

THE GLORIOUS QUR'AN

From Revelation To Recitation & Beyond

RECITATION WITH TAJWEED

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TAJWEED – TO RECITE THE QUR'AN CORRECTLY

THE MEANING OF TAJWEED

Tajweed literally means to recite every letter correctly, from its makhraj (origin of pronunciation), with all its Sifat (specific qualities). To recite the Qur'an correctly, in the manner taught by Rasulullah ﷺ.

TAJWEED FROM THE GLORIOUS QUR'AN

“Those to whom We have given the Book and who recite it as it rightfully should be recited.”

Similarly, Allah Ta'ala commands: *“And recite the Qur'an in measure.”*

Hazrat Ali ؓ in the commentary of the above ayat, explains, *“To read the letters correctly (with Tajweed) and to recognise the places of pausing.”*

Allah Ta'ala says: *“And we have revealed it (the Qur'an) with measure i.e. with Tajweed.”*

TAJWEED FROM THE HADITH

Rasulullah ﷺ said: *“Most surely Allah loves that the Qur'an be recited as it was revealed.”*

Rasulullah ﷺ used to teach the companions how to recite the verses, and how to pronounce its words. On the basis of this education, an independent science was developed by the scholars, which is called the Science of Tajweed and Qira'at.

Imam Ghazali (Rahimahullah) quotes the saying of Anas bin Malik ؓ: *“There are many reciters of the Qur'an whereas the Qur'an curses them.”*

In the above three groups of people are being referred to:

- a. Those who recite the letters of the Glorious Qur'an incorrectly
- b. Those who misinterpret the meaning of the Glorious Qur'an

c. Those who do not apply the injunctions of the glorious Qur'an

Allamah ibn Jazari (Rahimahullah) says: "Reciting the Qur'an with Tajweed is essential and compulsory. One who does not recite the Qur'an with Tajweed is accountable, since Allah has revealed it with Tajweed, and it has reached us in exactly the same way with Tajweed."

Therefore, it is necessary to read the Qur'an correctly. The Arabic language is such that any slight error in pronunciation may alter the meaning, sometimes drastically.

Therefore, every effort should be made to learn the minimum essential skills of reciting the Qur'an correctly.

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "The one who is proficient in the recitation of the Qur'an will be with the honourable and obedient scribes (angels) and he who recites the Qur'an and finds it difficult to recite, doing his best to recite it in the best way possible, will have two rewards."

The way of pronunciation of each and every letter of the Qur'an Shareef has been standardised, and its rules are explained in the books of a separate science, known as Tajweed, in such details that even a non-Arab may understand how to pronounce a particular letter or word correctly. Since the recitation of some verses of the Qur'an Shareef is one of the compulsory components of every Salah, it is incumbent upon every Muslim man and woman to learn the basic rules of Tajweed, at least to the extent necessary for correct pronunciation of the letter as well as the words of the Qur'an Shareef, so that they may recite the required verses in Salah according to their correct pronunciation.

He ﷺ also taught them the correct interpretation of the Qur'an Shareef, on the basis on which the 'Science of Tafseer' has been developed as a separate branch of knowledge.





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