

Surah SC

Surah Al 'Asr 103

1. By the span of time!
2. Man is in loss,
3. Save those who heed warning¹ and do righteous deeds, and counsel one another to truth, and counsel one another to patience.

Tafsir Ibn Abbas

Verse 1: And from his narration on the authority of Ibn 'Abbas that he said about the interpretation of Allah's saying (By the declining day): (By the declining day) Allah swears by the 'Asr prayer; and it is also said by the hardships of time,

Verse 2: (Lo! Man) i.e. the disbelieving man (is in a state of loss) and torment because of losing his family and position in Paradise; it is also said this means: he is in a state of loss because of decrease in his works in old age and its cessation after death,

Verse 3: (Save those who believe) in Muhammad (pbuh) and the Qur'an (and do good works) and do acts of obedience privately between them and their Lord, (and exhort one another to truth) to belief in Allah's divine Oneness; and it is said to the Qur'an (and exhort one another to endurance) in performing the obligations imposed by Allah and in avoiding transgressions and also in enduring misfortunes and calamities, because the believers are unlike the disbelievers'.

Tafsir Jalalayn

Verse 1: By Time! — or it 'asr can mean the period from the declining of the sun to sunset or it may denote the afternoon prayer.

Verse 2: Verily man al-insān the generic is in a state of loss in all his bargaining

Verse 3: except those who believe and perform righteous deeds they are not in a state of loss and enjoin one another to follow the truth faith and enjoin one another to patience in maintaining obedience and in refraining from acts of disobedience.