

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1441 – Day 24

Sūrat Hūd– Part 2 (verses 49 - 83)

Sūra Information

Sūrat Hūd, No.11, Revealed in Makkah, 123 verses.

This Sūra talks about the importance of steadfastness in the face of enemies. Thus, the Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said; *Sūra Hūd has aged me*. In another hadith when asked about the signs of aging on his face he said: *Sūras Hūd and al-Wāqī'ah have aged me*. Scholars narrate that he attributed this aging in particular to verse 112 of the Sūra; *So be steadfast, just as you have been commanded—you and whoever has turned [to Allah] with you—and do not overstep the bounds. Indeed, He watches what you do*.

Sūra Significance

Whoever writes this Sūra and keeps it with himself will have extraordinary strength and will be able to overcome his enemies. **Imam al-Sādiq** عليه السلام

Tafsīr-e Namūneh mentions that this obviously does not mean just keeping the physical contents of the Sūra with oneself. It refers to keeping its teachings as a program for behaviour in life.

Important Messages

- 1) Patience is a fruit of God consciousness. (verse 49)
- 2) The Prophets did not expect anything from people. Their reward was only with Allah ﷻ. (verses 29, 51)
- 3) Allah's mercy and blessings on a family can bring about extraordinary happenings for them. (verses 72-73)

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

- 1) Q 11:52 *Ask forgiveness of your Lord, then turn to Him; He will send on you clouds pouring down abundance of rain and add strength to your strength.*
- 2) Q 11:61 *My Lord is indeed near, responsive.*
- 3) Q 11:73 *Are you amazed at Allah's dispensation?*
- 4) Q 11:78 *Is there not a right-minded man among you?*

Activities for self-study

- 1) Verses 50-60 tell the story of Prophet Hūd عليه السلام. Write out the conversation he has with his people. What does he tell them about Allah in these verses?
- 2) Read the story of Prophet Ibrāhīm عليه السلام in verses 69-76. How is he described in these verses?

Sources

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