

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ALI 564 :How to Study the Quran, Part 2



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So far, we have covered:

Quran was revealed in Arabic for people to understand (Q12:2 & 43:3)

In verses (Q 4:82, 38:29 & 47:24) Allah instructs us to do tadabbur of the Quran.

Why tadabbur & how to do it?

Why do Tilāwah in Arabic when the objective is understanding the Message of the Quran in our own language?

To Study Quran successfully work in groups

18 Tips on **How to Study the Quran?**

Four English Translations of the Quran

Benefits of Studying the Quran per Prophet

Guidance is a major function of the Quran.

Lots of emphasis in Quran (Q 35:29)

and Hadith on Tilāwah

Du'a before tilāwah clearly calls for the study of the Quran

Complete & partial Quran Tafsir in English

Importance of learning Quranic Arabic

How often & how much tilāwah is essential?



First 18 tips on studying the Holy Quran

1. Learn the Quran tilāwah such that you feel confident in reciting in the presence of your study group
2. Memorize at least 20 short suras that you can recite in prayers
3. Memorize 30- 40 verses that are often recited or quoted
4. Learn the meanings of all surahs & verses you have memorized
5. Learn the titles of all the surahs & way to quickly locate a verse
6. Read thoroughly lessons on *Quranic Study* on our website
7. Get a copy with Arabic Text of Quran with English translation
8. Read text with translation of surahs you recite often. Mark '?' along those verses you cannot comprehend.
9. Read verses marked '?' in other translations. If you still do not understand then talk to someone who knows
10. Read Surat Yusuf with translation and try to derive lessons; compare it with your peer
11. Get a good Index of Quranic Concepts, Names, Subjects and Terms, for Thematic Approach to the Quran
12. Get someone who can teach you tilāwah with tajwid and correct and good recitation
13. Begin your family and social gathering with Reflection on Quranic verses and concepts.
14. Decide on using your limited time either studying Quranic Tafsir or Quranic Arabic. Of course both is better.
15. Begin teaching Quran tilāwah to your family, friends and neighbors. Holy Prophet (s): *The best among you are . . .*
16. Be ready to put a lot of efforts as your objective is noble and highly rewardable
17. Dedicate time in your schedule only for Quran study without compromise.
18. Be in the company of ahl al-Quran (people of the Quran, who study and live by the Quran).



Additional Four tips that can help in Studying of the Quran

19. Appraise yourself periodically to see the presence of Quran in your actions. Imam al-Sadiq (a): 1. *Lo, he who learns the Quran, teaches it and acts by it then I'll be his driving force and guide to Paradise.* 2. *When a young believer recites the Quran, it becomes part of his/her flesh & blood.*
20. Beseech Allah (swt) often that the Holy Prophet (s) does not complain against you on the Day of Judgment for abandoning the Quran. Allah says in 25:30 (وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا)
21. Faith has many ranks. **Rise in your rank through Quran.** Allah (swt) says about believers in Q 8:2 (وَإِذَا ثَلَيْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا). Imam Ali (a) *Seed of faith is reciting the Quran* (لَقَاحُ الْإِيمَانِ تِلَاوَةُ الْقُرْآنِ).
22. **Memorize the Quran** whenever you have extra time. It will sharpen your memory and help you in studying the Quran. (Ayt. Behjat: make a schedule of memorizing **only five verses a day**. It's not difficult! **Shaytān says it's hard**. Memorizing Quran has a big role in benefiting from Divine Mercy).



Merits of studying the Holy Quran per Amirul Mu'minīn عليه السلام

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ هُوَ النَّاصِحُ الَّذِي لَا يَغُشُّ، وَالْهَادِي الَّذِي لَا يُضِلُّ،
وَالْمُحَدِّثُ الَّذِي لَا يَكْذِبُ. وَمَا جَالَسَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا قَامَ عَنْهُ بَرِّيَّةٌ
أَوْ نُقْصَانٌ: زِيَادَةٌ فِي هُدًى، أَوْ نُقْصَانٌ مِنْ عَمَى. وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى
أَحَدٍ بَعْدَ الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ فَاقَةٍ، وَلَا لِأَحَدٍ قَبْلَ الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ غِنًى فَاسْتَشْفُوهُ مِنْ
أَدْوَائِكُمْ، وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِهِ عَلَى لَأُؤَائِكُمْ، فَإِنَّ فِيهِ شِفَاءً مِنْ أَكْبَرِ الدَّاءِ، وَهُوَ
الْكُفْرُ وَالنِّفَاقُ، وَالْغَيُّ وَالضَّلَالُ.

And know that this Quran is an adviser that never deceives, a leader that never misleads and a narrator which never lies. No one will sit beside this Quran but that when he/she rises, achieves an increase or a decrease - increase in his guidance or decrease in his (spiritual) blindness. And know that no one will need anything after (guidance from) the Quran and no one will be free from want before (guidance from) the Quran. Therefore, seek cure from it for your ailments and seek its assistance in your distresses. It contains a cure for the biggest diseases, namely unbelief, hypocrisy, revolt and misguidance. (*Nahjul Balāgha*, Sermon 176)



Suggestions on maintaining the practice of Tilāwah

Allah (swt) says repeatedly in the Quran that the Satan is our clear enemy (Q 2:168, 208; 6:142; 7:22, 12:5, 36:60 & 43:62). He abhors our reading Quran. So we need to be very serious when it comes to Quran tilāwah. Holy Prophet (s): *nothing is harder on the Satan than (seeing) a person reciting by looking at the Quran* (Thawābul A'māl, p. 231). Imam al-Sadiq (a): *There is nothing more unpleasant to Shaytān than to see a man reading the Quran to gain insight.*

Know that for the word 'Quran' is said to have been derived from verb **q-r-a** (قَرَأَ) = to read, recite, to intone.

So you can do one or more of the following:

1. Do not rise from your prayer mat until after reciting a few verses
2. Do not go to bed before completing your quota of tilāwah
3. Do the *khitmah* of the Quran as a group thrice a year
4. Complete reciting the entire Quran, at least once, in Ramadan
5. Gift your marhūmīn with reciting the Quran; its their food.

Suggestions on listening and reading of Quran Tafsir

LISTENING TO TAFSIR LECTURES

- i) Listen to simple tafsir by S M Rizvi, Sh. M. al-Hilli, Sh. A. Nasser, Sh. S. Bhimji etc. on YouTube and other websites
- ii) Listen to tafsir lectures by Sh. Khalil Jaffer, Dr M Shomali, Dr M. Alidina and Sh M. Bahmanpour at www.al-islam.org, etc.
- iii) **Do not rely** on tafsir lectures by non-Shia scholars as they lack the commentaries and Hadiths from the Ahlul Bayt (a); it may confuse you.

READING AVAILABLE TAFSIRS

- 1) Begin reading simple tafsir of the Quran. For e.g. abridged version of Mir Ahmed Ali and Agha Pūya. See www.al-islam.org/quran
- 2) Then go for original commentary by Mir Ahmed Ali and Agha Puya
- 3) Study thoroughly *The Illuminating Lantern: A Commentary of the 30th Part of the Holy Quran* by Sh Habib al-Kadhimi
- 4) Read *The Islamic Moral System* by Ayatullah. Ja'far Subhani (www.al-islam.org/islamic-moral-system-commentary-surah-al-hujurat-jafar-subhani) *Sūratul Jinn*, Āyatullāh Nasir Makārim Shirazi (www.al-islam.org/commentary-suratul-jinn-naser-makarem-shirazi)
- 5) Now try to read *Tafsir al-Mizān* in English (<https://almizan.org/>)

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ



Significance of memorizing Quranic verses, suras and passages

Q 54: 17,22,32 & 40 *We have made the Quran easy for remembrance. Is there any who will be able to remember and be awakened by it?*

H: *Certainly, he who has nothing of the Holy Quran within his heart is like a house in ruin*

Mutahharī: No other book has been made easier to memorize than the Holy Quran, it is designed to be remembered and the brain was created for that purpose

Pickthal: It is a fact that the Koran is marvelously easy for believers to commit to memory. Thousands of people in the East know the whole Book by heart.

Bibi Fidda and Bibi Zaynab had memorized the Quran.

Memorize short suras, then medium sized that are easy to remember (e.g. *al-Rahman*) and then longer suras. If you memorize *al-Baqarah*, then you can memorize any other surah or passage easily.

Objective: a means to protecting it from deviation and alteration



Du'ā after reciting the Quran by Imam Ja'far al- Sadiq عليه السلام

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ * اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي قَدْ قَرَأْتُ مَا قَضَيْتَ مِنْ
كِتَابِكَ ، الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَهُ عَلَى نَبِيِّكَ الصَّادِقِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ رَبَّنَا، اللَّهُمَّ
اجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ يُحِلُّ حَالَهُ وَ يُحَرِّمُ حَرَامَهُ، وَ يُؤْمِنُ بِحُكْمِهِ وَ مُتَشَابِهِهِ، وَ اجْعَلْهُ لِي أُنْسًا فِي قَبْرِي
وَأُنْسًا فِي حَشْرِي، وَ اجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ تُرْقِيهِ بِكُلِّ آيَةٍ قَرَأَهَا دَرَجَةً فِي أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ، آمِينَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

*In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful. O Allah bless
Muhammad and his family*

O Allah, I have recited what You have decreed from Your
Book, that which You sent down to Your Prophet, the
Truthful One - May Allah's blessings be on him and his family.
Then to You belongs all praises my Lord. O Allah, Make me
from among those:

- who enforce its obligations,
- disallow its forbidden acts,
- believe in its clear and its ambiguous verses.

And make it a companion for me in my grave, and a
companion in my rising. And make me among those who rise,
for every verse recited, a rank in Heaven.

Aameen, Lord of the Worlds.

Available Tafsir
of Quranic
Suras in
English
online & in print
69 complete suras
in ALI library

Al-Fātiha to Al-A‘rāf (#1 – 7). *Al-Mīzān – An Exegesis of the Qur’an*, Vols 1 – 16, ‘Allamah Syd. Muhammad Husayn at-Tabātabā‘ī

Al-Israa to Al-Naml (#17 to 27): *Al-Mīzān – An Exegesis of the Qur’an*, Vols 25 - 30, ‘Allamah Syd. Muhammad Husayn at-Tabātabā‘ī

Isrā’/Bani Isrā’il (#17). *The Source of Islamic Spirituality*, Āyatullāh Syd. Fadhel Hosseini Milani
TāHā (#20), *Secrets of Happiness*, Shaykh Mohammed al-Hilli

Yāsīn (#36). *Heart of Qur’an*– Āyatullāh Syd. Dastghaib Shirazi

<https://www.al-islam.org/heart-quran-commentary-sura-al-yasin-sayyid-abdul-husayn-dastghaib-shirazi>

Yāsīn (#36): *The Core (The Soul) of the Qur’an*, Muallim Muhammed Husein Kermali

Al-Hujurāt (#49): *The Islamic Moral System*, Āyatullāh Ja’far Subhānī

<https://www.al-islam.org/islamic-moral-system-commentary-surah-al-hujurat-jafar-subhani>

*Al-Jinn (#71): *Sūratul Jinn*, Āyatullāh Nasir Makārim Shirazi (Ed.)

<https://www.al-islam.org/commentary-suratul-jinn-naser-makarem-shirazi>

*Al-Mulk to al-Mursalāt (#67 - 77): *Exegesis of the Qur’an*, Āyatullāh Nasir Makārim Shirazi (Ed.)

*Al-Dahr (#76), Al-Qadr (#97) & al-Kawthar (#108): *Fountain of Paradise*, Āyatullāh Nasir Makarim Shirazi (Ed.)

Al-Naba’ – al-Nas (#78 – 114): *The Illuminating Lantern, A Commentary of the 30th Part of the Holy Quran*, Sh Habib al-Kadhmi, Sun Behind the Cloud, 2020.

*taken from *Tafsir Namūneh* compiled by a group of scholars under the guidance of Āyatullāh Nasir Makārim
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Complete Tafāsīr of the Quran in English

Al-Mīzān fī Tafsīr al-Qur'ān: An Abridged Version, 'Allamah Syd. Muhammad Husayn at-Tabātabā'ī : (Tr. Salam Judy)

An Enlightening Commentary into the Light of the Quran, Syd. Kamal Faqih Imani, Vols 1 – 20

<https://www.al-islam.org/enlightening-commentary-light-holy-quran-vol-x> (add vol. number in lieu of x)

The Holy Qur'an: Text, Translation and Commentary, Agha Mirza Mahdi Pūya Yazdi and S. V. Mir Ahmed Ali.

Quran Index of Names, Subjects & Terms (Ali Quli Qarai) Tafsir Lectures by Sh Bahmanpour on Al-Baqarah

Index of the Quran: https://academyofislam.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Index-of-the-Quran_QuliQarai.pdf

TAFSIR SESSIONS BY SHAYKH M BAHMANPOUR

Lecture 1: Al-Baqarah, verses 1 and 2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6il9JmHJh6Q&list=PL53W9j7UMLr4F4_pWi8JmNgVQ7wtXkZO-&index=113

Lecture 2: Al-Baqarah verses 2 to 5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0etVX4QDjk&list=PL53W9j7UMLr4F4_pWi8JmNgVQ7wtXkZO-&index=112

Lecture 3: Al-Baqarah, verse 5 to 7

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iDou91FEY0&list=PL53W9j7UMLr4F4_pWi8JmNgVQ7wtXkZO-&index=111

Lecture 4: Al-Baqarah, verse 8 to 10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lo_ukJmjpuI&list=PL53W9j7UMLr4F4_pWi8JmNgVQ7wtXkZO-&index=110

Lecture 5: Al-Baqarah, verses 11 to 14

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZeSG8G0UHg&list=PL53W9j7UMLr4F4_pWi8JmNgVQ7wtXkZO-&index=109

Lecture 6: Al-Baqarah, verse 15 to 17

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tPZu9DSvx8&list=PL53W9j7UMLr4F4_pWi8JmNgVQ7wtXkZO-&index=108

Lecture 7: Al-Baqarah, verses 18 - 21

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnlY9-GM6Y0&list=PL53W9j7UMLr4F4_pWi8JmNgVQ7wtXkZO-&index=107