

## SURAH AL-TAKATHUR



### Translation:

1. The mutual rivalry (for piling up of worldly things) has kept you heedless. 2. Until you visit the graves (i.e. till you die). 3. No, soon you will come to know. 4. Again no, soon you will come to know. 5. No, If you knew with a sure knowledge (the end result of piling up, you would not have been occupied yourselves in worldly things). 6. You will surely see the Hellfire. 7. Then you will surely see it with the eye of certainty. 8. Then you will surely be asked that Day about the favours.

### Main Teachings:

This Surah warns the people of the evil consequences of world worship because of which they spend their lives in acquiring more and more of worldly wealth, material benefits and pleasures, and position and power, till death, and in competition with one another and bragging and boasting about their acquisitions. This one pursuit has so occupied them that they are left with no time or opportunity for pursuing the higher things in life. This Surah teaches that these blessings which people are amassing and enjoying thoughtlessly are not mere blessings but are also a means of their trial. For each one of these blessings and comforts they will surely be called to account in the Hereafter.

Man by nature is covetous to acquire and accumulate worldly wealth. Allah says: ***“Beautiful for people is the love of that which they desire - - - - -. That is the enjoyment of worldly life, but Allah has with Him the best return.” (3:14)***

Although a person requires some wealth to meet his basic necessities, he does not benefit from much of his surplus wealth. The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: ***“The Son of Adam (i.e. man) says, “My wealth, my wealth.” But do you get anything (of benefit) from your wealth except for that which you ate and you finished it, or that which you clothed yourself with and you wore it out, or that which you gave as charity and you have spent it?” (Muslim, Tirmidhi)***

When a person dies, he leaves behind all his wealth for his heirs, which do not benefit him in the life after death. Therefore, priorities should be given to performing more righteous deeds over accumulating worldly wealth. The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: ***“Three things follow the deceased person and two of them return while one remains behind with him. The things which follow him are his family, his wealth and his deeds. His family and his wealth return while his deeds remain.” (Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmidhi)***