

**Lesson
11a**

Surah Al-Ikhlāas

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn **131 new** words, which occur **30,797** times in the Qur'an.



Introduction: This is a small but very important Surah. When you recite this Surah in the Salah, do not do so just because it is a small Surah but keep in mind its significance and importance also.

- The name of this Surah is Al-Ikhlāas (the purification). Whoever recites this Surah with understanding and believes in what is mentioned in it, his faith will become pure and free from any Shirk (polytheism) or any wrong concepts.
- It is equivalent to one-third of the Qur'an.
- It answers the most fundamental question: Who should we worship and who can qualify to be God.
- It was the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ to recite this Surah along with the last two Surahs of the Qur'an once after every obligatory (*Fard*) Salah and thrice after Fajr and Maghrib Salahs.

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the One and Unique	(is) Allah,	He	Say:
<p>وَاحِدٌ One and only أَحَدٌ</p>	<p>He is Allah: هُوَ اللَّهُ</p>		

(Say) قُلْ⁵³⁰ (He said) قَالَ³³² (They said) قَالُوا³³²

- Allah is alone. Let us take four important aspects of His Oneness with examples:
 - 1 He is alone in His entity. He has no partners or relatives, no son or father.
 - 2 He is alone in His attributes. Nobody has knowledge of the unseen, no one can hear, help, or see the way Allah does.
 - 3 He is alone in His rights. For example, only He has the right to be worshipped.
 - 4 He is alone in His powers. For example, He alone has the right to declare something lawful or unlawful, permissible or impermissible.

Let us apply the following simple formula to bring this Surah into our lives:

- **Du'aa/Ask:** O Allah! Help me worship You alone.
- **Evaluate:** How many times did I follow my desires? According to the Qur'an, following one's own desire is to make it god [45:23]. How many times did I succumb to the whisperings of the Shaitaan? According to the Qur'an, following Shaitaan is like worshipping him [23:60]. Why did I listen to him? Because of bad company, TV, internet, or just laziness?
- **Plan:** Remove bad things, bad friends, and bad habits and plan to use the things properly.
- **Propagate:** This verse starts with "Qul." We must propagate the message of Islam to others with wisdom and kindness, like the way Prophet Mohammed ﷺ did. Use this Surah to spread the message of Tawheed and Ikhlāas (sincerity).

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the Self-Sufficient.	Allah,
<p>الصَّمَدُ: Everyone needs him, He needs no one.</p>	<p>This is Allah's original name. The rest are names like Ar-Raheem that show His attributes.</p>

- If you are an ordinary person and you have a very close relative or friend who is a famous sportsman or a leader, won't you happily mention his name when you introduce yourself to new people? Let us extend this argument. Allah is our Creator and our Sustainer. He created us and this whole wonderful world for us! His love for us is much more than that of a mother's love for her children! Then why shouldn't we love to mention His name and praise him often?
- Allah is such that there is none in comparison to Him in His creativity, in His wisdom, in His lordship, in His power, in His love, etc., most importantly, no one is like Him in His forgiveness and in His grants. People don't like the one who keeps slipping and falling; Allah loves to forgive. People hate if we ask them; Allah loves when we ask Him. No one is kind and caring like Allah is. Allah has 99 names describing His attributes. No one was, is, and will be like Him in all of these attributes.

Such feelings will InshaAllah help us in developing a love of Allah and reciting this Surah with love.