Súráláh Ṣād
(ṢĀD)
Súráláh # 38
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Chapter 38 - Súrah Ṣād

The surah that opens with the single discrete Arabic letter Ṣād. It takes its name from the letter Ṣād, as mentioned in . This surah mentions previous prophets in support and encouragement for Muḥammad, and makes a clear link between the arrogance displayed by the disbelievers of Mecca, previous generations, and Iblis, the original rebel. The first and last verses assert the truth and nobility of the Quran.

The surah is also known as: Saad.

This surah was revealed in Makkah. In the commentary of Majma’ul Bayan it is written that the reward for reciting this surah is equal to the weight of the mountain of Prophet Dawood (A). Allah (s.w.t.) inspires the reciter of this surah to avoid every type of sin – big or small. Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (A) has said that the reward for reciting surah Ṣād is compared to the reward given to the Holy Prophets and the one who often recites this surah will be taken to Jannah along with his family and loved ones; to such an extent that even those servants of his whom he loves will be with him in Jannah. If this surah is placed under the tyrant ruler, his reign will not last for more than three days before people will see his true nature and will start hating him. This will eventually lead to his downfall.
O Allah send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.
In the name of Allah
the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.
Ṣād. By the Qurʾān bearing the Reminder!
Yet the faithless dwell in conceit and defiance.
How many a generation We have destroyed before them! They cried out [for help], but it was no more the time for escape.
They consider it odd that there should come to them a warner from among themselves, and the faithless say, ‘This is a magician, a mendacious liar.’
‘Has he reduced the gods to one god? This is indeed an odd thing!’
Their elite go about [urging others]: ‘Go and stand by your gods! This is indeed the desirable thing [to do].
We did not hear of this in the latter-day creed. This is nothing but a fabrication.
Has the reminder been sent down to him out of [all of] us?’ Rather they are in doubt concerning My reminder. Rather they have not yet tasted My punishment.
Do they possess the treasuries of the mercy of your Lord, the All-mighty, the All-munificent?
Do they own the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them? [If so,] let them ascend [to the higher spheres] by the means [of ascension].
[They are but] a routed host out there, from among the factions.
Before them Noah’s people impugned [their apostle] and [so did the people of] ʿĀd, and Pharaoh, the Impaler [of his victims],
and Thamūd, and the people of Lot, and the inhabitants of Aykah: those were the factions.
Each of them did not but impugn the apostles; so My retribution became due [against them].
These do not await but a single Cry which will not grant any respite.
They say, ‘Our Lord! Hasten on for us our share before the Day of Reckoning.’
Be patient over what they say, and remember Our servant, David, [the man] of strength. Indeed he was a penitent [soul].
Indeed We disposed the mountains to glorify [Allah] with him at evening and dawn,
وَالْطَّيِّرُ مَحْشُورَةٌ ۖ كُلُّ لَهُ أَوَّابٌ ۖ﴾

and the birds [as well], mustered [in flocks], all echoing him [in a chorus].
We made his kingdom firm and gave him wisdom and conclusive speech.
Has there not come to you the account of the contenders, when they scaled the wall into the sanctuary?
When they entered into the presence of David, he was alarmed by them. They said, ‘Do not be afraid. [We are only] two contenders: one of us has bullied the other. So judge justly between us, and do not exceed [the bounds of justice], and show us the right path.’
'Indeed this brother of mine has ninety-nine ewes, while I have only a single ewe, and [yet] he says, ‘Commit it to my care,’ and he browbeats me in speech.'
He said, ‘He has certainly wronged you by asking your ewe in addition to his ewes, and indeed many partners bully one another, except such as have faith and do righteous deeds, and few are they.’
Then David knew that We had indeed tested him, whereat he pleaded with his Lord for forgiveness, and fell down prostrate and repented.
So We forgave him that and indeed he has [a station of] nearness with Us and a good destination.
يَـٰدَاوُۥدُ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَـٰكَ خَلِّيَةً فِي أَلْـّهِ فَأَحْكِمْ بَيْنَ أَلْـّدِينَ بِالْحَقِّ بِإِلـّـهِ عَلَـٰـمٍ وَلََ تَتَّبِّعِّ آ لْهَوَىٰ فَيُضِّلََّْ عَن سَبِّيلِ اِلـّـهِ ۚ اِنَّ آ لَِّّ يَضِّلُّونَ عَن سَبِّيلِ اِلـّـهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَِدِّيدٌ بِمَق سَسُوا۟ يَوْمَ آ لْحِّ۝ (۶۲)

‘O David! Indeed We have made you a vicegerent on the earth. So judge between people with justice, and do not follow desire, or it will lead you astray from the way of Allah. Indeed those who stray from the way of Allah —there is a severe punishment for them because of their forgetting the Day of Reckoning.’
We did not create the sky and the earth and whatever is between them in vain. That is a conjecture of the faithless. So woe to the faithless for the Fire!
Shall We treat those who have faith and do righteous deeds like those who cause corruption on the earth? Shall We treat the Godwary like the vicious?
[It is] a blessed Book that We have sent down to you, so that they may contemplate its signs, and that those who possess intellect may take admonition.
And to David We gave Solomon —what an excellent servant! Indeed he was a penitent [soul].
When one evening there were displayed before him prancing steeds,
he said, ‘Indeed I have preferred the love of [worldly] niceties to the remembrance of my Lord until [the sun] disappeared behind the [night’s] veil.’
‘Bring it back for me!’ Then he [and others] began to wipe [their] legs and necks.
Certainly We tried Solomon, and cast a [lifeless] body on his throne. Thereupon he was penitent.
He said, ‘My Lord! Forgive me, and grant me a kingdom that does not befit anyone except me. Indeed You are the All-munificent.’
So We disposed the wind for him, blowing softly by his command wherever he intended,
and the devils [as well as], every builder and diver,
ءَاَِرِّينَ مُقَرَّنِّينَ فِِّ آ لَْصْفَ and others [too] bound together in chains.
‘This is Our bounty: so give away or withhold, without any reckoning.’
Indeed he has [a station of] nearness with Us and a good destination.
And remember Our servant Job [in the Qur’ān]. When he called out to his Lord, ‘The devil has visited on me hardship and torment,’
[We told him:] ‘Stamp your foot on the ground; this [ensuing spring] is a cooling bath and drink.’
And We gave [back] his family to him along with others like them, as a mercy from Us and an admonition for those who possess intellect.
We told him: ‘Take a faggot in your hand and then strike [your wife] with it, but do not break [your] oath.’ Indeed We found him to be patient. What an excellent servant! Indeed he was a penitent [soul].
And remember Our servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, men of strength and insight.
Indeed We purified them with the exclusiveness of the remembrance of the abode [of the Hereafter].
Indeed they are surely among the elect of the best.
And remember Ishmael, Elisha and Dhu’l-Kifl —each [of whom was] among the elect.
This is a reminder, and indeed the Godwary have a good destination.
—the Gardens of Eden, whose gates are flung open for them.
Reclining therein [on couches], therein they ask for abundant fruits and drinks,
وَعِنَّهُم قَصِّرَتْ أَلْطَرْفٍ أَتّرَابٍ (۵۲)

and with them will be maidens of restrained glances of a like age.
This is what you are promised on the Day of Reckoning.
This is indeed Our provision, which will never be exhausted.
This [is for the righteous], and as for the rebellious there will surely be a bad destination.
—hell, which they shall enter, an evil resting place.
هَنَّادًا فَلْيَذُوقُوُّهُ حَمِيمٍ وَغَسَّاقٍ (٥٧)

This; let them taste it: scalding water and pus,
and other kinds [of torments] resembling it.
‘This is a group plunging [into hell] along with you.’ ‘May wretchedness be their lot! They will indeed enter the Fire.’
They say, ‘Rather, may wretchedness be your lot! You prepared this [hell] for us. What an evil abode!’
They say, ‘Our Lord! Whoever has prepared this for us, double his punishment in the Fire!’
And they say, ‘What is the matter with us that we do not see [here] men whom we used to count among the bad ones?’
Did we ridicule them [unduly in the world], or do [our] eyes miss them [here]?'
That is indeed a truth: the contentions of the inmates of the Fire.
Say, ‘I am just a warner, and there is no god except Allah, the One, the All-paramount,
the Lord of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them, the All-mighty, the All-forgiver.'
Say, ‘It is a great prophesy,'
of which you are disregardful.
I have no knowledge of the Supernal Elite when they contend.
All that is revealed to me is that I am just a manifest warner.’
When your Lord said to the angels, ‘Indeed I am about to create a human being out of clay.'
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فَإِذَا سُوِّيَتْهُ وَنَقَّحْتُ فِيهِ مِن رُوحِنَا فَقَعُوا لَهُ سَجِّيَّةٌ

So when I have proportioned him and breathed into him of My spirit, then fall down in prostration before him.’
Thereat the angels prostrated, all of them together,
٤٧ إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ

but not Iblis; he acted arrogantly and he was one of the faithless.
He said, ‘O Iblis! What keeps you from prostrating before that which I have created with My [own] two hands? Are you arrogant, or are you [one] of the exalted ones?’
‘I am better than him,’ he said. ‘You created me from fire and You created him from clay.’
He said, ‘Begone hence, for you are indeed an outcast,
and indeed My curse will be on you till the Day of Retribution.’
He said, ‘My Lord! Respite me till the day they will be resurrected.’
قَالَ فَإِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنظَرِّينَ

Said He, ‘You are indeed among the reprieved
until the day of the known time.'
He said, ‘By Your might, I will surely pervert them,'
except Your exclusive servants among them.'
قَالَ فَأَلْحَقِ ﴿۴٨﴾ وَأَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُـ

He said, ‘The truth is that —and I speak the truth—
I will surely fill hell with you and all of those who follow you.’
قُلْ مَا أَسْأَلْكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُتَكَّلِفِينَ (٨٦)

Say, ‘I do not ask you any reward for it, and I am no impostor.'
It is just a reminder for all the nations,
وَلَتَعْلَمُنَّ نَبَاءَهُ بَعْدَ حَيَّنِ (٨٨)

and you will surely learn its tidings in due time.’
O Allah send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.
Please recite
Surat al-Fatihah
for
ALL MARHUMEEN