

The Holy Qur'an

The Holy Qur'an is the final Book revealed from Allah (S.W.T) for mankind, and is the biggest miracle given to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). It is a guide for all the people, as it shows how we should live our lives. The Holy Qur'an teaches us about Islam, and how we should conduct ourselves. Allah (S.W.T) speaks to all of mankind through the Qur'an. That is why we should try and recite these verses, as much as we can. Reciting and reflecting on the wisdom of these verses is a big part of Islam, as one is building a connection with Allah (S.W.T). This is why we recite and reflect on these verses five times a day, when we pray our daily Salah.

The Qur'an is the greatest gift sent by Allah (S.W.T) to Rasulullah (S.A.W). It was revealed to the Prophet (S.A.W) through Angel Jibril (A.S). These verses came directly to the earth from the Heaven. When the Prophet (S.A.W) would receive revelation, he would be overcome from the power of the verses. The Qur'an is perfect as it is the Word of Allah (S.W.T). There are also many different scientific miracles in the Qur'an, such as the description of a human embryo. These miracles could only have been known by Allah (S.W.T), as there was no advanced science 1400 years ago. There were also many predictions made in the Qur'an, that later came true, as Allah (S.W.T) knows all about the future.

There are 114 surahs, 30 juz, and 6236 ayahs in the Qur'an. The opening Surah is Al-Fatiha and the closing Surah is An-Naas. The first word revealed was Iqra, which means *recite*. Surah Yaseen is called the heart of the Qur'an.

Al-Fatiha is the name of the opening Surah or Chapter of the Holy Qur'an and consists of seven verses. It is the best and the greatest chapter of the Holy Qur'an. The Beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said that no previous Ummah (religious community) had received such a great Surah. Surah al-Fatiha is recited in every rakat of Salah. It begins as well as concludes every congregation of Dhikr (remembrance of Allah, S.W.T) and Mawlid un-Nabi (the celebration of the birth of Prophet Muhammad, S.A.W). It is the first Surah that every Muslim memorizes. It is recited for faith-healing as well; those for whom it is recited, get cured of their illness, as we learn from one of the Hadith of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). Those who recite Surah al-Fatiha are blessed with the Mercy of Allah (S.W.T) and angels gather to hear its recitation. It is recommended to recite Surah Al-Fatiha a hundred times a day.

In the Holy Qur'an, we learn the deep wisdom from Allah (S.W.T) of how we should go about our daily lives, and how we should respond to different problems in our life. Allah (S.W.T) explains this wisdom through the history of the Prophets (A.S). For example, from the history of Prophet Yusuf (A.S), we learn about patience. Prophet Yusuf (A.S) went through many trials and tribulations, as he was separated from his family, and was even unjustly put into jail. However, he trusted in Allah (S.W.T) alone, and was victorious in the end. Allah (S.W.T) also mentions the history of Prophet Yaqub (A.S), and the grief he went through when he was separated from his son. He was very sad as a result and was eventually reunited with his son. Prophet Ayyub (A.S) went through many years of illness, and other trials. However, he was patient. These historical accounts show us that many people were tested with trials and tribulations years ago, but they put their faith and trust in Allah (S.W.T) alone. Allah (S.W.T) made all of their journeys easy and made them victorious in this life and in the next.

In the Holy Qur'an, we are also reminded of the Day of Judgement many times, and how this life is created to be a test. Everyone will find difficulty, however the true believers will turn to the remembrance of Allah (S.W.T). When we face difficulties or sadness in this life, we should turn to the Guidance and Words of Allah (S.W.T), in the Holy Qur'an.

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