

Al-Falaq [The Rising Day]

Makkan Period

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

- [1] Say: "I seek refuge with the Lord of the rising day;¹
- [2] from the evil of all that He created;
- [3] from the evil of night's darkness when it spreads around;²
- [4] from the evil of the women who blow on knots;³
- [5] and from the evil of the envier when he envies."⁴

1. That is, "I seek refuge with God Who brings out the light of dawn from the darkness of the night."

2. Refuge is sought from night's darkness because most of the crimes and acts of injustice and oppression are committed at night. Moreover, most dangerous animals also come out of their hiding places and go around at night.

3. This refers to magicians and sorcerers, both male and female.

4. Refuge is sought from envy because it prompts people to harm others.