

Sura 73 - The Enwrapped

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THE CHAPTER OF THE ENWRAPPED

(LXXIII. Mecca.)

IN the name of the merciful and compassionate God. O thou who art enwrapped!
rise by night except a little- the half, or deduct therefrom a little, or add
thereto, and chant the Koran chanting. Verily, we will cast on thee a heavy
speech. Verily, the early part of the night is stronger in impressions and more
upright in speech!

Verily, thou hast by day a long employment; but mention the name of thy Lord
and devote thyself thoroughly to Him, the Lord of the east and the west; there
is no god but He; then take Him for a guardian! And endure patiently what they
say, and flee from them with a decorous flight.

And leave me and those who say it is a lie, who are possessed of comfort; and
let them bide for a while.

Verily with us are heavy fetters and hell-fire, and food that chokes, and
mighty woe!

On the day when the earth and the mountains shall tremble and the earth shall
be as a crumbling sand-hill!

Verily, we have sent unto yoti an apostle bearing witness against you, as we
sent an apostle unto Pharaoh.

But Pharaoh rebelled against the apostle, and we seized him with an
overpowering punishment.

Then how will ye shield yourselves if ye misbelieve from the day which shall
make children grey-headed, whereon the heaven cleaves-its promise shall be
fulfilled!

Verily, this is a memorial, and whoso will, let him take unto his Lord a way.

Verily, thy Lord knows that thou dost stand up to pray nearly two-thirds of the
night, or the half of it or the third of it, as do part of those who are with
thee; for God measures the night and the day; He knows that ye cannot calculate
it, and He turns relentant towards you.

So read what is easy of the Koran. He knows that there will be of you some who
are sick and others who beat about in the earth craving the grace of God, and
others who are fighting in the cause of God. Then read what is easy of it and
be steadfast in prayer, and give alms, and lend to God a goodly loan, for what
ye send forward for yourselves of good ye will find it with God. It is better
and a greater hire; and ask ye pardon of God: verily, God is forgiving,
merciful!