

سُورَةُ الدُّخَانِ

Introduction

Sūrah al-Dukhan is the 44th surah of the Holy Qur'an. This Makki surah is in the 25th Juz and was the 64th surah revealed to the Holy Prophet (S). The surah gets its name from its 10th verse which speaks about affliction of disbelievers with a divine punishment (smoke).

Sūrah al-Dukhan has 59 verses, 346 words and 1,475 letters. Surah al-Dukhan has 59 verses, 346 words, and 1475 letters. It begins with disjoined letters (al-muqatta'a) of Ha-Mim; thus, it has been considered among hawamim surahs. Regarding size, Sūrah al-Dukhan is among al-mathani surahs and less than a hizb.

Surah al-Dukhan mentions that the Qur'an was revealed in the night of al-Qadr and warns disbelievers who doubt the Qur'an. In this surah, the stories of Prophet Musa (A), Israelites and the followers of Pharaoh are mentioned.

Historical Stories and Reports

The story of Prophet Musa (A) and Israelites: The mission of Prophet Musa (A), God's order for the Exodus, crossing the sea and drowning of the followers of Pharaoh, survival of Israelites, their superiority over the world, verses 17 – 32.

Merits and Benefits

According to a hadith from the Prophet (a), whoever recites Surah al-Dukhan on the eve of Friday, his sins will be forgiven.

Also, it is narrated from Imam al-Sadiq (A) that whoever recites Surah al-Dukhan in his obligatory and recommended prayers, God will resurrect him together with believers, will place him in the shadow of His mercy, will be easy on him in reckoning his deeds and they will give his record of deeds to his right hand. In Mafatih al-jinan, recitation of Surah al-Dukhan is mentioned among recommended practices on the eve of Ramadan 23rd (one of the nights of al-Qadr).



Punishment for opposition against the Qur'an and divine signs

Characteristics of the Qur'an [Verses 1-8]

1. The Qur'an clarifies truths [V 1-2]
2. Revelation of the Qur'an by God was at the night of al-Qadr [V 3-5]
3. The Qur'an is the Mercy of God [V 6-8]

Punishment for opposition against divine signs in this world [Verses 9-33]

1. Comprehensive punishment of Quraysh [V 9-16]
2. Destruction of the followers of Pharaoh [V 17-33]

Punishment for opposition against divine signs in the Hereafter [Verses 34-57]

1. Truth of the punishment of disbelievers in this world and in the hereafter [V 34-42]
2. Punishment of disbelievers and sinners in the hereafter [V 43-50]
3. Reward of the God-wary in the hereafter [V 51-57]

Those who fight the Qur'an should await divine punishment [Verses 58-59]