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# INTRODUCTION

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We praise Allah and send peace and blessings upon His Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

To proceed:

I seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Shaytan. In the name of Allah, the Most-Merciful, Ever-Merciful:

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﴿وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا﴾

“And recite the Qur'an at a measured pace.” [Surah Al-Muzzammil 73:4]

There are some manners one has to adhere to when reciting the Qur'an. It is important to pay attention to them so that one's recitation is accepted by Allah and acts as a source of good deeds. Some of these manners include:

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# SINCERITY

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One's recitation of the Qur'an should be done solely and sincerely for Allah's sake, and the purpose for reciting should be to seek Allah's pleasure and rewards. Allah said:

﴿وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ﴾

“They were commanded only to worship Allah with sincere devotion to Him.” [Surah Al-Bayinnah 98:5]

Being sincere when reciting the Qur'an is also important because one of the first three people to be thrown into the Hell-fire will be a person who recited the Qur'an.

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# PURITY

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One should be in a state of purity when reciting the Qur'an, regardless of this impurity upon him being minor or major. Allah said:

﴿لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ﴾  ٧٩ 

“None can touch the Book except those who are pure.” [Surah Al-Waqiah 56:79]

In this Ayah, the word “pure” means to be free from major impurity, not just minor impurities, because it has come in a Hadith:

إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لَا يَنْجُسُ.

“The Believer does not become impure.” [Sahih Al-Bukhari 283]

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# SEEKING REFUGE IN ALLAH

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One should seek refuge in Allah before reciting the Qur'an, because Allah commanded this. He said:

﴿فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ﴾

“When you recite the Qur'an, seek refuge with Allah from the accursed Shaytan.” [Surah Al-Nahl 16:98]



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## FACING THE QIBLAH

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It is befitting for one to face the Qiblah when reciting the Qur'an, as Allah said when mentioning the description of the people of Faith:

﴿الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَمًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَطْلًا سُبْحَنَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ﴾ (١٩١)

“Those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and reflect upon the creation of the heavens and earth [saying], “Our Rabb, you have not created all this in vain. Glory be to You. Protect us from the punishment of the Hell-fire.” [Surah Aal Imran 3:191]

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## BEAUTIFYING ONE'S VOICE

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The Qur'an is the word of Allah, so it should be recited in the most beautiful manner. The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) commanded this when he said:

زَيِّنُوا الْقُرْآنَ بِأَصْوَاتِكُمْ.

“Beautify the Qur'an with your voices.” [Sunan Abu Dawud 1468]

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## RECITING SLOWLY

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The Qur'an should be read slowly and deliberately, as Allah commanded:

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# MINDFULNESS OF THE HEART

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The Qur'an should always be recited with a heart that is mindful. When reciting the Qur'an, the reciter's heart should be attentive, because the Qur'an only benefits such people. Allah said:

﴿إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَذِكْرَىٰ لِمَن كَانَ لَهُ قَلْبٌ أَوْ أَلْقَى السَّمْعَ وَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ ۖ﴾

“Indeed, in that is a reminder for anyone who has a [mindful] heart or lends an attentive ear.” [Surah Qaf 50:37]

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## REFLECTING

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Alongside having a mindful heart, one should also reflect and concentrate upon the words and meanings of the Ayat he is reciting, because its absence could render a person's recitation futile. Allah said when mentioning the purpose of revealing the Qur'an:

﴿كِتَبٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٢٩﴾﴾

“This is a blessed Book that We have sent down to you (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) so that they may reflect upon its Ayat, and so that people of understanding may take heed.” [Surah Sad 38:29]

Allah also said:

﴿أَفَلَا يَتَذَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَى قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا ﴿٢٤﴾﴾

“Do they not reflect upon the Qur'an, or are there hearts locked up from understanding it?” [Surah Muhammad 47:24]

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## REPEATING AN AYAH

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One manner of reciting the Qur'an is to repeat an Ayah more than once, as Abu Dharr (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) narrated regarding the recitation of the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ):

قَامَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ حَتَّى أَصْبَحَ بِآيَةٍ وَالْآيَةُ {إِنْ تُعَذِّبْهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ عِبَادُكَ وَإِن تَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ فَإِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ}.

“The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) stayed up all night repeating one Ayah. The Ayah was: “If You punish them, they are Your servants; if You forgive them, You are indeed the All-Mighty, All-Wise.”” [Sunan Al-Nasa'i 1010]

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# WEeping WHILE RECITING

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The effect of the Qur'an upon the people of Faith when they recite it, is that it produces fear in their hearts, makes their hairs stand and increases them in humility. In the Qur'an, Allah described their characteristics by saying:

﴿وَيَخْرُونَ لِلأَذْقَانِ يَبْكُونَ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ خُشُوعًا ۝١٠٩﴾

“They fall down on their faces weeping, and it increases their humility.” [Surah Isra 17:109]

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## SEEKING MERCY AND PROTECTION FROM ALLAH'S PUNISHMENT

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While reciting the Qur'an, if one comes across an Ayah where Allah's mercy is mentioned, he should ask Allah for mercy, and if he comes across an Ayah where Allah's punishment is mentioned, he should ask Allah to protect him from His punishment. Huzaifah (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said:

إِذَا مَرَّ بِآيَةٍ فِيهَا تَسْبِيحٌ سَبَّحَ وَإِذَا مَرَّ بِسُؤَالٍ سَأَلَ وَإِذَا مَرَّ بِتَعَوُّذٍ تَعَوَّذَ.

“When he (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) reached an Ayah that spoke of glorifying Allah, he glorified Allah; when he reached an Ayah that spoke of asking of Him, he asked of Him; when he reached an Ayah that spoke of seeking refuge with Him, he sought refuge with Him.” [Sahih Muslim 772]



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# RESPECTING THE QUR'AN

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The Mushaf should be respected, and is not to be placed where people place their feet etc., because Allah said:

﴿فِي صُحُفٍ مُّكَرَّمَةٍ ۖ مَرْفُوعَةٍ مُّطَهَّرَةٍ﴾

“On venerable pages, exalted and purified.” [Surah Abasa 80:13-14]



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