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Surat Hud

Remaining steadfast
on the truth
in times of tribulations



DEAR PARTICIPANT:

- The evaluation for understanding will be oral.
- The participant is only required to review the themes of the surah.
- The participant is asked to memorize five lessons they learned from Surah Hud, along with the corresponding verse for each.

IN THE SHADE OF SURAH

Surah Hud was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) during one of the most difficult periods of his mission, approximately ten years after the start of his prophethood. During this time, the persecution in Mecca was at its peak. The Prophet had lost two of his greatest supporters: his uncle Abu Talib, who provided him protection, and his beloved wife Khadijah bint Khuwaylid, who offered him comfort and encouragement. Additionally, after being rejected and mistreated in Ta'if, the Prophet faced numerous challenges as many tribes refused to support him. In this context, Surah Hud was revealed to deliver a profound message of perseverance and unwavering commitment to the mission. It contains the stories of seven noble prophets, each demonstrating patience and resilience in the face of their people's opposition. These narratives provide timeless lessons on how to remain steadfast in upholding the truth amid trials and oppression.

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Surah Hud teaches me that Tawheed (monotheism) is the cornerstone of remaining firm upon the truth. By worshiping Allah alone, a believer does not submit to anyone else, fears none but Allah, and seeks reward only from Him.

This was the core message delivered by all the prophets to their people in Surat Hud.

‘Tell them, O Prophet,¹
“Worship none but Allah.
Surely I am a warner and
deliverer of good news to
you from Him.(

11:112

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Surah Hud teaches me that the Rightful way to face trials and temptations is by adhering firmly to Allah's commands without transgressing or oppressing others, even when they reject the message. At the same time, it warns against complacency and aligning with those who deviate from the truth.

AlHasan AlBasri aptly said, "Glory be to the One who placed the balance of this religion between two boundaries: 'Do not transgress ولا تطغوا' and 'Do not incline ولا تركزوا.'"

“So be steadfast as you are commanded ‘O Prophet¹, along with those who turn ‘in submission to Allah¹ with you. And do not transgress. Surely He is AllSeeing of what you ‘believers¹ do”.

11:2

3

Surah Hud teaches me that during times of trials and tribulations, what matters most is not the quantity of deeds but their quality and sincerity. The believer should strive to offer their best in the service of Allah, performing righteous acts with pure intentions and following the correct path as outlined by the Prophet (peace be upon him).

He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days¹—and His Throne was upon the waters—in order to test which of you is best in deeds.

11:7

4

Surat Hud teaches me that the key to enduring trials lies in patience and consistency in righteous actions. Surah Hud highlights this by uniquely pairing "patience" with "good deeds," emphasizing that perseverance is critical during hardships.

Except those who patiently endure and do good. It is they who will have forgiveness and a mighty reward. 11:11

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Surah Hud teaches that salvation during trials lies in submitting to Allah's commands, even when the wisdom behind them is not immediately clear. Prophet Nuh (Noah) was commanded to build an ark despite the apparent improbability of its purpose. His unwavering obedience exemplifies trust in Allah's plan, even when mocked by his people.

,And it was revealed to Noah None of your people will" believe except those who already have. So do not be distressed by what they have been doing. And build the Ark under Our 'watchful' Eyes and directions ..11:37

6

Surat Hud teaches me that in the face of trials and difficulties, one of the most crucial duties is to persistently seek Allah's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. This practice strengthens faith, purifies the soul, and aids in maintaining steadfastness. The Prophet (peace be upon him) called upon his followers to do this in Surah Hud, and it was the consistent advice of all prophets to their people.

And seek your Lord's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance.
11:3

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Surat Hud teaches that guidance is solely in Allah's hands. Even the closest bonds cannot guarantee belief, as demonstrated in the story of Prophet Nuh's son, who refused to follow the truth despite his father's plea.

He replied, "I will take refuge on a mountain, which will protect me from the water." Noah cried, "Today no one is protected from Allah's decree except those to whom He shows mercy!" And the waves came between them, and his son was among the drowned" 11:43



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Surah Hud teaches that religious ties are stronger than familial bonds when it comes to standing firm on the truth. This lesson is evident in the story of Prophet Nuh (Noah) when he was told by Allah that his son, despite being his flesh and blood, was not among the believers. Faith is the ultimate measure of belonging, even above family.

"He [Nuh] said, 'My son is not of your family; he is [the result of] an unrighteous deed. So do not ask Me about that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, I advise you, lest you be among the ignorant.'" 11:46



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Surah Hud teaches that the truth is not measured by numbers of followers. Even prophets, despite their noble status, often had only a few followers. Remaining steadfast on the path of truth is vital, regardless of how few join.

" and those who believe, But none believed with him except for a few. 11:40

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The Surah also teaches us to look at the disbelievers and sinners with a sense of mercy and hope for their guidance, rather than condemnation. Even Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) expressed concern for the people of Lut (Lot) and sought their redemption.

Then after the fear had left Abraham, and the good news had reached him, he began to plead with Us for the people of Lot 11:87

11

Surah Hud teaches me that faith should be a comprehensive way of life, influencing not just acts of worship but also our daily transactions. The rejection of Shuaib's message by his people, who only wanted to perform rituals but not integrate faith into their dealings, highlights this lesson.

They asked 'sarcastically', "O Shu'aib! Does your prayer command you that we should abandon what our forefathers worshipped or give up managing our wealth as we please? Indeed, you are such a tolerant, sensible man!"

11:74

12

Surah Hud teaches me that patience (sabr) and Godconsciousness (taqwa) are essential in overcoming oppression and injustice. These qualities pave the way for ultimate victory and the fulfillment of Allah's promises.

So be patient! Surely the ultimate outcome belongs 'only' to the righteous. 11:49

13



A firm stand on the truth becomes an inspiration for others when you exemplify righteous conduct and act as a role model.

Surah Hud teaches that consistently following Allah's commands and striving to be a force for good is key to guiding others.

"I do not want to do what I am forbidding you from. I only intend reform to the best of my ability". 11:87

14

Surah Hud teaches me that standing firm on the truth in times of trials is not about following personal desires or societal trends, but about staying true to the guidance of Allah. This requires following His commands with sincerity, as exemplified by the Prophet's firm stance.

So be steadfast as you are commanded 'O Prophet', along with those who turn 'in submission to Allah' with you. And do not transgress. Surely He is AllSeeing of what you 'believers' do.

11:74

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Finally, Surah Hud teaches me that while we may make mistakes, sincere repentance and good deeds can erase the effects of past wrongs. The Surah emphasizes that even in times of trial, we should not lose hope, as Allah's mercy is vast.

'O Prophet' at both ends of the day and in the early part of the night.1 Surely good deeds wipe out evil deeds. That is a reminder for the mindful 11:114