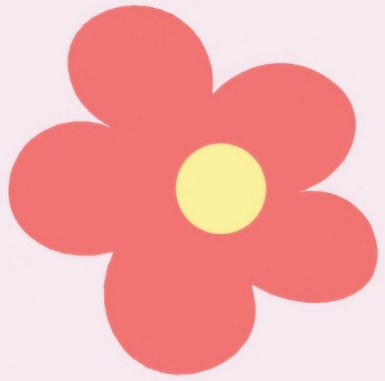




Surah al ma'arij

The journey of patience and accountability

- surah number:70
- number of ayahs:44

This is a powerful reminder
about the certainty of the
hereafter



Ayahs 1-2



Ayah 1: "A supplicant asked for a punishment bound to happen"

This ayah begins by speaking about a person who demanded that God's punishment come immediately. He was not asking because he wanted guidance or truth. Instead, he was speaking with doubt and pride, thinking that the warning about judgment was empty. He believed that because punishment had not come yet, it never would. A deeper lesson is that people sometimes mistake God's patience for weakness. When they continue doing wrong and see no immediate result, they begin to think they are safe. They become comfortable in their sins and stop fearing the consequences. God gives people time so they can return to Him, but some people misuse that time and become even more stubborn.

This verse also teaches us about the danger of arrogance. A person who is humble asks, learns, and reflects. A person filled with pride challenges the truth and mocks it. The verse warns us not to become so sure of ourselves that we stop listening to God's guidance.

Ayah 2: "To the disbelievers; of it there is no preventer"

The punishment mentioned in the previous verse is certain for those who knowingly reject the truth. When God's judgment arrives, nobody will have the power to stop it. No king, leader, family member, or friend will be able to protect someone from what they earned through their own actions.

Many people spend their lives seeking protection through money, status, and powerful connections. They believe these things make them secure. Yet this verse reminds us that all worldly forms of protection have limits. There comes a time when every human support disappears.

The hidden lesson is that true safety is not found in what we own but in our relationship with God. People often build strong walls around their bodies and wealth, but forget to protect their hearts and souls. The only protection that lasts forever is faith, sincerity, and obedience to God.

Ayahs 3-4

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 3)

Translation

"From God, the Owner of the ways of ascent."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

This verse reminds us that the warning comes from God Himself. He is the One above all creation. Every level of honor, power, knowledge, and greatness belongs to Him. Nothing rises except by His permission.

People spend their lives chasing higher positions. They want respect, praise, and success. Yet this verse teaches that all ranks and all honor come from God alone. A person may appear important in the eyes of people, but if God is not pleased with them, that importance has little value.

The hidden lesson is that real greatness is not measured by wealth, fame, or influence. True greatness is measured by closeness to God. The higher a person rises in faith, humility, and goodness, the more honored they become in God's sight.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 4)

Translation

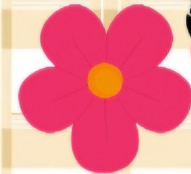
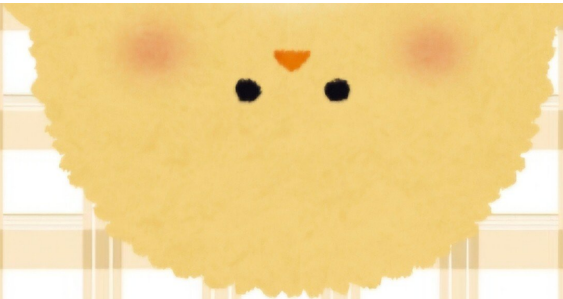
"The angels and the Spirit ascend to Him in a day whose measure is fifty thousand years."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

This verse shows the greatness of God's creation and how different God's view of time is from ours. What seems unimaginably long to human beings is completely under God's control. He is not rushed by time, nor does He forget anything.

Many people become impatient when they pray. They ask God for something and expect an immediate answer. If they do not see results quickly, they become discouraged. This verse reminds us that God sees far beyond what we can see.

The hidden lesson is that we often judge events by days, weeks, or years, while God sees the entire story from beginning to end. Something that feels delayed to us may actually be arriving at the perfect time. Faith grows when we trust God's timing instead of demanding our own.



Ayah 5-6

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 5)

Translation

"So be patient with beautiful patience."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

God tells the Prophet to remain patient. But this is not ordinary patience. It is patience without bitterness, hatred, or loss of faith. It is the kind of patience that remains calm even while facing pain and rejection.

Many people can stay patient for a short time, but inside they become angry and hopeless. Beautiful patience means keeping trust in God even when the heart feels heavy. It means continuing to do what is right even when others do wrong.

The hidden lesson is that patience is not weakness. In reality, patience requires great strength. Anyone can react quickly in anger, but controlling oneself and remaining faithful during hardship is a sign of deep inner power. Beautiful patience keeps a person's heart connected to God instead of being controlled by emotions.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 6)

Translation

"Indeed, they see it as distant."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

The people who reject the truth think the Day of Judgment is far away. Because they do not see it, they act as though it will never happen. They continue living however they want and rarely think about the future beyond this life.

This is a common human weakness. People often ignore dangers that seem far away. They prepare carefully for tomorrow's work or next month's bills, but they neglect preparation for the life after death.

The hidden lesson is that distance can create carelessness. The farther something feels, the less attention people give it. God reminds us not to be fooled by this feeling. Just because something seems far does not mean it is unimportant.

Ayahs 7-9

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 7)

Translation

"But We see it as near."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

While people think the Day of Judgment is distant, God says it is near. This does not necessarily mean it will happen tomorrow. It means it is certain, fixed, and already known by God.

Human beings often think they have a long future ahead. They make plans for years and decades. Yet nobody knows how much time they truly have. A person's own judgment day begins when their life ends.

The hidden lesson is that death and judgment are always closer than people imagine. This understanding should not create fear alone. It should create purpose. When a person remembers that life is short, they become more careful with their choices and more thankful for each day.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 8)

Translation

"On the Day when the sky will be like molten metal."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

The sky that appears strong, beautiful, and permanent today will completely change on that Day. Everything that people rely upon will lose its familiar form. The world will no longer operate according to the rules people know.

Humans often feel secure because nature appears stable. The sun rises, the sky remains above, and life continues in a predictable way.

This verse reminds us that all of creation depends entirely on God's command. The hidden lesson is that nothing created is permanent. People become attached to things because they seem stable. God teaches us that only He remains unchanged forever. Everything else can be transformed in a single moment.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 9)

Translation

"And the mountains will become like wool."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

Mountains are among the strongest things people can see. They appear solid, heavy, and impossible to move. Yet on that Day they will become light and scattered like soft wool.

God uses this image to break the illusion of worldly strength. If even mountains can lose their power, then how weak are the things people place their trust in? Wealth, status, beauty, and physical strength are even less stable.

The hidden lesson is that many things we think are permanent are actually temporary. People build their lives around things that can disappear. True stability is found only in God and in good deeds that remain valuable after this world ends.

Ayahs 10-12

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 10)

Translation

"And no close friend will ask about a close friend."

Meaning and Deeper Lessons

On that Day, people will be so overwhelmed by fear and concern for themselves that even close friends will not be able to help one another. The bonds that once seemed unbreakable will lose their importance.

This does not mean people suddenly stop caring. Rather, the situation will be so serious that everyone will be focused on their own standing before God. Every person will realize that they must answer for their own actions. The hidden lesson is that while friendships and relationships are blessings, they cannot replace personal responsibility. A person cannot depend on others to save them from the results of their choices. Each soul must prepare for its own meeting with God.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 11)

They will see each other, but the guilty person will wish he could ransom himself from that Day's punishment by giving up his children. On the Day of Judgment, people will still be able to recognize their family members and loved ones. A person will see his own children clearly in front of him, and he will also see other people he once cared about.

The fear and shock of that Day will be so extreme that He will not care about love or family in the same way anymore. Instead, his mind will only focus on escaping punishment at any cost.

The hidden lesson is that when truth becomes fully clear, human priorities change completely. In this life, people delay obedience to God because of family, comfort, or personal goals. But this verse shows that in the end, nothing will matter except your own actions.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 12)

And his wife and his brother.

The guilty person will not stop at his children. He will also wish he could sacrifice his wife and his brother to escape punishment. These are people who were emotionally close to him and shared his life experiences in the world.

This shows how intense fear will completely change human thinking on that Day. Relationships that once felt unbreakable will lose their emotional power in the face of punishment. The person will no longer think with love or care, but with panic and desperation.

The hidden lesson is that even the closest human bonds cannot save a person from their own choices. People often depend too much on others for emotional or social security, but this verse shows that in the end, everyone is responsible for themselves before God.

Ayah 13-14

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 13)

And his family who sheltered him.

This refers to the wider family and people who supported and protected him throughout his life. These are the ones who gave him safety, comfort, and emotional support when he needed it. They helped build his sense of security in the world.

But on that Day, even these strong family connections will feel useless to him.

He will wish he could give them all up if it meant saving himself from punishment. This shows how overwhelming regret and fear will be.

The hidden lesson is that human support has limits. Family is a blessing and a mercy, but it cannot replace personal responsibility. Every person must stand alone when facing the results of their actions.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 14)

And everyone on earth altogether, if only it could save him.

At this stage, the person reaches the highest level of desperation. He is no longer thinking only about his family or close relations. He would be willing to sacrifice every single human being on earth if that could save him.

This shows how completely his mindset has changed from this world.

Everything he once valued — relationships, status, and human connection — becomes worthless in the face of punishment. Only escape becomes his only thought.

The hidden lesson is that this world can deceive people into thinking it is everything. But when reality is revealed, all worldly value disappears.

Only faith, truth, and good actions remain meaningful.

Ayah 15-16

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 15)

No! Indeed, it is a blazing Fire.

God firmly rejects the idea that anything can be exchanged for escape. There is no deal, no trade, and no ransom that can remove punishment once judgment has been decided. The matter is final and cannot be changed.

The Fire is described as extremely powerful and intense. This description is meant to warn people in this life before it becomes too late. It is not just information — it is a serious reminder to change behavior.

The hidden lesson is that life is the only chance to prepare. After death, there are no second chances or negotiations. A person must fix their life now while they still have time.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 16)

It removes the skin.

This verse continues describing the extreme seriousness of the punishment. It shows that it is not ordinary pain or suffering, but something beyond human experience. It completely breaks normal protection and comfort.

The purpose of this description is to make a person reflect deeply. It is not meant only to scare, but to wake the heart up from carelessness. People often ignore warnings until they hear something strong enough to shake them.

The hidden lesson is that small sins become dangerous when they are ignored and repeated. Every action leaves an effect on the heart, and if a person does not change, those effects build up over time.

Ayah 17-19

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 17)

It calls out to those who turned away and ran from the truth.

This verse describes people who did not just make mistakes, but actively rejected guidance after it came to them. They heard reminders, understood the message, but still chose to turn away. It is like someone seeing the truth clearly and then walking away from it on purpose.

The verse shows that their punishment is connected to their own choices. It is not random. They kept avoiding truth in life, so on that Day, the reality they avoided will reach them completely. There is no more escape or hiding.

The hidden lesson is that running from truth does not remove it. A person can ignore reminders for a lifetime, but they cannot avoid the results forever. Truth always comes back in the end, even if it is delayed.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 18)

And those who collected wealth and kept it stored.

This verse speaks about people who made wealth their main goal in life. They kept collecting money and possessions, but they did not use it in meaningful or good ways. Their focus was only on gathering more and more.

Over time, wealth became their source of safety and pride.

They believed that having more money meant having more security in life. But they forgot that wealth cannot protect a person from final judgment.

The hidden lesson is that money is only a tool, not a purpose. When wealth becomes the center of life, it slowly takes control of the heart. And when the heart is controlled by money, it forgets God and forgets responsibility.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 19)

Indeed, human beings were created anxious.

This verse explains a natural part of human nature.

People are not always calm and steady inside. They often feel worry, fear, stress, and impatience even without strong reasons. This is built into how humans are created.

Because of this nature, humans can easily lose balance in life. They panic quickly when something goes wrong and become impatient when things take time. Without guidance, this anxiety can grow and control their thoughts.

The hidden lesson is that human beings are not meant to depend only on themselves. This inner weakness is a sign that we need support from God. When a person connects with God, their anxiety becomes calmer and more controlled.

Ayah 20-21

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 20)

When harm touches him, he becomes very upset.

When a person faces difficulty, pain, or loss, their reaction is often very strong. They feel overwhelmed quickly and may think that everything is going wrong in their life. Their emotions take over their thinking.

In that moment, they forget the good things they still have. A single problem can feel bigger than all their blessings combined. This shows how limited human perspective can become during hardship.

The hidden lesson is that hardship is a test of patience and trust. It shows whether a person depends only on the world or also trusts God. A strong heart learns to stay steady even when life becomes painful.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 21)

And when good touches him, he becomes selfish.

When life becomes easy and full of blessings, many people do not respond with gratitude. Instead, they become focused on themselves and start holding tightly to what they have. They fear losing it, so they do not share.

Success can make a person forget where blessings come from. They start thinking everything is only because of their own effort. This slowly leads to pride and selfish behavior.

The hidden lesson is that both hardship and success are tests. Hardship tests patience, while success tests gratitude and generosity. A balanced person remembers God in both situations and stays humble in both.

Ayah 22-23

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 22)

Except those who pray.

This verse introduces a different type of person, one who is not controlled by these weaknesses. They are not overwhelmed by fear in hardship, and they are not selfish in success. The reason is their connection with God through prayer. Prayer keeps their heart stable and grounded. It gives them balance so they do not fall into extreme emotions. It reminds them who they are and keeps their life focused on meaning, not just reaction.

The hidden lesson is that prayer is not only worship, but protection for the heart. It protects a person from becoming too weak in hardship or too proud in success.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 23)

Those who are steady in their prayer.

These people do not treat prayer as something random or optional. It is not something they only do when they feel like it or when life is easy. Instead, it is a constant part of their life no matter what is happening around them. Being steady in prayer means discipline. Even when they are busy, tired, or stressed, they still keep their connection with God. This regular connection shapes their personality and keeps their heart balanced in all situations.

The hidden lesson is that real strength comes from consistency. A strong faith is not built from rare actions, but from small actions done regularly. Prayer becomes the anchor that keeps a person stable in life.



Ayah 24-26

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 24)

And those in whose wealth there is a known right.

These people understand something very important: their wealth is not completely theirs alone. They believe that part of what they have belongs to others who are in need. This changes how they view money completely.

Because of this understanding, they give willingly instead of feeling forced. They do not see giving as losing something, but as fulfilling a responsibility. Their heart becomes clean from greed because they are not holding everything for themselves.

The hidden lesson is that giving protects the heart. When a person shares, they remember that everything comes from God. Wealth becomes a tool for good instead of something that controls the person.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 25)

For those who ask and those who are too shy to ask.

These people help two types of needy individuals. First, those who openly ask for help. Second, those who are struggling silently but do not ask because of shame, pride, or fear.

Not everyone expresses their problems clearly. Some people suffer quietly and hide their needs. These believers try to notice both types so that no one is left behind or forgotten.

The hidden lesson is that real kindness is not only about reacting, but about noticing. A good person pays attention to silent suffering and helps even when no one asks directly.

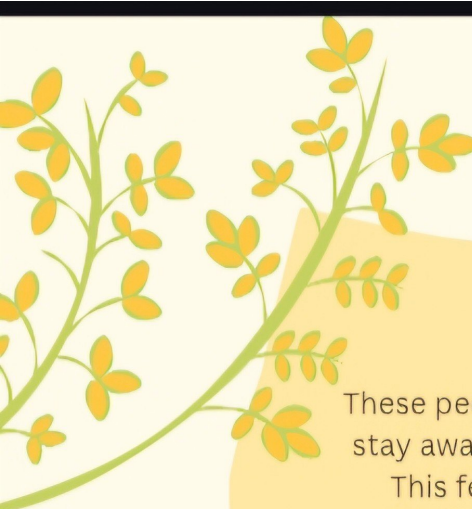
Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 26)

And those who believe in the Day of Judgment.

These people live with strong awareness that life does not end here. They truly believe they will be responsible for everything they do. This belief affects every choice they make.

Because of this, they act carefully in daily life. They try to avoid harm, do good, and stay honest even when no one is watching. Their actions are guided by responsibility, not just desire.

The hidden lesson is that belief shapes behavior. When someone truly believes in accountability, they naturally try to live a better, more careful life.



Ayah 27-28

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 27)

And those who fear the punishment of their Lord.

These people do good, but they never become careless or proud about it. Even while doing good actions, they stay aware that they still need God's mercy and forgiveness. They do not assume they are guaranteed safety.

This fear is not hopeless fear. It is a healthy awareness that keeps them balanced. It protects them from thinking they are "finished" or already guaranteed success just because they have done some good deeds. The hidden lesson is that healthy fear keeps a person humble. It prevents pride and keeps the heart focused on continuous self-improvement and dependence on God.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 28)

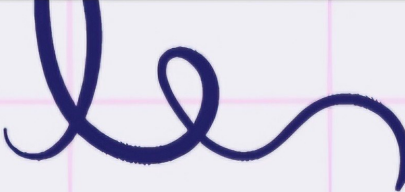
Indeed, the punishment of their Lord is not something to feel fully safe from.

This verse reminds people not to become too relaxed in their faith. No matter how much good a person does, they should never assume they are completely safe. Life is still ongoing, and the final outcome is not known. At the same time, it teaches balance. A believer should not live in fear alone, but also not in overconfidence.

Hope in God's mercy and awareness of responsibility must exist together in the heart.

The hidden lesson is that overconfidence can slowly destroy a person's effort. When someone feels "already safe," they may stop improving. Staying humble keeps a person moving forward spiritually.





Ayah 29-30

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 29)

And those who protect their private parts.

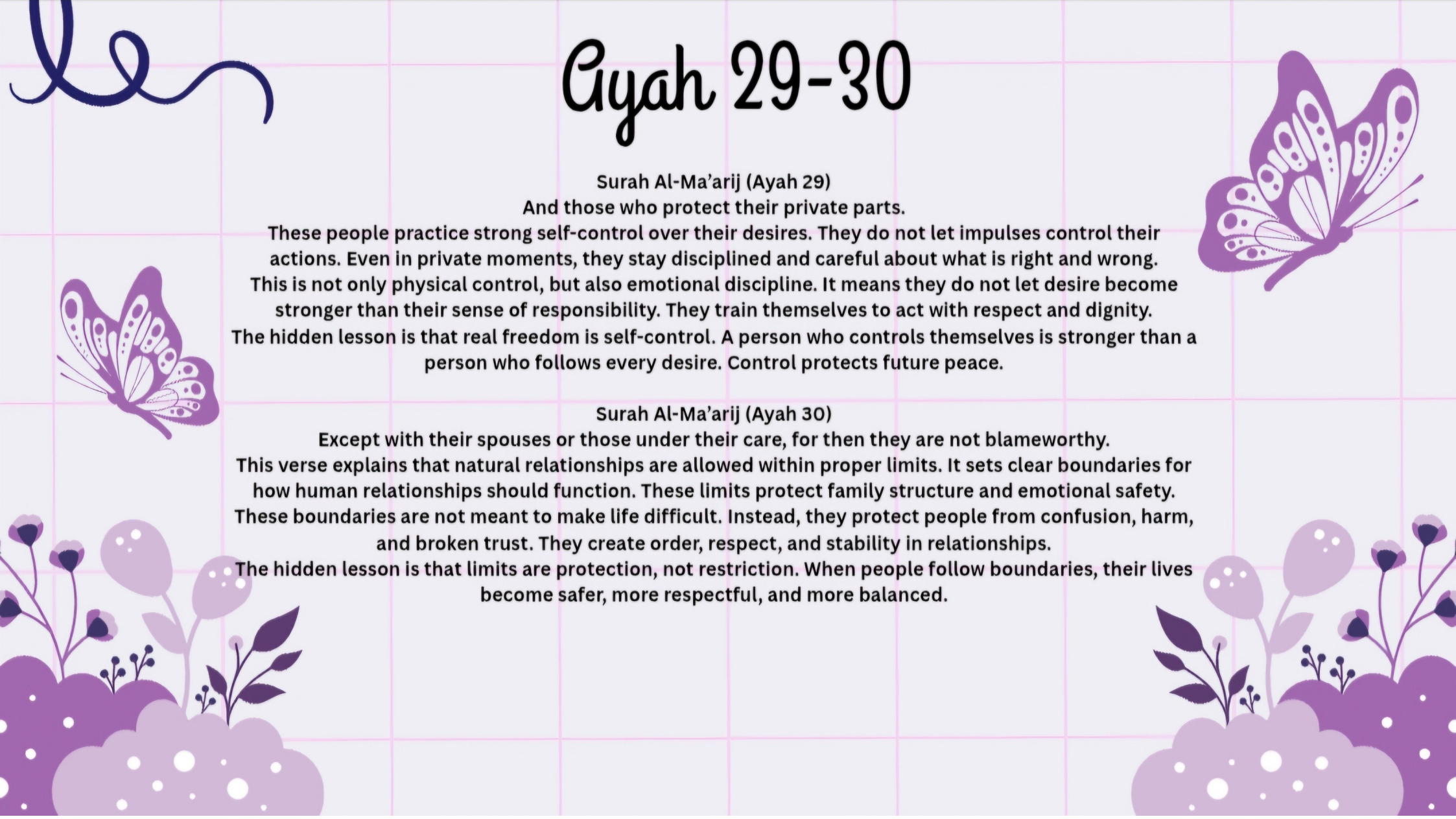
These people practice strong self-control over their desires. They do not let impulses control their actions. Even in private moments, they stay disciplined and careful about what is right and wrong. This is not only physical control, but also emotional discipline. It means they do not let desire become stronger than their sense of responsibility. They train themselves to act with respect and dignity. The hidden lesson is that real freedom is self-control. A person who controls themselves is stronger than a person who follows every desire. Control protects future peace.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 30)

Except with their spouses or those under their care, for then they are not blameworthy.

This verse explains that natural relationships are allowed within proper limits. It sets clear boundaries for how human relationships should function. These limits protect family structure and emotional safety. These boundaries are not meant to make life difficult. Instead, they protect people from confusion, harm, and broken trust. They create order, respect, and stability in relationships.

The hidden lesson is that limits are protection, not restriction. When people follow boundaries, their lives become safer, more respectful, and more balanced.



Ayah 31-33

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 31)

But whoever goes beyond that, they are the wrongdoers.

This verse warns against crossing the limits set for human behavior. When a person ignores boundaries, they harm not only themselves but also others around them. It leads to disorder and regret.

Going beyond limits often comes from uncontrolled desire. It may feel good for a short time, but it leads to long-term harm. Many problems in life come from ignoring limits.

The hidden lesson is that discipline protects a person from destruction. Saying no to wrong desires today saves a person from pain in the future.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 32)

And those who are faithful to their trusts and promises.

These people are honest, reliable, and responsible. When they make a promise, they keep it. When someone trusts them, they do not betray that trust or break their word.

This quality makes them respected in society. People feel safe around them because they know they can depend on them. Trust becomes a key part of their identity.

The hidden lesson is that character is proven through actions. A person's true value is shown in whether others can rely on them or not.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 33)

And those who stand firm in truth when they give witness.

These people do not lie or hide the truth when they are asked to speak. Even if the truth is difficult or goes against their own benefit, they still speak it honestly.

They do not change truth for money, pressure, or fear. They stay firm because they understand that truth is more important than personal gain or comfort.

The hidden lesson is that honesty requires courage. A strong person is not just strong in actions, but also strong in standing for truth.

Ayah 34-36

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 34)

And those who protect their prayers.

These people treat prayer as something very important and do not neglect it. They make sure it remains part of their daily life and do not abandon it without reason.

Prayer keeps them connected to God and helps guide their behavior. It gives structure to their life and keeps their heart focused on what is right. The hidden lesson is that prayer protects the heart. A person who keeps their connection with God stays more balanced, aware, and spiritually strong.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (Ayah 35)

They will be honored in gardens and in comfort.

These people will receive honor, peace, and complete comfort in the life after death. There will be no fear, sadness, or regret for them. Their life will be full of lasting happiness.

This reward is the result of how they lived in this world. Their patience, honesty, prayer, kindness, and discipline all led them to this outcome. Their effort was not wasted.

The hidden lesson is that every choice in life matters. A life built on faith and good character leads to eternal peace, while ignoring guidance leads to regret.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:36)

"So what is the matter with those who disbelieve, rushing toward you?"

After describing the reward of the believers, Allah suddenly shifts attention to the disbelievers who surrounded Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The verse asks a rhetorical question intended to expose the strange behavior of those who rejected the message yet remained obsessed with it. They frequently gathered around the Prophet, listening to the Qur'an not out of sincerity but often to mock, criticize, challenge, or find faults in his message. The Arabic wording conveys eagerness and haste, suggesting they hurried toward him in groups whenever he recited revelation. Scholars note that this behavior reveals an inner contradiction: despite their outward rejection, they could not ignore the truth because it affected them deeply. Their constant attention to the Prophet showed that the message had penetrated their hearts even if they refused to accept it. The verse highlights a recurring human tendency—people sometimes oppose a truth most intensely when they recognize its power and feel threatened by its implications.

Ayah 37-38

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:37)

"From the right and from the left, in groups."

This verse expands the scene described in the previous verse by depicting the disbelievers gathering around the Prophet ﷺ from every direction. The word used for "groups" refers to clusters, circles, factions, or separate gatherings of people. Classical commentators explain that the Meccan opponents would stand in crowds around the Prophet whenever he taught or recited the Qur'an, observing him while discussing, mocking, or debating among themselves. The mention of the right and left sides creates a vivid image of the Prophet being surrounded physically while remaining firm upon revelation. Some scholars also see a symbolic lesson in this wording: while believers are united by truth and submission to Allah, the disbelievers are divided into factions, each following its own desires, assumptions, and interests. Thus the verse not only describes a historical scene but also illustrates a broader principle that truth creates unity whereas arrogance and falsehood often produce division and fragmentation.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:38)

"Does every one of them hope to enter a Garden of Bliss?"

Allah now challenges the assumptions of the disbelievers with a powerful rhetorical question. Many of the Meccan leaders considered themselves superior because of their wealth, tribal status, influence, and social position. Some believed that if an afterlife existed, they would certainly receive better treatment than the believers because they viewed themselves as more deserving. Allah asks whether each of these individuals truly expects admission into the Garden of Bliss despite rejecting revelation and refusing to submit to Him. The question itself carries the answer: such expectations are baseless. Paradise is not granted because of lineage, social rank, wealth, intelligence, or worldly success. Rather, it is earned through faith, obedience, sincerity, and Allah's mercy. This verse destroys the illusion that worldly status automatically translates into divine favor and reminds humanity that the standards of Allah's judgment are completely different from the standards by which people often measure greatness in this world.

Ayah 39-40

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:39)

"No indeed! We created them from what they know."

Allah firmly rejects the false hopes of the disbelievers and reminds them of their humble origin. Most commentators explain that the phrase "from what they know" refers to the fluid from which human beings are created. This reminder strikes directly at the root of arrogance. Those who boast about their wealth, power, ancestry, or achievements often forget the humble beginning from which every human being originates. By recalling their creation, Allah exposes the irrationality of pride and self-importance. The verse also serves as evidence for resurrection: if Allah was able to create human beings from such an insignificant beginning, then recreating them after death is even more certain and within His complete power. Thus the verse simultaneously humbles human beings, refutes arrogance, and provides proof of Allah's ability to resurrect and judge all people on the Day of Judgment.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:40)

"But no! I swear by the Lord of the Easts and the Wests that We are surely able."

Allah swears by Himself as the Lord of the "Easts and Wests." The use of the plural form is significant. Scholars explain that the sun rises and sets at different points throughout the year, meaning there are countless easts and wests across time and space. Others extend the meaning to all celestial bodies and all directions under Allah's control. By invoking this immense cosmic reality, Allah emphasizes His absolute power and authority over the universe. The oath serves as a response to those who doubted resurrection. If Allah controls the movement of the heavens with perfect precision every day, then raising humanity after death presents no difficulty whatsoever. The verse directs human attention toward the signs of divine power in creation and reminds people that the One who governs the entire cosmos is fully capable of bringing every individual back to life for judgment.

Ayah 41-42

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:41)

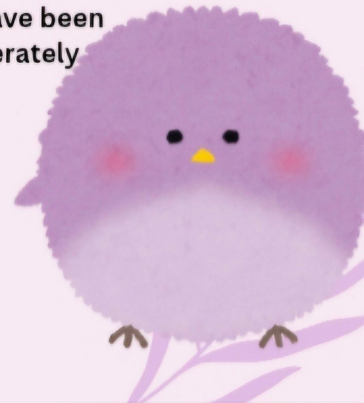
"To replace them with better than them, and We cannot be overcome."

Allah declares that He has the power to replace these arrogant disbelievers with people who are better than them in faith, obedience, and character. This statement emphasizes Allah's complete independence from His creation. Human beings sometimes imagine that they are indispensable because of their status, influence, or numbers, but Allah reminds them that His religion and His plans do not depend upon any individual or group. Throughout history, nations that rejected divine guidance were often replaced by others who were more receptive to truth. The phrase "We cannot be overcome" further stresses Allah's absolute sovereignty and power. No force, individual, kingdom, or civilization can frustrate His will or escape His authority. The verse therefore serves as both a warning to the disbelievers and a reminder that Allah's purposes continue regardless of whether people choose belief or rejection.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:42)

"So leave them to engage in idle talk and play until they meet their Day which they are promised."

Allah instructs the Prophet ﷺ not to become overly distressed by the mockery, arguments, and distractions of the disbelievers. Their behavior is described as "idle talk and play," indicating that they treat serious realities such as revelation, judgment, and accountability as matters of amusement rather than sincere reflection. They engage in pointless debates, ridicule, and worldly distractions while ignoring the truth. Allah's command to "leave them" does not mean approval of their actions but rather reassurance that their rejection will not prevent Allah's plan from unfolding. Their opportunity to choose remains open, but eventually they will encounter the Day they have been repeatedly warned about. The verse teaches believers not to become consumed by endless arguments with those who are deliberately insincere and reminds everyone that ultimate reality will become clear when the promised Day arrives.



Ayah 43-44

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:43)

"The Day they emerge from the graves rapidly as if racing toward a target."

This verse provides a vivid image of resurrection. When Allah commands the dead to rise, people will emerge from their graves with extraordinary speed. The wording emphasizes urgency and irresistibility; no one will be able to remain behind or delay their appearance before Allah. Classical scholars explain that the comparison to people "racing toward a target" refers to the enthusiasm and speed with which some Arabs would rush toward objects of devotion, gathering places, or ceremonial markers. Allah uses familiar imagery to communicate the intensity of the resurrection. In worldly life, many people rushed toward their desires, ambitions, idols, or distractions. On the Day of Judgment, they will rush with equal speed toward their final accountability. The verse powerfully illustrates Allah's absolute authority over creation and the certainty that every human being will stand before Him.

Surah Al-Ma'arij (70:44)

"Their eyes humbled, humiliation covering them. That is the Day which they had been promised."

The surah concludes with a striking image of the condition of the disbelievers on the Day of Judgment. Their eyes are described as humbled and lowered, reflecting fear, regret, helplessness, and the complete collapse of the pride they once displayed in worldly life. Those who looked down upon believers and rejected Allah's signs with arrogance will no longer possess confidence or defiance. Humiliation will envelop them entirely, covering them from every side. The Arabic wording suggests a condition that surrounds and overwhelms them rather than a temporary feeling.

This verse forms a deliberate contrast with verse 35, where the believers are honored in Paradise. The righteous receive dignity, while the arrogant experience disgrace. The final sentence, "That is the Day which they had been promised," emphasizes the certainty of Allah's warnings. For years they denied, mocked, or doubted the coming judgment, but now the reality they rejected stands before them. The surah therefore ends by contrasting eternal honor for the believers with profound humiliation for those who knowingly turned away from the truth.

THE END

