

## Surah Al-Anfal, Chapter 8

**No. 8 (75 verses)**

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### ***In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful***

Surah Al-Anfal contains seventy five verses. This Surah has been revealed in Medina, (except its six verses). Its revelation occurred after the revelation of Surah Al-Baqarah.

There are some lessons in this Surah concerning the history of Divine prophets and their followers, and also the manner of the Prophet of Islam (S) in relation with Muslims.

There are several subjects referred to in this Surah, such as: Treasury of the Muslims, things taken as spoils of war, the Battle of Badr, the ordinances of Holy Struggle, the night when the Prophet (S) was decided to be snabed in his bed and Ali (as) laid in the couch of him (Laylat-ul-Mabit), and the qualities of the true believers.

Most of the verses of this Surah are about the Battle of Badr. It was the first war of Muslims against the disbelievers. This war happened after thirteen years of Muslims' patience. In this war they enjoyed the Divine helps and victory. That is why this Surah has also been entitled 'Surah Badr'.

Besides stating the affairs of the Battle of Badr, some specialties of the virtuous soldiers against the enemies of Truth are stated in this holy Surah.

### **The Virtue of Recitation of the Surah**

Imam Sadiq (as) has said:

*"The one who recites Surah Al-'Anfal and Surah Al-Baqarah (with attention to their meanings and their*

*warnings) every month, will he not be involved with hypocrisy at all and will be among the true followers of Amir-ul-Mu'mineen (as)...”*

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