

# THE GLORIOUS QUR'AN

From Revelation To Recitation & Beyond

## *IMPORTANCE OF TILAWAH*

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## IMPORTANCE OF TILAWAH – RECITATION OF THE QUR'AN

The Qur'an is the revealed word of Allah Ta'ala to mankind. It is eternal, authentic, recited and memorised by adherents of the Qur'an since revelation. According to a Hadith, "The superiority of the words of Allah over all other words is like the superiority of Allah over His creation." (Tirmizi)

It was from the mission of Nabi ﷺ to recite the Qur'an to the companions so that they may learn and memorise the verses and continue to recite them. Great emphasis has been placed on learning the correct recitation of the Qur'an and its daily recitation. Parents are duty-bound to ensure that their children learn to read the Qur'an correctly and make a habit of reciting the Qur'an in their lives.

### RECITING THE QUR'AN CORRECTLY

It is imperative to recite the Qur'an correctly following the rules of recitation, pronunciation and Tajweed. The recitation of the Qur'an is a dedicated practice in Islam that commenced from the time of revelation and continues in the Muslim world till today. A Muslim's spirituality is dependent on the recitation of the Qur'an. The Qur'an is an incumbent component of the daily Salah and recited in all congregational and individual prayers throughout the world. Therefore, every effort must be made to ensure the correct recitation of the Qur'an.

The Qur'an has been made easy to learn and recite. Allah Ta'ala says, *"And we simplified the Qur'an for learning, so is there anyone who will take lesson."* (54:40)

In another verse, Allah Ta'ala says: *"And recite the Qur'an with a measured and distinct recitation."* (73:4)

This verse encourages a conscious and measured recitation of the Qur'an, emphasising the importance of clarity and understanding.

### RECITING THE QUR'AN IN ABUNDANCE

Once the recitation has been corrected and mastered, regular and consistent recitation is incumbent. The recitation of the Qur'an is the spiritual food for the soul of the believer.

*"...So recite what is easy of the Qur'an (as much as you can) and establish the prayer and give zakat, and lend to Allah a good loan, and whatever good you send before you for yourselves, you will certainly find it with Allah, better and greater in reward. And seek forgiveness of Allah. Verily, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most-Merciful."*  
(73:20)

This verse encourages Muslims to recite the Quran as much as they can, along with other acts of worship, and emphasises the importance of seeking forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala.

Hazrat ibn Abbas ؓ has reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, *"Verily, one who does not possess anything from the Qur'an within himself is like a ruined house."* (Tirmizi)

This means that just as an empty house attracts unwanted intruders and lacks safety and security, similarly, a person who doesn't have any Qur'an in his life will be affected with evil thoughts, influences and is devoid of Noor (spiritual light and guidance).

## **RECITING THE QUR'AN AFTER FAJR**

There are certain times when reciting the Qur'an is recommended. In the following verse, the recitation of the Qur'an is emphasised in the morning,

*"And recite the Qur'an at dawn, and indeed, the recitation of the Qur'an at dawn is witnessed."*(17:78)

This verse highlights the significance of reciting the Qur'an at dawn, a time when angels witness the recitation. In some narrations it appears that the angels of both, the evening and morning shifts are present in this interchanging period, and hence they all are witness to the recitation of Qur'an at this time.

## **THE QUR'AN WILL INTERCEDE**

The Qur'an will come on judgement day and be an intercessor to its companions. So who are the companions of the Qur'an? Those that are devoted to the Qur'an. Those that always recite Qur'an, night and day.

Nabiﷺ said, *"Read the Qur'an, for verily it will come on the Day of standing as an intercessor for its companions."* (Sahih Muslim)

## BEST OF PEOPLE

Hazrat Uthman bin Affan ؓ reports that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: *“The best of you are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it.”* (Sahih Bukhari)

## REWARD FOR RECITATION

Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood ؓ narrates that Nabi ﷺ said, *“Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allah, he will receive one good deed as ten good deeds like it. I do not say that Alif Lam Meem is one letter, but rather Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter, and Meem is a letter.”* (Tirmizi)





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