

Familiarization with Quranic Suras Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 2

Brief Info

Sura al-Hadīd, No. 57. Revealed in Madinah, 29 verses.

Sura Significance

This is the first of the five *Musabbahat* suras that begin with glorification of Allah. They are Suras al-Hadīd, al-Hashr, al-Saff, al-Jumu'ah, and al-Taghābun). The Holy Prophet ﷺ recommended reciting these suras before sleeping.

Imam Muhammad al-Bāqir عليه السلام says: *Whoever recites all the Musabbahat before sleeping he will not die until he connects with al-Qā'im (af) and when he dies he will be in the company of the Messenger of Allah.*

Synopsis of contents

- Qualities of Allah that increase Ma'rifat of Allah.
- Belief in the Messengers and the Books that were sent.
- The state of the believers and the hypocrites on the Day of Judgement.
Thus the Sura deals with the topics of Tawhid, Nubuwwah and Qiyāmah
- Encouragement to give in the way of Allah ﷻ
- An analogy comparing life of this world to vegetation.

Some Lessons from the Surah

- 1) Belief in Allah means to know that everything is from Him. There must be willingness to give in His way.
- 2) Guidance from Allah leads human beings out of the darkness of ignorance into the light of awareness.
- 3) Believers have a light that walks with them in this world and in the Hereafter. They will be envied for it on the Day of Judgment.
- 4) Life of this world is transient and fleeting. Therefore there must be a race for good actions.
- 5) Belief in Allah makes hearts humble and receptive to His remembrance.

Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 57:11 - Who is it that will lend Allah a good loan, that He may multiply it for him and there may be a noble reward for him?
- 2) 57:28 - O you who believe! Be God conscious and have faith in His Messenger He will grant you a double share of His mercy and a light to walk by, and He will forgive you, and Allah is all-forgiving, all-merciful;

Activity for self-study

Read the analogy comparing the world to vegetation in the Sura (verse 20). Write down the qualities of the world as described in this verse. What are the stages of vegetation? How are these two similar?