

## For Fast 22

### Chapter 25

- 63** And the servants of the Beneficent are they who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, Peace!
- 64** And they who pass the night prostrating themselves before their Lord and standing.
- 65** And they who say: Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of hell; surely its punishment is a lasting evil:
- 66** It is surely an evil abode and resting-place!

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*Note:* During the day, the servants of God transact all their affairs with humility, and don't tangle with the ignorant, not descending to their level. During a part of the night, they pray in order to get the strength to display good qualities in dealing with others. They are very much conscious of their failings and thus they pray to God to be saved from punishment.

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- 74** And they who say, Our Lord, grant us in our wives and our offspring the joy of our eyes, and make us leaders for those who guard against evil.
- 75** These are rewarded with high places because they are patient, and are met there with greetings and salutation,
- 76** abiding there — a goodly abode and resting-place!
- 77** Say: My Lord would not care for you, if it were not for your prayer. Now indeed you have rejected, so the punishment will come.

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*Note:* V. 74 shows what we should aspire and pray for, for our close families.

V. 75–77: It is through prayer that the acceptors of truth make progress and reach high spiritual places; without prayer it is impossible. Through prayer, the worst of wrongdoers can repent and find forgiveness. But those who entirely fail to make use of this path, which is open for them to tread upon, and reject it completely, they eventually meet with punishment.

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### Chapter 26

- 47** They said: We believe in the Lord of the worlds,
- 48** the Lord of Moses and Aaron.
- 49** (Pharaoh) said: You believe in him before I give you permission; surely he is the chief of you who taught you enchantment, so you will soon come to know. Certainly I will cut off your hands and your feet on opposite sides, and I will crucify you all.
- 50** They said: No harm; surely to our Lord we return.
- 51** We hope that our Lord will forgive us our wrongs because we are the first of the believers.

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*Note:* These were the “enchanters” (magicians) whom the Pharaoh brought to compete with the miracles of Moses. They were defeated and accepted Moses’ teachings. V. 51 is their prayer.

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- 60** Then they pursued them at sunrise.
- 61** So when the two groups saw each other, the companions of Moses cried out: Surely we are overtaken.
- 62** He said: By no means; surely my Lord is with me — He will guide me.

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*Note:* Pharaoh and his armies pursued the Israelites led by Moses, as they marched towards the Red Sea. The pursuing army caught up with them, near the seaside. Yet Moses remained confident that God would help them. God then caused the sea to clear a dry path for the Israelites to cross over.

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