

EXAM SCORE

50pts Surah memorization & Class Discussion

25pts Tafseer of Surah Humaza and Asr, ONLY.

25pts CORRECT pronunciation while reciting the Surahs

Surah memorization:

Suratul Quraish

Suratil Fil

Suratul Humaza

Suratul Asr

Class discussion:

Class discussion #1:

Shaitan dislikes hearing the recitation of the Qur'an and he being our greatest enemy takes it upon himself to disturb us relentlessly, as soon as we sit down to recite.

So Allah tells us in HIS Qur'an "So when **you recite the Qur'an, [first] seek refuge in Allah from Satan**, the one who is expelled from His mercy]. [16:98]

Therefore, we should make it a tradition before saying Bismillah, to say "Auzo Billahi Minnash Shaitaan Irrajeem". And think about its meaning and make dua to Allah to help us recite for his love and pleasure, alone. Then start with Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem and recite on.

Class discussion #2:

Sometimes we think that reciting the Qur'an is hard, but it is actually easy, if we attempt it with *sincerity* and *effort*. This is true, because Allah says in HIS Qur'an, "**Wa Laqad Yassarnal Qur'ana Liz zikri**" translated "And *We have indeed made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember*" [54:17]

Therefore, if Allah says it is easy, it has to be easy. 😊

Every time we think of studying the Qur'an we should say this ayah as a way of reminding ourselves and as a dua to Allah. We could tell HIM that since HE says in this ayah that it is easy HE should make it easy for us. Ameen

Tafseer of Surahs:

1) Al Humaza:

Where was it revealed? Scholars agree that Surat al-Humaza was revealed in Mecca

Why was Surat al-Humaza sent? due to a group of the Meccan polytheists who insulted the fledging community of the Prophet SAW by spreading lies about them.

What will happen to the people on the Day of Judgment who indulged in backbiting and slandering? They will be thrown like useless things into the fire

Nabadha - throw something away that has no value to you whatsoever. So Allah will make the backbiters be thrown in the fire like something completely useless. Like throwing them in the rubbish bin!

What is Hutama? Word hutamah in the original is from hatm, which means to smash, crush and break into pieces.

Why does Allah says, NARULLAHI? Meaning it is Allah's fire? Because Allah is showing how HE is angry with those who backbite and slander

Why does Allah say that the fire will reach your heart in this ayah? Not your mouth? Translation: Which mounts directed at the hearts.



Even though the tongue does the slandering and backbiting the intension to do it is from the heart so that is why Allah says that the fire will rise to the heart of those who backbite and slander. So the bottom line is that there is NO EXCUSE for backbiting or saying something bad about someone else!

2) Al Asr:

Where was this surah revealed? This surah was revealed in Makkah

What is the meaning of Asr? al 'Asr – [linguistically] **time that is running out**. Even salaah al 'Asr (the prayer of 'Asr) is the last prayer of the day. (after this it is Maghrib prayer/sunset prayer = the end of the day.)

What is Allah saying insaan or man is surely in loss? HE is saying this about people who are not using their time wisely in gaining good deeds because we are in a time that is running out and we have to meet HIM to give our accounts on the Day of Judgment. We will surely be losers if we have not used our time in a beneficial way.

Who are the people who are NOT at loss? Those who believe and do good deeds and who and encourage each other in the truth (Haqq) and in being patient (Sabr)

CORRECT pronunciation:

We spoke about the letters that are similar in Arabic and are pronounced differently and the common mistakes in pronunciation.

ص ث س

In English these letters are all pronounced “s” or “sa” but in Arabic these letters have different pronunciations, which change the words, they are in.

ظ ز

In English these letters are all pronounced “z” or “za” but in Arabic these letters have different pronunciations, which change the words, they are in.

ك ق

In English these letters are all pronounced “q” and “k” but in Arabic these Qaaf is stronger than just “q” and kaf is very thin.

ض د

In English these letters are all pronounced “d” or “da” but in Arabic these letters have different pronunciations, which change the words, they are in.

Errors in pronunciation will change the words and change the meanings of sentences and make you change the things that ALLAH subhanahu wa ta'ala says in the Qur'an!!!

Remember that the 25% is for pronouncing correctly while reciting the memorized surah, but for those of you who have great difficulty in reading Arabic I will ask you to pronounce these letters (like we did in class) in addition, to see if I can give you some bonus points. ☺

May Allah help you benefit from this knowledge, and help you succeed in the exam on the 4th of May 2014, and in the akhira through this knowledge! Ameen ☺