Forty Hadith: The Noble Qur’an

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اللَّهُمَّ بِالّحَقِّ أَنْزَلْتَهُ وَ بِالّحَقِّ نَزَّلْتَ اللَّهُمَّ عَظْمُ رَعْبِي فِيهِ وَاجْعَلْهُ نُورًا لِبِصْرِي وَ شَفَاءً لِصَدْرِي وَ ذِهابًا لِهَمِي وَ غَمِي وَ حُزْنِي. اللَّهُمَّ زُينْ بِهِ لِسَانِي وَ جَمَلْ بِهِ وَجْهِي وَ فُوُوعَ بِهِ جَسَدِي وَ نَقْلَ بِهِ مِيزَانِي وَ ارْزَقْنِي حَقًّا تَلْوِيْهِ عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ أَنَا الْلَّيْلَ وَ أَطْرَافِ النَّهَارِ وَ احْشَرْنِي مَعَ النُّبِيِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آَلِهِ الْأَخِيَارِ أَبْرَارُ الْأَطْهَارِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ رَاحِمِينَ.
O’ Allah! Surely You have revealed it (the Qur’an) with Truth and with the truth it descended. O’ Allah! Enhance my desire for it; and appoint it as a divine light for my eyes; and a healing for my breast; and make it (the Qur’an) that which removes my grief, sorrow and worries. O’ Allah! Through the Qur’an, beautify my tongue (that which I speak), and beautify my face, and strengthen my body, and make my scale of (good) deeds weighty, and grant me the ability to recite it as it should be recited in Your obedience – in the darkness of the night and the ends of the day, and raise me up with the Prophet, Muhammad and his family members – the chosen, glorified, the purified, by Your mercy. O’ the Most Merciful of those who are able to show mercy.

**Hadith Number 1**

قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آلِه وسلم): قارئ القرآن و المُستَمِعُ إليه في الأجر سَوَاءً.

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “The one who recites the Qur’an and the one who listens to it have an equal share in the reward.”

Mustadrakul Wasa’il, Volume 1, Page 293

**Hadith Number 2**

قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آلِه وسلم): خياركم من تَعلَمَ القرآن و علمه إلى غيره.

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “The best of those amongst you is the one who learns the Qur’an and then teaches it to others.”

Al-Amali of Shaykh at-Tusi, Volume 1, Page 5

**Hadith Number 3**

قال الإمام جعفر بن محمّد الصادق (عليه السلام): قراءة القرآن في المصحفِ
Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said that: “Reciting the Qur’an from the pages of the Qur’an (meaning to look at it and recite it – not from memory) lightens the punishment of one’s mother and father, even if they are both disbelievers.”

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Hadith Number 4

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Everything in existence prays for the forgiveness of the person who teaches the Qur’an – even the fish in the sea.”

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Hadith Number 5

Imam ‘Ali ibne Musa al-Ridha (peace be upon him) has said: “Do not disregard the Words of Allah, and do not seek guidance from other than Him, for then (surely) you will go astray.”

‘Uyunul Akhbar ar-Ridha, Volume 2, Page 57

Hadith Number 6
The Messenger of Allah (prayers of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “These hearts rust just as iron rusts; and indeed they are polished through the recitation of the Qur’an.”

Irshadul Qulub; Page 78

Hadith Number 7

Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “The Qur’an is the trust of Allah (given) to His creations, therefore it is desirable for every Muslim to look at this trust and to recite (a minimum of) 50 ayat (verses) of the Qur’an everyday.”

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Hadith Number 8

Amirul Mo’minin ‘Ali ibne Abi Talib (peace be upon him) has said: “The house in which the Qur’an is recited and Allah, The Noble and Grand, is remembered will receive numerous Divine blessings (barakah), the Angels will be present, and the Satans will be distanced from there. In addition, that house will shimmer for the people of the sky, just like the stars shimmer for the people on the Earth.”

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Hadith Number 9
In his last testament to ‘Ali (peace be upon him), the Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) told him: “O’ ‘Ali! I advice you to recite the Qur’an in every state (which you may find yourself in).”

Man La Yahdhuruhul Faqih, Volume 4, Page 188

**Hadith Number 10**

قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم): ليس شيء أشد علي الشيطان من القراءة في المصحف نظراً.

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Nothing is harder for Satan to bear than a person who recites the Qur’an by looking at the pages (of the Qur’an).”

Thawabul A’mal, Page 231

**Hadith Number 11**

قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم): نوروا بيونكم بتلاوة القرآن ولا تتخذهما قبورا كمافعلت اليهود و النصارى.

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Brighten up your houses through the recitation of the Qur’an, and do not make them (your homes) like graves, similar to what the Jews and Christians have done (by not performing the prayers and worship of God in their house and limiting this to the Synagogues and Churches).”

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**Hadith Number 12**

قال الإمام جعفر ابن مهمن الصادق (عليه السلام): من قرأ القرآن فهوى غني و لا فقر بعده و إلا ما به غنى.

Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as–Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “One who recites the Qur’an will
be free from need (of everyone), and thereafter will not be in need of anything. But as for the one (who does not recite the Qur’an), nothing at all will make him needless (and he will always be in need of others).”

Thawabul A’mal, Page 230

**Hadith Number 13**

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “One who recites ten verses (ayat) of the Qur’an every night will not be counted amongst the negligent ones (Ghafilin); and one who recites fifty verses (ayat) will be written as those who remember Allah (Dhakirin); and one who recites one hundred verses (ayat) will be written down as the obedient and worshipper of Allah (Qanitin).”

Thawabul A’mal, Page 232

**Hadith Number 14**

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “I advise you to recite the Qur’an and remember Allah much, for surely the Qur’an will remember you (do your dhikr) in the Heavens and it will be a Divine Light (nur) for you on the Earth.”

Al-Khisal, Page 525

**Hadith Number 15**

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “One who recites the Qur’an and remembers Allah much.”
The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “The superiority of the Qur’an over the rest of words, is like the superiority of Allah over His creations.”

Mustadrak al-Wasa'il, Volume 4, Page 237

Hadith Number 16

Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “It is advisable for the person who is reciting the Qur’an that when he reaches to a verse from the Qur’an in which there is a request for something that he ask Allah for that thing, or when he reaches to a verse of the Qur’an in which there is talk about the punishment, that he ask Allah for protection from the fire of Hell and the punishment.”

Usulul Kafi, Volume 3, Pages 1–3

Hadith Number 17

Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “Three things will complain to Allah, The Noble and The Grand, (on the Day of Judgement): A deserted Masjid in which the people of the town did not recite Salat (in it); an ‘Alim who was among the ignorant ones (however the people did not make use of him); and the Qur’an which was not read and was left for dust to collect on it.”

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Hadith Number 18

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Whoever recites the first four verses of Suratul Baqarah, Ayatul Kursi (verse 255 of Suratul Baqarah) along with the two verses which follow it (verses 256 and 257 up to ‘Wa Hum Fiha Khalidun’), and the last three verses (of this same Surah) will not see any bad or sorrow in his life or his wealth; Satan will not come near him; and he will not forget the Qur’an.”

Thawabul A’mal, Page 234

Hadith Number 19

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “For every thing there is an embellishment (or a decoration), and the embellishment of the Qur’an is a good voice.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 92, Page 190

Hadith Number 20

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Surely this Qur’an is the rope of Allah, and a manifest Light (nur), and a beneficial cure. Therefore, busy yourselves with the
recitation of it, for Allah – The Mighty and Glorious – grants the reward of ten good deeds to you for every letter which is recited.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 92, Page 19

**Hadith Number 21**

Amirul Mo’minin ‘Ali ibne Abi Talib (peace be upon him) has said: “Learn the Qur’an for it is the best of narrations, and understand it thoroughly for it is the best blossoming of the hearts. Seek cure with its’ Light for it is the cure of the hearts. Recite it beautifully for it is the most beneficial of narrations.”

Nahjul Balagha, Sermon 110 (109 in some books)

**Hadith Number 22**

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Whenever the waves of calamities encompass you like the dark night, seek refuge with the Qur’an – for it is an intercessor whose intercession will be accepted. One who takes it as a guide, Allah will lead that person into Heaven; and whoever disregards it or goes against it, will be lead into the Hell fire.”

Fadhlul Qur’an, Page 599

**Hadith Number 23**
The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Recite the Qur’an in such a way that your hearts develop a love for it and your skin becomes softened by it. However as soon as your hearts become indifferent to it (meaning that the Qur’an has no effect on you), then stop reciting it.”

Mustadrakul Wasa’il, Volume 4, Page 239

Hadith Number 24

Imam Muhammad ibne ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon him) has said: “One who finishes the recitation of the entire Qur’an in the noble city of Makkah within the time span of one Jumu’ah (Friday) to another Jumu’ah or more than this (more than one week), but completes the Qur’an on the day of Jumu’ah, Allah will write for that person the reward of good deeds from the first Jumu’ah that one came into the world, until the last Jumu’ah that one will remain alive in it.”

Thawabul A’mal Page 225

Hadith Number 25

Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “Allah will reward the person who recites the Qur’an a great deal and makes a promise with it to try and memorize it even though it may entail great difficulty, a double reward.”

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Hadith Number 26
The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “One who listens to the Qur’an (while it is being recited) will be kept away from the evils of this world; and one who recites the Qur’an will be kept away from the trials of the hereafter. And the person who listens to even one verse of the book of Allah – this is better (for him) than possessing a mansion of gold.”

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**Hadith Number 27**

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “The number of levels (stages) in Heaven is (equivalent to) the number of verses in the Qur’an(6236). Thus, when a reciter of the Qur’an enters into Heaven, it will be said to him: ‘Go up one level for every verse that you can recite.’ Thus, no one will be in a higher level than the one who has memorized the entire Qur’an.”

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**Hadith Number 28**

Amirul Mo’minin ‘Ali ibne Abi Talib (peace be upon him) has said: “Recite the Qur’an and seek assistance from it for surely Allah, the Most High, will not punish one who has memorized the Qur’an (and has it within one’s heart).”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 92, Page 19
Hadith Number 29

Amirul Mo’minin ‘Ali ibne Abi Talib (peace be upon him) has said: “A person who recites 100 verses from anywhere in the Qur’an and then says: ‘Ya Allah’ seven times, if he wanted to remove a huge boulder (from the ground), he would be able to do so with the permission of Allah.”

Thawabul A’mal, Page 233

Hadith Number 30

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “If you want ease and success in this world, the death of a martyr, to be saved on the Day of Loss, a shade on the Day of the burning Qiyamat, and guidance on the Day of going astray, then take lessons from the Qur’an. Surely it is the word of the Merciful, a protection from the Satan, and one of the most weightiest of things for the scale of (good) deeds (on the Day of Judgement).”

Jami’ul Akhbar, Page 78

Hadith Number 31
The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Surely the recitation of the Qur’an is an atonement for the sins, a covering (protection) from the Hell Fire, and a safety from the punishment. Mercy will descend upon the reciter, the Angels will seek forgiveness for him, Heaven will long for that person, and his Master (Allah) will be pleased with him.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 93, Page 17

**Hadith Number 32**

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قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: أهل القرآن في أعلى درجة من الآدميين ما خل النيبين والمرسلين. فللا تستضعفوا أهل القرآن وحقوقهم فإنهم لهم من الله لمكاناً.
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The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “The people of the Qur’an (those who recite and those who memorize the Qur’an) will be in the highest level (in Heaven) from amongst all of the people with the exception of the Prophets and Messengers. Thus, do not seek to degrade the people of the Qur’an, nor take away their rights, for surely they have been given a high rank by Allah.”

Thawabul A’mal, Page 224

**Hadith Number 33**

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قال الإمام علي بن مهد الباقر (عليه السلام): إن كتاب الله أصدق الحديث وأحسن القصص وقال الله تعالى: وإذا قرئ القرآن فاستمتعوا له وأنصتوا لعلكم ترحمون.
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Imam Muhammad ibne ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon him) has said: “Surely the Book of Allah is the most truthful of all narrations, and the best of all stories, and Allah has said: “And when the Qur’an is being recited, then listen to it and remain silent so that perhaps mercy may be shown to you.” [Suratul A’raf (7), Verse 204]

Usulul Kafi, Volume 3, Page 422
Hadith Number 34

Imam Muhammad ibne 'Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who recites the Qur’an while standing in his Salat, Allah will record one hundred good deeds (in that person’s book) for every letter that is recited; and anyone who recites the Qur’an while sitting in his Salat, Allah will record fifty deeds (in that person’s book) for every letter recited; and one who recites it (the Qur’an) in other than his Salat, Allah will record ten good deeds for every letter that one recites.”

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Hadith Number 35

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “Place a portion (of goodness) from the Qur’an in your homes, for surely ease will come to the people of that house in which the Qur’an is read, goodness will increase, and the inhabitants (of that house) will be given excess bounties.”

Wasa’ilush Shi’a, Volume 4, Page 85

Hadith Number 36

Imam Muhammad ibne ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who recites the Qur’an while standing in his Salat, Allah will record one hundred good deeds (in that person’s book) for every letter that is recited; and anyone who recites the Qur’an while sitting in his Salat, Allah will record fifty deeds (in that person’s book) for every letter recited; and one who recites it (the Qur’an) in other than his Salat, Allah will record ten good deeds for every letter that one recites.”

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Imam ‘Ali ibne al-Husain (peace be upon him) has said: “The verses of the Qur’an are treasures, and every time a treasure is opened up, it is desirable that you look at what is inside it.”

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**Hadith Number 37**

**Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as–Sadiq (peace be upon him)** has said: “One who protects the Qur’an and acts upon it as well, will be with the noble, devoted Angels on the Day of Judgement.”

Usulul Kafi, Volume 2, Page 603

**Hadith Number 38**

**Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as–Sadiq (peace be upon him)** has said: “One who recites the Qur’an and is a believing youth, the Qur’an becomes mixed with his flesh and blood, and Allah – The Noble and Great – will place him with the noble, devoted Angels. In addition, the Qur’an will act as a barrier (between him and the Hell Fire) on the Day of Judgement.”

Thawabul A’mal, Page 226

**Hadith Number 39**

**Imam Ja’far ibne Muhammad as–Sadiq (peace be upon him)** has said: “One who protects the Qur’an and acts upon it as well, will be with the noble, devoted Angels on the Day of Judgement.”
Imam Ja'far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “Surely the Qur'an is not to be read in a rush or very quickly. Rather, it should be recited in slow, measured portions. Whenever you reach a verse which talks about Heaven, then stop (at that verse) and ask from Allah (the bounties of) Heaven. And whenever you reach a verse which speaks about the Hell, then stop (at that verse) and seek protection from Allah from the Hell Fire (and the punishment).”

Usulul Kafi, Volume 3, Page 301

**Hadith Number 40**

Imam Ja'far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “I would like to see a Qur'an in every house so that through this, Allah would repel the Satan (from that house.)”

Fadhhlul Qur'an, Page 669

O' Allah! Surely I have recited that which You have decreed for me to recite from Your Book which You sent upon Your Prophet, may Your prayers be upon him and his family so then (all) praise belongs to You, our Lord. O' Allah! Place it (the Qur'an) amongst those people who keep permitted that which You have made permissible, and who forbid that which You have made forbidden and who believe in the clear and apparent verses and the ambiguous verses and make it (the Qur'an) an instrument of love in our grave and an instrument of love when we are raised up and raise the person who recites the verses, a stage from the highest of the high, through Your Mercy, O' You who are the most Merciful of those who are able to show mercy.