

2. His wealth and his children will not benefit him!

3. He will be burnt in a Fire of blazing flames!

4. And his wife, too, who carries wood (thorns of *Sa'dân* which she used to put on the way of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم or use to slander him).^[1]

5. In her neck is a twisted rope of *Masad* (palm fibre).^[2]

مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُ مَالُهُ وَمَا كَسَبَ ﴿٦﴾

سَيَصْلَىٰ نَارًا ذَاتَ لَهَبٍ ﴿٧﴾

وَأَمْرَأَتُهُ حَمَّالَةَ الْحَطَبِ ﴿٨﴾

فِي جِيدِهَا حَبْلٌ مِّن نَّسَبٍ ﴿٩﴾

**Sûrat Al-Ikhlâs or At-Tauhîd
(The Purity) CXII**

*In the Name of Allâh
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "He is Allâh, (the) One."^[3]

2. "Allâh-us-Samad" (السيد الذى يصمد اليه فى الحاجات) [Allah the Self-Sufficient Master,

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾

mountain, will you believe me?' They said, 'We have never heard you telling a lie.' Then he said, 'I am a plain warner to you of a coming severe punishment.' Abu Lahab said, 'May you perish! You gathered us only for this reason?' Then Abu Lahab went away. So [Sûrat Al-Masad] 'Perish the hands of Abu Lahab!' was revealed. (V.111:1). (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 6, Hadith No. 495).

* "Yâ Sabâhâh!" is an Arabic expression used when one appeals for help or draws the attention of others to some danger.

^[1] (V.111:4) 'And his wife too, who carries wood.' Mujâhid said, 'Carries the wood' means that she used to slander (the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم) and goes about with calumnies.

^[2] (V.111:5) "In her neck is a twisted rope of palm fibre, [i.e. the chain which is in the Fire (of Hell)]." (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol.6, Chapter 356, Page 469).

[Imâm Qurtubî says in the *Tafsîr* of the (V.17:45)]:

Narrated Sa'd bin Jubâir رضى الله عنه: "When Sûrah No.111 Al-Masad was revealed, the wife of Abu Lahab came looking out for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم while Abu Bakr رضى الله عنه was sitting beside him. Abu Bakr said to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم: 'I wish if you get aside (or go away) as she is coming, to us, she may harm you'. The Prophet said: 'There will be a screen set between me and her'. So she did not see him صلى الله عليه وسلم. She said to Abu Bakr: 'Your companion is saying poetry against me.' Abu Bakr said: 'By Allâh he does not say poetry.' She said: 'Do you believe that'. Then she left. Abu Bakr said, 'O Allâh's Messenger! She did not see you'. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: 'An angel was screening me from her.' [This Hadith is quoted in *Masnad Abû ya'la*]

It is said that if the Verse [(17:45) The Qur'ân] is recited by a real believer (of Islâmic Monotheism) he will be screened from a disbeliever. (Allâh knows best). (*Tafsîr Al-Qurtubî*, Vol.10, Page 269).

^[3] (V.112:1) See *Tauhîd* in the Glossary (Appendix).



Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)].

3. "He begets not, nor was He begotten."^[1]

4. "And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him."

لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا شَيْءٌ

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

Sûrat Al-Falaq
(The Daybreak) CXIII

*In the Name of Allâh
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. Say: "I seek refuge with (Allâh), the Lord of the daybreak,

2. "From the evil of what He has created,

3. "And from the evil of the darkening (night) as it comes with its darkness; (or the moon as it sets or goes away),

4. "And from the evil of those who practise witchcraft when they blow in the knots,

5. "And from the evil of the envier when he envies."

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ

^[1] (V.112:3)

A) Narrated Mu'adh bin Jabal رضى الله عنه : The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "O Mu'adh! Do you know what Allâh's Right upon His slaves is?" I said, "Allâh and His Messenger know better." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "To worship Him (Allâh) Alone and to join none in worship with Him (Allâh). Do you know what their right upon Him is?" I replied, "Allâh and His Messenger know better." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Not to punish them (if they did so)." [Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 9, Hadith No. 470].

B) Narrated Abu Sa'îd Al-Khudrî رضى الله عنه : A man heard another man reciting: 'Say (O Muhammad): "He is Allâh, (the) One." (112:1) And he recited it repeatedly. When it was morning, he went to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and informed him about that as if he considered that the recitation of that Sûrah by itself was not enough. Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "By Him in Whose Hand my soul is, it is equal to one-third of the Qur'ân." [Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 9, Hadith No. 471].

C) Narrated 'Aishah رضى الله عنها : The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم sent (an army unit) under the command of a man who used to lead his companions in the prayers and would finish his recitation with (the Sûrah 112): 'Say (O Muhammad): "He is Allâh, (the) One." (112:1). When they returned (from the battle), they mentioned that to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. He said (to them), "Ask him why he does so." They asked him and he said, "I do so because it mentions the Qualities of the Most Gracious and I love to recite it (in my prayer)." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said (to them). "Tell him that Allâh loves him." [Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 9, Hadith No. 472].