

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1441 – Day 16

Sūrat al-Nūr – Part 1 (verses 1-29)

Sūra Information

Sūrat al-Nūr, No.24, Revealed in Madinah, 64 verses.

The Sūra talks extensively of rules regarding chastity and modesty.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūrat al-Nūr is granted the reward ten times more than the number of all male and female believers in the past and in the future. **Holy Prophet ﷺ**

The reward will be granted to one who reflects and implements the teachings of the Sūra.

Synopsis of contents

- 1) Punishment for those who commit adultery. (verse 1-10)
- 2) Scandal against the wife of the Prophet ﷺ. (verses 11-20)
- 3) Slandering chaste women. (verse 21-26)
- 4) Moral behaviour. (verse 27-34)
- 5) Allah is the Light of the Heavens and the Earth. (verses 35-40)
- 6) Glorification of Allah ﷻ. (verses 41-50)
- 7) Obedience to Allah and His Messenger. (verses 51-57, 62-64)
- 8) Respect for domestic and personal privacy. (verses 58-61)

Important Messages

- 1) Those who break the rules of chastity in society must bear the consequences. (verse 1)
- 2) Do not believe in false talks that are spread about people. (verse 12)
- 3) Talking about something that you do not know much about and is potentially false is a serious matter with Allah ﷻ. (verse 15)
- 4) Spreading indecency among believers is a punishable sin. (verse 19)

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

- 1) Q 24:16 *And why did you not, when you heard it, say: It does not beseem us that we should talk of it; glory be to You! this is a great slander?*
- 2) Q 24:22 *Do you not love that Allah should forgive you? Allah is all-forgiving, all-merciful.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Read verse 21 and analyze the points in it. What is the tactic of Shaytān outlined in this verse? What helps to counter it?
- 2) How is the Day of Judgment described in verses 23-25?

3) Study verses 27-29. Outline the rules of visiting in these verses.

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