Surah 61 Surah Saff

THE ROWS

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH SAFF AND SURAH MUMTAHINA

Surah Saff also chides certain Muslims for their transgressions.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

* The Surah speaks of Towheed.
* The Surah reprimands certain Mu'mineen.
* Encouragement to Jihaad is given.
* An example of the Bani Israa'eeel is cited.
* The glad tiding of pending victory is conveyed.
1. Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth glorifies Allaah (even though man may not perceive them). He is the Mighty, the Wise.

2. O you who have Imaan! Why do you say that (you have done things) which you did not do?

3. It is indeed a most hateful thing in the sight of Allaah that you say that (that you have done things) which you have not done.

4. Verily Allaah loves those (Mu’minin) who fight (the enemies of Islam) in His path (standing) in rows (in front of the enemy with steadfastness and unity) as if they are a solid building.

5. (The enemies of Islam will continue to harass the Muslims as they harassed the previous Ambiyaa throughout history. You Muslims should therefore remember the time) When Moosa ﷺ said to his people, “O my people! Why do you harass me when you know that I am Allaah’s Rasool (sent) to you?” However, when they chose to be crooked (to reject his message despite its clarity), Allaah further twisted (served) their hearts (allowed them the chance to express more opposition). Allaah does not guide a sinful (disobedient) nation (because they reject every means of guidance Allaah sends to them).
6. (Also remember the time) When Isa the son of Maryam said, "O children of Israeeel! Indeed I am the Rasool of Allaah (who has been sent) to you, confirming the Torah before me and giving (you) the good news of a Rasool to come after me (among the Arab), whose name will be Ahmad (referring to Rasulullah ﷺ)." (The name Ahmad, which Isa used to refer to Rasulullah ﷺ has been translated in Greek manuscripts of the Bible as "Periclytos" or "Paraclete". In English Bibles, this word is deliberately mistranslated into words such as "Counselor", "Comforter", "Intercessor", "Spirit of truth" and sometimes even "Holy Spirit"). When he (Isa ﷺ) came to them (his people) with clear signs (miracles to prove that he was a Rasool), they said, "This is clear magic."

7. Who can be more unjust than he who forges lies about Allaah (by claiming that Allaah has partners) when he is being called to Islaam? Allaah does not guide unjust people (the Kuffaar who refuse to accept the truth despite acknowledging that it is the truth).

8. They (the Kuffaar) intend to extinguish Allaah's light (Islaam by blowing it off) with their mouths (but this is insignificant when compared to Allaah's might). However, Allaah shall bring His light to completion (so that it enters every home on earth) even though the Kaafiroon hate it.

9. It is He (Allaah) Who sent His Rasool ☪ with guidance and the true Deen (Islaam) to make it dominant over all other religions, even though the Mushrikeen may hate it.

10. O you who have Imaan! Should I not show you a trade (something that requires a small capital outlay and promises tremendous profits) that will save you from a painful punishment (Jahannam)?

11. (The trade is that you) Believe in Allaah and His Rasool ☪ and strive in Allaah's path (to propagate Islaam) with your wealth (possessions) and lives (selves). This is best for you (for your prosperity in both worlds) if you but knew. (Belief, good actions and Jihaad bring success.)
12. (When you do this,) Allaah shall forgive your sins and enter you into Jannat beneath which rivers flow and into wonderful mansions in the eternal Jannah. That (and not the temporary gains of this world) is the supreme (greatest) success.

13. (In addition to the above,) Another (bounty that you will receive for this is one) that you love (because you will see it in this world, and that) is help from Allaah and a near (imminent) victory (over your enemies). Give (this) good news to the Mu’mineen (because only they can have this).

14. O you who have Imaan! Be the helpers of (the Deen of) Allaah (by assisting to propagate it in every way,) as (the disciples of Isa the son of Maryam said when) Isa the son of Maryam said to the disciples (companions), “Who will help me towards (propagate the Deen of) Allaah?” The disciples (helpers) replied, “We shall be the helpers of (the Deen of) Allaah.” (Consequently, they actively engaged in propagating the Deen that Isa taught them.) So (it was soon seen that) a group of the Bani Israa’eel had Imaan while a group of them rejected Imaan (and the two parties clashed in opposition). (As is Our promise,) We assisted (strengthened) those with Imaan against their enemies and they (the Mu’mineen) became victorious (dominant) over them (the Kuffaar).