

ALI 242: Quran Appreciation

Themes from Sura Anbiya: verses 51-70

Course Outline

This course will discuss verses 51-70 of Sura Anbiya which narrates the encounter of Nabi Ibrahim (a) with the idol worshipers. Students will read and reflect upon the verses, and connect them to present day situations they may face.

The main objectives of the course are:

- to show students how to stand up against wrong and convey the truth reasonably.
- to see the weakness behind the following of wrong beliefs.
- to understand that victory comes from God for those who believe.

Each session will include a reading of verses in Arabic and English, an explanation, and its commentary. Cross reference to other verses of the Quran on the same theme may also be explored.

Course Schedule

The following topics will be covered:

- 1) Introduction. Relationship with the Quran. Hadith on the Quran.
- 2) Responding to the Quran. Introduction to Sura Anbiya.
- 3) Nabi Ibrahim (a)'s talk with his uncle.
- 4) Nabi Ibrahim (a) questions his people.
- 5) The breaking of the idols.
- 6) Nabi Ibrahim (a)'s answer to the people's questions about the broken idols.
- 7) The people's understanding of the truth.
- 8) Stubbornness of the idol worshipers.
- 9) The fire and Nabi Ibrahim (a).
- 10) Allah's help for His servants.