in this there are no faults at all. We have faults, we make zulm. Don’t make yourself mutakabbir by thinking you don’t do any wrong. Don’t think ‘I am perfect’ which is so common in these times. Don’t compare yourself to other people, only Allah swt Al Mutakabbir.

Allah swt will show the people. The perspective of health care available to people around the world has completely changed. The most advanced countries have had the worst fatalities. The less advanced countries have had much lower fatalities. You cannot be always mutakabbir – we forget, Musa AS forgot. Sometimes when reciting Al Fatiha even we make mistakes. It is does not suit us to be ‘mutakabbir’.

2. Al Mutakabbir (The Supreme) is Unique

No one is like Allah swt, not in His Names, not in His actions, not in His attributes, not in His mercy and kindness, not in His loving etc. Allah ‘Mutakabbir’ in that He is not equal to anyone. When you think of yourself as unique this is being ‘mutakabbir’ – don’t think you or anyone else is unique, don’t think that you are better than anyone else. Don’t put yourself in a trial like this.

When we think ‘no one is like me’, ‘no one resembles me’ or we think ‘I have never met someone like me’ – this is all putting yourself in a trial as this leads to shirk. We elevate religious people, we think they are amazing, but only Allah swt is perfect in all the Attributes because He is free of all faults and there is no one like Him.

Our beginning is the same and our end is the same, we will all die and we will be resurrected. Shirk is when you think yourself to be unique or you think that someone else is unique. When you think yourself are as being unique Allah swt will humiliate you, and show you that you are worse than everyone else. If you think someone else is unique Allah swt will show you that they are only unique in their evil. Shirk is so dangerous.

THE TRIAL OF LIFE

No one is mutakabbir other than Allah swt. No one can do anything unless Allah swt wills. You will find people like yourself in this life. But you will never find examples of 'Ashab al Kahf' (Companions of the Cave) in life but still Allah swt told Nabi saws that they are not amazing, Allah swt ayats are better than 'Ashab al Kahf'. The trial of the religion is not about staying away from the disbelievers, the trial of the religion is when the believers idolise good people. They are not amazing, no one is amazing, only Allah swt is Al Mutakabbir.

If you die on shirk you will remain in Hellfire forever and Hellfire will curse the person who idolises anyone. Al Mutakabbir has so much impact as we can see it and feel it around us during these times (COVID-19).

3. Allah Al Mutakabbir is Exalted

The story of the Ashab al Kahf is not amazing compared to 'Qudrut Allah. The ability of Allah swt is more amazing than the stories of the people. Any Attribute and Name of Allah is more than anything else. Knowing Allah swt puts everything it's right perspective so you feel happy, you feel good. When you see someone doing good deeds you say Allah swt guided them. Allah swt is the One giving and helping the 'Ashab al Kahf', and this is something amazing.

Allah swt huwa Al Mutakabbir, everything else is small. If any of the creation, especially people or jinn, if they attribute this character to themselves Allah swt will humiliate them, torture them, and punish them as it does not suit human beings to be like this. Only Allah Al Mutakabbir. Don't think you achieved anything with your own might or that you are the best. Right now the whole Earth is grasped in the Hands of Allah swt.

Allah Al Mutakabbir (The Supreme), no one is mutakabbir except Allah swt. Allah swt is the Greatest, there is nothing below Him; Allah swt is described with the Greatest of Majesty and everyone else is beneath Allah swt. The Name of Allah swt Al Mutakabbir is only mentioned in Surat Al Hashr. In the Qur'an the Name of Allah Al Kabir is connected with Name of Allah Al Ali.

You need to feel Allah Al Mutakabbir and right now we see this so clearly around us. Allah Al Mutakabbir saves humanity from having a bad end, from drowning.

IMPACTS

- We trust Allah swt, we don't think bad about Allah swt
- Don't think highly of anything in life except Allah swt. Don't exalt even your job, the people, places etc.. Every blessing that is being enjoyed or anything amazing is from Allah swt.
- You will always be safe because when you go through any distress you will flee to Al Mutakabbir. And when you flee to Allah swt you will not be defeated. I make mistakes, my solution is not always right so I will go to Allah Al Mutakabbir as for sure that is the best, Allah swt will never let me down, Allah swt will help me. Exalt and elevate the Names of Allah.

Allah swt will humiliate anything you exalt, and don't humiliate anything Allah swt exalted. Allah swt magnified the prayer, the Qur'an, the study circles etc. so don't put down the religion or any symbols of Islam. Allah swt honoured the student of knowledge, Allah swt honoured the religious people, the good people so we respect them as Allah swt exalted them. Humiliate the shirk, humiliate sins, disbelief etc. Don't elevate something low, and don't devalue something high.

- Exalt what Allah swt loves

The Name of Allah swt Al Mutakabir will make you humble to Allah swt, will make you to deal with each other with humbleness, it will make you not to be arrogant. No one will attach to anyone and no one will humiliate anyone else. We will love each other and be at peace with each other.

When you believe in the Name of Allah swt Al Mutakbir it will remove any kind of differences between the good people. You need to feel merciful towards the good people. Nabi saws once told a believer who was walking with pride in front of a disbeliever that this type of walking is not good at any other time, but when it is in front of a disbeliever it is good to show what Allah swt exalts in the religion as this behaviour is not for yourself, it is for the sake of Allah swt.

Don't show arrogance to people, everything is simple and easy and show that we can be good to each other. With the kafireen you need to show honour.

May Allah swt protect us

May Allah swt save us

May Allah swt make us among those whom Allah swt loves.