

THEME 24 - THE VIRTUES OF READING THE MAJESTIC QURAN

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Learning objectives:

- To learn the virtues of reciting the Quran beautifully.
- To understand the benefits of Quran recitation.
- To learn the benefits of recitation in the Hereafter.

In this theme, you will learn:

The Quran calms the heart and feeds the soul. For every letter you read from the Quran there is a reward. Reading the Quran is a form of worship, which brings one closer to Allah ﷻ. The Quran is a Divine book that serves as a guide for humanity. It provides guidance on various aspects of life, including moral values, ethics, relationships, and personal conduct. Reading the Quran helps nurture and strengthen one's spiritual connection with Allah.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿ ذُلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴾ [البقرة
2]. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ
وَيُبَيِّنُ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ ﴾ [البقرة: 185]. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿ وَنُنزِّلُ
مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴾ [الإسراء: 82].

Allah ﷻ says: “This is the Majestic book, there is no doubt in it, a guidance for the pious” (2:2). “The Quran was revealed in the month of Ramadan; the Quran is a guidance for people, it contains clear teachings” (2:185). “We revealed the Quran it is a healing and benefits the believers” (17:82).

[1] عن أبي أمامة قال: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ يَقُولُ: «اقْرَأُوا الْقُرْآنَ؛ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعاً لِأَصْحَابِهِ» رواه مسلم.

1. Abu Umamah ﷺ reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ saying, “Read the Quran regularly for it will be an intercessor for its readers on the Day of Judgment.”

[2] عن عثمان بن عفان قال: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ» رواه البخاري.

2. ‘Uthman bin ‘Affan ﷺ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “The best amongst you is the one who learns the Quran and teaches it.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith emphasises the immense value and virtue of learning and teaching the Quran. The Prophet highlights that the best among the believers are those who actively engage in the process of learning and then sharing their knowledge of the Quran with others. By learning the Quran, individuals gain a deep understanding of the Divine guidance it contains and develop a strong connection with Allah. They acquire knowledge that benefits them personally and spiritually, shaping their character and guiding their actions.

[3] عن عائشة قالت: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «الَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ وَهُوَ مَاهِرٌ بِهِ مَعَ السَّفَرَةِ الْكِرَامِ الْبَرَّةِ ، وَالَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ وَيَتَتَعْتَعُ فِيهِ وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِ شَاقٌّ لَهُ أَجْرَانِ» متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

3. ‘Aisha رضي الله عنها reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “The expert reader of the Quran will be with the noble angles, and the person who finds it difficult to read but keeps trying will be given double reward.”

[4] عن عمر بن الخطاب أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ قَالَ: «نَّ اللَّهُ يَرْفَعُ بِهَذَا الْكِتَابِ أَقْوَامًا وَيَضَعُ بِهِ آخَرِينَ» رواه مسلم.

4. ‘Umar bin Al-Khattab رضي الله عنه reported: The Prophet ﷺ said, “Through this wonderful book Allah raises the status of some people and lowers that of others.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith draws attention to the profound impact of the Quran on individuals and their spiritual journey. The Prophet highlights that the Quran is a powerful book through which Allah elevates the status of some individuals while lowering the status of others. The Quran serves as a criterion that differentiates between truth and falsehood, guiding individuals towards righteousness and moral excellence. It has the ability to elevate those who approach it with sincerity, humility, and a willingness to learn and apply its teachings in their lives. By studying, reflecting upon, and implementing the Quran’s guidance, individuals can experience spiritual growth, personal development, and a closer connection with Allah.

[5] عن البراء بن عازبٍ قال: كَانَ رَجُلٌ يَقْرَأُ سُورَةَ الْكَهْفِ، وَعِنْدَهُ فَرَسٌ مَرْبُوطٌ بِشِطْنَيْنِ، فَتَغَشَّتْهُ سَحَابَةٌ فَجَعَلَتْ تَدْنُو، وَجَعَلَ فَرَسُهُ يَنْفِرُ مِنْهَا، فَلَمَّا أَصْبَحَ أَتَى النَّبِيَّ فَذَكَرَ ذَلِكَ لَهُ، فَقَالَ: «تِلْكَ السَّكِينَةُ تَنْزَلَتْ لِلْقُرْآنِ» متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

5. Al-Bara' bin 'Azib رضي الله عنه reported: A man was reciting Surat Al-Kahf near a horse tied with two ropes. Suddenly a cloud covered him and came nearer and nearer, the horse became agitated. The next day he went to see the Messenger ﷺ and told him what happened. He ﷺ said, "That was tranquillity, which descended as a result of reading the Quran."

[6] عن ابن مسعودٍ قال: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «مَنْ قَرَأَ حَرْفًا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُ حَسَنَةٌ، وَالْحَسَنَةُ بِعَشْرِ أَمْثَالِهَا، لَا أَقُولُ: أَلَمْ حَرْفٌ، وَلَكِنْ: أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ، وَلَا مٌ حَرْفٌ، وَمِيمٌ حَرْفٌ» رواه الترمذي.

6. Ibn Mas'ud رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "The reading of a letter from the book of Allah, is like a good deed, and a good deed gets a ten-fold reward. I do not say that Alif-Lam-Mim is one letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter."

[7] عن عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص، عن النبي قال: «يُقَالُ لِصَاحِبِ الْقُرْآنِ: اقْرَأْ وَارْتَقِ وَرَتِّلْ كَمَا كُنْتَ تُرْتِّلُ فِي الدُّنْيَا، فَإِنَّ مَنْزِلَتَكَ عِنْدَ آخِرِ آيَةِ تَقْرُؤِهَا» رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ.

7. ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin Al-’As رضي الله عنه reported: The Prophet ﷺ said, “A person devoted to the Quran will be told on the Day of Judgment: Recite as you used to recite and rise in ranks. Your final rank will be where the last verse finishes.”

Activities:

- Discuss the first revelation of the Quran at the cave of Hira.
- Design a poster about the beauty of the Quran.
- Practise the recitation of Surah Fatiha and other short surahs.
- Make a list of the virtues of reading the Quran.

In this theme you have learnt:

- Allah raises the status of different people depending on the amount of Quran they read and have memorised.
- The best amongst you is the one who learns the Quran and teaches it.
- The Quran will act as an intercessor for its readers on Judgement Day.
- A good reader will be with the noble angels and the reader who finds it difficult but keeps trying will be given double reward.
- There is a merit for reading each letter of the Quran, this is multiplied ten times.
- The reading of the Quran brings tranquillity.