

# SOO-RA-TUL-ASR

Chapter 103

Revealed in Mak-ka, 3 Verses

In the Name of Allaah, the All-Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. **Wal-'asr – By the (marching) time.**  
This may refer to the time as it marches on, reflecting different periods – past, present and future or to the 'Asr' prayers offered in the late afternoon.
2. **In-nal-in-saa-na la-fee khusr – Surely, Man is indeed in (great) loss -**
3. **Il-lal-la-zee-na-aa-ma-noo wa 'a-mi-lus saa-li-haa-ti wa ta-waa-sau bil-haq-qi wa ta-waa-sau bis-sabr – excepting those who believe, do virtuous deeds, counsel one another for the right (path) and (also) counsel them for patience (till death).**

The human history as well as the history of our own definitely points out to one unanimous single fact – namely, who-so-ever got absorbed in worldly comforts and luxuries and lost sight of the final end, is always considered to be unsuccessful. Those who devoted their lives to the worldly pleasures of life alone and never cared for their future make an invariable failure of their lives. This holds good not only for our temporal life but also for the hereafter. Those who while away their life and time in transient worldly pleasures benefits alone, ruin their future and eternal life as well. Indeed it is a severe loss to earn Allaah's Anger and Scourge, by following any wrong-path and heading to a wrong disastrous goal. Man should therefore value his time which marches on and utilize every moment for achieving eternal Bliss and prosperity in both worlds. "Time never comes back!" There are three essentials to achieve success, in this life as well as in the future life as hinted in the above Verse:-

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1. To have the faith – to believe in Allaah and in the last Messenger of Allaah, Hazrat Muhammad (*Sal-lal-lahu-‘alaihiwa salaam*), and in the Qur’aan Majeed – the Divine Book.
  2. To do righteous deeds.
  3. Not to be content with one’s own righteousness, but to work for the individual and joint well-being of the whole society and to remain steadfast on Truth in all walks of life and to bear patiently any difficulties in this regard with fortitude (severally and jointly).

The commentary on the above three small Verses is an endless chapter and reflects endless contents and ideas. In fact Hazrat Imam Shafe-‘eye, (*Razhi-yal-laho-anhu*) has rightly said that this single and small Chapter of three Verses was a sufficient guidance for all mankind. It appears almost impossible for human mind to give detailed comments on this chapter as every single word of its advice is so full of meanings!