

having transcribed¹³⁷³ whatever you used to do."

30. So as for those who believed and did righteous deeds, their Lord will admit them into His mercy. That is what is the clear attainment.
31. But as for those who disbelieved, [it will be said], "Were not Our verses recited to you, but you were arrogant and became a people of criminals?"
32. And when it was said, 'Indeed, the promise of Allāh is truth and the Hour [is coming] – no doubt about it,' you said, 'We know not what is the Hour. We assume only assumption, and we are not convinced.'"
33. And the evil consequences of what they did will appear to them, and they will be enveloped by what they used to ridicule.
34. And it will be said, "Today We will forget you as you forgot the meeting of this Day of yours, and your refuge is the Fire, and for you there are no helpers.
35. That is because you took the verses of Allāh in ridicule, and worldly life deluded you." So that Day they will not be removed from it, nor will they be asked to appease [Allāh].
36. Then, to Allāh belongs [all] praise – Lord of the heavens and Lord of the earth, Lord of the worlds.
37. And to Him belongs [all] grandeur within the heavens and the earth, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

¹³⁷³By recording angels.

*Sūrah al-Aḥqāf*¹³⁷⁴

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Hā, Meem.¹³⁷⁵
2. The revelation of the Book is from Allāh, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
3. We did not create the heavens and earth and what is between them except in truth and [for] a specified term. But those who disbelieve, from that of which they are warned, are turning away.
4. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Have you considered that which you invoke besides Allāh? Show me what they have created of the earth; or did they have partnership in [creation of] the heavens? Bring me a scripture [revealed] before this or a [remaining] trace of knowledge, if you should be truthful."
5. And who is more astray than he who invokes besides Allāh those who will not respond to him until the Day of Resurrection [i.e., never], and they, of their invocation, are unaware.
6. And when the people are gathered [that Day], they [who were invoked] will be enemies to them, and they will be deniers of their worship.
7. And when Our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, those who disbelieve say of the truth when it has come to them, "This is obvious magic."
8. Or do they say, "He has invented it"? Say, "If I have invented it, you will not possess for me [the power of protection] from Allāh at all. He is most knowing of that in which you are involved."¹³⁷⁶ Sufficient is He as Witness between me and you, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

¹³⁷⁴ *Al-Aḥqāf*: The Curving Sand Tracts, a characteristic of the region once inhabited by the tribe of 'Aad.

¹³⁷⁵ See footnote to 2:1.

¹³⁷⁶ Of false implications and suggestions.