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TAFSIR OF AHLUS SUNNAH

Through the Centuries

Surah Al-'Asr 103 : Verse No. 2



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إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِفِي خُسْرٍ ۝

Indeed, man is surely in a loss.

Tafsir al-Tabari

تفسير الطبري

إِنَّ ابْنَ آدَمَ لَفِي هَلَكَةٍ وَنُقْصَانٍ.

وَكَانَ عَوِيٌّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ يَقْرَأُ ذَلِكَ: وَإِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ، وَإِنَّهُ فِيهِ إِلَى آخِرِ الدَّهْرِ

i.e. the children of Adam are surely in destruction and loss.

Sayyiduna 'Ali – may Allah be pleased with him – used to recite:

Indeed, the man is surely in a loss and he will continue to be in it till the end of time.

Tafsir Al-Tabari (Tafsir Ibn Jareer / Jame' al-Bayaan fi Taweel al-Quraan) of Imam Abu Ja'far Muhammad ibn Jareer al-Tabri ؓ D. 310 A.H.

Tafsir al-Matureedi

تفسير الباتريدي

إن الدنيا وما فيها كأنها خلقت وأنشئت متجراً للخلق، والناس فيها تجار؛ كما ذكره في غير آي من القرآن، قال الله - تعالى -: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةُ»، وقال: «هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى تِجَارَةٍ تُنْجِيكُمْ مِنْ عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ، أَى: إن الإنسان لفي خسر من تجارته ومبايعته إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ...» الآية.

Indeed, the world and its contents are created as if they were marketplaces for the creation, and people are traders in it, as Allah Almighty has stated in another verse of the Holy Quran:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَىٰ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنَّ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ

Indeed Allah has purchased from the Muslims their lives and their wealth in exchange of Paradise for them.

(Al-Taubah 9, Verse 111)

هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ تِجَارَةٍ تُنْجِيكُمْ مِنْ عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ

O People who Believe! Shall I show you a trade that can save you from the painful punishment?

(Al-Saff 61, Verse 10)

i.e. indeed, the man is surely at a loss in his deal and trade:

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

Except those who accepted faith and did good deeds.

(Al-'Asr 103, Verse 3)

Tafsir al-Matureedi (Taweel Ahl al-Sunnah) of Imam Abu Mansoor Muhammad Ibn Muhammad al-Matureedi ؓ D. 333 A.H.

Tafsir al-Baghawi

تفسير البغوي

{إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِفِي خُسْرٍ} أَيْ خُسْرَانٍ وَنُقْصَانٍ، قِيلَ: أَرَادَ بِهِ [الْكَافِرَ] بِدَلِيلِ أَنَّهُ

اسْتَشْنَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ.

It is said that it refers to the infidels because the Almighty excluded the believers from it.

Tafsir al-Baghawi (Ma'aalim al-Tanzeel) of Muhiyy al-Sunnah Imam Abu Muhammad Al-Husain ibn Mas'ood al-Baghwi al-Shafe'i ؓ D. 510 A.H.

Tafsir al-Kabeer

التفسير الكبير

ذَكَرَ الْمُفَسِّرُونَ فِيهِ قَوْلَيْنِ الْأَوَّلُ: أَنَّ الْمُرَادَ مِنْهُ الْجِنْسُ -- وَيَدُلُّ عَلَى هَذَا الْقَوْلِ اسْتِثْنَاءُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ وَالْقَوْلُ الثَّانِي: الْمُرَادُ مِنْهُ شَخْصٌ مُعَيَّنٌ، قَالَ ابْنُ عَبَّاسٍ: يُرِيدُ جَمَاعَةً مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ كَالْوَلِيدِ بْنِ الْغُبَيْرَةِ، وَالْعَاصِ بْنِ وَائِلٍ، وَالْأَسْوَدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ. وَقَالَ مُقَاتِلٌ: نَزَلَتْ فِي أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَفِي خَبَرٍ مَرْفُوعٍ إِنَّهُ أَبُو جَهْلٍ وَرُوِيَ أَنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ كَانُوا يَقُولُونَ: إِنَّ مُحَمَّدًا لَفِي خُسْرٍ، فَأَقْسَمَ تَعَالَى أَنْ الْأَمْرَ بِالضَّدِّ مِمَّا تَوْهَبُونَ.

The exegetists have mentioned two views in this concern:

1. The objective of "Al-Insan" are humans in general. The exclusion of believing men proves this theory.
2. It refers to a specific person.
Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas – may Allah be pleased with them – said: It means a group of polytheists; such as, Waleed ibn al-Mugheerah, Al-'Aas ibn Waail and Aswad ibn Abdul Muttalib.
Sayyiduna Muqatil – may Allah be pleased with him – said: It was revealed about Abu Lahab.
It is mentioned in the Hadeeth that it refers to Abu Jahl.
It has been reported that these are the people who used to say, "Indeed Muhammad is surely in a loss". Allah Almighty therefore took the oath that the reality of the situation is the other way around.

Tafsir al-Kabeer (Mafateeh al-Ghaib) of Imam Fakhruddin Muhammad ibn Umar al-Raazi al-Shafe'i رحمه الله D. 606 A.H.

Tafsir al-Durr al-Manthoor

تفسير الدر المنثور

وَأَخْرَجَ ابْنُ مَرْدَوَيْهِ عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ فِي قَوْلِهِ: {وَالْعَصْرُ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خَسْرٍ} يَعْْنِي أَبَا

جَهْلَ بْنَ هِشَامٍ {إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ} ذَكَرَ عَلِيًّا وَسَلْمَانَ

Imam Ibn Mardawaih reported from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas – may Allah be pleased with them – to have said concerning the verse: i.e. Indeed the man (Abu Jahl ibn Hisham) is surely in a loss, except those (he mentioned Sayyiduna 'Ali and Salman – may Allah be pleased with them) who accepted faith and did good deeds.

Tafsir Al-Durr al-Manthoor Bi al-Tafsir al-Mathoor of Imam Jalaaluddin Abd al-Rahman ibn Abi Bakr al-Suyooti al-Shafe'i ؒ D. 911 A.H.