

العنكبوت

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Sūrah al-'Ankabūt

INTRODUCTION

Sūrah al-'Ankabūt is placed in the 29th position in the Holy Qur'an and was the 85th surah to be revealed. This Makki surah begins in Juz 20 and ends in Juz 21 and contains 69 verses, 683 words and 4,321 letters. Regarding volume, this sura is among Mathani Surahs is little more than one hizb. Its name "al-'Ankabut" (spider) is adopted from the analogy in verse 41. This surah speaks about the unity of God, signs of God in the creation and fighting with polytheism; and to console the few Muslims in the beginning of Islam, it gives reports about the destinies of some previous Prophets (A). Surah al-'Ankabut also speaks about the greatness of the Qur'an and the proofs of rightfulness of the Prophet (A) and the stubbornness of his opposers. Verses 41 and 57 are among the famous verses of this Surah. In verse 41, Allah (SWT) likens the story of disbelievers' reliance on idols to spider and its weak net; and verse 57 warns that every soul shall taste death, then they shall be brought back to their Creator. About the merits of recitation of this surah, it is transmitted from the Prophet (S) that whoever recites Sura al-'Ankabut, he will be rewarded ten rewards for very believer or hypocrite (in the history). This is one of the three surahs highly recommended to be recited during Shab-e-Qadr in the holy month of Ramadan.

MAIN TOPICS

1. Mentioning the "trial", the "condition of hypocrites" in trials and knowing their performance
2. Consoling the Prophet (S) and the few believers in the beginning of Islam by mentioning some parts of the lives of other prophets (A) such as Noah (A), Abraham (A), Lut (A), and Shu'ayb (a).
3. The Unity of God, signs of God in the creation and fighting with polytheism
4. Weakness of idols, describing idol-worshippers as spider, discussing about the greatness of the Qur'an, the proofs

LESSONS FROM STORIES

- Story of Noah (A): 950 years of Noah's (A) prophethood among his people, The flood of Nuh (A)
- Story of Abraham (A): Inviting people to monotheism and avoiding idol-worshipping, Abraham's (A) survival from the fire, continuation of prophethood among descendants of Abraham (A), in prophets Ishaq (A) and Yaqoob (A)
- Story of Lut (A): Lut's faith in Abraham (A), Lut's warning about heinous act of his people, coming of angels to Abraham (A) and informing him of the punishment of the people of Lut, Lut's wife among sinful people
- Prophethood of Shu'ayb (A) and inviting his people, rejection of Shu'ayb, the punishment of his people
- Punishment of the people of 'Ad and Thamud
- Arrogance of Qaroon, Pharaoh and Haman at the time of Moses (A)