Is memorizing the Quran in one month a Blessing or a Bida?

Answered by the Mufti Shaykh Abdul Aziz Aali Shaykh

**Questioner:** The questioner says: Our Khateeb for Jumah prayer said during one of his Friday sermons that memorizing the Quran in one month is from innovation. And he used as a proof the action of the Companions—may Allah be pleased with them—that they would not go beyond ten verses until they learned the meaning of the verses and worked by them?

**Shaykh Abdul Aziz Aali Shaykh:** O my brothers, whoever is able to memorize the Quran in one month, with a complete memorization; this is a blessing from Allah. And there is no doubt that memorization alone is good, but it is not sufficient alone, rather it needs understanding. But if he memorizes it in one month this is a blessing from Allah upon him, and a favor from Allah upon him.

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَّكِرٍ

And We have certainly made the Qur'an easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember? (Soorah Al Qamar)

Thus whoever Allah aids and grants success, thus he memorizes the Quran in one month, then this is a blessing which Allah has blessed him with; thus let him thank Allah, and let him preserve this memorization, and let him be diligent in learning the meanings and working by it.

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