

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 16

Sūrat al-Dhāriyāt, No. 51



Sūra Information

Sūra Dhāriyāt, No.51, Revealed in Makkah, 60 verses.

The sūra gets its name from first verse, referring to the winds that scatter.

Many verses of this sūra, especially the beginning and end, talk about details of resurrection and the Day of Judgment.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūrat al-Dhāriyāt during the day or at night, Allah will improve his condition and grant him abundant provision and a light that will illuminate his grave till the Day of Judgment.

Imam al-Sādiq عليه السلام (*Tafsīr Majm'ul-Bayān*)

Synopsis of contents

- 1) Details of the hereafter.
- 2) Signs of Allah in creation.
- 3) The angels that came to Prophet Ibrāhīm عليه السلام.
- 4) Brief stories of some of the past Prophets.
- 5) Consoling the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله through examples of the opposition faced by past Prophets.

Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) Less sleep and early morning prayers are from the qualities of the virtuous (verses 17-18)
- 2) 'Salaam' is the greeting of angels as well as humans (verse 25)
- 3) Rejection of the Prophets of God and the accusations against them have been the same throughout history (verse 52)
- 4) Reminders are beneficial for believers (verse 55)

Important Messages

- 1) All human beings, even the virtuous ones, need to seek forgiveness.
- 2) Guests must be treated with respect and attention to their needs.

- 3) It is possible to have a lone house of believers in a corrupt environment.
- 4) Do not tire of reminding others.
- 5) Worship is for the human being to attain perfection and getting close to the Divine.

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

- 1) 51:20-21 - *In the earth are signs for those who have conviction, and in your souls as well. Will you not then perceive?*
- 2) 51:50 - *So flee toward Allah. Indeed, I am from Him a manifest warner to you.*
- 3) 51:56 - *I did not create the jinn and the humans except that they may worship Me.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Read the story of the guests of Prophet Ibrāhīm (a), verses 24-30. Write out the conversations that take place. What are some qualities of this family?
- 2) List the signs of Allah mentioned in verses 47-49.

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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