

MERITS OF THE QUR'ĀN IN PROPHETIC ḤADĪTHS

1. Abū Umāmah narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "Recite the Qur'ān, for on the Day of Resurrection it will come as an intercessor for those who recite it." (Narrated by Muslim)
2. An-Nawwās bin Sam'ān narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "On the Day of Resurrection, the Qur'ān and those who acted according to it will be brought with *Sūrah al-Baqarah* and *Sūrah Āli 'Imrān* preceding them and pleading for the one who recited them." (Narrated by Muslim)
3. 'Uthmān bin 'Affān narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "The best among you are those who learn the Qur'ān and teach it." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī)
4. 'Ā'ishah narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "He who falters when reciting the Qur'ān and finds it difficult for him will have a double reward." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī and Muslim)
5. Abū Mūsā al-Ash'arī narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "The example of a believer who recites the Qur'ān and acts on it is like a citron, which tastes and smells nice. And the believer who does not recite the Qur'ān is like a date, which tastes good but has no smell. And the example of a hypocrite who recites the Qur'ān is like rayḥānah, which smells good but tastes bitter. And the example of a hypocrite who does not recite the Qur'ān is like the colocynth, which tastes bitter and has no smell." (Narrated by an-Nasā'ī and Ibn Mājah - an authentic ḥadīth)
6. 'Umar bin al-Khaṭṭāb narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "By this Book, Allāh exalts some people and lowers others." (Narrated by Muslim)
7. Ibn 'Umar narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Do not wish to be except like one of two men: a man whom Allāh has given the knowledge of the Qur'ān and he recites it during the hours of the night and during the hours of the day, and a man whom Allāh has given wealth and he spends it [in charity] during the night and day." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī and Muslim)
8. Al-Barā' bin 'Āzib narrated: "A man was reciting *Sūrah al-Kahf* while his horse was tied with two ropes beside him. A cloud came down and spread over that man, and it kept on coming closer to him until his horse started jumping. In the morning the man went to the Prophet (ﷺ) and told him about the incident. The Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'That was *as-Sakeenah* [tranquility] which descended because of [the recitation of] the Qur'ān.'" (Narrated by Muslim)
9. Ibn 'Abbās narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "Anyone who has nothing of the Qur'ān within him is like a ruined house." (Narrated by at-Tirmidhī, who graded it as a good and authentic ḥadīth)

10. ‘Abdullāh bin ‘Amr narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "The one who was devoted to the Qur’ān will be told [on the Day of Resurrection] to recite carefully as he recited when he was in the world, for he will reach his station at the last verse he recites." (Narrated by at-Tirmidhī and an-Nasā’ī. At-Tirmidhī considered it a good and authentic ḥadīth)

11. ‘Uqbah bin ‘Āmir narrated: "When we were in aṣ-Ṣuffah, Allāh's Messenger came out and asked, 'Which of you would like to go out every morning to Buṭḥān or al-‘Aqeeq and bring two large humped she-camels without being guilty of sin or severing ties of relationship?' We replied, 'O Messenger of Allāh, we would all like that.' He said, 'Does one of you not go out in the morning to the mosque and teach or recite two verses of Allāh's Book? That is better for him than two she-camels, and three verses are better for him than three she-camels, and four verses are better for him than four she-camels, and so on, than their numbers in camels.'" (Narrated by Muslim)

12. Ibn Mas‘ūd narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "The one of you who is most versed in Allāh's Book should act as imām for the people." (Narrated by Muslim)

13. Jābir bin ‘Abdullāh reported: "The Prophet (ﷺ) put two men who were killed in Uḥud in one grave. He asked who had acted most according to the Qur’ān. The one pointed to was buried first in the grave." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī, at-Tirmidhī, an-Nasā’ī and Ibn Mājah)

14. ‘Imrān bin Ḥuṣayn narrated that when he came upon someone who was reciting the Qur’ān and then asking for payment, he told the reciter that he had heard Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) say: "When anyone recites the Qur’ān, let him ask reward for it from Allāh, for [in the future] there will come a people who will recite the Qur’ān and ask a reward for it from men." (Narrated by at-Tirmidhī, who said it is a good ḥadīth)

15. Ibn Mas‘ūd narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "If anyone recites a letter of Allāh's Book, he will be credited with a good deed, and a good deed gets a tenfold reward. I do not say that '*alif, laam, meem*' are one letter, but '*alif*' is a letter, '*laam*' is a letter and '*meem*' is a letter." (Narrated by at-Tirmidhī and ad-Dārimī. At-Tirmidhī graded it as a good and authentic ḥadīth)

MERITS OF PARTICULAR SŪRAHS AND VERSES

1. Abū Sa‘eed Rāfi‘ bin al-Mu‘allā said: "Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said, 'Shall I not teach you the most superior sūrah in the Qur’ān before you leave the mosque?' He took me by the hand. When we were about to leave, I said, 'O Messenger of Allāh, you said you would teach me the most superior sūrah in the Qur’ān.' The Prophet (ﷺ) said, '***"Praise to Allāh, Lord of the worlds"*** [i.e., Sūrah al-Fātiḥah]; it is the seven repeatedly recited verses and the magnificent Qur’ān which was given to me.'" (Narrated by al-Bukhārī)

2. Ibn ‘Abbās narrated: "While Gabriel was sitting with the Prophet (ﷺ), he heard a creaking sound above him, and raising his head he said, 'This is a gate opened in Heaven today which has never been opened before.' Then when an angel descended through it, he said, 'This is an angel that came down to earth who has never come down before.' He gave a salutation and said, 'Rejoice in two lights brought to you which have not been brought to any prophet before you: *Fātiḥat al-Kitāb* and the last verses of *Sūrah al-Baqarah*. You will not recite a letter of them without being given the blessing it contains.'" (Narrated by Muslim)
3. Abū Hurayrah narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Do not make your houses into graveyards. The devil flees from the house in which *Sūrah al-Baqarah* is recited." (Narrated by Muslim)
4. Ubayy bin Ka‘b narrated: "Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said, 'Abul-Mundhir, do you know which verse of Allāh's Book you have is greatest?' I replied, '**Allāh - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence.**' [2:255] Thereupon he struck me on the breast and said, 'May knowledge be pleasant for you, Abul-Mundhir.'" (Narrated by Muslim)
5. Abū Mas‘ūd al-Badrī narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "If anyone recites the last two verses of *Sūrah al-Baqarah* at night, it will be sufficient for him." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī and Muslim)
6. Abū Umāmah al-Bāhilī narrated that he heard Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) say: "Recite the Qur‘ān, for on the Day of Resurrection it will come as an intercessor for those who recite it. Recite the two bright ones, *al-Baqarah* and *Āli ‘Imrān*, for on the Day of Resurrection they will come as two clouds or two shades or two flocks of birds in ranks pleading for those who recite them. Recite *Sūrah al-Baqarah*, for reading it produces blessing, and abandoning it produces regret. And magicians are unable to recite it." (Narrated by Muslim)
7. Abū Dardā’ narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "If anyone learns by heart the first ten verses of *Sūrah al-Kahf*, he will be protected from the Dajjāl." In another version, he said: "...at the end of *Sūrah al-Kahf*." (Narrated by Muslim)
8. Abū Sa‘eed narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "If anyone recites *Sūrah al-Kahf* on Friday, light will shine brightly for him until the next Friday." (Narrated by al-Ḥākim and al-Bayḥaqī - an authentic ḥadīth)
9. Ibn Mas‘ūd narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "*Sūrah Tabarak* prevents [whoever reads it] from the punishment of the grave." (Narrated by al-Ḥākim and Abū Na‘eem - an authentic ḥadīth)
10. Ibn ‘Umar narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Whoever would like to see the Day of Resurrection as if with his own eyes may recite *Sūrahs at-Takweer*, *al-Infīṭār* and *al-Inshiqāq*." (Narrated by Aḥmad, at-Tirmidhī and al-Ḥākim - a good ḥadīth)

11. Abū Sa‘eed al-Khudrī narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said regarding, ***"Say He is Allāh, [who is] One"*** [i.e., Sūrah al-Ikhlāṣ]: "By Him in whose hand my life is, this sūrah is equal to one-third of the Qur’ān." And in another ḥadīth : "The Prophet (ﷺ) said to his companions, 'Is it difficult for any of you to recite one-third of the Qur’ān in one night?' This was difficult for them, so they said, 'Who among us has the ability to do so, O Messenger of Allāh?' Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) replied, ' ***"Say, He is Allāh, the One; Allāh, the Eternal, Absolute"*** [i.e., Sūrah al-Ikhlāṣ] is equal to one-third of the Qur’ān.'" (Narrated by al-Bukhārī)

12. Mu‘adh bin Anas narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "If someone recites, ***'Say, He is Allāh, the One'*** ten times, Allāh will build for him a palace in Paradise." (Narrated by Aḥmad)

13. ‘Uqbah bin ‘Āmir narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "What wonderful verses have been sent down tonight! The like of them has never been seen. They are: ***'Say, I seek refuge in the Lord of the dawn,'*** and ***'Say, I seek refuge in the Lord of men.'***" [i.e., Sūrahs al-Falaq and an-Nās] (Narrated by Muslim)

14. ‘Ā’ishah narrated: "When the Prophet (ﷺ) went to bed every night, he used to cup his hands together and blow over them after reciting *Sūrah al-Ikhlāṣ*, *Sūrah al-Falaq* and *Sūrah an-Nās*, and then rub his hands over whatever parts of his body he was able to, starting with his head, face and front of his body. He used to do that three times." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī and Muslim)

15. ‘Abdullāh bin Yūsuf said that Mālīk reported from Ibn Shihāb from ‘Urwah that ‘Ā’ishah narrated: "Whenever Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) became sick, he would recite the *mu‘awwidhāt* [i.e., Sūrahs al-Falaq and an-Nās] and then blow over his body. But when he became seriously ill, I used to recite them and rub his hands over his body hoping for their blessings." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī)