



GETTING QUAINTED WITH QUR'A

With the blessed month of Ramadaan that is full of blessings, let us strive to increase our tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by striving our utmost in

performing all of His **Commands** and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all become among the muttagoon.

On this noble day, let us listen and ponder upon a khutbah entitled :

"Getting Acquainted With Al-Qur'an."

Al-Qur'an is the most sublime book for the Muslim ummah, which was revealed during the Night of Power (Laylatul Qadr) in Ramadaan, and it is the greatest miracle for our

beloved Nabi Muhammad صلى الله Reciting al-Qur'an is عليه وسلم considered an act of worship, while practicing upon its rulings and teachings is an obligation. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala

mentions in al-Qur'an:"O mankind, there has to come to you instruction from your Lord and healing for what is in the breasts and guidance and mercy for the believers."



Among the virtue that is very significant when one recites al-Qur'an is that the person will be rewarded manifold. Just like as it was mentioned in the hadeeth of ibn Mas'ood radiy Allaahu'anh

ملى الله said: عليه وسلم where Rasulullah عليه وسلم "Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allah, he will be credited with a good deed, and a good deed gets a ten-fold reward. I do not say that **Alif-Lam-Meem is**

one letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Meem is a letter."

(at-Tirmidhi: hasan)

Such is the greatness in rewards promised to those who recite al-Qur'an. What more for those who actually memorize al-Qur'an. However, the khateeb would like to pose several

questions. Are we truly acquainted with al-Qur'an in our homes? How many verses of al-Qur'an do we recite on a daily basis? When was the last time that we completed our **Qur'anic**

recitation? Whereas, it is the filaawah (recitation) of al-Qur'an that will illuminate the darkness in our graves.

Fortunate are those that recite al-Qur'an daily. **Regardless**, whether during Ramadaan or in other months. No matter what rank or status that one has, regardless whether young or

old. The recitation of al-Qur'an must be inculcated as part of our daily recitation, furthermore to focus on comprehending and internalizing its contents, and practicing its teachings.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what

We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish."

(Faatir 35:29)

It is very unfortunate that we always give the excuse of being busy or not having time to recite al-Qur'an, but the reality is that today's generation would be willing to spend long hours to read

and chat on social media such as Facebook, WhatsApp, twitter, and others. But they would give 1001 excuses for not reciting al-Qur'an even for a few verses daily.

The late Shaykh Muhammad al-Ghazzali rahimahullaah, an erudite scholar, mentioned in his book entitled "How To Interact With Al-Qur'an" that the Muslim ummah must get

themselves acquainted with al-Qur'an in their daily lives. That is to inculcate al-Qur'an in its recitation, comprehending upon its contents, and practicing upon its teachings.

All these must be initiated from the home, school, and continued to the offices and workplace. Similarly, the same would be done within organizations and youth organizations, whether

government-affiliated or private. Quranic recitation programs that have rapidly spawned within the society should be further continued. The parents should find suitable time to guide the

children and family to read and recite al-Qur'an at home in jamaa'ah with the children. At the office or workplace, the lunch break can be utilized to continue Quranic recitation.

Imaam Ahmad rahimahullaah reported that ibn 'Abbaas radiy Allaahu'anhuma had explained that every year during Ramadaan, Nabi will صلى الله will عليه وسلم Will recite

al-Qur'an with Jibreel until completion عليه سلام (khatm). During the final صلى الله year before he عليه وسلم passed away, he recited al-Qur'an with Jibreel twice.

I would like to sincerely remind all of us that our filaawah of al-Qur'an should not be done in haste or too fast thus affecting the tajweed rulings. On the contrary, one should recite

al-Qur'an according to its proper way, which is: 1 - Tarteel - reciting al-Qur'an properly at a moderate pace, according to the rulings of tajweed. Allah Subhaanahu

Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "... and recite the Qur'an with measured recitation [tarteel]." (al-Muzzammil 73:4)

2- Tadabbur - reciting al-Qur'an while paying full attention to its contents and meaning of the verses recited Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Then do they not reflect [tadabbur] upon the Qur'an? ..."



3- Tafakkur – reciting al-Qur'an with a tranquil mind and pondering upon the greatness of Allah, while thinking of realizing the intended meaning of the verses.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "...Thus do We explain in detail the signs for a people who give thought." (Yoonus 10:24)

4- Ta'aamul – reciting by practicing the tajweed rulings and the teachings of al-Qur'an, and internalizing them as well Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Indeed, this is a reminder, so he who wills may take to his Lord a way."



In the effort to inculcate al-Qur'an in our daily lives, let us not feel inferior if we are not proficient in reciting al-Qur'an. On the contrary, we must always strive to find opportunities to learn

al-Qur'an and its sciences. Moreover, the tilaawah of al-Qur'an provides a golden opportunity for us to correct our mistakes and increase our quality of **Quranic recitation.**

1. 'A'ishah radiy Allaahu'anha said: عليه وسلم reported: Rasulullah عليه وسلم "The one who is proficient in the recitation of the Qur'an will be with the honorable 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 a double reward." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim) Therefore, we must always strive to be acquainted with al-Qur'an, learn and deepen our knowledge in its sciences regardless of our age, educational background, rank, or stature.

It is because attending the circles of knowledge and brief Islamic talks (tadhkeerah) are from among the efforts to inculcate al-Qur'an in our lives.

Let us make the month in which al-Qur'an was revealed as the starting point for us to get acquainted with al-Qur'an within ourselves, our families, and the society. Let us deem the tilaawah of

al-Qur'an as waajib on a daily basis, whether after the fard (obligatory) prayers or during leisure time. Let us not always give the excuse of being busy or not having enough time to recite

al-Qur'an, for indeed the time is there. It is upon our discretion and wisdom on how it is to be managed.

Let us not become enslaved and preoccupied with smartphones and social media that it takes away our precious time to be spent with al-Qur'an and its contents.

We must take advantage of the remaining of Ramadaan so that it will not pass in vain. Hence, let us strive to get acquainted with al-Qur'an in our daily lives:

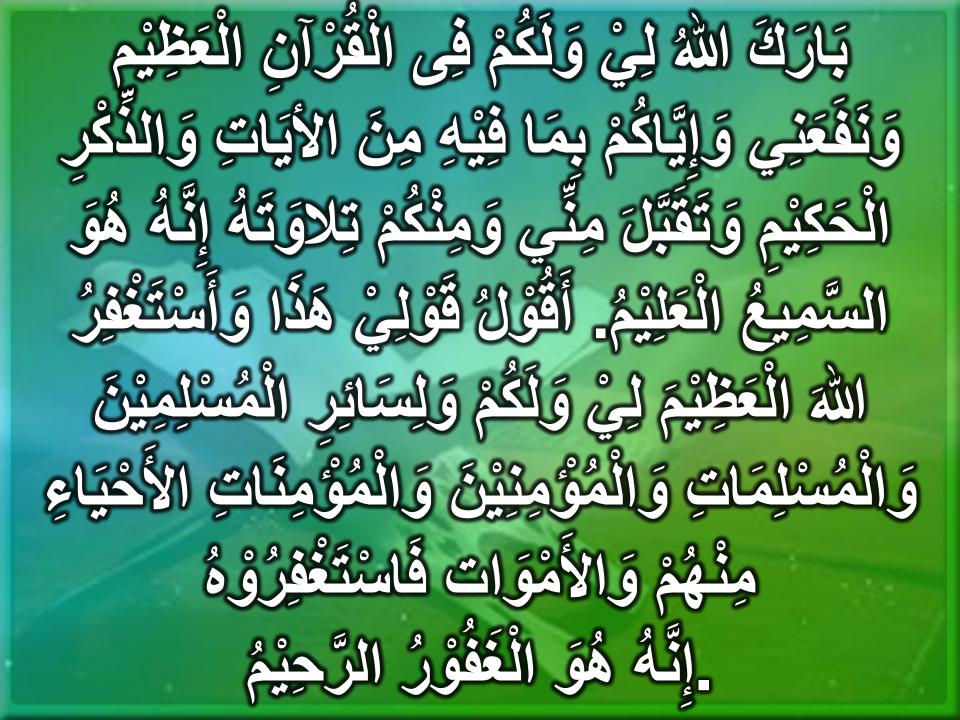
1- Let us always recite, comprehend, and internalize the contents of al-Qur'an in its true sense, which is through tarteel, tadabbur, tafakkur, and ta'aamul. 2- Getting acquainted with al-Qur'an within ourselves, our families, and the society, beginning from home, school, and so forth, our office or workplace.

3- We must always strive to learn al-Qur'an, increase the quality of our filaawah, and deepen our knowledge of its sciences through circles of knowledge, Islamic classes, and brief talks.

Abu Umaamah al-Bahiliy radiy Allaahu'anh reported: صلى الله Said: عليه وسلم Rasululah عليه وسلم "Read the Qur'an, for it will come as an intercessor for its reciters on the Day of **Resurrection.**"



"Those to whom We have given the Book recite it with its true recital. They [cre the ones who] believe in it. And whoever disbelieves in it - it is they who are the losers." (al-Bagarah 2:121)



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its

consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will Anow that Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy

for the entire nation and universe.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and nimah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, as an

advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare. Hence, we sincerely beseech you, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizg, enrich us with

beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and 'ageedah that are astray such as the extreme Shee'is, Qadiyani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the *fugaraa*' and masaakin, and those that have

made wagf and gave up their wealth for Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

O Allah, increase and widen the rizg of those that made waqf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.



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