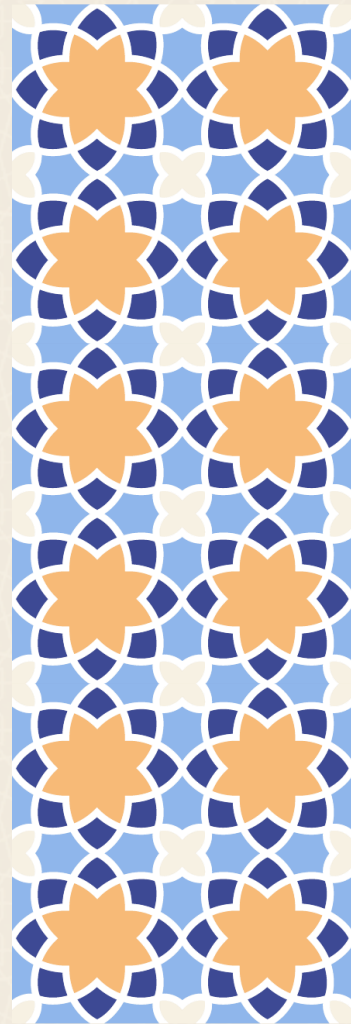




The Names of Allah Ta'ala

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Lesson 1

Introduction



Why learn the names of Allah Ta'ala?



Virtue in the Qur'an

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا
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To Allah belong the most beautiful names, so call upon Him by them. And leave those who distort His names; they will be recompensed for what they used to do. (A'raf 180)

- These names belong to Allah Ta'ala alone.
- Told to make dua to Allah Ta'ala using His names.
- Avoid distorting His names and those who do so.
- Distortion can be by:
 - Calling upon Him by using names not mentioned in the Qur'an and Sunnah.
 - Changing the names in some way deliberately.
 - Calling people by His names (some exceptions like "Kareem")
- This was acted upon by the Prophet (s.) in countless narrations.
- Ex: يا حي يا قيوم...





Virtue in the Hadith

“ إِنَّ لِلَّهِ تِسْعَةً وَتِسْعِينَ اسْمًا مِائَةً إِلَّا وَاحِدًا، مَنْ أَحْصَاهَا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ ”

"Allah has ninety-nine Names, one-hundred less one; and he who memorizes them will enter Paradise." (Bukhari)

Questions:

- What are the 99 names?
- Where can these 99 names be found?
- Does Allah Ta'ala only have 99 names?
- Is it enough to simply memorize the names?

The 99 names?

- The version of the hadith in Bukhari and Muslim does not list the names.
- A version in Tirmidhi and another version in Ibn Majah lists out the names.
- The 99 used famously are from the Tirmidhi version.
- The list of names are different in both.
- There are many names in the Qur'an and other ahadith not in these two lists.
- The list of names is *mudraji* i.e., inserted into the narration by a later narrator.
- The Prophet (s.) never shared the exact list of names.



The 99 names?

- 72 of the names in Tirmidhi can be found in the Qur'an. 27 other names can be found in the Qur'an. (Totals 99)
- Hadith in Bukhari doesn't negate the existence of more names. Point is to establish the reward for this many names.
- Other ahadith establish that Allah Ta'ala has many more names that we don't even know about: **أَسْأَلُكَ بِكُلِّ اسْمٍ هُوَ لَكَ سَمَّيْتَ بِهِ نَفْسَكَ أَوْ أَنْزَلْتَهُ فِي كِتَابِكَ أَوْ عَلَّمْتَهُ أَحَدًا مِنْ خَلْقِكَ أَوْ اسْتَأْذَنْتَ بِهِ فِي عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ عِنْدَكَ (أحمد)**
- More than 99 exist so which ones to memorize?
- Any 99 names will count inshaAllah.



The 99 Names Found in the Qur'an

اللَّهُ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيَّمِنُ الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ الْغَفَّارُ
الْقَهَّارُ التَّوَّابُ الْوَهَّابُ الْخَلَّاقُ الرَّزَّاقُ الْفَتَّاحُ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ الْعَظِيمُ الْوَاسِعُ الْحَكِيمُ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ
اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ الْمُحِيطُ الْقَدِيرُ الْمَوْلَى النَّصِيرُ الْكَرِيمُ الرَّقِيبُ الْقَرِيبُ الْمُجِيبُ الْوَكِيلُ الْحَسِيبُ
الْحَفِيزُ الْمُقِيتُ الْوَدُودُ الْمَجِيدُ الْوَارِثُ الشَّهِيدُ الْوَلِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ الْقَوِيُّ الْقَوِي الْمَتِينُ الْغَنِيُّ الْمَالِكُ الشَّدِيدُ الْقَادِرُ
الْمُقْتَدِرُ الْقَاهِرُ الْكَافِي الشَّاكِرُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ الْفَاطِرُ الْبَدِيعُ الْغَافِرُ الْأَوَّلُ الْآخِرُ الظَّاهِرُ الْبَاطِنُ الْكَفِيلُ الْغَالِبُ الْحَكَمُ
الْعَالِمُ الرَّفِيعُ الْحَافِظُ الْمُنْتَقِمُ الْقَائِمُ الْمُحْيِي الْجَامِعُ الْمَلِكُ الْمُتَعَالِي التَّوْرُ الْهَادِي الْغَفُورُ الشَّكُورُ الْعَفُورُ الرَّءُوفُ
الْأَكْرَمُ الْأَعْلَى الْبَرُّ الْخَفِيُّ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْأَحَدُ الصَّمَدُ الَّذِي لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ



Enough to Memorize Them?

- Imam Ibn al-Qayyim (r.) states that “memorizing them” means three things:
 - Knowing them
 - Understanding what they mean
 - Calling upon Allah Ta’ala using them.

Beyond knowing and memorizing the names:

1. Becoming intimately familiar with them through witnessing their manifestation.
2. Revering them such that it creates a desire to become adorned by the characteristics
3. Trying to become adorned by the characteristics as much as possible.



Intention?

- To call upon Allah Ta'ala using His beautiful names.
- To safeguard His names from being distorted.
- To memorize His names with understanding.
- To know Allah Ta'ala better and revere Him.
- To adorn ourselves with the characteristics of Allah Ta'ala as much as possible.



Types of Names

5 types of names:

1. Referring to Allah Ta'ala's being → "Allah"
2. Negating a quality. Ex: al-Quddus (the All-Pure) or al-Awwal (the First)
3. Establishing a quality. Ex: al-Qadir (the All-Powerful) or al-Aleem (the All-Knowing)
4. Relative to something else. Ex: al-Maalik (the Supreme Owner) or al-Hameed (the All-Praiseworthy)
5. In relation to an action. Ex: al-Khaliq (the Creator) or al-Razzaaq (the All-Provider)

Note: The names of Allah Ta'ala are tawfiqi i.e., only from Qur'an and Sunnah. Qualities are not.



JazakaAllah Khayr!

