



Importance of surah Ikhlas in Prayer

After recitation of surah al Fatiha, we must recite part of Quran.

Narrated Umm Salamah, Ummul Mu'minin: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to recite: "In the name of Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds; most Gracious, most Merciful; Master of the Day of Judgment," breaking its recitation into verses, one after another. Sunan Abi Dawud 4001

Holy prophet pbuh used to recite slowly (in pace), say each and every single word clearly and paused a little after each ayat/verse.

Narrated Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-'As: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: One who was devoted to the Qur'an will be told to recite, ascend and recite carefully as he recited carefully when he was in the world, for he will reach his abode when he comes to the last verse he recites. Sunan Abi Dawud 1464

So the person will recite Quran on the day of judgement and get high ranks because he/she read Quran calmly and beautifully.

Narrated Al-Bara' ibn Azib: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: Beautify the Qur'an with your voices. Sunan Abi Dawud 1468

Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Allah does not listen to a prophet as He listens to a prophet who recites the Qur'an in a pleasant tone." Sahih al-Bukhari 5023

When we are praying Salah either alone or in our own house or in the mosque with others, our voice should be loud enough to our own ears. Only we should be able to hear the whisper. We must make sure when other people are reading Salah beside us that we should not be loud to disturb other people's prayer.

Although our recitation is a whisper, we must not disturb others who are standing next to us and reading their Salah. Because they can forget their Salah, especially in mosque we have to be very sensitive so that we don't

disturb others and 2ndly we should take care of other people more than ourselves.

When we are reading Salah at home we could be little louder so that we could hear ourselves. We should be extra careful in mosques during Salah times because we don't want to cause any hassle or disturbance to others. We will be cautious about this.

Now we will see how holy prophet pbuh recited different Surah's in his prayers.

The importance of Surah Ikhlas in Salah:

Almost of us know this Surah Ikhlas and many of us are in habit of reciting this surah in our prayers.

Anas said: One of the Ansar used to lead the Ansar in Salat in the Quba' mosque and it was his habit to recite Qul Huwal-lahu Ahad whenever he wanted to recite something in Salat. When he finished that Surah, he would recite another one with it. He followed the same procedure in each Rak'a. His companions discussed this with him and said, "You recite this Surah and do not consider it sufficient and then you recite another. So would you recite it alone or leave it and recite some other." He said, "I will never leave it and if you want me to be your Imam on this condition then it is all right ; otherwise I will leave you." They knew that he was the best amongst them and they did not like someone else to lead them in Salat. When the Prophet (ﷺ) went to them as usual, they informed him about it. The Prophet (ﷺ) addressed him and said, "O so-and-so, what forbids you from doing what your companions ask you to do ? Why do you read this Surah particularly in every Rak'a ?" He replied, "I love this Surah." The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Your love for this Surah will make you enter Paradise." Sahih al-Bukhari 774b

We learnt from this Hadith that companion ra of holy prophet pbuh was in love with this surah, that's why he recited it in each unit of his prayer. He didn't complete any of his raka'h without Surah Ikhlas. Although he added other Surah's with it also.

We recite Surah Ikhlas in our prayers too, our intentions are the same? Do we love this Surah very much? We must check our intentions In sha Allah. We should recite other Surahs also.

Narrated Abu Said Al-Khudri: A man heard another man reciting (Surat-Al-Ikhlās) 'Say He is Allah, (the) One.' (112. 1) repeatedly. The next morning he came to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) and informed him about it as if he thought that it was not enough to recite. On that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "By Him in Whose Hand my life is, this Surah is equal to one-third of the Qur'an!"
Sahih al-Bukhari 5013

There are some Masnun surah's also which holy prophet pbuh used to recite for different prayers.

We need to beautify our Salah. It's very important that we must not just recite one Surah for each Rakah of every Salah. We should not get into habit of this. It's very important that we beautify our prayers with different Surah's.

We must recite different Surah's in our Salah to keep our prayers alive.

There is no strict rule on which surah for which prayer. We learn from different narrations that holy prophet pbuh used to recite different Surah's for different Salah's. Holy prophet pbuh used recite longer Surah for 1st Rakah/unit and shorter Surah for 2nd /next Rakah or unit. (Or a few verses) we must recite minimum of three verses in each Rakah/unit. We should read longer surah or more verses in 1st Rakah and shorter Surah or less verses/Ayat for 2nd Rakah so that we are following the Sunnah.

The other advantage is, when an Imam is reciting longer Surah then people who join Salah little late could also join the prayer.

- We must recite Quran beautifully. Take our time and whisper while reading so we could hear it.
- We must not disturb other people's Salah.
- We must recite minimum of three verses in each Rakah/unit.
- We should recite different Surah's in our Salah, don't just keep reciting the same surah in each Salah all the times.