

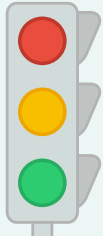
# Surah al-'Asr: Part 1

 SURAH 103



## Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Define 'oath'

Explain why Allah swears by time

Discuss why the human is at loss



## Key Words

Time - عَصْرٌ

Human - إِنْسَانٌ

Loss - خُسْرٌ



## T Thinking Starter

Think of a time when you ran out of time to finish something important. What did you do? How did you feel?



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	خُسْرٌ	لَفِي	الْإِنْسَانِ	إِنَّ		وَالْعَصْرِ
(2)	loss	(is) truly in	the human	indeed	(1)	by the time
(I swear) by the time! (1) Indeed the human is truly at loss. (2)						

## By the Time!

In the first ayah of Surah al-'Asr, Allah سبحانه وتعالى swears by time. When someone swears by something, it means they are making a very **serious promise or statement**, showing how much they really mean it. This is called taking an **oath**.

In the Qur'an, Allah takes an oath by various things to draw our attention. He wants us to **think deeply** about these things, and He wants us to reflect on the **importance** of the message that comes after the oaths.

Imagine someone says, "I didn't do it!" But then another person says, "Wallahi (I swear by Allah), I didn't do it!" Which statement is stronger? Which one sounds more serious?



### Did You Know?

We, as humans, are only allowed to take an oath by Allah.



When a serious or important topic is mentioned in the Qur'an, it starts with an oath.



Why do you think Allah swears by 'time' in this surah?



### Task 1

Complete the crossword below.

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#### Across:

- Meaning of خُسْرٌ
- Meaning of إِنْسَانٌ
- Meaning of إِنَّ

#### Down:

- A serious promise or statement
- The salah after 'Asr salah



## The Importance of Time

The oath in this surah teaches us that **time is a very valuable gift** from Allah.

Time passes very quickly—each minute that goes by is gone forever, and we can never get it back again. We can't go 'back in time'. Every second and every minute of our lives is very precious. Our beloved Prophet ﷺ said, "There are two blessings which many people waste: health and **free time**." (Bukhari)



### Did You Know?

The word 'Asr can also mean late afternoon. This is why the salah in the late afternoon is called Salatul-'Asr.



The special gift of the five daily salahs never lets us forget about the importance of time!



### Task 2

Help Musa to find out the times of the five daily salahs. Match the analogue clock to the digital clock.

Fajr



Dhuhr



'Asr



Maghrib



'Isha



### The Human Is in a State of Loss

In the second ayah of Surah al-'Asr, Allah سبحانه وتعالى tells us that humans are in a state of loss. This is a warning from Allah, reminding us **to be careful with how we spend our time** and not to become the humans who waste it.

There once was an ice seller who sold blocks of ice. Since ice melts quickly in the sun, he had to sell it fast or he would lose his money. As he worked, he would shout, "Please help me! My wealth is melting away!"

Time is like ice. If we don't make the best use of our time, it will melt away just like the ice. If we don't fill our time with good deeds, we'll be left without rewards—just like the ice seller with no ice and no money. Our life will finish and we will be in a state of loss.



### Task 3

What are some ways these children can make the best use of their time?

Musa is waiting for the bus.





Zaynab finishes her homework at 8:30 pm, and her bedtime is at 9:00 pm.



Hasan loves the summer holidays but sometimes gets bored.



### I Act On What I Learn

I will make the best use of my time.



### P Progress Check



1. What is an 'oath'?

2. Why does Allah swear by time?

3. Why is the human in a state of loss?