

Daily Reflection (16)

Surah An-Nur (The Light)

Name of the Surah

This surah has been known as Surah An-Nur since the time of the Prophet. It has no other established name.

It is named after the magnificent verse:

(اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ)

Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth.”

Makkan or Medinan?

Surah An-Nur is unanimously considered Madinah.

Its verses were revealed at different times due to various incidents and later compiled into one surah.

It contains either 62 or 64 verses according to different counts.

Major Themes

Protection of Honor and Morality

الزَّانِيَةُ وَالزَّانِي فَاجْلِدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةَ جَلْدَةٍ

The surah establishes strict measures to preserve moral integrity.

It also warns against false accusations:

وَالَّذِينَ يَرْمُونَ الْمُحْصَنَاتِ

The Incident of Ifk (False Slander)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا بِالْإِفْكِ عُصْبَةٌ مِّنْكُمْ

These verses cleared the name of Aisha (RA) and taught the Ummah:

Verify news before spreading it

Maintain good assumptions about believers

Avoid gossip and rumours

Etiquette of Privacy

لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ بُيُوتِكُمْ

Islam regulates entry into homes and protects privacy.

Modesty for Men and Women

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَعْضُوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ

وَقُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَعْضُنَّ مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِنَّ

A comprehensive system of modesty and purity.

The Parable of Divine Light

اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

A profound description of the light of faith that illuminates hearts.

Final Reflection

Surah An-Nur builds a pure and dignified society:

- It protects honour.
- It regulates relationships.

- It combats rumours and immorality.
- It calls to chastity and spiritual light.

And it reminds us:

أَلَا إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ مَا أَنْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ

Indeed, to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth.

He knows well what you are upon.”

May Allah illuminate our hearts with faith.

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