

Familiarization with Quranic Suras

Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 16

Brief Info: Sura al-Furqan, No. 25. Revealed in Makkah, 77 verses.

Sura Significance

Do not leave reciting Sura Tabarakalladhi . . . [al-Furqan] for whoever recites it every night will not be punished, nor will he have to face account, and his place will be in the Firdaws A'la – Imam Musa al-Kazim ؑ

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 sūra has three main themes;

- The reasoning of the people who rejected the Holy Prophet ﷺ. This section lists their objections and answers them. It warns them about the Day of Judgment and narrates stories from history as lessons for them (vv. 4-44)
- Signs of the existence and greatness of Allah (vv. 45-62)
- Qualities of the servants of the Beneficent (vv. 63-76)

Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) Those who believe in other than Allah 'azza wa-jall have a very weak holding (see v. 3).
- 2) When people do not want to accept something, they can bring up a multitude of reasons to justify themselves.
- 3) One of the regrets on the Day of Judgment is having wrong friends (see v. 28)
- 4) The Prophet will complain on the Day of Judgment about how his people neglected the Quran (see v. 30)
- 5) There are people who take their desire as a god (see v. 43).
- 6) The true servants of Allah can be known by their signs.

Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 25:58 - *Put your trust in the Living One who does not die and celebrate His praise. He suffices as one all-aware of the sins of His servants.*
- 2) Any of the verses mentioned in the section above.

Activities for self-study

- 1) What were the objections and demands of the people who refused to accept the Holy Prophet ﷺ? List them and find the answers to them given in the sūra.
- 2) List all the qualities of the servants of the Beneficent mentioned in the last section. How many of them do you have? Which ones are you working on?