

**Familiarization with Quranic Sūras**  
**Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 10**  
**Sūrat al-Mursalāt, No. 77**



**Sūra Information**

**Sūra al-Mursalāt**, No.77, Revealed in Makkah, 50 verses.

The sūra gets its name from the emissaries mentioned in the first verse.

The verse *Woe to the deniers on that day!* is repeated ten times in this sūra, each time after a new detail about the Day of Judgment. *Tafsīr Namūne* says this repetition is reminiscent of Sūra al-Rahmān except that Sūra Rahman talks about blessings while this sūra talks about the punishment awaiting the rejecters of faith.

It is reported that once the Prophet ﷺ was told ‘you have aged quickly, O Messenger of God’ and he replied ‘Sūras Hūd, al-Wāqī‘ah, al-Mursalāt, and ‘Ammā Yatasā’alūn (Naba’) have aged me.’ Note that all these four sūras talk about the Day of Judgment and the frightening events of that day.

**Sūra Significance**

*Whoever recites Sūra Musalāt it will be written that he is not one of the polytheists.*

Holy Prophet ﷺ

*Whoever recites it Allah will make him familiar to [a companion of] Muhammad (s).*

Imam al-Sādiq عليه السلام

Both Hadith from *Tafsīr Majma‘ul-Bayān*.

Note: This reward is for one who ponders over the contents and is affected by the descriptions of the Day of Judgement and keeps them in mind.

**Synopsis of contents**

- 1) Oaths and reminders of the Day of Judgment
- 2) The fate of past peoples
- 3) Creation of the human being
- 4) Blessings of Allah ﷻ on the earth
- 5) Punishment for those who reject faith

### Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) The oaths at the beginning of the sūra show the important various roles of the angels (verses 1-5)
- 2) Awe inspiring signs in nature will occur before the Day of Judgment (verses 8-10)
- 3) No-one will be able to argue or blame others on that day (verses 35-36)
- 4) Not being from those who pray and bow to God has been singled out as a sign of the rejecters of faith (verse 48)

### Important Messages

- 1) The various roles of the angels are proofs of the responsibility and accountability of human actions.
- 2) Vivid details of the Day of Judgment are to help a believer visualize and keep in mind the happenings of that day.
- 2) People will reap the results of their deeds on that day. The juxtaposition of punishment and reward is to allow man to choose between the two.
- 3) The origins of man remind him of his helplessness and lowliness.

### Select verses from the Sūra to know (learn, reflect, memorize)

- 1) 77:7 - *What you are promised will surely befall.*
- 2) 77:25-26 - *Have We not made the earth a receptacle, for the living and the dead?*
- 3) 77:50 - *So what discourse will they believe after this?*

### Activities for self-study

- 1) What does this sūra say about the creation of the human being? Read verses 20-23.
- 2) Each of the repeated verse *Woe to the deniers on that day!* comes after a detail on the Day of Judgment. Write out the ten different details that precede these verses.

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