

SURAS TO MEMORIZE: (40% of grade)

Surah Inshirah (Should be **EXTREMELY** thorough and **will not be** prompted!)

Surah Layl (Should be **EXTREMELY** thorough and **will not be** prompted!)

Surah Dhuha (Should be **EXTREMELY** thorough and **will not be** prompted!)

Surah Shams (Should be **EXTREMELY** thorough and **will not be** prompted!)

DISCUSSION SURAH Dhuha: (10% of grade)

Where was surah dhuha revealed?

Answer: In Makkah after a long pause in revelation

What had happened to prophet SAW just before surah dhuha was revealed?

Answer: Three things 1) woman insulted him (SAW) 2) he missed night prayer (SAW) 3) people saying Allah abandoned him (SAW).

Who is the audience in surah dhuha?

Answer: Prophet SAW

Since Allah is talking to prophet SAW in surah dhuha what kinds of language does he use?

Answer: Loving, kind and consoling language

DISCUSSION SURAH Shams: (10% of grade)

Where was surah shams revealed?

Answer: In Makkah during the times that there was strong opposition against the prophet SAW

What is the outcome of the one who has purified the soul or corrupted the soul?

Answer: **"He who purifies his soul"** of sins and cleanses it of defects, **"has succeeded, and he who stifles it,"** tarnishes it with sin **"has failed."**

What is the name of the people whom Allah talks about in the second half of the surah?

Answer: Thalmud

What is the name of the prophet who was sent to them?

Answer: Saaleh

What was the sins the people of Thalmud were punished for?

Answer: They were punished for their lying against their prophet (Saleh) AND for harming their she-camel and preventing her from drinking, after draining her of her milk.

Class discussion #1: (10% of grade)

What do we say before reciting the Qur'an?

Answer:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

"I seek refuge in Allah from Shaitan, the accursed one."

Why do we say this before reciting the Qur'an?

Answer: Because Allah tells us to do so 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]

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

BONUS IF YOU KNOW THIS AYAH!

Why does Allah tell us to say this before reciting the Qur'an?

Answer: 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.

Class discussion #2: (10% of grade)

What is the ayah that says that Allah has made the Qur'an easy to remember/study?

Answer: “**Wa Laqad Yassarnal Qur'ana Liz zikri**” translated “And We have indeed made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember” [54:17]

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ

And We have certainly made the Qur'an easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?

YOU MUST KNOW THIS AYAH!!!

COMMONLY MISPRONOUNCED LETTERS: (20% of grade)

The following are letters that are similar in Arabic and are pronounced differently and the letters that are commonly mispronounced.

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!!!