

# Familiarization with Quranic Suras

## Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 7

### Brief Info

**Sura al-Munafiqun**, No. 63. Revealed in Madinah, 11 verses.

### Sura Significance

*Whoever recites Sura Munafiqun will remain free from all forms of hypocrisy*

- Holy Prophet ﷺ

Note: Quranic Scholars say that the benefit 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 signs of a hypocrite, manifested in attitude, speech and behaviour (vv. 1-4)
- Warning believers to be wary of the hypocrites in society (vv. 5-8)
- Reminder to the believers not to be deluded by the material pleasures of the world (v. 9)
- An invitation to spend in the way of Allah before death overtakes you (vv. 10-11)

### Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) The words of the hypocrites do not carry any value.
- 2) Hypocrites are often appealing in their speech and behavior.
- 3) Wealth and honor are from Allah, not from people.
- 4) Wealth and children can be distractions from the remembrance of Allah.
- 5) The approach of death can be a time of regrets. Avoid that by acting while still alive.

### Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 63:9 - *O you who have faith! Do not let your possessions and children distract you from the remembrance of Allah, and whoever does that—it is they who are the losers.*
- 2) 63:11 - *And Allah will never respite anyone when his time has come, and Allah is well aware of what you do*

### Activity for self-study

List all the characteristics of the hypocrites described in this sūra. What are the roots of these characteristics? Imam Ali عليه السلام describes the hypocrites in Khutba 194 of *Nahjul Balagha*. Read it and identify the characteristics mentioned in the khutba.