

# Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

## Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 18

### Sūrat al-Muddaththir, No. 74



#### Sūra Information

Sūra Muddaththir, No.74, Revealed in Makkah, 56 verses

This sūra was revealed at the beginning of the period when the Prophet ﷺ was told to announce his mission publicly.

#### Sūra Significance

*Whoever recites Sūra al-Muddaththir in his obligatory prayers, it is on Allah to keep him in the company of Muhammad ﷺ, and he will not face misfortune in the world.*

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#### Synopsis of contents

- 1) Preparing for announcing the word of God
- 2) Details of the hereafter
- 3) Condition of the people in hell
- 4) Oaths to emphasize the truthfulness of the resurrection
- 5) The Quran as a reminder

#### Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) Spreading the word of God to others requires patience (verse 7)
- 2) The Day of Judgment will be a difficult day for those who did not have faith (verse 10)
- 3) Human being is always greedy for more (verses 11-15)
- 4) One of the reasons people will give for being in Hell is indulging in vain talks and gossip while in the world (verse 45)
- 5) Paying heed to the message of God requires a tawfīq that comes from Him (verse 56)

#### Important Messages

- 1) Those who oppose faith think and plan out their sinister strategies.
- 2) Accusing the Quran of being magic is a proof that it was effective on the listeners.
- 3) Participating in gatherings of vain discourses will be a source of regret on the Day of Judgment.

4) Intercession will not be available for those who have taken salāt lightly and have disregarded the rights of the poor.

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

- 1) 74:31 (part of the verse) - *No one knows the hosts of your Lord except Him*
- 2) 74:38 - *Every soul is hostage to what it has earned*
- 3) 74:43-47 – [the guilty would say]: *We were not among those who prayed. Nor did we feed the poor. We used to indulge in [profane] gossip along with the gossipers, and we used to deny the Day of Retribution, until death came to us.*

**Activities for self-study**

- 1) Verses 2-7 give instructions to the Prophet (s) on warning the people. What rules can you derive from these verses for spreading the word of God?
- 2) What attitudes of the rejecters of faith are revealed in verses 19-25?

**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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