



Reading of surah Al Fatiha correctly

We have been learning how to improve our Salah and how we should just read our Salah exactly the way holy prophet PbuH read his Salah.

Last week we learnt it's compulsory to recite surah al Fatiha in our Salah.

Now this is very important that we recite surah al Fatiha correctly. We must recite surah Al Fatiha with proper pronunciation because if we don't then some of the words change their meanings.

This is very important that we recite Quran with proper pronunciation all the time and when we recite it in Salah, then it influences our concentration.

So when we don't recite Quran properly then meanings change and how does it affect our Salah?

We must recite Quran accurately and stay focussed. We should take care of articulation points & how we deliver each letter also.

When we recite surah Al- Fatiha and say 1st verse, then think of what we are saying to the Lord of universe. Each and every single letter (not just words) should be recited perfectly.

If we don't recite words and letters perfectly then it's counted as big mistake which is haram and a big sin.

We need to keep in mind the quality of our speech and makharaj when we recite Quran because it will corrupt the meanings of the word or letter.

Let's look at some of the words from surah al Fatiha for example; **الْحَمْدُ**

We have to read it perfectly with all the sounds made precisely and pay full concentration. It should be recited like Al Ham dou Lillah. Dou should be made clear. Haa should be pounced exactly because if we don't then rather than saying all praises we are actually saying that **أَلْهَمْدُ** this tearing of the old

garment. See how meaning is changing even if we don't recite one letter

properly. Next is; رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ:

If we don't make ain sound properly and don't say biii sound precisely for example Rabbii then these are weak sounds also. If we say رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ... it means Lord of Universe and if we say رَبِّ الْأَلَمِينَ.... It means Lord of all grievers /unhappy people. Look how it gives apposite meaning to the word.

Next word is نَعْبُدُ... ain should be pounced perfectly it means we worship only you, this is common mistake that people recite it like نَأْبُدُ naa'aabudu with a jerk. It gives the sound of hamza which is not correct. There is not a hamza in it, it will mean not educated.

إِهْدِ... means take us / guide us , if we say haa sound from throat like this إِهْدِ It means staying at one place/ being steadfast somewhere.

أَنْعَمْتَ: You reward and if we don't read it carefully then أَنْعَمْتَ reward it or أَنْعَمْتَ female rewarded see how careful we need to be.

These sounds, articulation points & symbols play vital role in our recitation. We must take care of punctuation & quality of each letter.

See this is why our Salah (prayers) are not as effective as much; even the person who is behind an imam praying his Salah is involved in immoral things.

Our Salah stops us safeguard us from immoral and unethical things and protect us from doing shameful activities.

Why our Salah is not protecting us from being liars and deceitful?

Salah protect us from all kinds of bad things if it's read properly.

Some people read five times a day and still involved in backbiting, cheating and annoy others.

Why is Salah not stopping them from doing bad things?

We should be connected to Allah, talk to him, pray with correct pronunciation and stay fully focused.

We the callers forgot our status but Allah the one who is giving is still send his blessings upon us.

We must learn the way we should ask, we must discipline ourselves, we should ask with humbleness with pronunciation of words.

How can we find out that we are reading our Salah properly and our actions are improving?

We can estimate that we are improving when our heart is in peace and calmness. You will get the vibes, your heart & mind signals will tell you that you are improving and your today is better than yesterday.

You will be inclined to your Salah; you will wait for your next Salah.

You must make stronger connection with Allah if you want to get all the benefits from your Salah. When you experience the happiness and coolness in your heart & mind then you know you are reading your Salah properly.

There are couple of more words which should be recited correctly.

Eat : كُلْ	Say : قُلْ
I am poor (needy) : أَعُوْزُ	I seek refuge : أَعُوْذُ

Why we should recite Quran accurately? Why our pronunciation of letters and herkaat is monitored?

There is possibility that these questions could come into our mind.

Satan is our enemy. He will put this thinking in our heart that we can just keep on reading the way we are used to of it. Allah is Ghafoor ur Raheem (the **Beneficent, the Merciful**) and he will forgive us.

Yes Allah subhan wa ta'alla is (the Beneficent, the Merciful)

And we don't have an idea when and who he will forgive. He Subhan wa ta 'alla can get angry on us for not making an effort to improve. We should not ignore and forget that he can punish us for being ignorant.

He will forgive us if we work hard, struggle, trying our best to improve, strive to achieve for hereafter.

Quran recitation has its own beautiful influences/temperaments in our lives.

In order to recite Quran with its proper pronunciation, sounds and qualities, Allah Subhan wa ta'ala made our mouths, tongues, teeth and throats. Of course we use them all for eating our food for nourishment but it has other purpose also. We use all of them for nourishment of our souls, when we recite Quran we get nourishment for our soul. When we read Quran beautifully and apply the all rules accurately then we use all of them properly.

When Quran is read correctly it has wonderful effects on our heart and mind. But unfortunately when we don't read it correctly, it doesn't go beyond our throat. We must use our mouth, tongue, teeth and throat for Quran recitation so it goes into our heart and mind. We need to feed our soul by reciting Quran al azeem accurately and beautifully.

Tarteel means although all letters are joint together in a word we must recite them with that letter's own sound & qualities. Our teeth are symmetrical, they are all in proper sequence, and each one has its own value and purpose. Same way each letter of Arabic letter (sound) has its own makhraj (how it should be pronounced). We have to work hard and spend time on practising them correctly.

We must correct Surat al Fatiha; we should work hard to practise all the words correctly. We get the best rewards and all the benefits of Salah by reciting it accurately. We should be thankful to Allah for giving us chance to improving our Salah.

May Allah guide us to right path and make us improve ourselves. (Ameen)

Tearing of the old garment: أَلْهَبُدُ	Praise: أَلْحَمْدُ
Lord of all grievers: رَبِّ الْأَلْمِينِ	Lord of the Worlds: رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
illiterate/ not educated : نَأَبُدُ	You (alone) we worship: نَعْبُدُ
Being steadfast somewhere : إِحْدٍ	Take us/Show us: إِهْدِ
I have bestowed/blessed: أَنْعَمْتُ You have blessed (female): أَنْعَمْتِ Made us cry slowly: أَنْعَمْتِ	You have bestowed/blessed: أَنْعَمْتَ
(ز) Who has been insulted : الدَّالِّينِ	Who went astray: الضَّالِّينِ
(ز) Who slipped: الرَّالِّينِ	
(ظ) Who stays all day : الظَّالِّينِ	
(د) Who shows the way : الدَّالِّينِ	