

# Familiarization with Quranic Suras

## Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 5

### Brief Info

**Sura al-Saff**, No. 61. Revealed in Madinah, 14 verses. Sometimes referred to as Sura of (Nabi) Isa or Sura al-Hawariyyun.

### Sura Significance

This is the third of the five *Musabbahat*, Suras that begin with glorification of Allah (Suras al-Hadid, al-Hashr, al-Saff, al-Jumu'ah, and al-Taghabun).

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: *Whoever recites Surat Isa (i.e. al-Saff) Prophet Isa sends blessings on him and seeks forgiveness for him so long as he is in this world, and in the Hereafter he will be his companion.*

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

- Need for harmony between speech and action (vv. 2-3)
- Importance of unity (v. 4)
- Opposition encountered by Prophet Musa (a) and Prophet Isa (a) (vv. 5-6)
- Allah's word will be uppermost. (vv. 8-9)
- An invitation to trade with Allah. (vv. 10-13)
- Inspiration from the Hawariyyun – the disciples of Nabi 'Isa. (v. 14)

### Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) Do not talk without action.
- 2) Join ranks with others to struggle in the way of Allah.
- 3) Have hope that Allah will give victory to His word despite the opposition of those who reject faith.
- 4) Faith and action in this world reap eternal rewards in the Hereafter.
- 5) Be the helpers of Allah (in His mission) as seen in the examples of the Hawariyyun.

### Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 61:2 - *O you who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do?*
- 2) 61:4 - *Indeed, Allah loves those who fight in His way in ranks, as if they were a compact structure.*

### Activity for self-study

Describe the trade with Allah mentioned in this sūra (vv.10-13). Who is the seller? The Buyer? What are the goods given and what is received in exchange? What is the profit gained?