

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 13

Sūrat Saba, No. 34



Sūra Information

Sūra Saba, No.34, Revealed in Makkah, 54 verses.

The sūra gets its name from the discussion on the people of Saba. A major part of this sūra discusses the scenes of the Hereafter.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūra Saba every Prophet and Messenger will be his companion and friend on the Day of Judgment. Holy Prophet ﷺ (Tafsīr Majma'ul-Bayān)

Synopsis of contents

- 1) Oneness and Lordship of Allah
- 2) Discussion on the hereafter
- 3) Prophethood of past Prophets
- 4) Answers to those opposed to the Holy Prophet ﷺ
- 5) Blessings of Allah ﷻ
- 6) Invitation to reflect and ponder

Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) There is nothing small or large that escapes Allah ﷻ or is not recorded (verse 3)
- 2) Ingratitude brings down the wrath of Allah ﷻ (verse 17)
- 3) Intercession is only done through those whom Allah ﷻ allows (verse 23)
- 4) People will blame one another on the Day of Judgment (verse 31)
- 5) Most people with wealth and power were too proud to accept the message of the Prophets (verse 34)

Important Messages

- 1) There will be praise of God in the Hereafter.
- 2) All power, wealth, abilities, are a test of gratitude.
- 3) Sins can cause a reversal of blessings.
- 4) Ingratitude is a means of success of shaytān.
- 5) Visualizing the scenes of the Day of Judgment are effective in self-discipline

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

- 1) 34:2 - *He knows whatever enters into the earth and whatever emerges from it, and whatever descends from the sky and whatever ascends into it, and He is the All-merciful, the All-forgiving.*
- 2) 34:37 - *It is not your wealth, nor your children, that will bring you close to Us in nearness, excepting those who have faith and act righteously.*
- 3) 34:46 - *Say, I give you just a single advice: that you rise up for Allah's sake, in pairs or singly, and then reflect.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Read verses 10-13. What unique blessings were given to Prophet Dāwūd عليه السلام and Prophet Sulaymān عليه السلام?
- 2) Verses 15-19 talks about the people of Saba. What were the blessings given to them? How did they react?

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