
Increase in the recitation of the Qur'aan in Ramadaan

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Shaykh al-Albaanee's daughter asking her father about devoting oneself to reciting the Qur'aan to the exclusion of other acts of worship in Ramadaan

Sukainah (may Allaah preserve her), the daughter of Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ said, "I asked my father (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) [a question] the summary of which is: I read that when Ramadaan would begin some of the scholars would devote themselves to reciting the Qur'aan, even though they were people of knowledge who would issue religious verdicts for the masses. So they would even stop giving religious verdicts. Is this correct? Should I single out this month for the Qur'aan and leave reading hadeeths, their explanation and lessons in the dialects of the Qur'aan and other than that?"

So in answer to this he (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said, "This particularisation has no basis in the Sunnah—but that which is in the Sunnah and is known [from a hadeeth] reported in the two Saheehs² is to increase in the recitation of the Qur'aan in Ramadaan. As for particularising the month of Ramadaan solely for the recitation of the Qur'aan to the exclusion of any other act of worship like seeking knowledge, teaching hadeeth, and explaining them—then that has no basis. Likewise that which is included in this topic is giving in charity, giving sadaqah, being good to the people and ... and ... etc.

Devoting oneself to recitation has no basis. That which does have a basis is only to increase in it.³

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² From Ibn Abbaas, (may Allaah be pleased with him) who said, "Allaah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was the most generous of all the people. And he used to reach the peak in generosity in the month of Ramadaan when Jibreel met him. Jibreel used to meet him every night of Ramadaan to teach him the Qur'aan. Allaah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was the most generous person, even more generous than the fair winds [sent (by Allaah) with glad tidings (rain), in readiness and haste to do charitable deeds]. [Bukhaaree no.6]

Imaam an-Nawawee (may Allaah have mercy on him) said, "Our companions said, 'The Sunnah is to recite the Qur'aan in abundance in Ramadaan and to study it with someone—that he recites it to someone and someone recites it to him due to the aforementioned hadeeth from Ibn Abbaas.'" *Al-Majmooh Sharh al-Muhaddhab* (6/274). And al-Haafidh Ibn Rajab (may Allaah have mercy on him) said about this hadeeth, "And in it is evidence for the desirability/recommendation to increase in the recitation of the Qur'aan in the month of Ramadaan." *Lataa'iful-Ma'aarif*, p. 169.

³ Original article taken from her blog: <http://tamammannah.blogspot.com>