

Tafseer of Soorah al-'Asr

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿ وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنُفٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ ﴿٣﴾ وَتَوَّصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿٤﴾ ﴾

“By the time. Verily, all of mankind is in loss except for those whom believe, do righteous deeds, counsel one another with the truth, and counsel one another with patience.”

[Soorah al-'Asr (103): 1-3]

He, The Exalted, swears by the time that is the night and day and the locale of the servants' actions. All of mankind is hopeless and the losers are in opposition to the successful ones.

The loser is of various and diverse levels:

He could be an absolute loser such as the one who loses in this life and the Hereafter. He loses the blessing and bounty (of Paradise) and deserves the Hellfire. He could be a loser from some angles and not others. Due to this, Allaah generalized loss for all of mankind except for the one that has four qualities:

Eemaan (faith) in what Allaah commanded us to believe in, and there is no *Eemaan* (faith) without knowledge. It (i.e. knowledge) is a branch of it (i.e. *Eemaan*) and it is not complete without it.

Righteous deeds - This incorporates all good actions in entirety, the apparent and hidden. This is also connected to the rights of Allaah and the servants, the obligatory and the highly recommended (deeds).

Counseling one another with the truth - (That truth is) *Eemaan* (faith) and righteous deeds, i.e. they advice one another with that, encourage it, and strive for it.

Counseling one another with patience in obedience to Allaah; abstaining from sin, and the painstaking Divine Decree of Allah.

So by the first two affairs a person completes and perfects himself, and by the last two affairs, he completes and perfects others. By completing all four affairs, a person will be safe from loss and obtain a tremendous profit.

