

Lesson 2 - Surat al Muzzammil (The Wrapped Up)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the All – beneficent, the All – merciful.

(1) يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُزَّمِّلُ

O you wrapped up in your mantle!

(2) قُمْ اللَّيْلَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا

Stand vigil through the night, except a little

(3) نِصْفَهُ أَوْ انْقُصْ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا

a half of, or reduce a little from that

LEARNING OBJECTIVES



To reflect on

1. What are the different titles given to our Holy Prophet (pbuh) in the Qur'an?
2. Why is the night so important?
3. Why is the nightly prayer important?

TAFSIR

Verse 1

In this verse our Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is known as '*the wrapped up*' because the Holy Prophet (pbuh) used to pray covering his whole body with a big piece of cloth (mantle) and when this verse was revealed he was preparing to start his prayers and was wrapped up and whenever the Holy Prophet (pbuh) received a revelation he used to feel a shivering in his body and he felt necessary to cover himself with some cloth. God liked His most loved apostle in this state of being covered that He addressed him as '*Muzzammil*' - '*the wrapped up*'.

Verse 2 and 3

These verses are referring to the beginning where believers had to offer the midnight 'Tahajjud' prayers. People did not know the exact hour of praying and they decided to stay awake the whole night praying. Then the merciful Lord revealed that they only had to stand in prayers only for a small part of the night and not for the whole of it.

Relevant verses

Surat al Ghashiyah, Verse 21 – *“So admonish – for you are only an admonisher”*. In this verse the Prophet is given the title of “مُذَكِّرٌ” – The admonisher (The one who warns)

Surat al Isra, Verse 79 – *“And keep vigil for a part of the night, as a supererogatory [devotion] for you. It may be that your Lord will raise you to a praiseworthy station.*

In this verse the supererogatory is to be offered after midnight but before dawn. The praiseworthy position - (مَقَاماً مَّحْمُوداً) is the highest exaltation a human can rise.

Relevant ahadith

Our Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, “The archangel Gabriel continuously advises me about standing for prayer in the night such that I really thought the good people in my community will never sleep.”

Kanz al – Ummal, no. 21425

Imam al Sadiq (as) said, “The night prayer brightens one’s face, the night prayer fragrances one’s breath, and the night prayer attracts sustenance.”

‘Ilal al-Shara’i, p. 363, no. 1

ACTIVITY

There are different titles and attributes of our Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in this word search. Your role is to find them



G P R P K G W M S X N F V H G I D K D Q
P V Q I M W M U N D H I R K P V Z T M A
M E C V U W U H X F D M A K F I I D F X
U P I E D W R P D M G F H R N C N S M E
B A W W A L U L M U S L I M E E N C E Z
A I S V T W A G F Z X T F F S P H U S Y
S M Y E H P Q L H S Y X R G A K D J D J
H B B V I V Y N F R M U D H A K K I R I
I H J Q R B J P J P A R F X H H F C R N
R X O O J M U N H M R N A C I Y T D L Z
P W R B M R U D B N A O W J B O H Q A S
R B A U D W D B N E S M X E J R H T O U
N S P I R K I I F G U E S P J R Q Z P P
S V E A K A B D A L L A H Z O S D Q P T
Q J U J H U Q A R G A U V I D I A X N N
Z Y Y B F M U Y V G L G U N H L W T N A
R A H M A T A N L I L A L A M E E N J M
Y D L G L Z A D S B A V A X I H T I Z W
P V R M B N B I E I H H E C R G A E F M
N E T L E E C E K O S F P S W T S B F R

Clues: Answers are hidden in the following verses,

13:7

43:81

7:158

8:33

74:1

7:184

72:19

33:45

2:25

88:21

61:6