

## Surah 8. Al-Anfal (The Spoils of War)

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*I begin in the Name of Allah, Hir Rahman Nir Raheem (the Compassionate the Merciful).*

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1 . They ask you about the windfalls. Say: “The windfalls are for **Allah** and the *Rasool* (apostle). So be careful of (your duty to) **Allah** and set aright matters of your difference, and obey **Allah** and His *Rasool* (apostle) if you are believers.

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2 . Those only are believers whose hearts become full of fear when **Allah** is mentioned, and when His communications are recited to them they increase them in faith, and in their '*Rabb*' do they trust.

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3 . Those are steadfast in prayer and spend out of what We have provided them with.

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4 . These are the believers in truth; they shall have from their '*Rabb*' exalted grades and forgiveness and an honourable sustenance.

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5 . Even as your '*Rabb*' caused you to go forth from your house with the truth, though a party of the believers were surely averse;

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6 . They disputed with you about the truth after it had become clear, as if they were being driven to death while they saw.

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7 . And when **Allah** promised you one of the two parties that it shall be yours and you loved that the one not armed should he yours and **Allah** desired to manifest the truth of what was true by His words and to cut off the root of the unbelievers.

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8 . That He may manifest the truth of what was true and show the falsehood of what was false, though the guilty disliked.

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9 . When you sought aid from your '*Rabb*', so He answered you: I will assist you with a thousand of the angels following one another.

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10 . And **Allah** only gave it as a good news and that your hearts might be at ease thereby; and victory is only from **Allah**; surely **Allah** is *Azeez-zun Hakeem* (The Mighty, The Wise).

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11 . When He caused calm to fall on you as a security from Him and sent down upon you water from the cloud that He might thereby purify you, and take away from you the uncleanness of the *Shaitan* (Satan), and that He might fortify your hearts and steady (your) footsteps thereby.

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12 . When your '*Rabb*' revealed to the angels: I am with you, therefore make firm those who believe. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them.

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13 . That is because they acted adversely to **Allah** and His *Rasool* (apostle); and whoever acts adversely to **Allah** and His *Rasool* (apostle); then surely **Allah** is severe in requiting.

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14 . This; taste it, and (know) that for the unbelievers is the punishment of fire.

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15 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! when you meet those who disbelieve marching for war, then turn not your backs to them.

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16 . And whoever shall turn his back to them on that day; unless he turn aside for the sake of fighting or withdraws to a company; then he, indeed, becomes deserving of **Allah**'s wrath, and his abode is *Jahannam* (Hell); and an evil destination shall it be.

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17 . So you did not slay them, but it was **Allah** Who slew them, and you did not smite when you smote, but it was **Allah** Who smote, and that He might confer upon the believers a good gift from Himself; surely **Allah** is *Samee-un Aleem* (The Hearer, The Knower).

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18 . This, and **Allah** is the weakener of the struggle of the unbelievers.

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19 . If you demanded a judgment, the judgment has then indeed come to you; and if you desist, it will be better for you; and if you turn back, We shall turn back, and your forces shall avail you nothing, though they may be many, and that **Allah** is with the believers.

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20 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! obey **Allah** and His *Rasool* (apostle) and do not turn back from Him while you hear.

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21 . And be not like those who said, We hear, and they did not obey.

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22 . Surely the vilest of animals, in **Allah's** sight, are the deaf, the dumb, who do not understand.

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23 . And if **Allah** had known any good in them He would have made them hear, and if He makes them hear they would turn back while they withdraw.

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24 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! answer **Allah** and His *Rasool* (apostle) when he calls you to that which gives you life; and know that **Allah** intervenes between man and his heart, and that to Him you shall be gathered.

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25 . And fear an affliction which may not smite those of you in particular who are unjust; and know that **Allah** is severe in requiting.

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26 . And remember when you were few, deemed weak in the land, fearing in case people might carry you off by force, but He sheltered you and strengthened you with His aid and gave you of the good things that you may give thanks.

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27 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! be not unfaithful to **Allah** and the *Rasool* (apostle), nor be unfaithful to your trusts while you know.

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28 . And know that your property and your children are a temptation, and that **Allah** is He with Whom there is a mighty reward.

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29 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! If you are careful of (your duty to) **Allah**, He will grant you a distinction and do away with your evils and forgive you; and **Allah** is the '*Rabb*' of mighty grace.

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30 . And when those who disbelieved devised plans against you that they might confine you or slay you or drive you away; and they devised plans and **Allah** too had arranged a plan; and **Allah** is the best of planners.

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31 . And when Our communications are recited to them, they say: "We have heard indeed; if we pleased we could say the like of it; this is nothing but the stories of the ancients.

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32 . And when they said: "*Allahumma!* if this is the truth from Only You, then rain upon us stones from heaven or inflict on us a painful punishment.

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33 . But **Allah** was not going to punish them while you were among them, nor is **Allah** going to punish them while yet they ask for forgiveness.

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34 . And what have they that **Allah** should not punish them while they hinder (men) from the *Masjid Al-Haraam* (Sacred Mosque) and they are not guardians of it; its guardians are only those who guard (against evil), but most of them do not know.

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35 . And their prayer before the *Bayt* (House) is nothing but whistling and clapping of hands; taste then the punishment, for you disbelieved.

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36 . Surely those who disbelieve spend their wealth to hinder from the way of **Allah**; so they shall spend it, then it shall be to them an intense regret, then they shall be overcome; and those who disbelieve shall be driven together to *Jahannam* (Hell).

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37 . That **Allah** might separate the impure from the good, and put the impure, some of it upon the other, and pile it up together, then cast it into *Jahannam* (Hell); these it is that are the losers.

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38 . Say to those who disbelieve, if they desist, that which is past shall be forgiven to them; and if they return, then what happened to the ancients has already passed.

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39 . And fight with them until there is no more persecution and religion should be only for **Allah**; but if they desist, then surely **Allah** sees what they do.

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40 . And if they turn back, then know that **Allah** is your Patron; most excellent is the Patron and most excellent the Helper.

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41. **And know that whatever thing you gain, a fifth of it is for Allah and** for the *Rasool* (apostle) and for the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, if you believe in **Allah** and in that which We revealed to Our servant, on the day of distinction, the day on which the two parties met; and **Allah** has power over all things.

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42. When you were on the nearer side and they were on the farthest side, while the caravan was in a lower place than you; and if you had mutually made an appointment, you would certainly have broken away from the appointment, but in order that Allah might bring about a matter which was to be done, that he who would perish might perish by clear proof, and he who would live might live by clear proof; and most surely Allah is Samee-un Aleem (The Hearer, The Knower);

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43. When Allah showed them to you in your dream as few; and if He had shown them to you as many you would certainly have become weak-hearted and you would have disputed about the matter, but Allah saved (you); surely He is Aleemum (The Knower) of what is in the breasts.

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44. And when He showed them to you, when you met, as few in your eyes and He made you to appear little in their eyes, in order that Allah might bring about a matter which was to be done, and to Allah are all affairs returned.

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45. *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! when you meet a party, then be firm, and remember Allah much, that you may be successful.

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46. And obey Allah and His Rasool (apostle) and do not quarrel for then you will be weak in hearts and your power will depart, and be patient; surely Allah is with the patient.

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47. And be not like those who came forth from their homes in great exultation and to be seen of men, and (who) turn away from the way of Allah, and Allah comprehends what they do.

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48. And when the *Shaitan* (Satan) made their works fair seeming to them, and said: “No one can overcome you this day, and surely I am your protector: but when the two parties came in sight of each other he turned upon his heels, and said: “Surely I am clear of you, surely I see what you do not see, surely I fear **Allah**; and **Allah** is severe in requiting.

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49. When the hypocrites and those in whose hearts was a disease said: “Their religion has deceived them; and whoever trusts in **Allah**, then surely **Allah** is *Azeez-zun Hakeem* (The Mighty, The Wise).

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50. And had you seen when the angels will cause to die those who disbelieve, smiting their faces and their backs, and (saying): Taste the punishment of burning.

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51 . That is for what your own hands have sent on before, and because **Allah** is not in the least unjust to the servants;

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52 . In the manner of the people of *Firon* (Pharaoh) and those before them; they disbelieved in **Allah**'s communications, therefore **Allah** destroyed them on account of their faults; surely **Allah** is *Qaweeyun* (The Strong), severe in requiting.

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53 . That is because **Allah** has never changed a Favour which He has conferred upon a people until they change their own condition; and because **Allah** is *Samee-un Aleem* (The Hearer, The Knower);

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54 . In the manner of the people of *Firon* (Pharaoh) and those before them; they rejected the communications of their '*Rabb*', therefore We destroyed them on account of their faults and We drowned *Firon's* (Pharaoh's) people, and they were all unjust.

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55 . Surely the vilest of animals in **Allah's** sight are those who disbelieve, then they would not believe.

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56 . Those with whom you make an agreement, then they break their agreement every time and they do not guard (against evil).

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57 . Therefore if you overtake them in fighting, then scatter by them those who are in their rear, that they may be mindful.

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58 . And if you fear treachery on the part of a people, then throw back to them on terms of equality; surely **Allah** does not love the treacherous.

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59 . And let not those who disbelieve think that they shall come in first; surely they will not escape.

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60 . And prepare against them what force you can and horses tied at the frontier, to frighten thereby the enemy of **Allah** and your enemy and others besides them, whom you do not know (but) **Allah** knows them; and whatever thing you will spend in **Allah's** way, it will be paid back to you fully and you shall not be dealt with unjustly.

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61 . And if they incline to peace, then incline to it and trust in **Allah**; surely He is **Samee-ul Aleem** (The Hearer, The Knower)

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62 . And if they intend to deceive you then surely **Allah** is sufficient for you; He it is Who strengthened you with His help and with the believers

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63 . And united their hearts; had you spent all that is in the earth, you could not have united their hearts, but **Allah** united them; surely He is **Azeez-zun Hakeem** (The Mighty, The Wise).

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64 . *Ya Ayohan-Nabi* (O Prophet)! **Allah** is sufficient for you and such of the believers as follow you.

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65 . *Ya Ayohan-Nabi* (O Prophet)! urge the believers to war; if there are twenty patient ones of you they shall overcome two hundred, and if there are a hundred of you they shall overcome a thousand of those who disbelieve, because they are a people who do not understand.

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66 . For the present **Allah** has made light your burden, and He knows that there is weakness in you; so if there are a hundred patient ones of you they shall overcome two hundred, and if there are a thousand they shall overcome two thousand by **Allah's** permission, and **Allah** is with the patient.

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67 . It is not fit for a *Nabi* (prophet) that he should take captives unless he has fought and triumphed in the land; you desire the frail goods of this world, while **Allah** desires (for you) the hereafter; and **Allah** is *Azeez-zun Hakeem* (The Mighty, The Wise).

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68 . Were it not for an ordinance from **Allah** that had already gone forth, surely there would have befallen you a great punishment for what you had taken to.

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69 . Eat then of the lawful and good which you have acquired in war, and be careful of (your duty to) **Allah**; surely **Allah** is *Ghafoor-rur Raheem* (The Forgiving, The Merciful).

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70 . *Ya Ayou-han-Nabi* (O Prophet)! say to those of the captives who are in your hands: If **Allah** knows anything good in your hearts, He will give to you better than that which has been taken away from you and will forgive you, and **Allah** is *Ghafoor-rur Raheem* (The Forgiving, The Merciful).

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71 . And if they intend to act unfaithfully towards you, so indeed they acted unfaithfully towards **Allah** before, but He gave (you) mastery over them; and **Allah** is *Aleem-mun Hakeem* (The Knower, The Wise).

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72 . Surely those who believed and fled and struggled hard in **Allah's** way with their property and their souls, and those who gave shelter and helped; these are guardians of each other; and those who believed and did not fly, not yours is their guardianship until they fly; and if they seek aid from you in the matter of religion, aid is incumbent on you except against a people between whom and you there is a treaty, and **Allah** sees what you do.

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73 . And those who disbelieve, some of them are the guardians of others; if you will not do it, there will be in the land persecution and great mischief.

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74 . And those who believed and fled and struggled hard in **Allah's** way, and those who gave shelter and helped, these are the believers truly; they shall have forgiveness and honourable provision.

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75 . And those who believed afterwards and fled and struggled hard along with you, they are of you; and the possessors of relationships are nearer to each other in the ordinance of **Allah**; surely **Allah** knows all things.