

MERITS OF PARTICULAR SŪRAHS AND VERSES

1. Abū Sa'eed Rāfi' bin al-Mu'allā said: "Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said, 'Shall I not teach you the most superior *sūrah* in the Qur'ān before you leave the mosque?' He took me by the hand. When we were about to leave, I said, 'O Messenger of Allāh, you said you would teach me the most superior *sūrah* in the Qur'ān.' The Prophet (ﷺ) said, **"Praise to Allāh, Lord of the worlds"** [i.e., *Sūrah al-Fātiḥah*]; it is the seven repeatedly recited verses and the magnificent Qur'ān which was given to me." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī.)
2. Ibn 'Abbās narrated: "While Gabriel was sitting with the Prophet (ﷺ), he heard a creaking sound above him, and raising his head he said, 'This is a gate opened in Heaven today which has never been opened before.' Then when an angel descended through it, he said, 'This is an angel that came down to earth who has never come down before.' He gave a salutation and said, 'Rejoice in two lights brought to you which have not been brought to any prophet before you: *Fātiḥat al-Kitāb* and the last verses of *Sūrah al-Baqarah*. You will not recite a letter of them without being given the blessing it contains.'" (Narrated by Muslim.)
3. Abū Hurayrah narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Do not make your houses into graveyards. The devil flees from the house in which *Sūrah al-Baqarah* is recited." (Narrated by Muslim.)
4. Ubayy bin Ka'b narrated: "Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said, 'Abul-Mundhir, do you know which verse of Allāh's Book you have is greatest?' I replied, **'Allāh – there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence.'** [2:255] Thereupon he struck me on the breast and said, 'May knowledge be pleasant for you, Abul-Mundhir.'" (Narrated by Muslim.)
5. Abū Mas'ūd al-Badrī narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "If anyone recites the last two verses of *Sūrah al-Baqarah* at night, it will be sufficient for him." (Narrated by al-Bukhārī and Muslim.)

6. Abū Umāmah al-Bāhili narrated that he heard Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) say: "Recite the Qur'ān, for on the Day of Resurrection it will come as an intercessor for those who recite it. Recite the two bright ones, *al-Baqarah* and *Āli 'Imrān*, for on the Day of Resurrection they will come as two clouds or two shades or two flocks of birds in ranks pleading for those who recite them. Recite *Sūrah al-Baqarah*, for reading it produces blessing, and abandoning it produces regret. And magicians are unable to recite it." (Narrated by Muslim.)
7. Abū Dardā' narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "If anyone learns by heart the first ten verses of *Sūrah al-Kahf*, he will be protected from the Dajjāl." In another version, he said: "...at the end of *Sūrah al-Kahf*." (Narrated by Muslim.)
8. Abū Sa'eed narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "If anyone recites *Sūrah al-Kahf* on Friday, light will shine brightly for him until the next Friday." (Narrated by al-Ḥākim and al-Bayḥaqī – an authentic *ḥadīth*.)
9. Ibn Mas'ūd narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "*Sūrah Tabārak* prevents [whoever reads it] from the punishment of the grave." (Narrated by al-Ḥākim and Abū Na'eem – an authentic *ḥadīth*.)
10. Ibn 'Umar narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Whoever would like to see the Day of Resurrection as if with his own eyes may recite *Sūrahs at-Takweer*, *al-Infīṭār* and *al-Inshiqāq*." (Narrated by Aḥmad, at-Tirmidhī and al-Ḥākim – a good *ḥadīth*.)
11. Abū Sa'eed al-Khudrī narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said regarding, "**Say He is Allāh, [who is] One**" (i.e., *Sūrah al-Ikhlāṣ*): "By Him in whose hand my life is, this *sūrah* is equal to one third of the Qur'ān." And in another *ḥadīth*: "The Prophet (ﷺ) said to his companions, 'Is it difficult for any of you to recite one third of the Qur'ān in one night?' This was difficult for them, so they said, 'Who among us has the ability to do so, O Messenger of Allāh?' Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) replied, '**Say, He is Allāh, the One; Allāh, the Eternal, Absolute**' [i.e., *Sūrah al-Ikhlāṣ*] is equal to one third of the Qur'ān.'" (Narrated by al-Bukhārī.)