- Between them is a barrier [so] neither of them transgresses. 20.
- 21. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 22 From both of them emerge pearl and coral.
- 23. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- And to Him belong the ships [with sails] elevated in the sea 24. like mountains
- 25. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 26. Everyone upon it [i.e., the earth] will perish,
- And there will remain the Face<sup>1488</sup> of your Lord, Owner of 27. Majesty and Honor.
- So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny? 28.
- Whoever is within the heavens and earth asks Him: every day 29. He is in [i.e., bringing about] a matter. 1489
- So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny? 30.
- We will attend to you. O prominent beings. 1490 31.
- 32. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 33. O company of iinn and mankind, if you are able to pass beyond the regions of the heavens and the earth, then pass. You will not pass except by authority [from Allah].
- 34. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- There will be sent upon you a flame of fire and smoke, 1491 and 35. you will not defend yourselves.
- 36. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- And when the heaven is split open and becomes rose-colored 37. like oil 1492 -
- 38. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny? –

1489 For each of His creatures.

<sup>1488</sup> See footnote to 2:19.

<sup>1490</sup> Specifically two: mankind and *jinn*.
1491 Another possible meaning is liquefied brass or copper.

<sup>1492</sup>Or "like a tanned skin."

- Then on that Day none will be asked about his sin among men or jinn. 1493
- 40. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- The criminals will be known by their marks, and they will be seized by the forelocks and the feet.
- 42. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 43. This is Hell, which the criminals deny.
- 44. They will circulate between it and scalding water, heated [to the utmost degree].
- 45. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 46. But for he who has feared the position of his Lord<sup>1494</sup> are two gardens –
- 47. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny? –
- 48. Having [spreading] branches.
- 49. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 50. In both of them are two springs, flowing.
- 51. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 52. In both of them are of every fruit, two kinds.
- 53. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- 54. [They are] reclining on beds whose linings are of silk brocade, and the fruit of the two gardens is hanging low.
- 55. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?
- In them are women limiting [their] glances, 1495 untouched 1496 before them by man or jinnī –
- 57. So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny? –

An alternative meaning is "the standing [for account] before his Lord."

1495 To their own mates, i.e., being chaste and modest.

<sup>1493</sup> Once they have been condemned to the Fire.

<sup>1496</sup> Literally, they have not been caused to bleed by loss of virginity.