

# The Glorious Qur'ān

## A Divine Revelation

The Glorious Qur'ān is the word of Allāh Ta'ālā. It is the most exalted book revealed by the Almighty Allāh, through his closest angel Jibra'eel (alayhis salām), upon the best of his creation; our beloved Prophet Muhammad (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam), during the most virtuous night; Laylatul-Qadr. The entire Qur'ān was revealed over a period of 23 years.

It has 114 surahs (chapters) and over 6000 āyāt (verses). It contains guidance and laws for mankind, stories of the Prophets (alayhimus salām), history of nations, precious advices and it also mentions facts that were unknown to mankind.

## The First Revelation

The Prophet (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam) used to seclude himself in the cave of Hirā which is situated on Mount Hirā near Makkah. The Prophet (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam) would stay at the cave for a few nights and then return to his family for provisions, then go back to the Cave of Hirā once again.

Once, when Prophet Muhammad (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam) was in the cave, the angel Jibra'eel (alayhis salām) appeared before him for the first time, and after pressing on his chest, said to him, "Iqra!" meaning, "Read!" The Prophet (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam) replied, "I do not know how to read." Jibra'eel (alayhis salām) repeated this instruction three times and then recited the first five verses of Surah 'Alaq to our Prophet Muhammad (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam), "Read in the name of your Lord who created (everything), He created man from a clot of blood. Read, and your Lord is the Most Gracious, Who imparted knowledge by means of the pen. He taught man what he did not know."

## 10 Rewards Upon Each Letter!

A very quick and easy way to get lots of rewards is by reciting the Glorious Qur'ān. Upon each letter, one will gain 10 rewards. The Prophet (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam) said, "Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allāh, he will receive a hasanah (good deed) for it, and the hasanah is multiplied (times) by ten. I do not say that Alif Lām Meem is one letter, but rather Alif is one letter, Lām is one letter and Meem is one letter." (Tirmidhi)

## Connect To The Glorious Qur'ān

Let us try and connect ourselves to the Glorious Qur'ān. And we can do this by following three simple steps; 1) Recite a fixed portion of the Qur'ān regularly, 2) Understand the Qur'ān by listening to the lectures of the 'Ulamā, 3) Practise upon the lessons that we learn from the Qur'ān.

May Allāh Ta'ālā attach us all to the Glorious Qur'ān. Āmeen.

