

# Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

## Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 24

### Sūrat al-Shu‘arā, No. 26 - Part 1



#### Sūra Information

Sūra al-Shu‘arā No. 26, Revealed in Makkah except the last four verses, has total of 227 verses. It takes its name from verse 224 which mentions the poets who were an important part of the Arab culture.

This sūra is second after Sūra al-Baqarah in the number of verses but is shorter than many sūras in the number of words it contains.

A distinguishing aspect of the sūra is its rhythmic and poetic nature and the repetition of some verses at the beginning and end of each of the stories of the Prophets, showing that the basic teachings of the Prophets were all the same.

#### Sūra Significance

*Whoever recites Sūra al-Shu‘arā will receive ten times the reward of those who accepted Nūh عليه السلام and those who rejected him, and [those with] Hūd عليه السلام and Shu‘ayb عليه السلام and Ibrāhīm عليه السلام. And those who rejected Īsā عليه السلام and accepted Muhammad ﷺ - Holy Prophet ﷺ (Tafsīr Majma‘ul-Bayān)*

#### Synopsis of contents

- 1) Signs of Allah ﷻ
- 2) The story of Prophet Mūsa عليه السلام and Fir‘awn.
- 3) The challenges faced by other past Prophets - Ibrāhīm, Nūh, Hūd, Sālih, Lūt, and Shu‘ayb عليه السلام - and the stubbornness of their people. Some stories are discussed in more detail than others.
- 4) Arguments of the polytheists
- 5) Origins of the Quran

#### Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) The disbelievers refuse to consider the reminders from God (verse 5)
- 2) Blame and threats are the resort of those who cannot stand up to the truth (v. 49)
- 3) True believers do not panic in difficulties; they know God is with them (verse 62)
- 4) People follow the ways of their forefathers even though they were wrong (verse 74)
- 5) Attaining wisdom is the desire of a believer (verse 83)

### Important Messages

- 1) To counter evil, you must address its source.
- 2) Guiding and teaching others requires a big inner capacity.
- 3) Possessors of knowledge appreciate true knowledge when they see it.
- 4) Belief in resurrection gives courage against tyrants.
- 5) Guidance is the biggest blessing after creation.

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

- 1) 26:9 – *Indeed, your Lord is the All-mighty, the All-merciful.* (This verse appears again at 26:68, 104, 122, 140, 159, 175 and 191).
- 2) 26:15 - *He said: By no means [will they harm you], so go you both with Our signs; surely We are with you, hearing.*
- 3) 26:87-89 - *Do not disgrace me on the day that they will be resurrected, the day when neither wealth nor children will avail, except him who comes to Allah with a sound heart.*

### Activities for self-study

- 1) Read verses 46-51. What lessons do the magicians of Fir‘awn have to teach us?
- 2) Verses 77-82 are a description of God by Prophet Ibrāhīm عليه السلام. List the qualities he mentions.

**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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