

## The excellence of the Tilaawat (Qur'anic recital)

Sayyidina Ayisha رضي الله عنها narrates Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "The one who recites the Qur'an and is well versed in it will be in the company of the angels who are all noble and righteous, and the one who recites and falters in it and has difficulty in reciting it, (yet he recites it), will receive a two fold reward." (Bukhari, Muslim)

Hazrat Abi Umamah Baa-hiliy رضي الله عنه narrates Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "You all (shall) recite the Qur'an, for it will intercede for its reciters on the day of resurrection (Qiyaamat)." (Muslim)

Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه narrates Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "Whoever reads the Qur'an and memorizes it and regards what it makes lawful as lawful and its unlawful as forbidden, will be admitted to Jannah (Paradise) by Allah عز وجل. Allah عز وجل will also accept his intercession in respect of ten of his family members on whom Jahannum (Hell) was binding." (Ahmad, Tirmidhi)

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه narrates Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "Concerning Allah's words: Surely the recital of the Qur'an at dawn is witnessed the angels of the night and the angels of the day are present at it." (Transmitted by Tirmidhi)

Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "On the Day of Judgement, it will be said to the man devoted to the Qur'an, go on reciting the Qur'an and continue ascending the storeys of Paradise and recite in the slow manner you had been

reciting in the worldly life. Your final abode will be where you reach at the time you recite the last Ayah (verse)." (Ahmad, Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud)

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Mas'ud رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "Whoever recites a letter from the Qur'an, there is for him a one good deed and one good deed reward ten times, I do not say that (ا لم) is a letter, but Alif is a letter, Laam is a letter and Meem is a letter." (Tirmidhi)

Allah عز وجل said in the Qur'an:

﴿مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا﴾

"He that doeth good shall have ten times as much to his credit." (Qur'an, 6: 160)

In the month of Ramadan, one good deed multiplied with 70 times it likeness up to 700 reward.

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We request you to make du'a for the Ummah as much as possible as we all need guidance. We Pray Allah عز وجل increases our patience, taqwa, truthfulness and pure intentions. And we also Pray that Allah عز وجل blesses us with many opportunities to increase our knowledge in everything that is beneficial to us.

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Those who are reading Qur'an  
should use clear and  
beautiful voices

It is Waajib (Compulsory) to recite the Qur'an correctly. Do not recite with haste but make an effort to read with Tarteel (fluency) and with Tajweed, proper articulation points, and proper stops and starts. Allah عز وجل said;

﴿وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلاً﴾

"And recite the Qur'an in Slow measured rhythmic tones."

(Qur'an, 73: 4)

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Meaning, recite it slowly, for that will help in understanding the Qur'an and contemplating it. This is how the Prophet ﷺ used to recite. Hazrat Ayisha ؓ said; "He ﷺ used to recite the chapter slowly, so much so that it would be longer than chapters that were actually longer than it." (Bukhari)

The scholars state that Tarteel is preferred for pondering because it has the strongest affect on the heart. Hazrat Ibn 'Abbas ؓ said; "That I read a Surah with Tarteel is more loved to me than reading the complete Qur'an."

The reciter of the Qur'an should take caution against reading too quickly or making his goal completing (reading the complete Qur'an from the beginning to the end) quickly, or finishing a Surah quickly without pondering the meaning and without being affected by its lessons.

Rasulullah ﷺ said; "He who does not recite the Qur'an in a melodious voice is not of us." (Abu Dawud)

Muslims believe that the Holy Qur'an should be handled with the deepest respect. However, God is All-Merciful and we cannot be held responsible for what we do in ignorance or by mistake. The Qur'an itself says;

﴿رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِن نَّسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا﴾

"Our Lord! Punish us not if we forget or fall into error." (Qur'an, 2: 286)

Therefore, there is no sin in Islam on the person who mishandles the Qur'an by accident or without the realization of wrong doing. Best thing you have to give the Sadqah (charity).

The divine revelation goes in great detail about every single matter in life and the afterlife, such as marriage, divorce, backbiting, lying, harassment, death, Day of Judgment, life in Heaven, life in Hell, etc. It tells about the good and bad things in our lives, for example, how to obtain the virtuous and avoid the immoral things. It was revealed on earth from Allah ﷻ to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through the angel Hazrat Jibraa'eel ؑ. It is such an extraordinary scripture that Allah ﷻ says;

﴿وَلَوْ أَنَّ قُرْآنًا سُيِّرَتْ بِهِ الْجِبَالُ أَوْ قُطِعَتْ بِهِ الْأَرْضُ أَوْ كَلِمَةٌ بِهِ الْمَوْتَىٰ ۗ بَلْ لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ

جَمِيعًا﴾

"If there were a Qur'an with which mountains were moved or the earth were cloven asunder or the dead were made to speak (this would be the one!) But truly the Command is with Allah in things!" (Qur'an, 13: 31)

The Qur'an is the most precious item to a Muslim. It is the holy book of Muslims, which teaches people guidance to the right path and explains the law set by Allah ﷻ for those who want to seek a successful hereafter, Allah ﷻ says in the Qur'an;

﴿إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ  
وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ  
الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا﴾

"Surely this Qur'an guides to the Way which is perfectly straight and gives the good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a magnificent reward." (Qur'an, 17: 9)

Muslims dedicate most of their childhood to learning to read and finishing this extremely unique book, after learning and finishing the Qur'an, Muslims are encouraged to continue to re-read for the rest of their lives due to the great amount of reward laying in the afterlife for this act. Millions of Muslims have memorized the whole book by heart in Arabic all over the world, and most of them don't even speak Arabic!

In summary, The Qur'an deals with man and his ultimate goal in life. Its teachings cover all areas of this life and the life after death. It contains principles, doctrines and directions for every sphere of human life. The theme of the Qur'an broadly consists of three fundamental ideas: Oneness of Allah ﷻ, Prophet Hood and life after death. The success of human beings on this earth and in the life hereafter depends on obedience to the Qur'anic teaching.

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