

## SURAH AL-HUMAZAH

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### Translation:

1. Woe to every slanderer and backbiter. 2. Who has gathered wealth and counted it, 3. He thinks that his wealth will make him last forever! 4. Nay! Verily, he will be thrown into the crushing Fire. 5. And what will make you know what the crushing Fire is? 6. The fire of Allah, kindled, 7. That leaps up over the hearts, 8. Verily, it shall be closed in on them, 9. In pillars stretched forth

### Main Teachings:

This Surah warns of the severe punishment on three grave sins, and then highlights the nature of that severe punishment. The three sins are slandering, backbiting and selfish hoarding of wealth. All these sins are morally and socially loathsome and deadly. The Quran and the Sunnah have sounded a stern warning against these sins.

The Messenger of Allah (S.A.W) said, **"Do you know what is backbiting?"** The Companions said: **"Allah and His Messenger know better."** Thereupon he said, **"Backbiting is talking about your (Muslim) brother in a manner which he dislikes."** It was said to him: **"What if he is as I say."** He said, **"If he is actually as you say, then that is backbiting; but if that is not in him, that is slandering."** (Muslim)

The third evil quality denounced severely in this Surah is greed, that is, selfish hoarding of wealth. Stern warning of the dreadful end is mentioned here for those who have passion for worldly riches. This Surah declares that anyone who accumulates wealth and does not pay his obligatory dues will suffer eternal punishment. This characteristic of the Hell-Fire is especially highlighted in this Surah because the fire of this world kills the person even before reaching the heart. The fire of the Hell, on the other hand, will reach the heart in the state of life, and man will experience the torture of the burning of the heart while alive.