

*From the Desk of  
Syed Shaukat Zoha*

*Knock 5.*

Sooner Prophet Mohammed (S) announced the revelation of the first few verses of The Qur'an, it is well recorded that he faced a big opposition. There were all kind of sanctions imposed on him and his followers by the pagans of Makkah and other clans.

After first few verses regarding the introduction of the Creator, the guideline in reference to facing the opposition and being successful in this life and hereafter were revealed in Sura Muzzammil chapter 73. This Sura was revealed in two parts. In early period of Makkah first nineteen verses were revealed and in Madina the twentieth verse completed the Sura. Verse 19 says: Indeed, this is a reminder, so

whoever wills may take to his Lord a way.

The injunctions in this Sura are the beacons to follow toward the destination.

- *stand at night (for prayer) except a little (73:2)*
- *or make it a little more; and recite the Qur'an clearly with tartil (in a distinct and measured tone) (73:4)*
- *And remember the name of your Lord, and devote yourself to Him with exclusive devotion. (73:8)*
- *He is the Lord of the East and the West; there is no god but He; so, take Him for (your) Guardian. (73:9)*
- *And bear patiently what they (the opponents) say, and part with them in a beautiful manner. (73:10)*

- *He knows that you (O Muslims,) cannot do it in regular way; therefore, He turned to you in mercy. Now, recite as much of the Qur'an as is easy (for you). He knows that some of you may be sick, and others traveling in the land, seeking the grace of Allah, and yet others fighting in Allah's way. Therefore, recite as much of it as is easy. And establish Salah, and pay Zakah, and advance to Allah a goodly loan. And whatever good you will send ahead for your own-selves, you will find it with Allah much better in condition, and much greater in reward. And seek forgiveness from Allah. Indeed, Allah is Most-Forgiving, Very-Merciful. (73:20)*