

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 25

Sūrat al-Shu‘ara No. 26 -Part2



Sūra Information

Sūra al-Shu‘ara, No.26, Revealed in Makkah except the last four verses, total of 227 verses.

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 Muḥammad صلى الله عليه وآله - Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله (Tafsīr Majma‘ul-Bayān)

Synopsis of contents

- 1) Signs of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله
- 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) On the Day of Judgment people will regret and wish they could have an opportunity to live life again in the world and do good (verse 102)
- 2) Prophets did not want any reward from people, only from God (verses 109,127 ...)
- 3) Allah is the ultimate judge between people (verse 118)
- 4) Transgressors corrupt the systems on earth and do not bring reform (verse 152)
- 5) Previous scriptures had foretold their people about the Quran (verse 196)

Important Messages

- 1) Pride and a superiority complex prevent people from joining the group following the right path.
- 2) Grief of the Prophets was at the loss of their people, not because of personal threats and rejection.
- 3) Being blessed with comfort brings responsibility and accountability.

- 4) It is not enough to dislike corruption. There must be active steps taken to counter it or withdraw from it.
- 5) A corrupt economy leads to a corrupt society.
- 6) When spreading the word of God, start with the self, then family, and then society.

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

- 1) 26:129 - *You set up structures as if you will be immortal.*
- 2) 26:169 - *My Lord! Deliver me and my family from what they do.*
- 3) 26:182-183 - *Weigh with an even balance, and do not cheat the people of their goods. Do not act wickedly on the earth, causing corruption.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Note the two verses repeated in the stories of Nūh عليه السلام, Hūd عليه السلام, Sālih عليه السلام, Lūt عليه السلام and Shu‘ayb عليه السلام. Write them out in Arabic and English. How do these verses link the stories?
- 2) What different excuses did the people give for their lack of belief in what the Prophets told them?

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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