



A WHILE WITH SURAH AL-ASR

All praises be to Allah, who has revealed the Holy Quran as a mercy and guidance for believers, blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, the best among those who acted upon the Book of Allah (Quran) and followed its principles, on his noble family members and all his companions.

Almighty Allah said: *{By Al-‘Asr (the time). Verily, man is in loss, Except those who believe and do righteous deeds, and recommend one another to the truth and recommend one another to patience.}* [Al-Asr 1-3].

Overall meaning

Al-Asr is a very amazing Surah, it is very precise and comprehensive. It includes reasons of happiness and warns the causes of misfortune. Imam Shafa’ee (RA) said: “**if people think of this Surah deeply, they will find all details**”.

There were two companions of the Prophet (SAW) “Whenever they met each other, they would not depart from each other until one of them used to read out (والعصر، إن الإنسان لفي خسر), then they used to greet each other”.⁽¹⁾

(1) Al-Mujam al-Awsat/Tabarani: 5124.



In this Surah Almighty Allah has taken oath of “Al-Asr” which means time. This is because He wants to tell us the high importance of time and its great effect in social and individual life. Successful person is the one who utilizes his time doing good deeds and making sincere efforts for useful knowledge. It is worth mentioning that success cannot be achieved unless he makes his intention good, works with perseverance and remembers Almighty Allah in every circumstance.

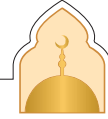
In Surah “Al-Asr” Almighty Allah has attracted His slaves’ attention to the reasons of success in both worlds and limited it into four. The four reasons of happiness and success are as follows: **Faith in Allah, Righteous Deeds, recommendation to the truth and patience**, so those who follow all these four principles, they would really enjoy in this world and hereafter.

Faith In Allah: It is Divine light which Almighty Allah puts in the heart of His slave, so it turns to be the source of all good and virtuous things and finally leads to eternal success and happiness.

Righteous Deeds: It includes all worships and good deeds that a person does in order to get pleasure of his Lord. This is very important because the rank of human beings in the sight of Almighty Allah would be according to their good deeds and their roles in benefiting others. Almighty Allah said in this regard: *{Whoever works righteousness - whether male or female - while he (or she) is a true believer verily, to him We will give a good life and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do.}* [Al- Nahl: 97].

Recommendation to The Truth: The Surah emphasizes on counseling of the truth because it contributes to spread good and nice things and incites others to be perfect.

Recommendation to The Patience: Allah has asked us to be patient and counsel others for it. Patience is of several kinds and they are as follows: Patience in doing good deeds, patience in avoiding unlawful things, patience in the happenings of destiny.



Let us think deeply the vast meaning of this outstanding Surah and make it the path to walk on in our life to achieve happiness in this world and in the hereafter.

Summary

- ❖ Surah Al-Asr describes reasons of success and happiness of individual in this world and in the hereafter.
- ❖ Every action that benefits individual and society is among the righteous deeds which Almighty Allah likes.
- ❖ Counseling for the truth and Patience ensures settled life of individual and society.
- ❖ Patience and happiness bring satisfaction and peace for human beings, because Almighty Allah is with those who are patient.

O Allah! Teach us the Quran, give us its proper understanding, enable us to recite it all the day and night and make it intercessor for us O Lord of the worlds. O Allah! Send blessings and peace upon our master and Prophet Muhammad, on his family members and all companions.

