

Al-Maktab

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THE QUR'AAN - THE BOOK OF ALLAH

Do you wish to be part of the family of Allah Ta'ala?

Once Rasulallah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said to the Sahaabah (RA); "Amongst the people there are some who are the family of Allah Ta'ala." The Sahaabah (RA) who were quite surprised at this, asked, **"Who are these people?"**

R a s u l u l l a h [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] replied; "They are the people of the Qur'aan (those who are engaged in reading, teaching and practicing upon the Qur'aan.) They are the family of Allah Ta'ala and are His favourite ones.

Every Prophet of Allah Ta'ala came with a special miracle. When the people saw this miracle, they believed that he was the true Prophet sent by Allah Ta'ala and could not be a liar. Hadhrat Moosa (AS) had a stick that used to turn into a snake when he threw it on the ground. Hadhrat Isa (AS) was given the ability of curing people suffering from all kinds of sicknesses. He also had the power to bring the dead back to life. Other Prophets of Allah Ta'ala were also blessed with miracles. Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was also blessed with many miracles.

The greatest miracle that was given to him was The Noble Qur'aan.

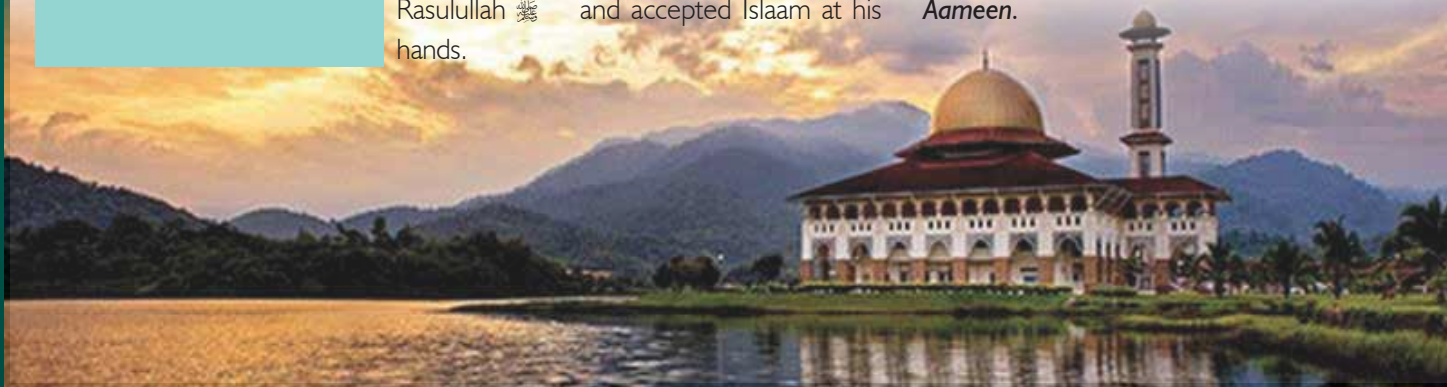
Such a magnificent book is the Qur'aan, that when Rasulallah ﷺ and his Sahaabah (companions) (RA) used to recite it, many of the non believers would carefully listen to the beautiful words of Allah Ta'ala and thereafter enter into the fold of Islaam.

Among the people who accepted Islaam in this way was Hadhrat Umar ibn Khattaab (RA). When he heard that his sister and brother in law had accepted Islaam, he beat them up severely for this. Thereafter Hadhrat Umar (RA) recited a few verses from Surah Taaha. The beautiful words of the Qur'aan melted his heart and immediately he went to Rasulallah ﷺ and accepted Islaam at his hands.



This is the power of the Qur'aan. It will affect the hardest heart. If we recite the Qur'aan frequently, it will create noor and barakah in our lives. Rasulallah ﷺ has said that a house in which there is no recitation of the Qur'aan is like a haunted house.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us all the ability to recite the Qur'aan daily in our homes. Aameen.



9 Etiquettes of the Quraan

When reciting the Noble Qur'aan, we should make sure that we recite with sincerity and also read with respect and etiquette. The following are some of the etiquettes of reciting the Qur'aan Shareef:

1. Be in the state of wudhu. It is haraam to touch the Qur'aan without wudhu.
2. Use the miswaak before reciting the Qur'aan.
3. Recite the Qur'aan in a clean place.
4. Face the Qiblah (if possible).
5. Place the Qur'aan on a high place like a desk or pillow. Do not place the Qur'aan on the floor or any place where people sit like a chair, etc.
6. It is preferable for males to apply some ltr (fragrance) before reciting.
7. Remove your shoes before reciting the Qur'aan.
8. Always hold your Qur-aan in your right hand close to your heart.
9. Do not face your back or stretch your feet towards the Qur'aan.

DID YOU KNOW ?

1. There are 30 paras in the Holy Qur'aan.
2. There are 114 surahs in the Holy Qur'aan.
3. Hadhrat Jibreel (AS) was the angel who brought down the Qur'aan to Rasulullah ﷺ.
4. The Qur'aan was revealed in the month of Ramadhaan on Laylatul Qadr.
5. The word Qur'aan means, "that which is recited".
6. The Qur'aan is the greatest miracle of Rasulullah ﷺ.
7. The longest surah in the Holy Qur'aan is Surah Baqarah and the shortest Surah is Surah Kauthar.
8. The heart of the Holy Qur'aan is Surah Yaseen.
9. Surah Faatihah is known as, "The mother of the Holy Qur'aan".

Story of a person who showed respect to the Qur'aan

Bishr Haafi was a man with evil ways and habits. However, he had great respect for the Qur'aan, and its pages. One day, whilst walking, he found a page of the Qur'aan on the floor. He picked it up, kissed it, dusted the sand off and placed it on a high shelf with respect. Allah Ta'ala loved this action so much that He forgave him for all his past sins. Thereafter, Bishr Haafi became a very great, pious, saintly person. Many people used to attend his lectures and benefited from him tremendously.

5 rights of the Qur'aan

- * Respect the Qur`aan.
- * Recite the Qur'aan.
- * Understand the meaning and the message of the Qur`aan from reliable Ulama.
- * Practice on the Qur`aan.
- * Teach the message of the Qur`aan to others.

The reward of reciting the Qur'aan

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said, "One who reads one letter of the Qur'aan receives one hasanah (reward) and rewards are multiplied by ten". Thereafter Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said, "I am not saying that Alif, laam, meem is one letter but alif is one letter, laam is one letter and meem is one letter."

Can we then imagine what will be the reward for reciting;
 One line of the Holy Qur'aan?????
 One page of the Holy Qur'aan?????
 One Para of the Holy Qur'aan?????

Do you wish to clean your heart?

Once our beloved Nabi [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said to the Sahaabah RA, "Our hearts rust just as iron rusts with water." Someone asked, "What would clean the heart again?" Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Remembrance of death and the recitation of Qur'aan."





Ramadaan

QUR'AAN CHALLENGE

The month of Ramadhaan has a great link with the Qur'aan Shareef. Allah Ta'ala had revealed the Qur'aan in this mubaarak month. Therefore, we should try to spend as much time as possible in the recitation of the Qur'aan. Many of our great pious Ulama used to spend most of their time during Ramadhaan in reciting the Holy Qur'aan. Some Ulama used to recite one khatam (complete Qur'aan) daily. Some used to make two khatams in a day.

Hence, dear children. we too should try our best to recite as much Qur'aan as possible. Let us try and see how much of Qur'aan Shareef everyone in all the makaatib together can recite.

Daily record the number of pages you have recited on the 'Ramadhaan chart' and hand it in to your ustad or Aapa after Eid.

Those children who are still in qaidah and have not started Qur'aan as yet should make as much zikr of the first kalimah as possible.

May Allah Ta'ala accept this little effort and make it a means of attaining His everlasting pleasure. Aameen.

Our pious Elders and their attachment with the Qur'aan

Our pious Ulama and elders would spend a great portion of their time in reciting the Noble Qur'aan.

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] used to wake up every night and recite the Qur'aan in the Tahajjud Salaah. At times, he would recite upto five paras of the Qur'aan in one rakaat of salaah. Whilst reciting the Qur'aan, he would cry profusely whenever he came across any verses regarding the Akhirah or Jahannum.

When Hadhrat Uthmaan (RA) used to start reciting the

Qur'aan in salaah, he would complete the recitation of the entire Qur'aan in one rakaat of that salaah.

Whenever Hadhrat Ikramah (Radi Allahu anhu) opened the Qur'aan to recite, he would fall down unconscious and he would utter the words, "These are the words of my Allah, These are the words of my Allah."

These are just a few examples of our pious elders and their attachment to the Qur'aan Shareef. May Allah Ta'ala also grant us a small portion of this love as well. Aameen.

QUIZ

Answer all Questions and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R50-00 cash.

1. What was the greatest miracle given to Rasulullah ﷺ?
2. Which people are regarded as the family of Allah Ta'ala?
3. What are the two things that would clean the rust from the heart?
4. What was the name of the famous Sahaabi (RA) who used to read the entire Qur'aan in one rakaat?
5. Which is the longest Surah in the Qur-aan?
6. Who brought the Qur-aan down to Rasulullah ﷺ?
7. How many paras and surahs are there in the Qur'aan?
8. What are the five rights of the Qur'aan upon us?
9. Which surah is the heart of the Qur'aan?
10. What is the reward of reading one letter of the Qur-aan?

PROJECT

This month's theme is "The Holy Qur'aan".

Do a project on one of the following:

1. The virtues of the Holy Qur'aan
2. The history of the compilation of the Holy Qur'aan.

All entries must be handed in by 3 August 2015.

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah, the area you live in and your grade on your project in big bold writing.



Most beloved Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

There are just a few days left before the month of Ramadhaan and everyone is busy preparing themselves for this great month. Mothers are all busy in the kitchens preparing their savouries for iftaar. The real preparation is actually turning to Allah Ta'ala for forgiveness. Engage as much as possible in istighfaar (asking the forgiveness of Allah Ta'ala). Start increasing our tilawat of the Qur-aan-e-Kareem and also commence reading the Ahaadith on the virtues of Ramadhaan from the book Fazaail-e-Aamaal at home. May Allah Ta'ala bless us all with the strength of ibaadah during this mubaarak month..

Our last theme was on "THE MAKTAB". JazakAllah to all the participants. What wonderful projects. Most definitely there was lots of hard work that went into it. May Allah Ta'ala reward you all abundantly for all your hard work. The names of the winners are as follows:

Name	Maktab	Grade
Raeesa Moosa	Merebank	Grade:5
Ruqaiyah Mehtar	Park Rynie	Grade: 2
Maryam Kadwa	Shallcross	Grade: 5
Zemima Adat Manaazi	Bergville	Grade: 4
Zulaika Hassan	Harrismith	Grade: 7

Congratulations to you all. Masha Allah You all have done well and your prizes are on the way.

The winners for the best projects are:

Name	Maktab	Grade
M.Ziyaad Badroodeen	D. Quran (Empangeni)	Grade: 1
Talha Razakazi	Tun noor (Kokstad)	Grade: 2
Zayd Abu Bakr Mahomed	B.W.J.P	Grade: 3
Nazahah Essack	Baitul Ilm	Grade: 4
Raheemah Kharva	Ladysmith	Grade: 5
Mariam Nsusa	Reservoir Hills	Grade: 6
Uthmaan Kuseka	Abu Bakr Siddiq	Grade: 7

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