

# Sura 55 - The Merciful

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## THE CHAPTER OF THE MERCIFUL

(LV. Mecca.)

IN the name of the merciful and compassionate God.

The Merciful taught the Koran;

He created man, taught him plain speech.

The sun and the moon have their appointed time;

The herbs and the trees adore;

And the heavens, He raised them and set the balance, that ye should not be outrageous in the balance;

But weigh ye aright, and stint not the balance.

And the earth He has set it for living creatures therein are fruits and palms, with sheaths; and grain with chaff and frequent shoots;

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

He created men of crackling clay like the potters.

And He created the ginn from smokeless fire.

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

The Lord of the two easts and the Lord of the two wests!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

He has let loose the two seas that meet together; between them is a barrier they cannot pass!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

He brings forth from each pearls both large and small!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

His are the ships which rear aloft in the sea like mountains.

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

Every one upon it is transient, but the face of thy Lord endowed with majesty and honour shall endure.

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

Of Him whosoever is in the heaven and the earth does beg; every day He is in (some fresh) business!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

We shall be at leisure for you, O ye two weighty ones!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

O assembly of ginns and mankind! if ye are able to pass through the confines of heaven and earth then pass through them!-ye cannot pass through save by authority!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

There shall be sent against you a flash of fire, and molten copper, and ye shall not be helped!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

And when the heaven is rent asunder and become rosy red - (melting) like grease!

Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?

On that day neither man nor ginn shall be asked about his crime!  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 The sinners shall be known by their marks, and shall be seized by the forelock  
 and the feet!  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 'This is hell, which the sinners did call it lie! They shall circulate between  
 it and water boiling quite!  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 But for him who fears the station of his Lord are gardens twain!  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Both furnished with branching trees.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 In each are flowing springs.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 In each are, of every fruit, two kinds.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Reclining on beds the linings of which are of brocade, and the fruit of the two  
 gardens within reach to cull.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Therein are maids of modest glances whom no man nor ginn has deflowered before.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 As though they were rubies and pearls.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Is the reward of goodness aught but goodness?  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 And besides these, are gardens twain,  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will be twain deny?  
 With dark green foliage.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 In each two gushing springs.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 In each fruit and palms and pomegranates.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 In them maidens best and fairest!  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Bright and large-eyed maids kept in their tents.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Whom no man nor ginn has deflowered before them.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Reclining on green cushions and beautiful carpets.  
 Then which of your Lord's bounties will ye twain deny?  
 Blessed be the name of thy Lord possessed of majesty and honour!