

Virtues of reciting the Qur'an*

Hadith – 1: Usman *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said: "The best amongst you is he who learns the Qur'an and teaches it." (**Bukhari, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi**)

Hadith – 2: Abu Sa'eed *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said: "Almighty Allah says; "If anybody finds no time for My remembrance and for begging favors of Me, because of his remaining busy with the Qur'an, I shall give him more than what I give to all those who beg favors of Me. The superiority of the Word of Allah over all other words is like the superiority of Allah over the entire creation." (**Tirmidhi, Bayhaqi**)

Hadith – 3: Uqba ibn Amir *RadiyAllahu `anhu* said: "Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* came to us while we were sitting on the *Suffa* and asked if anyone of us would like to go to the market of *Buthan* or *Aqeeq* and fetch from there 2 she camels of the finest breed without committing any sin or severing a tie of kinship. We replied that every one of us would love to do so. Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* then said that going to the Masjid and reciting or teaching 2 *ayaat* (verses) of the Qur'an is more precious than 2 she-camels, 3 *ayaat* are more precious than 3 she-camels, and that similarly reciting or teaching of 4 *ayaat* is better than 4 she-camels and an equal number of camels." (**Muslim, Abu Dawud**)

Hadith – 4: Aa'isha (*Radiyallahu anha*) narrates that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* once said, "One who is well versed in the Qur'an will be in the company of those angels who are scribes, noble and righteous; and one who falters in reading the Qur'an, and has to exert hard for learning, gets double the reward." (**Muslim**)

Hadith – 5: Abdullah ibn Amr *RadiyAllahu `anhu* reports that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said: "On the Day of Judgment, it will be said to the Man devoted to the Qur'an, 'Go on reciting the Qur'an and continue ascending the stories of Paradise and recite in the slow manner as you had been reading in worldly life; your final place will be where you reach at the time of the last ayat of your recitation.'" (**Ahmad, Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud**)

Hadith – 6: Ibn Mas'ood *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said, "Whoever reads one letter of the Book of Allah is credited with one blessing and one blessing is equal to tenfold the like thereof in its reward. I do not say that 'Alif Lam Meem' is one letter, but 'Alif' (Alif) is one letter, 'Lam' (Lam) is one letter, and 'Meem' (Meem) is one letter." (**Tirmidhi**)

Hadith – 7: Mu'az Juhani *RadiyAllahu `anhu* reports that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said, "Whoever reads the Qur'an and acts upon what is contained in it, his parents will be made to wear a crown on the Day of Judgment, the brightness of which will excel that of the sun, if the same were within your worldly houses. So, what do you think about the person who himself acts upon it?" (**Ahmad, Abu Dawud**)

Hadith – 8: Ali *RadiyAllahu `anhu* says that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said, "Whoever reads Qur'an and learns it by heart, and regards what it makes lawful as lawful and its unlawful as forbidden, will be admitted into Paradise by Almighty Allah Who will also accept his intercession in respect of 10 such persons of his family who shall have been doomed to Hell." (**Ahmad, Tirmidhi**)

Hadith – 9: Abu Huraira *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrated that Rasulullah *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said, "Learn the Qur'an and recite it, because the example of one who learns the Qur'an, reads it and recites it in Tahajjud is like an open bag full of musk, the fragrance spreads over the entire place, and a person who has learnt the Qur'an but sleeps while the Qur'an is in his heart, is like a bag full of musk but with its mouth closed." (**Tirmidhi, Nasai, Ibn Maja, Ibn Hibban**)

* The English translation describes the meaning of the *Hadith*. The scholarly reader is requested to refer to the original Arabic text in the books of *Hadith* referenced above.