

21. Say, "Indeed, I do not possess for you [the power of] harm or right direction."
22. Say, "Indeed, there will never protect me from Allāh anyone [if I should disobey], nor will I find in other than Him a refuge.
23. But [I have for you] only notification from Allāh, and His messages." And whoever disobeys Allāh and His Messenger – then indeed, for him is the fire of Hell; they will abide therein forever.
24. [The disbelievers continue] until, when they see that which they are promised, then they will know who is weaker in helpers and less in number.
25. Say, "I do not know if what you are promised is near or if my Lord will grant for it a [long] period."
26. [He is] Knower of the unseen, and He does not disclose His [knowledge of the] unseen to anyone
27. Except whom He has approved of messengers, and indeed, He sends before him [i.e., each messenger] and behind him observers¹⁶⁴⁷
28. That he [i.e., Muḥammad (ﷺ)] may know¹⁶⁴⁸ that they have conveyed the messages of their Lord; and He has encompassed whatever is with them and has enumerated all things in number.

¹⁶⁴⁷Guardian angels to protect the messenger and the message.

¹⁶⁴⁸This phrase may also be read: "So He [i.e., Allāh] may make evident."

*Sūrah al-Muzzammil*¹⁶⁴⁹*Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem*

1. O you who wraps himself [in clothing],¹⁶⁵⁰
2. Arise [to pray] the night, except for a little –
3. Half of it – or subtract from it a little
4. Or add to it, and recite the Qur'ān with measured recitation.
5. Indeed, We will cast upon you a heavy word.¹⁶⁵¹
6. Indeed, the hours of the night are more effective for concurrence [of heart and tongue]¹⁶⁵² and more suitable for words.¹⁶⁵³
7. Indeed, for you by day is prolonged occupation.
8. And remember the name of your Lord and devote yourself to Him with [complete] devotion.
9. [He is] the Lord of the East and the West; there is no deity except Him, so take Him as Disposer of [your] affairs.¹⁶⁵⁴
10. And be patient over what they say and avoid them with gracious avoidance.
11. And leave Me with [the matter of] the deniers, those of ease [in life], and allow them respite a little.
12. Indeed, with Us [for them] are shackles and burning fire
13. And food that chokes and a painful punishment –

¹⁶⁴⁹ *Al-Muzzammil*: The One Who Wraps Himself (in clothing).

¹⁶⁵⁰ Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) addresses the Prophet (ﷺ), who was asleep, wrapped in his garments.

¹⁶⁵¹ i.e., the revelation, which when descending on the Prophet (ﷺ) bore down upon him with a great weight. Another meaning is "important ordinances."

¹⁶⁵² Another accepted interpretation of the same words is "Indeed, arising at night is more difficult...", meaning that it will only be done by sincere believers and not others.

¹⁶⁵³ i.e., for recitation of the Qur'ān and for hearing and understanding it.

¹⁶⁵⁴ i.e., trust in Allāh and rely upon Him.