

with your family during a portion of the night⁵²⁵ and let not any among you look back – except your wife; indeed, she will be struck by that which strikes them. Indeed, their appointment is [for] the morning. Is not the morning near?"

82. So when Our command came, We made the highest part [of the city] its lowest and rained upon them stones of layered hard clay, [which were]
83. Marked from your Lord. And it [i.e., Allāh's punishment] is not from the wrongdoers [very] far.
84. And to Madyan [We sent] their brother Shu'ayb. He said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him. And do not decrease from the measure and the scale. Indeed, I see you in prosperity, but indeed, I fear for you the punishment of an all-encompassing Day.
85. And O my people, give full measure and weight in justice and do not deprive the people of their due and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption.
86. What remains [lawful] from Allāh is best for you, if you would be believers. But I am not a guardian over you."
87. They said, "O Shu'ayb, does your prayer [i.e., religion] command you that we should leave what our fathers worship or not do with our wealth what we please? Indeed, you are the forbearing, the discerning!"⁵²⁶
88. He said, "O my people, have you considered: if I am upon clear evidence from my Lord and He has provided me with a good provision from Him...?⁵²⁷ And I do not intend to differ from you in that which I have forbidden you; I only intend reform as much as I am able. And my success is not but through Allāh. Upon Him I have relied, and to Him I return."⁵²⁸

⁵²⁵i.e., sometime before dawn.

⁵²⁶This is a sarcastic description implying the opposite.

⁵²⁷The conclusion of the sentence is estimated as "...would it not be my duty to warn you against corruption and disobedience?"

⁵²⁸i.e., I turn to Allāh frequently in supplication and repentance.

89. And O my people, let not [your] dissension from me cause you to be struck by that similar to what struck the people of Noah or the people of Hūd or the people of Šāliḥ. And the people of Lot are not from you far away.
90. And ask forgiveness of your Lord and then repent to Him. Indeed, my Lord is Merciful and Affectionate."
91. They said, "O Shu'ayb, we do not understand much of what you say, and indeed, we consider you among us as weak. And if not for your family, we would have stoned you [to death]; and you are not to us one respected."
92. He said, "O my people, is my family more respected for power by you than Allāh? But you put Him behind your backs [in neglect]. Indeed, my Lord is encompassing of what you do.
93. And O my people, work according to your position; indeed, I am working. You are going to know to whom will come a punishment that will disgrace him and who is a liar. So watch; indeed, I am with you a watcher, [awaiting the outcome]."
94. And when Our command came, We saved Shu'ayb and those who believed with him, by mercy from Us. And the shriek seized those who had wronged, and they became within their homes [corpses] fallen prone
95. As if they had never prospered therein. Then, away with Madyan as Thamūd was taken away.
96. And We did certainly send Moses with Our signs and a clear authority
97. To Pharaoh and his establishment, but they followed the command of Pharaoh, and the command of Pharaoh was not [at all] discerning.
98. He will precede his people on the Day of Resurrection and lead them into the Fire; and wretched is the place to which they are led.
99. And they were followed in this [world] with a curse and on the Day of Resurrection. And wretched is the gift⁵²⁹ which is given.

⁵²⁹i.e., the curse which follows them in both worlds.