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Surat - ASH-SHARH (98) سورة الشرح

This sura was revealed soon after surat al-Fajr (The Forenoon) as if it is a continuation of it. It portrays the Divine care for the Prophet and explains the measures taken out of concern for him. The Surat also carries glad tidings of the forthcoming relief, points out to the prophet the secret of ease and emphasises the strong tie with Allah.

V. (1-2-3)

- These 3 verses are suggesting the followings:
- 1- The Prophet was troubled in his soul because of the difficulties against the Message of Islam.
 - 2 These difficulties weighed heavily on his heart and made him feel that he is in urgent need for help and backing and so, this comforting address came from Allah.

V: (1)

Allah is mentioning to Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) that the message was facilitated for him through making his heart full of light, peace and acceptance. It is the favour and blessing of Allah to make your heart warm to this message so that you feel comfort with every difficulty and to be content with all kinds of deprivation you suffer.

V. 2

Again Allah is reminding Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) with the favour of relieving him of his burden which was so heavy that it almost break his back.

The relief took these several forms:-

- 1- The guidance on how to discharge his mission and how to appeal to men's hearts.
- 2- The revelation of the Quran which

explains the truth.

3- the lifting up of your heart so that you may feel your mission easier

V(3).

Allah raised the fame of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) high indeed as Allah associated Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) name with that of Allah whenever it is pronounced. "No Deity but Allah, Muhammed is the messenger of Allah. Indeed, this is the highest degree of exaltation. It is the position granted only to Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) and to no other human being. For Allah has willed that one century should turn after another and generations succeed generations with millions and even billions of people in the corners of the world honouring the blessed name of "Muhammed" with prayers of peace and blessings to be

granted to him. Your ^{Fame} (S.A.W),
spread far and wide, when your name became
associated with this Divine way of life.

V. 5 - V. 6

(Highest)
Based on the special degree of exaltation
which Allah favours our Prophet with, He (Allah)
is again comforting him and reassuring him
that there will be always some ease with any
hardship i.e. hardship will never come absolute

This message of kindness, glad tidings
and reassurance is given twice i.e. V. 5 and
V. 6. This repetition is suggesting that
the afflictions and hardships which our
Prophet suffered for the sake of the Message
of Islam.

"With every hardship goes ease, so seek relief"

A Qur'anic Rule which fills the

spirit with hope and tranquility, feelings which help to accommodate and tolerate any hardship

✳️ And let's always remember this Law in our worldly life so that we can follow the Right Path of Islam with all the trust of the Ease and Mercy of Allah.

V. (7-8)

When you have finished whatever you may have to do, be it a matter relating to the conveyance of the Message or an affair of this life, then turn with all your heart to what deserves your striving namely devotion and dedication in worship and seek your Lord Pleasure and obedience only and let nothing whatsoever distract you - do not even think of the people you call to believe in Him.

In Conclusion

This Sura like surat (The Forenoon) العنبر

Leaves us with 2 feelings :-

- 1- The realization of the great affection shown to the Prophet which overwhelmed him
- 2- The other feeling is the sympathy to his noble self. It is this "mission of Islam" a grave trust and a burden which weighs down his back.

And because of that realization and sympathy towards our Prophet "Muhammed", it is the duty of every muslim to love Prophet "Muhammed" (S.A.W) more than him (her) self.

It is him who suffered the burden of the "mission of Islam" which weighed down his back, until Islam becomes ^{now} the fastest growing religion on the Earth and inshaAllah it will be the case until everything returns to Allah's Door of Judgment

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