



Closer and closer to mankind comes their Reckoning yet they are heedless and turn away [1]

So when the appointed time comes and the hour is close at hand for the standing of mankind in front of the Lord of the Worlds **{the Trumpet will be blown with a single blowing and the Earth and the Mountains shall be removed from their places and crushed with a single crushing}** [2]. Then the Inevitable will have occurred and the Day of Resurrection will have drawn near and the Sure Reality will have been justified and the Striking Hour will have struck. **{It will be but a single blast and so behold! They will all be brought up before Us}** [3] and they will **{from their graves come quickly to their Lord}** [4] hastily, bewildered (barefooted, naked and uncircumcised) whilst saying **{Woe be to us! Who has raised us from our places of sleep? (It will be said to them): This is what ar-Rahmaan promised and the Messenger spoke the truth}** [5] and **{On that day mankind will follow strictly (the voice of) Allah's caller and no crookedness (without going to the right or left) will they show him (Allah's caller) and all voices will be humbled for ar-Rahmaan. Nothing will you hear except the voices of their footsteps}** [6]. The tongues will have become dry and withered so **{That will be the Day when they shall not speak (during some part of it) and neither will they be permitted to put forth any kind of excuse}** [7] and their eyes will be cast down and humiliation will overcome them **{And all faces will be humbled before the Everliving, the One Who sustains all that exists}** [8]. And **{Some faces on that Day will be white and some faces will be black}** [9] then mankind will be gathered into two parties **{A party in Paradise and a party in the Blazing Fire}** [10]. Then as for the people of misery then woe be to them for their evil condition and woe again for the terror of their end position **{When they will be brought and made to stand in front of their Lord He will say : Is this (the Resurrection and the Reckoning) not the Truth?}** [11]. There will be no reply for them but **{Indeed! Yes our Lord!}** [12] Indeed they were not of those who responded, but were of those who would swear (that they would not be raised) until the covering was removed and their confusion gone, so their Originator and Creator will say to them **{So taste therefore the Torment for that you did not believe}** [13], **{And on the Day of Resurrection you will see those who lied against Allah, their faces will be black. Is there not in Hell an abode for the arrogant?}** [14]. Those materialistic disbelievers of the Resurrection saying

{There is no (other life) but our (present) life of this world and never shall we be resurrected} [15] or those who hindered the messengers of Allah and their call (to Allah), who have now arrived at the Hour of Punishment and the Hour of Absolute Justice, the Day when **{No soul will be wronged in a single thing and when you shall not be rewarded except for what you used to do}** [16] Their eyes and hearts and ears had been locked from every ray of light from the Truth so their punishment: **{We shall gather them on the Day of resurrection on their faces deaf, dumb and blind, their abode will be Hell}** [17]. So one among them will say **{O My Lord! Why have you raised me up blind while I had sight before? (Allah) will say: Like this Our signs came to you but you forgot them so this day will you be forgotten likewise}** [18]. There will the hearts be torn to pieces, with remorse and the eyes will shed tears of blood **{The Day when the wrongdoer will bite at his hand and say : Oh would that I had taken a path with the Messenger. Ah woe be to me!}** [19] and the sinners will say about the reality regarding themselves in the days of this world **{Alas for us that we neglected and gave no thought to it, while they will bear their burdens on their backs and evil indeed are the burdens that they will bear. And the Life of this world is nothing but play and amusement. Far better is the home in the Hereafter for those who guard themselves from evil. Will you then not understand?}** [20] Alas what a day that would be and alas how severe will be its terrors! The saved is indeed he who is saved on that day and the destroyed one is the one whose sin destroys him. Beware of the example of such a one! So let us return and interrogate our souls, then beat them into obedience, then purify them, then exert ourselves with vigour. But alas! How few and far are those who strive in this era of the heedless.

NOTES

[1]. Anbiyaa 21:1 [2]. Haaqqah 69:13-14 [3]. Yaa Seen 36:53 [4]. Yaa Seen 36:51 [5]. Yaa Seen 36:52 [6]. Maryam 19:108 [7]. Mursalaat 77:35-36 [8]. Ta Ha 20:111 [9]. Aali Imraan 3:106 [10]. Shura 42:7 [11]. An'aam 6:30 [12]. An'aam 6:30 [13]. An'aam 6:30 [14]. Zumar 39:60 [15]. An'aam 6:29 [16]. Yaa Seen 36:54 [17]. Banees Israa'eel 17:97 [18]. Ta Ha 20:125-126 [19]. Furqaan 25:27-28 [20]. An'aam 6:31-32