

Lesson 1 - Surat al Muzzammil (The Wrapped Up)

Whoever recites Surah al-Muzzammil, he will not face hardships in this world and the Hereafter."

Surat al Muzzammil was revealed in Mecca.

It is the 73rd chapter in the Quran and has 20 verses in 2 sections.

Important topics:

1. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) commanded to reduce his prayerful standing at night.
2. The Holy Qur'an should be recited in a well arranged manner
3. The ministry of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) compared to the ministry of Moses
4. The lending of goodly loan to Allah (swt)

SECTION 1 – EXTRA – IMPORTANCE OF NIGHT PRAYER

- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was asked to reduce his prayer during night.
- The Qur'an is supposed to be recited in a regulated tone.
- Patience is encouraged against ridicule
- The mission of Prophet Musa (as) that was sent against Pharaoh compared to Qur'an which is a reminder
- Mankind is given the choice of adopting the right way to their Lord

SECTION 2 – PRAYER AND THE RECITAL OF QUR'AN ENJOINED

- Regularity in prayer, giving alms and recital of Qur'an enjoined
- Lending God a goodly loan
- Whatever good man does, he shall find it to his credit, with forgiveness and greater recompense from his Lord.

ETIQUETTES OF THE RECITATION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

1. *Cleansing of the mouth*

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said, 'Clean the path of the Qur'an'. He was asked, 'O messenger of Allah, and what is the path of the Qur'an?' He replied, 'Your mouths'. They asked, 'How [should we clean them]?' He said, '[By brushing them] With a tooth cleanser (siwak)

Bihar al Anwaar, v. 92, p. 213, no. 11

2. *Seeking refuge*

Imam Sadiq (as), when he was asked about seeking refuge at the beginning of every chapter, said, 'Yes, seek refuge in Allah from the outcast Satan. And he mentioned that the outcast (al-rajim) is the most wicked of Satans

Tafsir al Ayyashi, v.2, p. 270, no.68

3. *Recitation*

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), with regard to Allah's verse in the Qur'an: "and recite the Qur'an in a measured tone" said, 'Recite it clearly, do not disperse it prosaically, nor rave it like raving poetry. Stop where it mentions wonders, and move the hearts with it, and do not let your only concern be [to finish] the end of the chapter'

Al Nawaadir al – Raawandi, p. 164, no. 247

4. *Contemplation*

Imam Ali (as) said, 'Verily, there is no good in recitation that does not have contemplation in it. Verily, there is no good in worship that does not have understanding'

Bihar al Anwaar, v.92, p. 211, no 4

5. *Humbleness*

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), when asked about the people who recite the best, replied, 'When you hear their recitation, you see that they fear Allah

Bihar al Anwaar, v.92, p.195, p. 10