

# QUR'ANIC CHAPTER AN-NAS

## Mir Ahmed Ali (AR)

The prayer of al Falaq continues in an Nas. Man is asked to seek refuge with Allah who is his Lord, sovereign and God, from the power of evil of Shaytan and his followers among jinn and men who secretly whisper evil and then leave people to rebel against Allah and go astray.

As has been said in the "general remarks" before the commentary of al Fatihah (see pages 9 to 12) by accepting Allah as the Lord, king and God, common people were liberated from the curse of superstition, ignorance and exploitation with which the false lords and kings of the world had been subjecting them since the beginning of collective life on the earth.

For their emancipation and liberation Allah sent His messengers and prophets in every age. Therefore material and spiritual purification is not at all possible unless man turns to his supreme Lord, king and God-Allah.

# QUR'ANIC CHAPTER AL-FALAQ

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Falaq is the daybreak-the cleaving of darkness and the manifestation of light. The forces of good are light. When the darkness of ignorance is at its worst, light from Allah pierces through and provides guidance and enlightenment.

This surah is a prayer for seeking divine protection from fears proceeding from visible as well as invisible, known as well as unknown, physical as well as spiritual forces emanating due to interaction of laws created by Allah.

Physical dangers, difficulties, accidents and calamities are also referred to as darkness (ghasiq). If man trusts in Allah, relies on His protection and takes reasonable precautions, protection is made available to him when its evil strikes.

Magical formulae rehearsed by those who practice secret acts cause psychological terror.

Malignant envy when rendered into action destroys the happiness enjoyed by other people.

As everything is a creation of Allah, nothing has the unchecked power to hurt man if he or she seeks Allah's protection and takes refuge with Him.