

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1440 – Day 28

Sūrat al-Mā'ida, No. 5, Part1



Sūra Information

Sūra al-Mā'ida, No.5, Revealed in Madinah, 120 verses.

According to some narrations the entire sūra was revealed at one time, after the farewell pilgrimage of the Prophet ﷺ.

The sūra take name from the miraculous table spread with food mentioned in verses 112-115.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūra al-Mā'ida every Thursday his faith will not be covered by injustice and he will never associate anything with Allah -Imam Muhammad al-Bāqir (عليه السلام) (Tafsīr Majma'ul Bayān)

Synopsis of contents

- 1) Laws regarding pilgrimage, food, hunting, ritual purity, etc.
- 2) Leadership after the Prophet ﷺ
- 3) Day of Judgement
- 4) Justice and fulfilling of pledges.
- 5) Relations between the Muslims and the people of the Book.

Some Lessons from the Sūra

- 1) Islam as brought by the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the most complete and perfect religion (verse 3)
- 2) The ruling on wudhū and tayammum (verse 6)
- 3) Dislike of people should not make you unfair to them (verse 8)
- 4) All human beings are creatures of Allah ﷻ and no-one can claim to be His children (verse 18)
- 5) Whoever takes one life is as if he has killed all of mankind, and whoever saves one life is as if he has saved all of mankind (verse 32)

Important Messages

- 1) Slaughtering an animal for meat must be according to the command of the Creator.
- 2) Divine leadership perfects religion.
- 3) Announcement of Imam Ali (عليه السلام) as the successor of the Prophet ﷺ was the completion of blessings.
- 4) Cleanliness and purification are part of faith.

- 5) Justice and fairness must be consistent habits, not one-time occurrences.
- 6) Before giving people the commands of Allah ﷻ, show them His kindness and love.

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

- 1) 5:2 - *Cooperate in piety and Godwariness, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression,*
- 2) 5:35 - *O you who believe! be careful of your duty to Allah and seek means of nearness to Him and strive hard in His way that you may be successful.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Read verses 21-25. What do these verses show about the attitude of the people of Prophet Musa ﷺ?
- 2) Write out the story of the two sons of Prophet Adam ﷺ as narrated in verses 27-31. Illustrate the story. What lessons do we learn from it?

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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