

# ALI Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

## Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 1



### Surah Information

Sūra al-Sāffāt, No. 37. Revealed in Makkah, 182 verses.

This sūra like all suras revealed in Makkah discuss the fundamental principles of Tawhīd (One ness of God) and Ma'ad (the Hereafter). It's short and expressive verses counter the rejecters of faith and prove the invalidity of their arguments.

The surah takes its name from the word *those ranged in ranks* (verse 1) which refers to the angels.

### Surah Significance

*Whoever recites Sūra al-Sāffāt every Friday will remain protected from all afflictions, all difficulties will be averted from him in this world, he will be given the most ample sustenance, and Allah will not let any evil affect his wealth, children, or his body, from the accursed Shaytān, or a tyrant ruler. Allah will cause him to die as a martyr and raise him as a martyr and make him enter Heaven with the martyrs. Imam al-Sādiq عليه السلام (Tafsīr Majma'ul Bayān).*

Note: *Tafsīr Namūne* says these amazing rewards are because one who reads and understands the contents of this sūra will be pure in his faith and remain alert to the Shaytān and other forms of evil.

### Synopsis of contents

- The role of the angels of Allah 'azza wa-jall and the fate of the devils.
- The rejecters of faith on the Day of Judgement – their conversations, blaming one another,
- The rewards awaiting the pious on the Day of Judgment.
- The Day of Judgement and facing the consequences of rejecting faith.
- Stories of some of the past Prophets. brief accounts with vivid details.
- Rejection of the notion of personal connection between the Allah and the angels and Jinn.
- The final victory of truth over falsehood for the followers of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله, as it did for all other Prophets.

### Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) A sign from Allah ﷻ is a cause of wonder for believers with receptive hearts but an object of mockery for those with hardened hearts. (verse 12)
- 2) Conversations of the disbelievers and believers in the Hereafter will reveal their internal attitudes (verses 28-32, 51-57)
- 3) Turning to God alone and not depending on society for affirmation is the way of true believers (verse 99)
- 4) A good name in posterity, as in a good reputation that remains after you die, is a gift for those who are virtuous (verses 78, 108, 119, 129)

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

- 1) Q 37:57 - *Had it not been for my Lord's blessing, I too would have been among those brought there [in Hell]*
- 2) Q 37:61 - *Let all workers work for the like of this!*
- 3) Q 37:84 - *when he came to his Lord with a sound heart.*

### Activity for self-study

The story of Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام – verses 83-113 – is discussed in certain detail in this surah. Read these verses and write down the qualities of this great Prophet. What are the lessons he has to teach us?

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