

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 14

Sūrat Yunus, No. 10



Sūra Information

Sūra Yūnus, No.10, Revealed in Makkah, 109 verses.

The key themes of this sūra are answers to the accusations of the polytheists about the Quran, and the response to the challenges of hastening punishment of God.

The sūra gets its name from the mention of Prophet Yūnus عليه السلام in verse 98.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūra Yūnus once every two or three months it will not be feared that he will be from the ignorant or heedless ones, and he will be from those brought near on the Day of Judgment.

Imam Ja'far al-Sādiq عليه السلام (*Tafsīr Nūr al-Thaqalayn*)

Note: *Tafsīr Namūne* says this is because many of the verses of this sūra give strong warnings and a person who reflects on them cannot remain heedless. When he acts on them he will be from those who are close to Allah in the hereafter.

Synopsis of contents

- 1) Revelation and status of the Prophets
- 2) Signs of God in creation
- 3) Transience of the world
- 4) Stories of past Prophets – Nūh, Mūsā, and Yūnus عليه السلام.
- 5) Stubbornness of the polytheists
- 6) The promise of reward for the virtuous and punishment for those who reject faith.

Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) The righteous will praise God in different ways in the hereafter (verse 10)
- 2) The Quran is the word of Allah عز وجل, not of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله (verses 15-16)
- 3) Most people follow assumptions rather than the truth (verse 36)
- 4) People will be desperate on the Day of Judgment (verse 54)
- 5) The night and day are important signs of Allah عز وجل (verse 67)
- 6) Be completely dedicated to religion (verse 105)

Important Messages

- 1) Understanding the Lordship and authority of Allah ﷻ is the foundation of servitude to Him.
- 2) Comfort and fulfillment of all desires breed heedlessness.
- 3) Love of the world is the root of all transgression.
- 4) The Quran is a cure for all forms of diseases.
- 5) Do not have hopes that all people will accept the truth.

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

- 1) 10:5 - *It is He who made the sun a radiance and the moon a light and ordained its phases that you might know the number of years and the calculation [of time]. Allah did not create all that except with justice. He elaborates the signs for a people who have knowledge.*
- 2) 10:12 - *When distress befalls man, he supplicates Us, lying on his side, sitting, or standing; but when We remove his distress, he passes on as if he had never supplicated Us concerning the distress that had befallen him. Thus that which they do is made fair-seeming to the transgressors.*
- 3) 10:65 - *Do not grieve at their remarks; indeed all might belongs to Allah; He is the All-bearing, the All-knowing.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Read verse 24 about the parable of this world. Write it out. Illustrate it.
- 2) Reflect over the story of Prophet Mūsā عليه السلام in this sūra (verses 75-92). What do these verses say about the attitude of Fir‘awn?

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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