

Familiarization with Quranic Suras Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 25

Brief Info Sura al-Najm, No. 53. Revealed in Makkah, 62 verses.

Sura Significance

This sūra is among the earliest sūras revealed and is known for its poetic form. It has a wājib sajdah (the last verse).

Whoever continuously recites Sura al-Najm, during the day or at night, will live a praiseworthy life among people. He will be of those who are forgiven, and will be beloved to people. Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq عليه السلام.

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 true nature of revelation (vv. 2-6)
- The event of M'iraj (vv. 8-18)
- The misguided worship of the polytheists (vv. 19-23)
- Signs of Allah and an invitation to turn towards Him (vv. 31-56)

Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) The Holy Prophet ﷺ never spoke of his own accord. All he said and delivered was a message from Allah ﷻ.
- 2) During M'iraj the Prophet ﷺ witnessed great signs of Allah ﷻ.
- 3) Assumptions are very different from the truth (v. 28).
- 4) Those who focus only on the life of this world have very limited knowledge (vv. 29-30).
- 5) Human being will only have what he strives for (vv. 39-40)

Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 53:2-3 – *He does not speak out of his own desire. It is just a revelation that is revealed to him.*
- 2) 53:29 – *So turn aside from him who turns his back upon Our reminder and does not desire anything but this world's life.*
- 3) 53:39-40 – *that nothing belongs to man, except what he strives for and that his striving shall soon be seen.*

Activity for self-study

Study verses 42-48. What qualities of Allah are mentioned in these verses? Find the names of Allah that correspond to those qualities.