

Sura 106: Quraish (Quraish)

In the name of God, the Lord of Mercy, the Giver of Mercy

Verses 1 to 4:

1. *For the security of Quraish;*
2. *Their security during the winter and the summer journeys;*
3. *So let them worship the Lord of this House,*
4. *Who feeds them against hunger and made them safe from fear.*

After Abraham (PBUH) had completed the building of the House, He prayed God, “*My Lord, make this city secure and provide its people with fruits.*” (2: 126). God made Mecca secure, free of the control of anyone, and safe from the tyranny of the oppressors. He made it a safe refuge for everyone; even when people turned away from the straight path and worshiped idols; for a reason God only knows.

God saved the House when Abraha tried to destroy it. This incident raised the sanctity of the House in the psyche of the Arabs. Quraish enjoyed a high status among the Arabs and was able to establish two trade routes, one to Syria and the other to Yemen. Even when the security conditions around Mecca deteriorated, Mecca remained a safe haven and its trade routes were protected from the attacks of thieves and highway gangsters.

This Sura reminds Quraish of the bounty of God, which He bestowed upon them. He reminded them of the security that they enjoy and of the profit which they gain from the trade carried by the summer and winter caravans. This would not have been possible had God not willed. They are being reminded with this bounty so that they feel ashamed for turning away from the worship of God alone to the worship of idols. The Sura commanded them to worship God alone who gave them provision and security. Had it been not for the grace of God they would not have been able to establish the trade routes and they would not have had enough to feed their people; the protection of God kept them safe of attacks of thieves and intruders.

This Sura seems to be a sequel to Surat Al-Fil (Chapter 105). They both deal with similar topics. However, there are nine other Suras that were revealed between these two Suras.