

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 26

Sūrat al-Mujādila, No. 58



Sūra Information

Sūra al-Mujādila, No.58, Revealed in Madinah, 22 verses.

The sūra gets its name from the first verse that talks about the woman who pleads with the Prophet ﷺ regarding her husband divorcing her through the practice of *zihār*. The Divine name of Allah (الله) appears in every verse of this sūra.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūra al-Mujādilah will be from the party of Allah on the Day of Judgment.

Holy Prophet ﷺ (*Tafsīr Namūne*)

Synopsis of contents

- 1) The practice of *zihār*, a pre-Islamic custom through which men renounced their wives.
- 2) Etiquettes of sitting with others.
- 3) Qualities of the hypocrites and a warning to stay away from them.

Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) The issue of *Zihar*. God's response to the plea of a Muslim woman.
- 2) Allah is always present, even with those who whisper in secret (verse 7)
- 3) Secret conversations with malicious intentions are from the Shaytan (verse 10)
- 4) Make room for people in your gatherings (verse 11)
- 5) Those who believe in Allah ﷻ and the last day cannot befriend those who are enemies of Allah ﷻ and the Prophet ﷺ (verse 22)

Important Messages

- 1) Wrong customs must be countered with reason and proofs.
- 2) Penalties that are inflicted are not for revenge or anger, rather for training purposes.
- 3) A private conversation that hurts and offends believers is from Shaytan.
- 4) Faith and knowledge raise the ranks of believers.
- 5) Hypocrites take advantage of religion to strike at it.

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

- 1) 58:6 - *The day when Allah will raise them all together, He will inform them about what they have done. Allah has kept account of it, while they have forgotten, and Allah is witness to all things.*
- 2) 58:7 *There does not takes place any secret talk among three, but He is their fourth, nor among five but He is their sixth, nor when they are less than that or more but He is with them wherever they may be. Then He will inform them about what they have done on the Day of Resurrection. Indeed Allah has knowledge of all things.*
- 3) 58:19 - *The shaytān has gained the mastery over them, so he has made them forget the remembrance of Allah; they are the shaytān's party; now surely the shaytān's party are the losers.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Read verse 11 and write out what Allah says in it. Is this verse being practised in our gatherings today? How can we implement it?
- 2) What are the different qualities of believers mentioned in verse 22?

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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