

O Allah! Open the Doors of Your Mercy

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Become
A Hafizul Qur'an

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Who should take this Course?

All those who wish to be the best in this world and the hereafter can look forward to completing this course Inshallah.

And remember a day has 1,440 minutes. All we're asking is your 5 minutes.

Minute 1

IT'S REWARD IS UNIMAGINABLE

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Brother or Sister

The act of memorizing the Qur'an and thereby acting upon it is a lot bigger than we can even imagine.

That he or she is from Allah's "chosen" slaves is undoubtedly the greatest honour for the one who preserves the Qur'an in his heart.

Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala Says:

﴿ ثُمَّ أَوْرَثْنَا الْكِتَابَ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَيْنَا مِنْ عِبَادِنَا ۗ ﴾

"Then We gave the Book (the Qur'an) as inheritance to such of Our slaves whom We chose." [35:32]

And the words of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as recorded by *An-Nasai, Ahmad, Ibn Maajah* and *Al-Hakim* are no doubt true:

« أَهْلُ الْقُرْآنِ هُمْ أَهْلُ اللَّهِ وَخَاصَّتُهُ »

“The people of the Qur'an, they are the people of Allah and His Special ones.”

May Allah be praised! Could there be anything greater than Allah Himself regarding someone *special*, and how magnificent would be the reward of such a slave?

So would you still sit back from this attaining this massive blessing?

Minute 2

IT BRINGS HONOR TO PARENTS

There's no doubt the parents whose children have memorized the Qur'an are from the fortunate ones - for they stand to receive tremendous rewards from Allah, as the Prophet (ﷺ) mentions in this authentic *hadith* of Al-Hakim:

« مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ وَ تَعَلَّمَهُ وَعَمِلَ بِهِ أَلْبَسَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ تَاجًا
مِنْ نُورٍ ضَوْؤُهُ مِثْلُ ضَوْءِ الشَّمْسِ ، وَيُكْسَى وَالِدَيْهِ حُلَّتَانِ لَا
يَقُومُ بِهِمَا الدُّنْيَا ، فَيَقُولَانِ بِمَا كُسِينَا هَذَا ؟ ، فَيُقَالُ بِأَخَذِ
وَلَدِكُمَا الْقُرْآنَ »

“The one who recites the Qur'an and learns it, and then acts upon it, he will be made to wear on the Day of Resurrection a crown of light, which will be as radiant as the Sun. And his parents

will be dressed with two apparels, which the entire world cannot match. So they will ask: 'For what have we been dressed like this?' It will be said: 'This is the reward of your son's acquiring the Qur'an.'"

That's why getting your kids to become the *Huffaaz* (plural of *Hafiz*) would be one of the best decisions that you are taking for them. Not only will you be honored in this world, but will be Inshallah attain salvation in the hereafter. And By Allah! Neither you nor your kids will ever regret it. And come to think of it, should he become a *Hafiz* by Allah's grace - then Inshallah the Qur'an in his heart would have him to treat the two of you with great care and love, as you age in your retirement years.

That way, you're not just insuring your *Aakhirah*, but also your *Dunya* by doing so.

Minute 3

YOU WILL GET THE TOPMOST JANNAH

Remember, as you keep adding an *Ayah* to memory, you will have climbed a higher level in *Jannah*, for the Prophet (ﷺ) said in authentic *Ahaadith* recorded by *Abu Dawud*, *At-Tirmidhi*, *An-Nasai* and *Ibn Maajah*:

« يُقَالُ لِصَاحِبِ الْقُرْآنِ : اقْرَأْ وَارْتَقِ وَرَتِّلْ كَمَا كُنْتَ تُرْتِّلُ فِي الدُّنْيَا ، فَإِنَّ مَنْزِلَتَكَ عِنْدَ آخِرِ آيَةٍ تَقْرُؤُهَا »

“The one who was devoted to the Qur’an will be told on the Day of Resurrection: ‘Recite and ascend (in ranks) as you used to recite when you were in the world. Your rank will be at the last Ayah you recite.’”

So we understand that the levels of *Jannah* are as the *Aayaat* of the noble Qur'an. And doesn't it take just a few minutes to retain one *Aayah* from the Qur'an and rise to the next level?

Now, the description of *Jannah's* lowest level – Yes, the lowest level – would help you in realizing the above *hadith* better.

Muslim records that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: “Musa (عليه السلام) asked his Rabb: ‘Who amongst the inhabitants of *Jannah* will be the lowest in rank?’

He said: ‘It will be a person who will be admitted into *Jannah* last of all when all the dwellers of *Jannah* have entered *Jannah*.’ It will be said to him: ‘Enter *Jannah*.’ But he will say: ‘O my Rabb! How should I enter while the people have settled in their apartments and taken their shares?’ It will be said to him:

« أَتَرْضَى أَنْ يَكُونَ لَكَ مِثْلُ مُلْكِ مُلِكٍ مِنْ مُلُوكِ الدُّنْيَا ؟ »

'Will you be satisfied if you have a kingdom like that of a monarch of the world?' He will say: 'I will be content, my Rabb.' Allah will Say:

« لَكَ ذَلِكَ وَمِثْلُهُ وَمِثْلُهُ وَمِثْلُهُ وَمِثْلُهُ »

'For you is that, and like that, and like that, and like that, and like that.' He will say at the fifth time: *'I am well-pleased, my Rabb'. Allah will say:*

« هَذَا لَكَ وَعَشْرَةٌ أَمْثَالِهِ ، وَلَكَ مَا اشْتَهَتْ نَفْسُكَ وَلَذَّتْ

عَيْنُكَ »

'It is for you and ten times more like it. You will have whatever your soul desires and whatever your eyes could delight in.' He will say: *'I am well-pleased, my Rabb.'"*

And that - O believers, is the rank of the least one in *Jannah*.

If that was his paradise, then imagine how would the top most level be - which is granted to the one who is *Hafizul Qur'an*.

Now, you - yes, you - could be that person if you go ahead with your *Hifz* Inshallah.

Minute 4

HOW TO DO IT?

First off, we must understand here that doing the *hifz* of the Qur'an isn't difficult at all. easier. Allah Says repeatedly in the Qur'an:

﴿وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ﴾

“And indeed we have made the Quran easy to understand and remember; then is there any-one who will remember?”

[54: 17, 22, 32 & 40]

Even the method of completing *hifz* is a lot easier than we can make it to be. Should you memorize (at least) 2 lines every day of the Qur'an; then Inshallah you would have finished about 50 pages in a year's time.

So in this way, you could Inshallah become *Hafiz* in a little more than ten years. No one's asking you to do it within 2 months now, are they? And yes, they are many who've done it in 60 days too.

Besides, given the fact that the average life expectancy is about 65 years, the time that you are giving for Allah's sake in this way, would still less than 20 per cent!

Now, you could choose to go faster (in the way explained above), but a slow, steady approach is better than those who rush-in by trying to memorize one or two pages each day, only to give up before long. In the meanwhile, get a good grip on your *tajweed* by relating what you have learnt to a proficient *Hafiz* during regular intervals. It's also important that you stick to the same *Mushaf* (copy of the Qur'an) at a specific time.

“How can I? I have kids now!”

The lives of the noble Prophet (ﷺ) and his faithful companions should provide enough motivation. Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) received Prophethood at age 40 and the Qur’an was revealed over a period of 23 years. Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) and Umar (رضي الله عنه) were middle aged men when they accepted Islam and went on to become the best of this *ummah*.

And remember when He helps His slave, then even a grandmother like Umm Saalih can become a *Hafiza* at age 82.^[1]

Now if she can do it, why can’t we? That’s why trust in Allah.

Minute 5

WHY IS MY DAD PROUD?

*Read Master Nashwan Hameed's
(Hifz 5th grade) 1st Place Winning speech
delivered at Iqra Arabic School's Annual
Elocution Competition 1433H*

A lot of people often ask my parents, what class is your son in...what class... is your son in?

But I want to tell all the people gathered here, that it is of course a great blessing and favor that Allah 'Azza wa Jall has bestowed on my parents and me, that my father tells them that "My Son is being a *Hafiz* first, and then he tells that I am in my fifth standard at Iqra School."

So why is my father feeling proud that I am being a *Hafiz*? After all I could choose to be a part of the so-called secular schools, and like I've heard some of the folks outside say, I could become c-o-o-l around my hip friends circle, yeah my "hip" friends circle? Yeah, so why am I proud like my Dad to say that I am being *Hafiz*? I'll tell you why.

Very soon the Day of Judgment is to occur, my people. And once the time of our passing has arrived, and then there is no second chance. I, You, and everyone, will then witness what Allah 'Azza wa Jall says in the *Qur'an*:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ ۖ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ

﴿ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ

O Mankind! Fear your Lord and be dutiful to Him! Verily the Earthquake of the Hour that is of Judgment is a terrible thing. [22:1]

يَوْمَ تَرُؤْنَهَا تَذْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ
وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمْلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ سُكَارَىٰ وَمَا
هُم بِسُكَارَىٰ وَلَٰكِنَّ عَذَابَ اللَّهِ شَدِيدٌ

The Day you shall see it, every nursing mother will forget her nursing, and every pregnant one will drop her load, and you shall see mankind as in drunken state, yet they will not be drunken but severe will be the torment of Allah. [22:2]

I may be too young to fully understand the gravity behind this verse, but at least what I know is nothing is dearer to a mother...“NOTHING!”... than the baby that she is carrying for months... So just imagine

how severe the time would be for-her-to-drop-her-load? Subhanallah!

And then we will be held accountable for everything and we can't escape it!

We can't escape it by saying that I was busy calculating the profit margin of my business...or by asking Allah to send us back - NO!

At that time Insha Allah, *My parents will be made to wear a crown, whose light will be better than the light of the sun...and it's not just that but Rasulallah (ﷺ) said, "If the Sun were to rise in your houses."* This Hadith has been narrated by *Abu Dawud, Ahmad and Hakim.*

Rasulallah (ﷺ) then said, *"What do you think about the person who himself acts upon it?"* Subhanallah!

And that's not all, a *Hafiz* will be able to intercede for Ten such members of his family and save them from the fire of hell [2]...not one, two, three or five but ten. Subhanallah!

May be there are many here, who would want to be *Hafiz* listening to this...but are despaired owing to their time or age...But my Allah is *Arhamur-Raahimeen* dear people. He is Most Loving, so don't be sad my people.

Even though you can't go ahead, but if you make any one a *Hafiz* from your time or money, then Inshallah, you too would get all the rewards that a *Hafiz* gets. [3] He could be any one, your son or daughter...or any student doing *hifz* whom you sponsor.

Every child in this world tries to get into a career by which he tries to make his parents proud and do justice to their investment.

This is my way of doing them proud. That's why my Dad feels proud to say that he is the father of a son who is being a *Hafiz!*

And I pray to Allah that he gives me, You, and every one of us the *tawfiq* to do more good deeds that are pleasing to Him and accept them - *Aameen*.

[1] See the interview of Umm Saalih originally published in *Ad-Da'wah Magazine*, no.1552, 17 *Rabee' Al-Awwal* 1417 (1996CE)

[2] Recorded by *Ibn Maajah, Ahmad, At-Tirmidhi* and *Ad-Darimi*.

[3] This is based on several authentic *ahadith* of the Prophet (ﷺ).