

A preview of Sūrah Ghāfir

Sūrah Ghāfir is the 40th sūrah of the Holy Qur'an. This Makki sūrah is in the 24th juz' and was the 60th sūrah revealed to the Holy Prophet (S). Sūrah Ghāfir has 85 ayaah, 1,228 words and 5,109 letters and is among the Mathani sūrahs. This sūrah is called "Ghāfir" because it is mentioned in the third ayah. "Ghāfir" is one of the names of God and means "the Forgiver from punishment".

The main theme of this sūrah is invalidating disbelievers' struggle to eliminate the truth (the Qur'an). In this sūrah, the story of Prophet Musa (A) and Pharaoh is also mentioned, and it speaks about the signs proving the Unity of God and the falsehood of polytheism.

One of the famous ayaah of this sūrah is ayah 60, in which, God tells His servants to call Him so that He answers them. In books of exegesis, the interpretation of this ayah includes many hadiths about the importance of supplication and its superiority over worship. These hadiths also speak about the obstacles of the fulfillment of supplications. In a hadith from the Prophet (S), it is mentioned about the merit of reciting Sūrah Ghāfir that if a person recites this sūrah, he will not become hopeless on the Day of Judgment.

سُورَةُ غَافِرٍ
وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ

Ayaah
21-50

FAILURE OF THE FOLLOWERS OF PHARAOH WHO REJECTED THE SIGNS OF GOD

- Powerlessness of unbelievers against Divine punishment
- Opposition of the followers of Pharaoh with the invitation of Musa (a)
- Opposition of Pharaoh's followers with the arguments of Mu'min Al Fir'awn
- Bringing arguments by Mu'min Al Fir'awn
- The followers of Pharaoh's punishment in the hereafter

TYPES OF HUMANS REGARDING THE SIGNS OF GOD AND THEIR DESTINIES

- Truth of the teachings of the Qur'an
- Unbelievers' criticism about the signs of God
- Believers' encounter with signs of God and their rewards
- Polytheists' encounter with signs of God and punishments
- Servitude of One God, the only way of salvation

FAILURE OF ARROGANT DENIERS BEFORE THE PROPHET OF ISLAM (S)

- Promise to the Prophet's (A) victory over arrogant deniers
- God's power to punish arrogant unbeliever
- Definitude of the punishment of arrogant unbelievers

WARNING DENIERS ABOUT THE SIGNS OF THE UNITY OF GOD

- Signs of the Unity of God in management of the world
- The punishment for denying the signs of the Unity of God
- Undeniability of the signs of God in the creation of cattle
- Destruction of the unbelievers of previous nations
- Fruitlessness of polytheists' faith after meeting the punishment

Ayaah
1-20

Ayaah
51-60

Ayaah
61-85