

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: SŪRAT *An-Nasr*, 110.

This beautiful Sūra was the last of the Sūras to be revealed as a *whole*, though the portion of the verse v. 4, "This day have I perfected your religion for you" etc., contains probably the last *words* of the Qur-ān to be revealed.

The date of this Sūra was only a few months before the passing away of the holy Prophet from this world, Rabi' I, A.H. 11. The place was either the precincts of Makkah at his Farewell Pilgrimage, Zulhijja, A.H. 10, or Madinah after his return from the Farewell Pilgrimage.

Victory is the crown of service, not an occasion for exultation. All victory comes from the help of Allah.

An-Nasr, or Help.

*In the name of Allah, Most Gracious,
Most Merciful.*

1. When comes the Help
Of Allah, and Victory,
2. And thou dost see
The People enter Allah's Religion
In crowds,⁶²⁹²
3. Celebrate the Praises
Of thy Lord, and pray
For His Forgiveness.⁶²⁹³
For He is Oft-Returning
(In forgiveness).

سُورَةُ النَّصْرِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ ﴿١﴾

وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ

أَفْوَاجًا ﴿٢﴾

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ

كَانَ تَوَّابًا ﴿٣﴾

6292. The Prophet migrated from Makkah to Madinah, a persecuted man. In Madinah all the forces of truth and righteousness rallied round him, and the efforts by the Makkans and their confederates to destroy him and his community recoiled on their own heads. Gradually all the outlying parts of Arabia ranged themselves round his standard, and the bloodless conquest of Makkah was the crown and prize of his patience and constant endeavour. After that, whole tribes and tracts of country gave their adhesion to him collectively, and before his ministry was finished, the soil was prepared for the conquest of the wide world for Islam. What was the lesson to be learnt from this little epitome of the world's history? Not man's self-glory, but humility; and power but service; not an appeal to man's selfishness or self-sufficiency, but a realisation of Allah's Grace and Mercy, and the abundant outpouring of Allah's Praises in word and conduct.

6293. Every man should humble himself before Allah, confess his human frailties, and seek Allah's grace;—attributing any success that he gets in his work, not to his own merits, but to the goodness and mercy of Allah. But the Prophet of Allah had also another duty and privilege,—to pray for grace and forgiveness for his people in case of them had exulted in their victory or done anything that they should not have done.