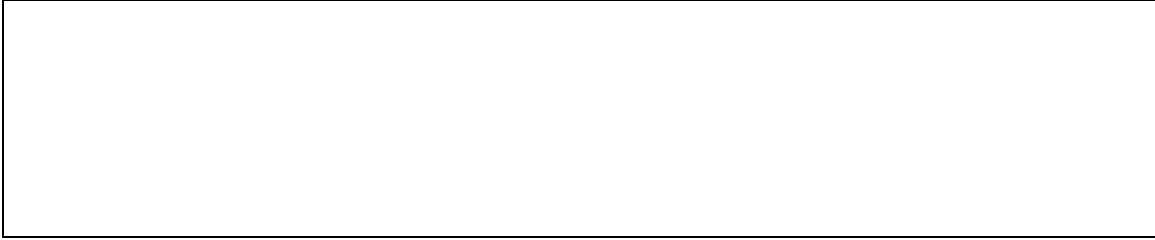


Saba' (34:1)



Praise be to Allah, to Whom belong all things in the heavens and on earth: to Him be Praise in the Hereafter: and He is Full of Wisdom, acquainted with all things.

MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)

All praise is due to God , to whom belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. He is all praise in the hereafter; He is the all-wise, the all-aware.

The Surah argues on three points, on His oneness, the Messengership and the ministry of His Apostles, things that the disbelievers had objected against. He then defends against them through knowledge, teachings, and war. He speaks about the establishment of the ministry then its continuity.

The verse stresses on the ministry and the rewards and this is beyond doubt. It has presented the refutation against all opposition . The verse says that He is the cause and reason for life and death, use and intention, sustenance and dependence and rewards. God then speaks of His knowledge that envelops everything.

The first issue is in the first verse and the second in the second verse and these two verses are the prelude to the third and fourth verses.

He is praised in this verse because He is the all-encompassing entity who can use and spend according to His desire. He has reserved praise for Himself in the hereafter also because He has reserved His praise regarding the sustenance of the material world.

In verse 48 of Surah Ibrahim He says, ‘On the day when the earth will be changed to another earth, and so will be the heavens, and they will all appear before God, the One, the irresistible.’”

On this day both this earth and the heavens above it will He has the right to use all as He pleases in this world and in the hereafter. His wisdom, and arrangement, punishment and control will be manifest in the hereafter or else the purpose of the entire creation will be unfulfilled. There would have been no difference between those who do good and those who do evil.

In verse 27-28 of Surah Saad He says, “And We did not create the heavens and the earth in vain; that is the imagination of the disbelievers, then woe unto those who disbelieve because of the fire. Shall We treat those who believe and do good deeds as we treat the mischief-makers in the world? Or shall We treat the pious as we treat the wicked?”

This is the news about the resurrection and none of them can befool God. Each person will be rewarded the benefit that he has earned through his deeds. “Al Khabir” is one of His names and “Khabar” means the knowledge of the details and it is more profound than the word “Aleem.”

MIR AHMED ALI (AR)

This verse repudiates the polytheistic view of dividing the universe into separate regions each with a different god as ruler. Everything in the heavens and the earth and in between them belongs to none but the one and only creator Lord, Allah, hence praise of every kind and in any degree is His. This most important fact of faith has been mentioned many times in the Quran so as to enable every sensible human being to be ever mindful of the true and only benefactor. If a man believes and knows without doubt that Allah alone is the source of all good, he naturally does nothing except good, and necessarily avoids anything that displeases his Lord. He remains adoring Allah, celebrating His praise and offering all gratitude to Him.