

تلاوة القرآن Tilawatul Quran

Reading the Quran is a beauty of a believer. It's a way to get the closeness of our rabb Allah subhanahu wata'la. Reading the Quran makes us be more optimistic to our Deen. It elevates our ranks in Jannah. Each letter gives ten hasanaat which are way better than the whole world and what it contains. Quran tilawah is the only source where we can earn most of the hasanaat without putting much effort. It will talk on behalf of me on Yawmul Qiyamah, and that is on a day when all of us will be extremely tensed. Rasulullah sallallahu alaihi wasallam says in this hadith which is below. It was narrated by great companion Abu umamah raziallahu anhu

عن أبي أمامة رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول: "اقرأوا القرآن فإنه يأتي يوم القيامة شفيعاً لأصحابه" ((رواه مسلم)).

Abu Umamah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying, "Read the Qur'an, for it will come as an intercessor for its reciters on the Day of Resurrection." [Collected by Imam Muslim].

So the reciters of the Qur'an will have someone to talk on behalf of them to take them to Al-Jannah.

There are many reports of hadiths regarding tilawatul Quran. Here's another riwaya from the mother of believers Aishah raziallahu anha.

وعن عائشة رضي الله عنها قالت: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "الذي يقرأ القرآن وهو ماهر به مع السفرة الكرام البررة، والذي يقرأ القرآن ويتتعتع فيه وهو عليه شاق له أجران" ((متفق عليه)).

'Aishah (May Allah be pleased with her) reported:

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "The one who is proficient in the recitation of the Qur'an will be with the honourable 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 two rewards."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

So it's noted that experts in recitation of the Quranul kareem will be very respected in the sight of Allah swt. And they will always be with those angels who are surrounded by Allah's throne. SubhanAllah! Such an amazing rank for them. And those who struggle to read will have double reward; once for their reading and once for their struggle. Here's another narration

وعن أبي موسى الأشعري رضي الله عنه: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "مثل المؤمن الذي يقرأ القرآن مثل الأترجة: ريحها طيب، وطعمها طيب، ومثل المؤمن الذي لا يقرأ القرآن كمثل التمرة: لا ریح لها وطعمها حلو، ومثل المنافق الذي يقرأ القرآن كمثل الريحانة: ريحها طيب وطعمها مر، ومثل المنافق الذي لا يقرأ القرآن كمثل الحنظل: ليس لها ریح وطعمها مر" ((متفق عليه)).

Abu Musa Al-Ash'ari (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "The believer who recites the Qur'an is like a citron whose fragrance is sweet and whose taste is delicious. A believer who does

not recite the Qur'an is like a date-fruit which has no fragrance but has a sweet taste. The hypocrite who recites the Qur'an is like basil whose fragrance is so sweet, but its taste is bitter. The hypocrite who does not recite the Qur'an is like a colocynth which has no fragrance and its taste is bitter." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

We understood from the above narration that a believer's beauty is tilawah. And it has a fragrance for them to be recognised as believers. SubhanAllah

If someone recites Qur'an then it's an obligation for those who are next to him to stay quiet and listen to tilawah. **Allah swt says in Surah Al-A'raaf "And when Qur'an is being recited, listen to it and keep yourself quiet for it so that you'll be blessed" Ayah 204.**

It's not good to talk in front of someone who is reciting Qur'an. Rasulullah sallallahu alaihi wasallam used to listen to his companions whenever they recited. So listening to tilawah is ibadah itself. One will surely be rewarded when they listen to tilawah. We must not read the Qur'an to such a loud extent where someone is engaged in a different kind of ibadah, such as salah.

The reciter of Quran must have wudu and pure body when they are reading from mashaf of Quran. But when someone is reading from memory they only need to have pure body, but wudu will add the reward more. None should touch the Qur'an without pure body and wudu. **As Allah swt says in Surah Al-Waqi'ah "Quran should be touched by none except the purified".79 ayah.** Quran is touched by pure angels in the lawhul-mahfuz, and it requires believers to be pure to touch it.