

## Suratul Falaq

### Introduction

This Surah was revealed in Makka. It has five verses. It is Surah number 113 in the Holy Qur'an. Al-Falaq means "The Dawn". The Surah deals with seeking the protection of Allah from the evil of magic and witchcraft.

### Text and Translation

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent the Merciful.*

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ

*Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of the Dawn,*

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

*From the evil of His creation,*

وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

*And from the evil of the dark night when it overtakes,*

وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ

*And from the evil of the witchcraft (blowing on knots),*

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ

*And from the evil of the envious when he envies!"*

### Tafsir

**Ayah 1.** The Dawn refers to destroying the darkness of witchcraft, just as the light of the dawn overcomes the darkness of the night.

**Ayah 2.** Allah has created all sorts of creatures. Some are visible, others are invisible. Some are known to man, others are not. We ask protection from the evil of all harmful creatures.

**Ayah 3.** "Ghasiq" here refers to darkness of difficulties (both physical and mental) that are faced by us.

**Ayah 4.** The blowing on knots in a piece of thread was a kind of witchcraft practised by some women to try to cause mental harm to others. Here we seek protection from such witchcraft.

**Ayah 5.** The evil of the envious of jealous person can cause harm in many ways. Here we ask for protection from this sort of evil.

In short, in this Surah, we are asking Allah for help against all sorts of harm that other people seek to do to us.

This Surah should be recited when we feel that people mean to do us harm.

#### **Merits of Recitation of Suratul Ikhlas**

1. The Messenger of Allah (S) is quoted saying that one who recites both this Sura and the next (al-Nas) will be as though he recited all the Books which Allah Almighty has revealed, and he, peace be upon him and his progeny, ordered his companions to recite them upon waking up and upon going to bed.

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