Surah 83 Surah Mutaffifeen

THOSE WHO CHEAT

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH MUTAFFIFEEN AND SURAH INFITAAR

Whilst Surah Infitaar mentions that people will not be able to escape from Jahannam, Surah Mutaffifeen goes further to state that each person’s name will be recorded in a special register. Accordingly, people will be dispatched to their respective destinations and none will be able to remove his/her name from the register.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The first six verses of the Surah condemn those people who cheat in weight and measure. They seem not to fear the day when they will stand before Allaah to answer for their misdeeds. Verses 7 to 9 mention that their names will be recorded in the Sijjeen which will condemn them to an eternity in Jahannam. They will never be able to remove their names from it.

Allaah then censures those who deny the advent of Qiyaamah and then says, “When Our Aayaat are recited to him, he says, ‘(These are merely) Fables of the men of old’” [verse 13]. In verses 15 to 17, Allaah again warns people about the terrible repercussions of sin in the Aakhirah.

In verses 18 to 28, Allaah praises those who were righteous. Their names will be recorded in the Illiyyeen, and they will be admitted into Jannah. There they will be extremely happy and will receive all types of delicacies to eat and drink.

The concluding verses warn the Kuffaar against mocking and ridiculing the Mu’mineen. They consider the Mu’mineen to be lowly and misguided, and even scoff at them. However, on the Day of Qiyaamah the tables will be turned against them when they will see that the Mu’mineen to have been successful.
1. Destruction be to the cheaters...

2. ...who, when they take measure from mankind (when they are buying from others), demand (that their goods be given to them) in full. (They ensure that the seller does not weigh or measure less than what they are paying.)

3. (However) If they measure or weigh for people (when they are the sellers), they reduce (the weight or measurement of the commodity so that the buyer gets less than what he pays.)

4. Do such people not consider that (after death) they will be raised...

5. ...unto an awful (mighty) day (Qiyaamah)...

6. ...the day when all of mankind will stand before the Rabb of the universe (to account for their actions and words)?

7. Never! (It shall never be as they think that Qiyaamah will not come) Verily the records of the (actions
8. How will you know what is (written in) “Sijjeen”?

9. (It is) A sealed (recorded) book (which cannot be changed in any way).

10. May misery be the end of the rejecters (liars) on that day...

11. (the rejecters are) those who reject the (coming of the) Day of Retribution.

12. It is only every sinful transgressor (Kaafir) who rejects (denies) it (Qiyaamat).

13. When Our Aayaat are recited to him, he says, “(These are merely) Fables (stories) of the men of old.”

14. Never! (These are not fables, but the absolute truth!) In fact, (they refuse to believe because) the rust (stain) of their sins has covered (sealed) their hearts (so that no truth can penetrate it).

15. Never! (What they say cannot be true!) (As a result of their rejection) They will certainly be veiled (screened off) from (seeing) their Rabb on that day (in the Aakhirah).
16. Then (in addition to this) they will definitely enter (fall into) Jahannam.

17. Thereafter, (once they have entered Jahannam) it will be said, “This (punishment of Jahannam) is what you used to deny (in the world).”

18. It shall never be (as the Kuffaar say that the Mu’mineen will be deprived of rewards) ! Verily the records of the righteous (sincere Mu’mineen) shall be in “Illiyyeen” (a place of bliss in the seventh heaven where the records of the sincere Mu’mineen are placed).

19. How will you know what is (written in) “Illiyyeen”?

20. (It is) A sealed (recorded) book (that cannot be altered)...

21. …which those (angels) close (to Allaah) witness (with admiration).

22. Verily the righteous (Mu’mineen) shall be enjoying bounties (comforts in Jannah)...

23. …while looking on from couches (at the splendour around them).

24. You will recognise the radiance of bounties on their faces (which will be bright and happy).
25. They will be given pure sealed (preserved) wine to drink (completely unlike the impure and intoxicating wine of this world)...

26. …the seal of which is musk. It is for this that competitors (those who strive) should compete (instead of competing for the inferior things of this world).

27. Its mixture shall be of Tasneem...

28. …(which is) a spring (of Jannah) from which those close to Allaah drink.

29. Verily those who (are accustomed to) sin (the Kuffaar) used to laugh at the Mu’mineen (in the world).

30. When they (the Mu’mineen) passed by them (the Kuffaar), they (the Kuffaar) used to wink at each other (to mock the Mu’mineen).

31. (After doing this,) When they (the Kuffaar) returned to their families, they would return (continue) mocking (the Mu’mineen, unrepentant for jeering at the Mu’mineen earlier).

32. When they (the Kuffaar) saw them (the Mu’mineen), they used to say, “These people are certainly astray.”

33. Yet they (these Kuffaar) were never sent as warders (guardians) over them (the Mu’mineen).
34. However, today (on the Day of Qiyaamah) the Mu'mineen shall laugh at the Kuffaar (because the truth will be made apparent and the Mu'mineen will be in a superior position)...

35. ...while looking on from couches.

36. (Far from being an act of oppression against the Kuffaar) The fact is that the Kuffaar are being punished (on the Day of Qiyaamah) only for what they did (they will be treated just as they had treated others).