

Sūrah aṣ-Ṣāffāt¹²⁰²

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. By those [angels] lined up in rows
2. And those who drive [the clouds]
3. And those who recite the message,¹²⁰³
4. Indeed, your God is One,
5. Lord of the heavens and the earth and that between them and Lord of the sunrises.¹²⁰⁴
6. Indeed, We have adorned the nearest heaven with an adornment of stars
7. And as protection against every rebellious devil
8. [So] they may not listen to the exalted assembly [of angels] and are pelted from every side,¹²⁰⁵
9. Repelled; and for them is a constant punishment,
10. Except one who snatches [some words] by theft, but they are pursued by a burning flame, piercing [in brightness].
11. Then inquire of them, [O Muḥammad], "Are they a stronger [or more difficult] creation or those [others] We have created?" Indeed, We created them [i.e., men] from sticky clay.
12. But you wonder, while they mock,
13. And when they are reminded, they remember not.
14. And when they see a sign, they ridicule
15. And say, "This is not but obvious magic.

¹²⁰²Aṣ-Ṣāffāt: Those Lined Up.

¹²⁰³To the prophets or among themselves. Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) swears by these three kinds of angels to the fact mentioned in the following verse.

¹²⁰⁴i.e., each point or place of sunrise.

¹²⁰⁵By flaming meteors.

16. When we have died and become dust and bones, are we indeed to be resurrected?
17. And our forefathers [as well]?"
18. Say, "Yes, and you will be [rendered] contemptible."
19. It will be only one shout, and at once they will be observing.
20. They will say, "O woe to us! This is the Day of Recompense."
21. [They will be told], "This is the Day of Judgement which you used to deny."
22. [The angels will be ordered], "Gather those who committed wrong, their kinds,¹²⁰⁶ and what they used to worship
23. Other than Allāh, and guide them to the path of Hellfire
24. And stop them; indeed, they are to be questioned."
25. [They will be asked], "What is [wrong] with you? Why do you not help each other?"
26. But they, that Day, are in surrender.
27. And they will approach one another asking [i.e., blaming] each other.
28. They will say, "Indeed, you used to come at us from the right."¹²⁰⁷
29. They [i.e., the oppressors] will say, "Rather, you [yourselves] were not believers,
30. And we had over you no authority, but you were a transgressing people.
31. So the word [i.e., decree] of our Lord has come into effect upon us; indeed, we will taste [punishment].
32. And we led you to deviation; indeed, we were deviators."
33. So indeed they, that Day, will be sharing in the punishment.

¹²⁰⁶Those similar to them in evil deeds. Another possible meaning is "their wives."

¹²⁰⁷i.e., from our position of strength, oppressing us. Or from where we would have grasped the truth, preventing us.