

Familiarization with Quranic Sūras

Month of Ramadan 1441 – Day 8

Sūrat Sād – Part 2 (verses 45-88)

Sūra Information

Sūrat Sād, No.38, Revealed in Makkah, 88 verses.

Sūra Significance

Whoever recites Sūrat Sād on Thursday night will be given the good of this world and the Hereafter which none is given except a sent Prophet and a close angel, and he will be made to enter Heaven along with all those he loved from among his family, including the servants who served him.

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Scholars suggest that such a reward can come from understanding and implementing the message of the Sūra in one's life and we pray to be granted the tawfiq.

Synopsis of contents

- 1) The opposition of the polytheists to the concepts of tawhīd and nubuwwah. (verses 2-14)
- 2) Narrations of the lives of nine Prophets of God. The Prophets Dāwūd, Sulaymān and Ayyūb عليه السلام are discussed in more detail than the others. (verses 15-48)
- 3) The rewards and punishments in the Hereafter, along with the disputes of the disbelievers on the Day of Judgment. (verses 49-64)
- 4) The Prophet (s) as a warner for mankind. (verses 65-70)
- 5) Creation of the human being, the prostration of the angels to Adam عليه السلام and the disobedience of Iblīs. (verses 71-83)
- 6) Warnings to the stubborn enemies of the Prophet عليه السلام and a reassurance and consolation for him. (verse 84-88)

Important Messages

- 1) The pride of the disbelievers often made them reject a Prophet عليه السلام who came from among themselves. (verse 4)
- 2) Human beings have no control over who Allah ﷻ chooses to bless from His mercy (verse 9-10)
- 3) The remembrance of past Prophets helps in being patient over the speech of the disbelievers. (verse 17)

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

- 1) Q 38:2 – *The disbelievers indeed dwell in conceit and defiance.*

- 2) Q 38:27 - *And We did not create the heaven and the earth and what is between them in vain.*
3) Q 38:29 - *(It is) a Book We have revealed to you abounding in good that they may ponder over its verses, and that those endowed with understanding may be mindful.*

Activities for self-study

- 1) What are the arguments of the disbelievers against the message of the Prophet ﷺ as outlined in verses 4-8?
- 2) Read the stories of the following Prophets and write out the points mentioned about them;
 - a) Prophet Dāwūd عليه السلام – verses 17-20
 - b) Judgment of Prophet Dāwūd عليه السلام – verses 21-24
 - c) Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام – verses 34-40
 - d) Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام – verses 41-44

Sources

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