

Hadith on the Holy Qur'an

Muslims must know the Holy Qur'an

Hadrat Ibn 'Abbas رضي الله عنه reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Anyone who has nothing of the Qur'an within him is like a ruined house." (Tirmidhi and Darimi)

Rewards of Qur'an Recitation

Mother of faithful believers, Sayyidatina 'Aisha رضي الله عنها reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "One who is skilled in the Qur'an is associated with noble, upright recording angels; and he who falters when reciting the Qur'an and finds it difficult, will have a double reward." (al-Bukhari and Muslim)

Hadrat 'Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud رضي الله عنه narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, "Whosoever recites one letter of the Book of Allah is credited with one blessing and one blessing is equal to tenfold in its reward. I do not say that *alif laam meem* is one letter, but *alif* is one letter, *lam* is one letter. and *meem* is one letter. (Tirmidhi)

The Rank of Hafiz al-Qur'an

Hadrat Abdullah Ibn 'Umar رضي الله عنه reports that the Prophet ﷺ said: "On the Day of Judgement it will be said to the Man of Qur'an (that is, Hafiz ul-Qur'an), 'Go on reciting the Qur'an and continue ascending the levels of Paradise and recite as you had been reciting in worldly life; your final abode will be where you reach at the time of the last verse of your recitation.'" (Ahmad)

Beautiful Recitation encouraged

Hadrat Al-Bara' bin 'Azib رضي الله عنه reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Beautify the Qur'an with your voices." (Ahmad, Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah, Darimi)

Bismillah (In the Name of Allah)

Hadrat 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas رضي الله عنه said that Allah's Messenger ﷺ did not know where Surahs (chapters) were to be separated till "In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful", was sent down. (Abu Dawud)

The merits of Surah al-Fatiha

Narrated Hadrat Abu Sa'id bin Al-Mu'alla رضي الله عنه: While I was praying in the masjid, Allah's Messenger ﷺ called me but I did not respond to him. Later I said, "O Allah's Messenger! I was praying." He said, "Didn't Allah say-

'Give your response to Allah (by obeying Him) and to his Messenger when he calls you.'" (8:24) He then said to me, "I will teach you a Surah which is the greatest Surah in the Qur'an, before you leave the masjid." Then he got hold of my hand, and when he intended to leave (the masjid), I said to him, "Didn't you say to me, 'I will teach you a Surah which is the greatest Surah in the Qur'an?' He said, "Al-Hamdu-Lillahi Rabbi'l-'Alamin (Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds) which is Al-Sab'al-Mathani (i.e. seven repeatedly recited Verses) and the Grand Qur'an which has been given to me." (al-Bukhari)

The merits of Ayatul Kursi:

Hadrat ‘Ubayy bin Ka‘b رضي الله عنه said: Allah's Messenger ﷺ said: O Abu'l Mundhir, do you know the verse from the Book of Allah which according to you is the greatest? I said: Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ know best. He again said: Abu'l Mundhir, do you know the verse from the Book of Allah ﷻ which according to you, is the greatest? I said, "Allah, there is no god but He, the Living, the Eternal." Thereupon he struck on my breast and said: May knowledge be pleasant for you, O Abu'l Mundhir! (Muslim)

The merits of the last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah

Hadrat Abu Mas‘ud رضي الله عنه reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "If anyone recites the two verses at the end of Surah al-Baqarah at night, they will avert harm from him." (al-Bukhari and Muslim)

The merits of Surah al-Ikhlās

Hadrat Abu Darda رضي الله عنه reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Is any of you incapable of reciting a third of the Qur'an in a night?" On being asked how they could recite a third of the Qur'an, he replied, 'Say, He is Allah, One', is equivalent to a third of the Qur'an." (Muslim)

The merits of Surah al-Falaq and Surah an-Nas

Hadrat ‘Uqba bin ‘Amir رضي الله عنه reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "What wonderful verses have been sent down to-night! The like of them has never been seen. They are, "Say, I seek refuge in the Lord of the dawn", and say "Say, I seek refuge in the Lord of the people." (Muslim)

The merits of Surah al-Mulk

Hadrat Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "A Surah in the Qur'an containing thirty verses interceded for a man till his sins were forgiven. It is 'Blessed is He in whose Hand is the Kingdom.'" (Ahmad, Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud, an-Nasai and Ibn Majah).

The compilation of the Holy Qur'an

Narrated Hadrat Zaid bin Thabit رضي الله عنه: Sayyidina Abu Bakr As-Siddiq رضي الله عنه sent for me when the people of Yamama had been killed (i.e., a number of the Prophet's Companions who fought against Musailama the liar). (I went to him) and found Sayyidina ‘Umar bin al-Khattab رضي الله عنه sitting with him. Sayyidina Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه then said (to me). "Umar has come to me and he said: "Casualties were heavy among the Qurra' of the Qur'an (i.e. those who knew the Qur'an by heart) on the day of the Battle of Yamama, and I am afraid that more heavy casualties may take place among the Qurra' on other battlefields, whereby a large part of the Qur'an may be lost. Therefore I suggest, you (Abu Bakr) order that the Qur'an be collected." I said to Sayyidina ‘Umar رضي الله عنه, 'How can you do something which Allah's Messenger ﷺ did not do?' Sayyidina ‘Umar رضي الله عنه said, 'By Allah, that is a good proposal."

"Sayyidina ‘Umar رضي الله عنه kept on urging me to accept this proposal till Allah ﷻ opened my chest for it and I began to realize the good in the idea which Sayyidina ‘Umar رضي الله عنه had realized." Then Sayyidina Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه said (to me). 'You are a wise young man and we do not have any suspicion about you, and you used to write the Divine Inspiration for Allah's Messenger ﷺ. So you should search for (the fragmentary scripts of) the Qur'an and collect it (in one book)." By Allah! If they had ordered me to shift one of the mountains, it would not have been heavier for

me that this ordering me to collect the Qur'an. Then I said to Sayyidina Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه, "How will you do something which Allah's Messenger ﷺ did not do?"

Sayyidina Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه replied, "By Allah, it is a good project." Sayyidina Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه kept on urging me to accept his idea until Allah ﷻ opened my chest for what He had opened the chests of Sayyidina Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه and Sayyidina 'Umar رضي الله عنه. So I started looking for the Qur'an and collecting it from (what was written on) palm leaf stalks, thin white stones and also from the men who knew it by heart till I found the last verse of surah at-Tawbah (Repentance) with Hadrat Abu Khuzaimah Al-Ansari رضي الله عنه and I did not find it with anybody other than him. The verse is: Verily, there has come unto you a Messenger from amongst yourselves. It grieves him that you should fall into difficulty (till the end of Surah at-Tawba, 9:128-129)

Then the complete manuscript (copy) of the Qur'an remained with Sayyidina Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه till he passed ahead, then with Sayyidina 'Umar رضي الله عنه till the end of his life and then with Sayyidatina Hafsa رضي الله عنها, the daughter of Sayyidina 'Umar رضي الله عنه. (al-Bukhari)

The language and dialect of the Holy Qur'an

Narrated Hadrat Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه that the Khalifa Sayyidina 'Uthman رضي الله عنه ordered Hadrat Zaid bin Thabit, Hadrat Sa'id bin Al-'As, Hadrat 'Abdullah bin Az-Zubair and Hadrat 'Abdur-Rahman bin Al-Harith bin Hisham رضي الله عنهم to transcribe the Qur'an in the form of a book (Mushaf) and said to them. "In case you disagree with Hadrat Zaid bin Thabit (Al-Ansari) رضي الله عنه regarding any Arabic dialect of Qur'an recitation, then write it in the dialect of the Quraish, for the Qur'an was revealed in this dialect." So they did it. (al-Bukhari)

The Sahaba رضي الله عنهم knew the Holy Qur'an

Hadrat Anas رضي الله عنه said that in the time of Allah's Messenger ﷺ, four people knew the whole Qur'an: Hadrat 'Ubayy bin Ka'b, Hadrat Mu'adh bin Jabal, Hadrat Zaid bin Thabit and Hadrat Abu Zaid رضي الله عنهم. Hadrat Anas رضي الله عنه was asked who Abu Zaid رضي الله عنه was, and he replied that he was one of his paternal uncles. (al-Bukhari and Muslim)

Narrated Hadrat 'Abdullah (bin Mas'ud) رضي الله عنه: By Allah ﷻ other than Whom none has the right to be worshipped! There is no Surah revealed in Allah's Book but I know at what place it was revealed; and there is no Verse revealed in Allah's Book but I know about whom it was revealed. And if I know that there is somebody who knows Allah's Book better than I, and he is at a place that camels can reach, I would go to him. (al-Bukhari)

The Prophet ﷺ lived according to the Qur'an

Sa'd bin Hisham said: I went to mother of faithful believers, Sayyidatina 'Aisha رضي الله عنها and said, "Mother of the faithful, tell me about the nature of Allah's Messenger ﷺ". She asked, "Do you not recite the Qur'an?" On my replying that I certainly did, she said, "The Prophet's nature was the Qur'an." (Muslim)