

Suratun Nas

Introduction

This Surah was revealed in Makka. It has six verses. It is the last Surah (number 114) in the Holy Qur'an.

An-Nas means "The People". This Surah deals with asking for the help of Alláh against the mischief of jinn and people.

Text and Translation

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Alláh, the Beneficent the Merciful.

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ

Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of the people!

مَلِكِ النَّاسِ

The King of the people!

إِلٰهِ النَّاسِ

The God of the people!

مِن شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ

From the evil of the slinking whisperer

الَّذِي يُوسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ

Who whispers into the minds of the people

مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ

(Be he) from among the Jinn or the Men."

Tafsir

Ayah 1-3. Here we are seeking refuge in Allah by calling Him by different names. We ask him as the Lord, Who looks after our individual needs. Then we ask him as the King, Who looks after all his creation. Finally, we ask him as God, Whose will is always done.

Ayah 4-5. The “Slinking Whisperer” here is Shaitan and his helpers, who lead us to evil by suggesting bad things to us and then leaving us to suffer the consequences of our wrong-doing.

Ayah 6. Those who suggest these bad things are from mankind as well as jinn. We ask Alláh to protect us from them all.

Merits of reciting Suratun Nas

1. It is recommended to recite this Surah daily before sleeping to keep away the evil of jinn and man.
2. The Prophet (S) has said that one who recites both this Surah and the previous one (al-Falaq) will be as though he recited all the Books which Allah Almighty has revealed.
3. The Prophet (S) also ordered his companions to recite the two Surahs upon waking up and upon going to bed.

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