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Surah Al Ankabut.....

Parable of Spider's web- "The parable of those who take protectors other than Allah is that of the spider". The spider symbolizes something that looks complex and intricate, but is in fact quite flimsy, a light wind or swipe of the hand can destroy its web. Idols that are worshipped, sources of support beside Allah are utterly weak and fallible like a spider's web.

Four ingredients of perseverance on Deen, **1-** Reciting the Book with deliberation, **2-** establishing prayer (صلاة), which inherently forbids indecency and evil, **3-** Remembrance (ذكر) of Allah, **4-** Contemplation

Debate with the People of the Book in the best of ways- convince people with logical arguments (etiquettes of Dawah)

Holy Prophet (s.a.w) being unlettered is a glaring evidence of his Prophethood. He did not get any formal education, yet presenting the divine Book like Quran is proof that only a stubborn and a rebellious would deny.

People who sincerely strive in Allah's cause are given glad tidings; As for those who strive in Our cause, We shall surely guide them to Our Ways. وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا

Surah (30) Ar-Rum (Rome) – Revealed in Makkah

Subjects of this surah are, the purpose of creation of everything, the testimonies of Tauhid and the message of slam.

A Divine Prediction -Surah starts with a prophecy of defeat of the Byzantines at the hands of the Persians in Syria(613-614 CE), and subsequent Byzantine victory in 624 CE and the Muslim victory at Badr in the same year (624 CE/2 AH). The prediction made in the initial verses of this Surah is one of the most outstanding evidences of the Quran's being the Word of Allah and the Holy Prophet Muhammad's being a true Messenger of Allah.

Signs of the universe have been presented as evidence to prove the doctrine of the Hereafter.

Natural way of life for man is none else but to serve One God exclusively.

A Parable- dead earth comes to life, all of a sudden, by a shower of rain sent by Allah and swells with vegetation and plant life, so is the case with the dead humanity. When God sends a shower of His mercy in the form of Revelation and Prophethood, it also gives a new life to mankind and causes it to grow and develop and flourish.

Surah (31) Luqmanm (Rome) – Revealed in Makkah

This Surah continues on the topic of Tawhid, telling the story an old sage named Luqman, and the advice he gave to his son.

The teachings of Islam are not new, but reinforce the teachings of previous prophets about the Oneness of Allah.

The qualities of the believer- most significant qualities that lead man to leadership in the field of religion are patience and conviction.

Advices of Luqman to his son- Not to associate partners with Allah, be thankful to Allah, and do not disbelieve, dutiful to the parents, especially a mother. Do not obey ignorant people, having no knowledge. Be conscious of Allah, He knows everything in the heaven and earth. Establish Prayer, enjoin all that is good and forbid all that is evil, and endure with patience whatever affliction befalls you. Do not (contemptuously) turn your face away from people, nor tread arrogantly upon earth. Allah does not love the arrogant and the big-headed. Be moderate in your stride and lower your voice.

Surah (32) As-Sajda (Prostration) – Revealed in Makkah

The main theme of the Surah is to remove the doubts of the people concerning Tauhid, the Hereafter and the Prophethood, and to invite them to all these three basic beliefs.

The Qur'an is from the Lord of the Worlds, which has been sent down in order to awake the people who are sunk in heedlessness, being deprived of the bounties and blessings of Prophethood.

On the Day of Judgement the unbelievers shall believe but that belief will be of no benefit to them.

There is a special reward for those who forsake their beds and invoke their Rabb with fear and hope and spend in charity.

Leadership now will be bestowed only on those who will accept this Divine Book. Those who reject it shall be doomed to failure.

Surah (33) Al-Ahzab (Confederates) – Revealed around 5th year of Hijrah in Madinah

This Surah deals **1- socio-political** issues (conduct of hypocrites and hijab), **2- religious injunctions** (child-adoption, some marriage customs), **3- Ghazwat** (battle of the Trench and Bani Quraizah)

Obey Allah, trust in Him alone, and do not follow disbelievers. Follow that has been revealed to you. (Quran and Sunnah)

An appraisal of the Battle of the Trench and the raid against the Bani Quraizah- a harsh test of believers, Allah's help, Confederacy of disbelievers, hypocrites, Jews and treachery of Quraizah has been discussed in detail.

Messenger of Allah is the best example for believers to follow in all aspects of life.