

Familiarization with Quranic Suras Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 15

Brief Info Sura al-Rahman, No. 55. Revealed in Makkah, 78 verses.

Sura Significance

This sura has been referred to in hadith as Bride of the Quran.

Whoever recites the sūra Rahman Allah has mercy on his weakness [in thanking Him] and he has fulfilled the right of gratitude towards Allah's favours on him- Holy Prophet ﷺ

Note: Quranic Scholars say that the reward is connected to the contents of the Surah and requires that recitation be done with awareness, comprehension, reflection and having an intention of implementation.

Synopsis of contents

The central theme of the sūra is spiritual and material blessings of Allah 'azza wa-jall on the human being. The verse *So which of your Lord's bounties will you both deny?* is repeated 31 times in the sūra. It is recommended to respond to this sentence by saying *None of your bounties my Lord do I deny.*

The sūra includes:

- Blessings of Allah in creating the human being and the world for him (vv. 1-13)
- How human beings and Jinn were created (vv. 14-15)
- Signs of Allah on the earth (vv. 17-30)
- The Day of Judgment (vv. 37-41)
- Rewards of the Hereafter (vv. 46-76)

Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) Human beings have been blessed greatly with favours from Allah *subhanahu wa-ta'ala*, in physical creation as well as spiritual boons.
- 2) Two important training mentioned in the sūra is teaching of the Quran and teaching man the mode of expression and communication.
- 3) Allah has kept a balance of equity and we should not transgress that balance.
- 4) Both the Human and Jinn have responsibilities and are accountable for their actions.
- 5) The heavens and earth show signs of Allah's glory.
- 6) Rewards of the Hereafter have been vividly conveyed in the Quran.

Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 55:29 - *All those who are in the heavens and the earth ask of Him; every moment He is in a state (of glory).*

Activity for self-study

List all the benefits of creation mentioned in this sūra. Divide them into those relating to the human being, the earth, worldly systems etc. How can you be more cognizant of these benefits and connect them to the verses of the sūra?