

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 17

Sūrat Ibrāhīm, No. 14



Sūra Information

Sūra Ibrāhīm, No.14, Revealed in Makkah with the exceptions of verses 28-29 which were revealed in Madinah, 52 verses.

The sūra gets its name from the great Prophet of God, Prophet Ibrāhīm عليه السلام, the father of the monotheistic faiths. The sūra includes many of his supplications.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūra Ibrāhīm and Sūra Hijr will receive the reward of ten times the number of all those who worshipped idols and those who did not worship them.

Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله (Tafsīr Majm'ul-Bayān)

Synopsis of contents

- 1) Supplications of Prophet Ibrāhīm عليه السلام.
- 2) Lessons from the past Prophets.
- 3) Advice on gratitude, patience, trust in God.
- 4) Punishment and regret in the hereafter.

Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) The Quran brings mankind out of darkness (ignorance) into light (knowledge, awareness) (verse 1)
- 2) Shaytān will describe his lack of authority over the human being on the Day of Judgment (verse 22)
- 3) Blessings of Allah ﷻ are so numerous that they cannot be counted (verses 32-34)
- 4) The plots and conspiracies of people could shake the mountains – have devastating effects (verse 46)

Important Messages

- 1) Remembering history strengthens patience and gratitude in people.
- 2) Gratitude widens the inner capacity of the human being.
- 3) The central focus in the life of Prophet Ibrāhīm عليه السلام is connection to God through prayer.
- 4) In supplications, pray for yourself, your family, and for others.

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

- 1) 14:7 - *If you are grateful, I will surely enhance you [in blessing], but if you are ungrateful, My punishment is indeed severe.*
- 2) 14:18 - *A parable of those who defy their Lord: their deeds are like ashes over which the wind blows hard on a tempestuous day: they have no power over anything they have earned. That is extreme error.*
- 3) 14:52 - *This [the Quran] is a proclamation for mankind, so that they may be warned thereby and know that He is indeed the One God, and those who possess intellect may take admonition.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Write out the conversation between the Prophets ﷺ and their people as outlined in verses 9-12. What were the objections of the people? How did the Prophets answer them?
- 2) Describe and illustrate the parable of the good word (verses 24-25)
- 3) What are the different things Prophet Ibrāhīm ؑ prays for? (verses 35-41)

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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