SURAH AL-KAWTHAR

LEVEL: BEGINNER

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحُمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّاۤ أَعۡطَيۡنَٰكَ ٱلۡكَوۡثَرَ (1) فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَٱنۡحَرُ (2) إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ ٱلۡأَبْتَرُ (3)

TRANLITRATION

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Innaaa a'tainaa kal kauthar

Indeed, We have granted you, [O Muḥammad], al-Kawthar.

Fasalli li rabbika wanhar

So pray to your Lord and offer sacrifice [to Him alone].

Inna shaani'aka huwal abtar

Indeed, your enemy is the one cut off.



- 1- It is a Makkan surah.
- 2- It is the shortest surah in the Quran.
- 3- The surah gives glad tidings to Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) of Allah's gift.



VERSE-BY-VERSE EXPLANATION

1: "Indeed, We have granted you, [O Muhammad], Al-Kawthar."

• In this verse, Allah promises Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) a special gift, "Al-Kawthar." "Al-Kawthar" is a river in Paradise, gifted to the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). This river is described in hadiths as incredibly beautiful, and those who drink from it will never feel thirst again. The water of this river is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey.

2: "So pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone]."

• In this verse, Allah commands the Prophet (ﷺ) to show gratitude for these blessings by performing acts of worship, specifically prayer and sacrifice. This verse highlights the importance of remembering Allah and showing thanks for His gifts. The command to sacrifice could also refer to giving up things for Allah's sake and making offerings to Him alone, without associating any partners with Him.

3: "Indeed, your enemy is the one cut off."

• This final verse is a message of reassurance and consolation to the Prophet. During the time of revelation, some of the enemies of Islam mocked and insulted the Prophet, claiming that he would have no legacy or followers. Allah assures the Prophet that it is actually his enemies who will be "cut off" or forgotten, while the Prophet's legacy and message will live on forever.



اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيَّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

KEY LESSONS FROM THE SURAH

- 1. Allah's Gifts are Endless: The term "Al-Kawthar" reminds us that Allah's blessings are abundant and often beyond our imagination. Recognizing and being grateful for Allah's blessings can bring peace and happiness to a believer's life.
- 2. **Importance of Gratitude and Worship:** Allah asks us to express our gratitude through prayer and sacrifice. This teaches that true gratitude is not only felt in the heart but also demonstrated through action.
- 3. **Legacy of the Prophet (ﷺ):** Despite the challenges he faced, the Prophet's legacy has continued to flourish. His teachings, followers, and influence grew far beyond the understanding of his early opponents, showing that a sincere and righteous life leaves a lasting legacy.
- 4. Trust in Allah's Promise: The Surah reminds us that worldly success is not the ultimate goal, and mockery from others is irrelevant when Allah's support is with us. Allah reassures the Prophet () that his enemies will not succeed, and this provides a lesson to all Muslims to remain patient and faithful in times of hardship.



- Surah Al-Kawthar is the sortest Surah in the Quran.
- AL-Kawthar is a river in the Jannah owned by the Prophet (ﷺ), but he will share it with all the Muslims.

ACTIVITIES

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

- 1- What is "Al-Kawthar"?
- A) A mountain
- B) A river in Paradise
- C) A city in Arabia
- D) A famous prophet
- 2- Surah Al-Kawthar reassures the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) that:
- A) His opponents will have success
- B) His legacy will continue
- C) He will become wealthy
- D) His followers will decrease
- 3- Which of the following best describes a key lesson from Surah Al-Kawthar?
- A) Importance of generosity
- B) Trusting in Allah's rewards
- C) The power of patience
- D) The need to avoid conflict
- 4- In Surah Al-Kawthar, Allah instructs the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) to:
- A) Be patient with his enemies
- B) Offer prayer and sacrifice
- C) Seek help from his companions
- D) Build a mosque

TRUE OR FALSE

- 1- Surah Al-Kawthar is the longest surah in the Qur'an.
- 2- Surah Al-Kawthar promises blessings to the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).
- 3- The main message of Surah Al-Kawthar is about helping others.
- 4- Surah Al-Kawthar is the shortest surah in the Quran.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING

- 1- How does Surah Al-Kawthar show Allah's support for the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)?
- 2- What can we learn about handling criticism or opposition from Surah Al-Kawthar?
- 3- Why is gratitude an important theme in Surah Al-Kawthar?