

Familiarization with Quranic Suras

Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 26

Brief Info Sura al-Shura, No. 42. Revealed in Makkah, 53 verses.

Sura Significance

Whoever recites Sura Ha Mim Ain Sin Qaf will be from those on whom the angels send blessings and seek forgiveness and mercy for him - Holy Prophet ﷺ

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

- A discussion on revelation. This is the main theme of the sūra and can be seen in its beginning and end, as well as verses in between.
- Signs of Allah in creation.
- Day of Judgment and the Hereafter.
- Noble qualities of those who believe (vv. 36-43)

Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) The angels seek forgiveness for human beings (see v. 5)
- 2) Dictates of religion were sent to past Prophets as well as to the Holy Prophet ﷺ.
- 3) Steadfastness is required in religion (see v. 15)
- 4) The only reward the Prophet ﷺ asked for was love for the relatives (see v. 23)
- 5) Allah accepts the repentance of His servants and pardons their wrongdoings (see v. 25)
- 6) True believers possess praiseworthy qualities (see vv. 36-43)

Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 42:23 – Say, ‘I do not ask you any reward for it except love of [my] relatives.’
- 2) 42:25 - It is He who accepts the repentance of His servants and excuses their misdeeds and knows what you do.
- 3) 42:36 - Whatever you have been given is a provision of this world's life, and what is with Allah is better and more lasting for those who believe and rely on their Lord.

Activity for self-study

What are the noble qualities of the believers mentioned in verses 36-43? Choose one of those qualities to research. What are other verses of Quran and Hadith on that quality? Ensure that you and your family including children memorize verse 42:23.