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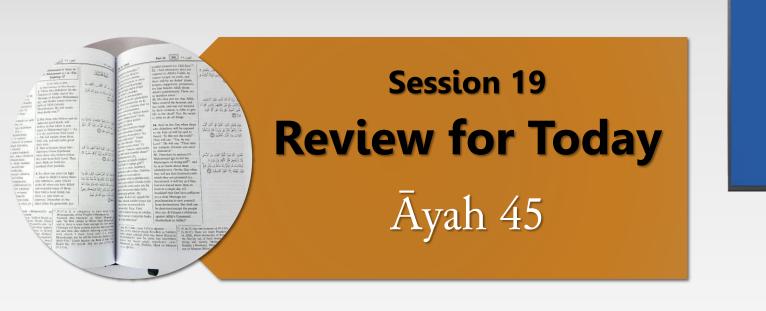
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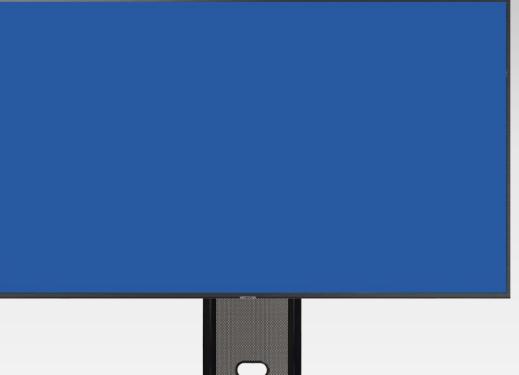
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COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN RAMADAN 2020

Sūrat Al-'Ankabūt: Review for Today



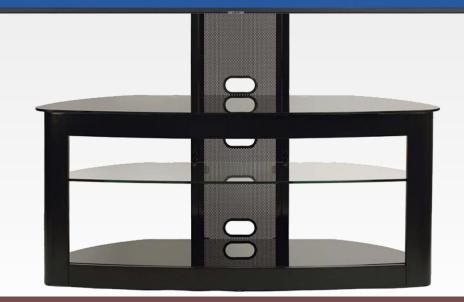




Sūrat Al-'Ankabūt: Introduction

God's precedence in testing humans' faith

Testing
people's faith
at all times.
(Verses 1-4)Different
groups going
through Divine
Trials. (Verses
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of disbelieving
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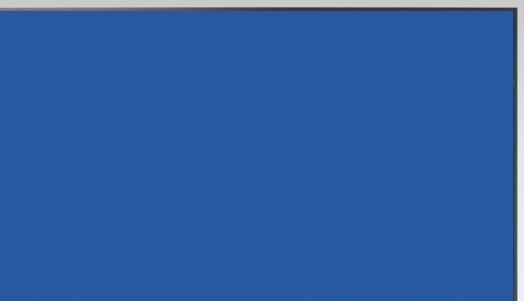
Recite what has been revealed to you, *O Muhammad*, of the Book – *the Quran* - and maintain the prayer – *the salat*. Indeed the salat prevents indecencies and wrongs, and the remembrance of Allah is surely greater. And Allah knows whatever [deeds] you do. (45)





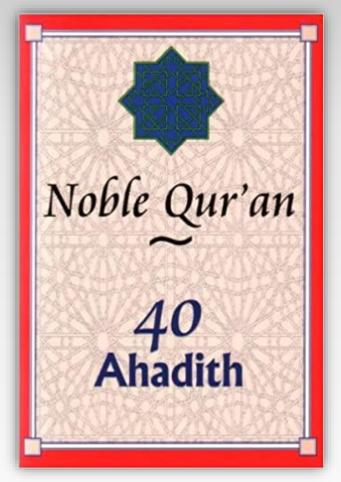
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- **Recite** what has been revealed to you of the Book *the Quran...*
- **RECITING** the Quran is no doubt important by following the rules of *tajweed* – the art of proper recitation, however we must also ensure that we **READ** the Quran.









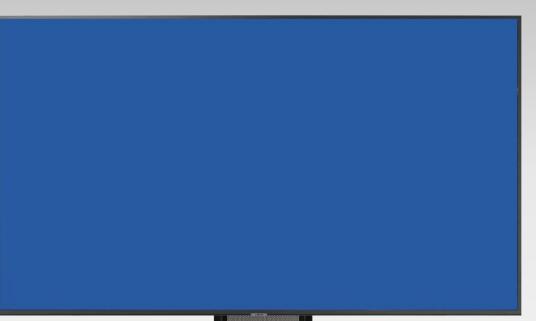
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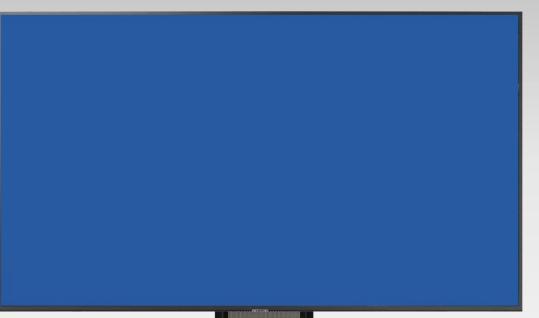
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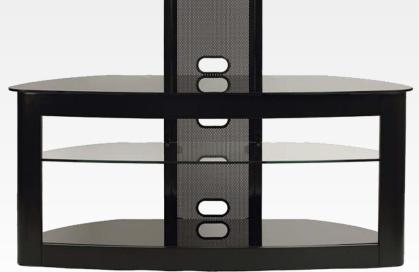




قالَ الإِمامُ جَعْفَرَ ابْنُ مُحَمَّد الصَّادِقُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ): يَنْبَغِي لِمَنْ يَقْرَأُ الْقُرآنَ إِذا مَرَّ بِآيَةٍ مِنَ الْقُرآنِ فِيها مَسْأَلَة أَوْ تَخْوِيفَ أَنْ يَسْأَلَ اللّهَ عِنْدَ ذلِكَ ما يَرْجُوا وَ يَسْأَلَهُ الْعافِيَةِ مِنَ النَّارِ وَ مِنَ الْعَذابِ.

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."







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...and maintain the prayer. Indeed the prayer prevents indecencies and wrongs...

HOW do I know if my salat is accepted by Allah **%**?



قال الإمام الصادق عَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يَعْلَمَ أَقْبِلَتْ صَلوتُهُ أَمْ لَمْ تُقْبَلْ؟ فَلْيَنْظُرْ: هَلْ مَنَعَتْهُ صَلوتُهُ عَنِ الْفَحْشاء وَ الْمُنْكَرِ؟ فَبِقَدْرِ ما مَنَعَتْهُ قُبِلَتْ مِنْهُ!

Imam al-Sadiq has said: "The one who would love to know if their prayers (salat) are accepted or not should look and see if their prayers (salat) prevent them from performing the evil and prohibited actions? So in the amount that it, the prayers (salat) keeps them away from these things is the amount that their prayers have been accepted!"

Reference Tafseer Nur al-Thaqalayn, v. 4, pg. 162





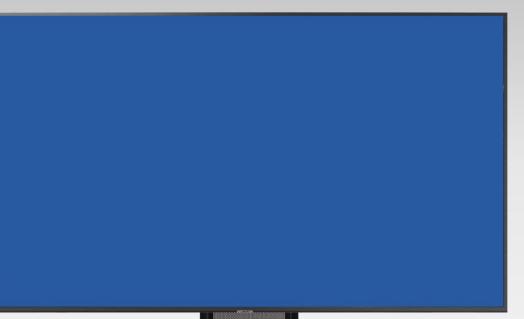
THE POWER OF PRAYERS (SALAT)



الإمامُ الصَّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): لَو كانَ على بابِ أحَدكم نَهرَ فاغتَسَلَ منهُ كُلَّ يَومِ خَمسَ مرَّاتِ هَل كانَ يَبقى على جَسَده من الدَّرَنِ شَيءً ؟ إمَّا مَثَلُ الصَّلاةِ مَثَلُ النَّهرِ الذي يُنقِي، كُلَّما صَلّى صلاةً كان كَفَّارَةً لِذُنوبِهِ إلّا ذَنبٌ أخرَجَهُ مِن الإيمانِ مُقيمٌ علَيهِ .

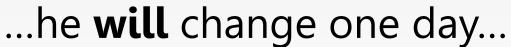
Imam al-Sadiq said: "If there was to be a river outside ones house into which he bathed five times a day, would there remain any dirt on his body? Similarly the prayer is the river which purifies *the person's soul* every time one performs a prayer it acts as atonement for ones sins, except for that sin which takes him and keeps away from his faith."

Reference: Mizan al-Hikmah, trad. 3,157







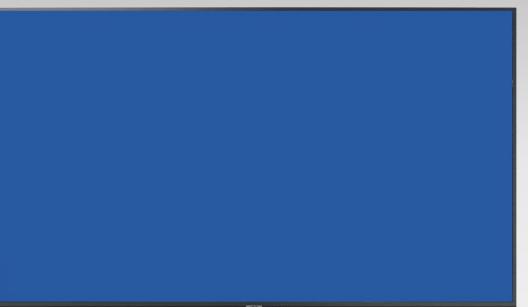






...وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ

- ...and the remembrance of Allah is surely greater...
- "Another philosophy of the salat is that even more than keeping a person away from sins and evil, the salat allow the person to remember Allah – and this is the **greatest thing** – as it is the source to all goodness and prosperity and is actually **THE ROOT** to keeping away from sins!"

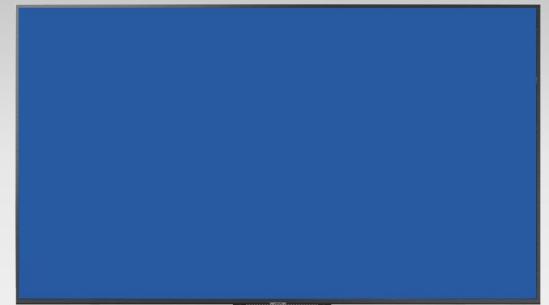






وَاللَّهَ اللَّهَ فِي الصَّلاَة، فَإِنَّهَا عَمُودُ دينكُمْ (Fear) Allah (and) keep Allah in view in the matter of prayer, because it is the pillar of your religion.

Reference: Nahj al-Balagha, Letter 47 – Will to Imam al-Hasan 🕸 and Imam al-Husayn 🍩





Points for Reflection

- 1. It is not enough to simply learn how to recite the Quran with rules and to read it, one must **ALSO** act upon it.
- 2. The undeniable role of prayers (salat) in the life of the Muslim must never be underestimated. If performed correctly **AND** with full understanding, it can change a person.

