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Chapter 26



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ﴿١﴾ فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحَرْ ﴿٢﴾
 إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ ﴿٣﴾

In the Name of Allah, Most Kind, Most Merciful.

- (1) Truly, We have given you al-Kawthar.
- (2) So pray to your Lord and sacrifice (to Him alone).
- (3) Indeed, it is the one who hates you who will be cut off.

This is the shortest surah of the Qur'an. It consists of only three brief aayaat. As is well known, all the sons of the Prophet (ﷺ) died during his lifetime and only his daughters survived.

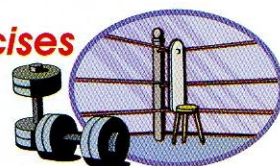
Some leaders of the Quraysh made fun of the Prophet (ﷺ) when his young son Abdullah from Khadijah (رضي الله عنها) died. They said he no longer had any sons to carry on his name. They also said that he would be soon forgotten after his death. In the tribal society, it was important for every man to have a son to carry on his name of honour. After the birth of his first son, a father would be given a title: Abu (father of) followed by the given name of his son.

Allah promised the Prophet (ﷺ) in this surah that it would be those who insulted the Prophet (ﷺ), and not him, who would leave behind no one to remember them. Now more than fourteen centuries later, millions of Muslims around the world ask Allah to shower His blessings on the Prophet (ﷺ) and his family in every prayer as well as on many numerous occasions.

The term al-Kawthar means much good in this life and in the hereafter. It is also the name of a river in Paradise. The water of al-Kawthar is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey. Those who drink from it will not feel thirsty again!

This surah promises that the enemies of the Prophet (ﷺ) are indeed cut off both in this world and in the hereafter.

Exercises



A. Match A to B

A

B

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| 1 | al-Kawthar | a | son of |
| 2 | Surat al-Kawthar | b | pond or river in Paradise |
| 3 | Ibn | c | father of |
| 4 | Abu | d | shortest surah of the Qur'an |
| | | e | daughter of |

B. Answer the following questions.

- Describe the pond of al-Kawthar. Do you think we can perfectly describe it?

- What special feature does the pond of al-Kawthar have?

C. Think-up

In how many different ways do people remember the Prophet (ﷺ) even after fourteen centuries?