

Familiarization with Quranic Surahs

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 2

Sūrat Qāf



Sūra Information

Sūra Qāf, No. 50. Revealed in Makkah, 45 verses.

This sūra discusses the concept of resurrection and the hereafter almost exclusively. A few other subjects have been mentioned briefly.

Sura Significance

It is reported that the Prophet ﷺ would recite this sūra in the sermon of the Friday prayer. He recited it on Fridays and days of Eid. These are the days of awakening and revival, of returning to the original *fitrat* (nature) of the human being. The contents of this sūra can bring that type of inner awakening through an understanding of its discussion on death and resurrection.

Whoever recites Sūrat Qāf, Allah will make the pangs and difficulties of death easy for him. (Holy Prophet sallalāhu ‘alayhi wa-ālihi wa-sallam)

From *Tafsīr Majma’ul Bayān*.

Note: *Tafsir Namūne* says this reward is for one who becomes conscious of death and the need to prepare for it through reading the sūra.

Synopsis of contents

- Denial of resurrection by the disbelievers
- Proving the truth of belief in life after death through nature and history
- Recording of deeds of human beings
- Day of Judgment and the life hereafter
- Death and the transition to the other world

Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) The revival of the earth is a sign of God’s power to give life after death. This applies to the death of the human body, as well as death of the heart (verse 11)
- 2) Everything a person says or does is observed and recorded (verses 17-18)
- 3) Human beings will be able to see and comprehend things on the Day of Judgment which they could not see before. The veils will be lifted (verse 22)
- 4) Admonition is effective on those whose hearts and inner senses are alive (verse 37)

5) Turning to God and glorifying Him enables a person to have patience with people (verses 39-40)

Important Messages

- 1) Answer the questions and confusions that people have about beliefs. The verses of this sūra address the skepticism of the disbelievers regarding resurrection.
- 2) The speech of the human being is of paramount importance and has been mentioned distinctly from his deeds.
- 3) God deals with the people of Hell with justice and with the people in heaven with grace.
- 4) To achieve spiritual perfection the human being needs repeated and constant worship.

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

- 1) 50:16 - *Certainly We have created man and We know to what his soul tempts him, and We are nearer to him than his jugular vein.*
- 2) 50:28 - *He will say: Do not quarrel in My presence, and indeed I gave you the warning beforehand.*
- 3) 50:45 - *We know well what they say, and you are not there to compel them. So admonish by the Quran those who fear My warning.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Read the passage on the signs in creation – verses 6-11. List all the signs of nature mentioned in these verses. What are the different things these signs remind people of? How can believers be more receptive to the signs around them?
- 2) How many proofs are given in this sūra to answer the skepticism in belief in the resurrection? Identify the proofs given which show the power of God to give life after death.

Sources: Āyatullāh Nāsir Makārim Shirazi (Ed.), *Tafsir Namūne*; Organization of Quran and Itrah Nur al Thaḡalayn, *Zikre Mubarak*; S. H.Nasr (Ed.), *The Study Quran*

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