

Introduction

Sūrah al-Aḥqāf is the 46th sūrah in the Holy Qur'an and in its order of revelation, it was the 66th sūrah revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S). It is a Makki sūrah in the 26th juz'. "Aḥqaf" literally means a sandy desert or sand dunes, and it refers to the land of the People of 'Ad—people of the Prophet Hud (A). The land they lived in was a sand desert, and this is why it was called "Aḥqaf" . The term, Aḥqāf, occurs in the verse twenty one of the sūrah. Sūrah al-Aḥqāf has 35 verses, 648 words, and 2,668 letters. With respect to its length, it counts as one of the Mathani suras, which covers exactly one hizb of the Qur'an. Sūrah al-Aḥqāf is concerned with the day of resurrection, the fate of believers and unbelievers on the day of resurrection, the world not being created purposelessly, and God being able to resurrect the dead. The sūrah recommends people to do good to their parents.

Content

- ❖ Resurrection and the condition of believers and unbelievers in the Afterlife
- ❖ A recommendation to do good to one's parents
- ❖ The creation of the sky and the Earth, and the whole world, were not created purposelessly
- ❖ God has the power to bring the dead into life and survive their souls just as He was able to create the sky and the Earth.[5]
- ❖ The sūrah was revealed to warn polytheists who not only denied, but also mocked Islam, the Prophet (s) and the Qur'an. (Allama Tabatabai)

Merits

- ❖ According to one narration, if someone recites Sūrah al-Aḥqāf every night or every Friday, then God will immune him from fears in this world, and will protect him against terrors of the day of resurrection.
- ❖ If one writes down the sūrah and then wash the writing with the water of Zamzam and then drink it, he will be well-reputed and popular and will have a good memory
- ❖ If one writes down the sūrah and hangs it from his neck of his child or infant, or writes it and then washes the writing and drinks the remaining water, then he will have a strong and healthy body, the child will be protected against dangers, and the infant in its cradle will be a source of happiness.

Story

A number of Jins heard the Holy Qur'an, went to their people, and then called them to Islam (verses 29-32)

Sūrah AḤQAF the sand-dunes

