

*Sūrah al-A‘rāf*³²⁶

Bismillāhir-Rahmānir-Raḥeem

1. Alif, Lām, Meem, Ṣād.³²⁷
2. [This is] a Book revealed to you, [O Muḥammad] – so let there not be in your breast distress therefrom – that you may warn thereby and as a reminder to the believers.
3. Follow, [O mankind], what has been revealed to you from your Lord and do not follow other than Him any allies. Little do you remember.
4. And how many cities have We destroyed, and Our punishment came to them at night or while they were sleeping at noon.
5. And their declaration when Our punishment came to them was only that they said, "Indeed, we were wrongdoers!"
6. Then We will surely question those to whom [a message] was sent, and We will surely question the messengers.
7. Then We will surely relate [their deeds] to them with knowledge, and We were not [at all] absent.
8. And the weighing [of deeds] that Day will be the truth. So those whose scales are heavy – it is they who will be the successful.
9. And those whose scales are light – they are the ones who will lose themselves for what injustice they were doing toward Our verses.
10. And We have certainly established you upon the earth and made for you therein ways of livelihood. Little are you grateful.
11. And We have certainly created you, [O mankind], and given you [human] form. Then We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam"; so they prostrated, except for Iblees.³²⁸ He was not of those who prostrated.

³²⁶ *Al-A‘rāf*: The Elevations, referring to the partition between Paradise and Hell.

³²⁷ See footnote to 2:1.

³²⁸ Satan. See footnote to 2:34.

12. [Allāh] said, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" [Satan] said, "I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay [i.e., earth]."
13. [Allāh] said, "Descend from it [i.e., Paradise], for it is not for you to be arrogant therein. So get out; indeed, you are of the debased."
14. [Satan] said, "Reprieve me until the Day they are resurrected."
15. [Allāh] said, "Indeed, you are of those reprieved."
16. [Satan] said, "Because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them [i.e., mankind] on Your straight path.
17. Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful [to You]."
18. [Allāh] said, "Depart from it [i.e., Paradise], reproached and expelled. Whoever follows you among them – I will surely fill Hell with you, all together."
19. And "O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat from wherever you will but do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers."
20. But Satan whispered to them to make apparent to them that which was concealed from them of their private parts. He said, "Your Lord did not forbid you this tree except that you become angels or become of the immortal."
21. And he swore [by Allāh] to them, "Indeed, I am to you from among the sincere advisors."
22. So he made them fall, through deception. And when they tasted of the tree, their private parts became apparent to them, and they began to fasten together over themselves from the leaves of Paradise. And their Lord called to them, "Did I not forbid you from that tree and tell you that Satan is to you a clear enemy?"
23. They said, "Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."