

Merits of Surah Al kafirun (s. 109)

Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem

Say (O Muhammad):

“O you who disbelieve,

I do not worship what you worship,

Nor do you worship who I worship,

Nor shall I worship what you worship,

Nor will you worship who I worship,

To you your religion, to me my religion.”

This Surah was revealed in Makkah in answer to various offers by idol worshippers to Prophet Muhammad (s), so that he may recognize their idols and offer them part-worship. He naturally refused.

Some merits of the Surah are as follows¹.

1. Reciting it is equal to reciting one fourth of the Qur’an.
2. After reciting this Surah, say “I worship Allah, the one and the only, and my religion is Islam.”
3. Whoso recites this surah and surah Al Ikhlāas in the obligatory Salaat, Allah would forgive his / her sins, the sins of parents and children, and if his name is written in the register of disobedient, it would be erased from it and written in the register of virtuous and fortunate persons. On the Day of Judgment he/ she would be raised with martyrs.
4. Whoso recites this surah and Surah Al Ikhlāas before going to sleep, Allah would not let polytheism touch him
5. Teach your children to recite this Surah at the time of going to sleep, because no harm would come to them while asleep.
6. Whoso recites this Surah; Satan does not come near him, and on the Day of Judgment Allah would dispel his/ her fear.
7. Whoso recites this Surah ten times at daybreak (Fajr time) and seeks fulfillment of legitimate desires in this world and in the Hereafter, Allah would hear and give what is requested.

The repetitions of verses in the surah are to answer the repeated offers of the polytheist, and also to emphasize that any compromise in the belief in Allah as one and only (Tawheed) is not permitted.

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1. The Holy Qur’an by Aqa Puya and S.V. Mir Ahmed Ali, page 1406, published by Peermahomed Ebrahim Trust, 1990