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Chapter-3

Lesson-9=Sura Quraish

Sura Quraish

Sura Quraish is a Makki Sura. The number of ayats is four. It is the 106th Sura of the Al-Quran. This Sura tells about the Quraish of Mecca city. That is why it is named Sura Quraish.

- 1) How many ayats are there in sura Quraish?
- 2) What is the position of sura Quraish in Al-Quran?
- 3) Why has this sura been named Quraish?

Shane Nuzul (the background)

The holy Ka'ba is situated in Mecca city. The responsibility of protecting, supervising and taking care of this holy house was given to the Quraish tribe. For this, the people of the Quraish tribe gained much opportunities and benefits. Other people respected them and obeyed their leadership. They dared never inflict any type of unjust and oppression upon the Quraish. This facilitated the opportunity of running their business in the countries like Syria, Yemen etc. Even the thieves and robbers did not hinder them. In the rough weather of summer and winter, they could do their business with the help of other people without any hindrance. Moreover, lots of people came to Mecca in order to perform Hajj; from this too the Quraish earned a lot of wealth and property. The Quraish enjoyed respect and riches only because of the holy Ka'ba. So, they should have worshipped the owner of this Baitullah. But they did not do so. Instead they became 'Mushriks'. They worshipped statues. They did not believe in One Allah (Allah's supremacy); and neither did they believe in the Risalat and Akhirat. Even when His Rasul (Sm.) began to invite them to Islam, they continued to oppose him. In view of these barbarious and immoral acts, Allah, the Benevolent, revealed this Sura to warn the Quraish.

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- 4) Write the shan e nuzul of sura Quraish in brief.
- 5) Why did Allah reveal sura Quraish?

Translation

In the name of the Ever-Gracious and the most Benevolent Allah.

- 1. Since the Quraish people have their temptations.
- 2. They have their attraction for travelling during the winter and summer.
- 3. Therefore, let them worship the Lord of the holy Ka'ba.
- 4. He who has given them food in hunger and has made them safe from dread and danger.
- 6) Write the translation of sura Quraish.

Explanation

In this Sara, several gifts (Niamat) bestowed upon the Quraish people are mentioned. Some directions and instructions are given also on what they should do in exchange of these gifts (Niamat).

The holy Ka'ba is situated in Mecca. Ka'ba is the house of Allah the Merciful. For this reason, Allah gave them so many benefits. He endowed them with honour, dignity and security. To subside hunger and thirst, they were provided with food and drinks. Therefore, their duty would be to acknowledge their gratitude to Allah for these gifts; to worship the owner of the house by whom they attained all these. Because it was He who had gifted them all.

7) What can you learn from sura Quraish?

This Sura highlights:

- Allah, the Benevolent, provides us with food, drinks and security.
- He is the owner of all gifts (Neamat).
- All should worship (Ibadat) Him.

So, we will always worship Allah. We will show our gratitude to Him for the gifts awarded to us. Then He will bless us with more gifts.

8) What moral teachings can you get from sura Quraish.