

Lesson 18a

Qu'ran is Easy to Learn

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn **222 new words**, which occur **40,469** times in the Qur'an.

In the last lesson, we have learnt that Allah has revealed the Qur'an for pondering and acting upon it. To ponder its verses, i.e., Arabic verses because the Qur'an cannot be translated.

Somebody may say that this is a blind belief. It is not! For example, take a couplet of the best poetry in your language (if it is not English) and try to translate into English. You can't! The beauty, the power, the balance, the depth, selection of recurring and matching words, ... everything is gone! If human composition cannot be translated, how can Allah's 'composition' be translated?

This means even if you have read 100 translations of the Holy Qur'an, in simple terms you have not read it at all! The Qur'an is Arabic Qur'an only! Please note that We are not negating the rewards (10 rewards for each letter recited) and not decreasing the value of translation because we will learn Arabic through the translation only. The point is: Translation is not our destination.

The Arabic Qur'an has a "Spiritual voltage" that penetrates deep into the heart because it is Allah's book. There are many spiritual effects of the verses and Surahs. You get 10 rewards for reciting each letter of the Arabic Qur'an.

The verses of the Qur'an are in Arabic and the Qur'an cannot be translated. We can get only the message of the Qur'an in the translation. To ponder the Arabic verses, we have to learn Arabic.

It is a huge blessing from Allah that He has made the Qur'an easy to understand. Its Arabic is also easy to learn as far as basic understanding is concerned.

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لِلذِّكْرِ (القَمَر: 17)

الْقُرْآنَ

يَسِّرْنَا

وَلَقَدْ

to understand and remember		the Qur'an	We have made easy	And indeed		
الذِّكْرُ	لِ	The meaning of the Qur'an is "one which is recited often."	يُسْرٌ: easy	قَدْ	لِ	وَ
understand & remember	for, to		عُسْرٌ: difficult	Already	indeed	and
ذِكْرٌ has two meanings: (1) to memorize; and (2) to understand and take lessons				يَسِّرْنَا: we made easy	قَدْ قَامَتِ الصَّلَاةُ Salah is already established.	

- The word Qur'an means that which is read often. Even its name has miracle in it. Indeed, according to even non-Muslims, Qur'an is "the most widely read book in existence" [Encyclopedia Britannica].
- Qur'an is easy for learning, practicing, and for advising others too. Understand it well so that you learn its style, arguments, stories, and proofs thoroughly.
- Never ever think, say, or accept that the Qur'an is difficult to understand. Are we going to contradict this verse? May Allah forgive us.
- Qur'an is easy to learn, but it is not automatic. You have to spend time and effort for learning it. The Prophet ﷺ said that Allah runs towards the one who walks towards Him. Let us start walking first and you will be amazed to see the results.
- Qur'an is easy to understand and take lessons from it. It is easy to see what Allah wants me to believe and to practice.
- Please don't mix it with Fiqh or legal issues. For that, we should ask scholars.

Let us take a Hadith now.

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ (بخاری)

and teaches it.			learns the Qur'an	(is the one) who	The best of you	
هُ	عَلَّمَ	وَ	تَعَلَّمَ: learnt	First question in the grave: مَنْ رَبُّكَ؟	كُم	خَيْرُ
It	taught	and	عَلَّمَ: taught	Who is your Rabb?	your	good, best

- The Prophet ﷺ mentioned the student first and then the teacher. This is a great honor for every student of the Qur'an. It also means that there is no end to learning the Book of Allah! Hence, we should keep learning more and more about it till we die.
- It also means that the best person is the one who does both the learning and the teaching.
- Whatever we have learnt so far is very easy to teach. Can you write at least 2 names whom you will teach.
- Right now, millions of classes may be running on the earth. The best in the sight of Allah are those where the Qur'an is taught.
- Till now, you may have attended thousands of classes but this class or a similar Qur'an class is the most valuable in the sight of Allah because we are learning the Qur'an.
- Learning the Qur'an does not mean just learning how to read it. It also means how to understand it, ponder it, implement it, etc.
- The Prophet ﷺ was sent as a teacher of the Qur'an. He taught the Qur'an by explaining it and practicing it. To learn the way the Sahabah (the companions of the Prophet ﷺ) learnt, first we have to learn how to read Arabic letters and words along with Tajweed. Don't stop there because the real learning of the Qur'an starts after it, i.e., how to understand it and practice it.

Let us take another Hadith:

(بخاری)

بِالنِّيَّاتِ

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إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ

on intentions.	Actions (are based) only
نِيَّاتٍ + intentions	نِيَّة intention
	إِنَّمَا: only عَمَلٍ، أَعْمَالٍ +

- On the Day of Judgment, the case of three people will be decided first. Among them will be a reciter of the Qur'an who used to recite to show-off. He will be thrown into the hell because of his wrong intention. Allah doesn't accept those deeds which are done to show others along with Him.
- Let us learn the Qur'an to please Allah only. Learn it to understand and practice it.
- Let us learn it to teach others for the sake of Allah because a huge majority is away from the Qur'an. Perhaps 90% of Non-Arab Muslims today do not understand the Qur'an. If we teach them the Qur'an, they will be able to convey it to others.

The three words given in the table below occur **2370 times** in the Qur'an. Remember their meanings by using the following examples. It is easier to remember and recall the meanings if you remember their examples too. The examples are very useful, especially when you get confused and start mixing the meaning of one with the other similar sound word (such as **إِنْ** and **إِنَّمَا**).

If Allah wills	إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ⁵⁶	If	إِنْ ⁶⁹¹
Indeed Allah is with those who are patient	إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ	Indeed	إِنَّ ¹⁵³⁴
Actions are (based) only on intentions	إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ	Only	إِنَّمَا ¹⁴⁵