

Al-Kawthar [Abundance]

Makkan Period

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

[1] (O Prophet), We have surely bestowed upon you good in abundance.¹

[2] So offer Prayer and sacrifice to your Lord alone.

[3] Verily your enemy alone has been cut off from the roots.²

1. **Kawthar** signifies abundant good both in this world and the Hereafter. This includes the Fountain of **Kawthar** on the Day of Resurrection and the Stream of **Kawthar** in Paradise.

2. The unbelievers called the Prophet **abtār** (cut off from the roots). They said so to stress that he had been alienated from his people and that none of his male issue survived. They therefore believed that in the course of time no trace would be left of him. Here it is being pointed out that such a fate will overtake the Prophet's enemies rather than him.