

**Familiarization with Quranic Sūras**  
**Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 11**  
**Sūrat al-Ahqāf, No. 46**



**Sūra Information**

Sūra al-Ahqāf, No.46, Revealed in Makkah, 35 verses.

The sūra gets its name from the word *ahqāf* mentioned in verse 21, a reference to the sandy plains of the people of ‘Ād.

It is the last of the 7 Hawāmim sūras (that begin with the letters hā and mīm)

**Sūra Significance**

*Whoever recites Sūra Ahqāf every night, or every Friday, Allah will not make him face any terror in this world and will keep him secure from terror on the Day of Judgment.*

Imam Ja‘far Sādiq عليه السلام (*Tafsīr Majma‘ul-Bayān*)

**Synopsis of contents**

- 1) Greatness of the Quran
- 2) The hereafter and justice of Allah عز وجل
- 3) Rights of parents
- 4) Story of the people of Ād
- 5) The jinn who heard the Quran
- 6) Counseling the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله to be patient like the past Prophets.

**Some Lessons from the Sūra**

- 1) If there was a god other than Allah تعالى we would have received revelation from that god too (verse 4). Imam Ali عليه السلام also talks about this: *If there had been a partner with your Lord, his messengers too should have come to you and you would have seen signs of his authority and power and have known his deeds and qualities. But He is only One God as He has described Himself* (Letter 31, *Nahjul Balāgha*)
- 2) Those who reject faith give many excuses (verses 7, 8, and 11)
- 3) Believers pray for their parents as well as their progeny (verse 15)
- 4) Allah accepts the best deeds of the virtuous and overlooks their misdeeds – the ultimate reward (verse 16)
- 5) There are believers from among the Jinn (verses 29-31)

### Important Messages

- 1) Determination and persistence are necessary to spread God's word, even in the face of stubborn resistance.
- 2) Opposition to the truth often stems from indifference, apathy, and stubbornness.
- 3) Warnings are more necessary for heedless and stubborn people than giving hope.
- 4) Physical and mental maturity are the foundations of spiritual maturity.
- 5) The best form of gratitude is through action.
- 6) Jinn, like human beings, have intelligence, responsibility and accountability.
- 7) Patience is most necessary for those in positions of authority.

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

- 1) 46:13 - *Those who say, 'Our Lord is Allah,' and then remain steadfast, they will have no fear, nor will they grieve.*
- 2) 46:19 - *For everyone there are degrees [of merit] pertaining to what he has done: He will recompense them fully for their works, and they will not be wronged.*

### Activities for self-study

- 1) Study verse 15 of this sūra. What does it tell you about the relationship with God and relationship with family?
- 2) Ponder over the conversation of the people of Ād with their Prophet (verses 21-24). How does it describe the attitude of the Prophet and that of his people?

**Sources** Āyatullāh Nāsir Makārim Shirazi (Ed.), *Tafsir Namūne*, Organization of Quran and Itrah Nūr al-Thaqalayn, Zikre Mubarak; S.H. Nasr (Ed.), *The Study Quran*

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