

سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ

Al Qadr

Measurement Makkan Period

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This surah describes the first night when the revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ began. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was resting in a cave in the month of Ramadan in the year 610. He went there to be alone to think and pray. Suddenly, an angel came to him and told him that he was the newly chosen prophet of Allah ﷻ. It is fitting that this surah precedes the next one, which contains the first five verses of revelation. The Night of Qadr (literally: Measurement) signifies Allah's ﷻ will coming into force to measure or alter the course of human history. This night, which falls somewhere within the last ten days of the month of Ramadan, is a night of such importance that Muslims everywhere stay up all night, or most of it, praying and hoping for Allah's ﷻ mercy and favor. It is truly a night of power and significance.

The Prophet ﷺ said, "Whoever spends the night praying during the Night of Measuring, as a sign of his faith and seeking the reward of Allah ﷻ, then all his previous sins will be forgiven." (Bukhari)



Repetition Track No. **20**

سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ



Memorization Track No. **57**

Measurement

**In The Name of Allah,
the Compassionate Source
of All Mercy.**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Behold, We (began) this revelation on the Night of Measurement!

Innaa anzalnaahu fee
laylatil qadr

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾

And how can you understand what the Night of Measurement is?

Wa maa ad raaka maa
laylat ul qadr

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾

The Night of Measurement is greater than a thousand months,

Laylatul qadri khaiyrun
min alfi shahr

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ
شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾

For in it, crowds of angels descend and the Spirit (Jibril), all by their Lord's permission, to finish every task.

Tanazzalul malaa-ekatu
waar roohu feehaa be
idhne rabbihim min kulle
amr

تَنْزَلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا
بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾

Peace prevails 'til the break of dawn!

Salaamun heya hattaa
mat la'il fajr

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ
الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

Al Qadr Word-by-word meaning

مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ٢
what the Night of
Measurement is?

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ
and how can you
understand

فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ١
in the Night of
Measurement

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ
behold, we revealed
it

تَنْزِيلُ
descend

أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ٣
a thousand months

خَيْرٌ مِّنْ
better than

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ
the Night of
Measurement is

بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ
by their Lord's
permission

فِيهَا
in it

وَالرُّوحِ
and the spirit (Jibril)

الْمَلَائِكَةِ
the angels

هِيَ حَتَّى
it is until

سَلَامٍ
peace

أَمْرٍ ٤
task

مِّنْ كُلِّ
for every

مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ٥
the break of dawn.

الْعَلِيمِ

Words to Know

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Qur'anic Word	Meaning
لَيْلَةٌ	night	شَهْرٌ	month
خَيْرٌ	better	الْمَلَائِكَةُ	angels
أَلْفٌ	thousand	الْفَجْرِ	the dawn

Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Root	Example
أَنْزَلْنَاهُ	We revealed (the Qur'an)	نَزَلَ	أَنْزَلْتُ أُمِّي الْحَقِيبَةَ عَنِ الْخِزَانَةِ.
تَنْزَلُ	descend	نَزَلَ	نَزَلَ الْمَطَرُ بِغَرَارَةٍ.
سَلَامٌ	peace	سَلِمَ	سَلَّمْتُ عَلَى الْحُضُورِ جَمِيعِهِمْ.
مَطَّلَعٌ	appearance	طَلَعَ	طَلَعَ الْقَمَرُ بَدْرًا.

المعبر

Discuss

1. What is the significance of the Night of Measurement?
2. In which month does this night fall? (The Prophet ﷺ advised us to look for it in the last ten days of this month on odd-numbered nights.)
3. What three things happen on this night every year?
4. Describe how you or someone you know celebrates this special night.

Activity

How does the following poem by the Muslim author Jalaluddin Rumi describe what happened to the Blessed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ on the first night of revelation? (Remember that surah 96 was the first revelation.) Write an essay that includes a description of how you think he felt after receiving the first revelation in his heart and mind.

Allah's Call

**Listen, O drop, give yourself up without regret,
And in exchange gain the Ocean.
Listen, O drop, bring this honor on yourself,
And in the arms of the Sea be safe.
Who else is so lucky?
An Ocean calling to a drop.
In Allah' Name, in Allah's name, sell and buy at once!
Give a drop and take this Sea full of pearls.**

سُورَةُ الْعَلَقِ

Al 'Alaq

The Clinging Makkan Period

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The opening five ayaat of this surah were the first verses ever revealed to the Blessed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He was forty years old, sitting in a mountain cave outside of the city of Makkah when the Angel of Revelation, Jibrila, told him to read. Muhammad ﷺ was scared and all he could say was that he did not know how to read. The unseen angel squeezed him from all sides with its power and then told him to read again, and Muhammad ﷺ repeated that he did not know how. After a third time of being squeezed really hard, Muhammad ﷺ asked, "What do you want me to read?" Then verses 1 to 5 were given to him. After that, Muhammad ﷺ ran home to his wife and he was very scared because he did not know what happened to him.

This introduction to Allah's ﷻ revelation and to prophethood was going to change the course of human history forever. With these words, Islam was born. Muhammad ﷺ, a man dissatisfied with the materialism around him, was chosen by Allah ﷻ to be His last messenger to the earth. Muhammad ﷺ was commissioned by Allah ﷻ in the year 610 CE to be His Messenger to all of humanity.



Repetition Track No. **19**

سُورَةُ الْعَلَقِ



Memorization Track No. **56**

The Clinging

**In The Name of Allah,
the Compassionate Source
of All Mercy.**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Read, in the Name of your Lord
Who created

Iqra–bismi rabbikal
ladhee khalaq

أَقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ﴿١﴾

Humans from a clinging
(embryo).

Khalaqal insaana min
'alaq

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ﴿٢﴾

Read, for your Lord is most
generous.

Iqra–wa rabbukal akram

أَقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ﴿٣﴾

(He) is the One Who taught
with the pen.

Alladhee 'allama bil
qalam

الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٤﴾

He taught people things that
they didn't know.

'Allamal insaana maa
lam ya'lam

عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ﴿٥﴾

Indeed, people are unthankful
towards their Lord,

Innal insaana le rabbihe
la kanood

كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَيْطَغَىٰ ﴿٦﴾

He even considers himself
independent!

Ar ra ahus staghnaa

أَنْ رَّءَاهُ اسْتَغْنَىٰ ﴿٧﴾

But certainly (everyone) will
return to their Lord.

Inna elaa rabbikar ruj'aa

إِنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ ﴿٨﴾

Have you ever seen someone
who tries to discourage

Ara aiytal ladhee
yanhaa?

أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يَنْهَىٰ ﴿٩﴾

A servant (of Allah) from
praying?

'Abdan edhaa sawllaa?

عَبْدًا إِذَا صَلَّىٰ ﴿١٠﴾

Do you think he is rightly guided

Ara aiyta in kaana 'alaal
hudaah?

أَرَعَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ عَلَى الْهُدَىٰ ﴿١١﴾

Or aware (of Allah)?

Ow amara bit taqwaa?

أَوْ أَمَرَ بِالتَّقْوَىٰ ﴿١٢﴾

Or does he reject (the truth)
and turn aside?

Ara aiyta in kadh dhaba
wa tawallaa?

أَرَعَيْتَ إِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ﴿١٣﴾

Doesn't he know that Allah is
watching him?

A lam ya'lam be annal
laha yaraa?

أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَىٰ ﴿١٤﴾

Let him be warned: unless he
changes his ways, We will drag
him down by his forelock,

Kallaa la-il lam yantahe
lanasfa'aam bin
naaseeyah

كَلَّا لَئِنْ لَّمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا
بِالنَّاصِيَةِ ﴿١٥﴾

His lying, rebellious forelock!

Naasiyatin kaadh ebatin
khawti-ah

نَاصِيَةٍ كَذِبَةٍ خَاطِئَةٍ ﴿١٦﴾

And though he may try to call
upon his friends for help,

Fal yad'u naadeyah

فَلْيَدْعُ نَادِيَهُ ﴿١٧﴾

We, too, shall call upon the
forces of torment!

Sanad 'uz zabaaneyah

سَنَدْعُ الزَّبَانِيَةَ ﴿١٨﴾

So, don't be diverted by a person
like that. Rather, bow yourself
(in adoration) and draw closer
(towards Me).

Kallaa laa tuti'hu was
jood waq tarib

كَلَّا لَا تُطِعْهُ وَأَسْجُدْ
وَاقْتَرِبْ ﴿١٩﴾

Al 'Alaq Word-by-word meaning

<p>خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ</p> <p>He created Humans</p>	<p>الَّذِي خَلَقَ ①</p> <p>Who created</p>	<p>بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ</p> <p>in the name of your Lord</p>	<p>أَقْرَأُ</p> <p>read</p>
<p>الَّذِي</p> <p>the One Who</p>	<p>وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ③</p> <p>for your Lord is most generous</p>	<p>أَقْرَأُ</p> <p>read</p>	<p>مِنْ عَلَقٍ ②</p> <p>from a clinging form</p>
<p>كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ</p> <p>nay, indeed, humankind</p>	<p>مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ⑤</p> <p>what he didn't know</p>	<p>عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ</p> <p>He taught the human being</p>	<p>عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ④</p> <p>taught with the pen</p>
<p>إِنَّ إِلَىٰ</p> <p>certainly to</p>	<p>أَسْتَعْفَىٰ ⑦</p> <p>self-sufficient</p>	<p>أَنْ رَّءَاهُ</p> <p>that he sees himself</p>	<p>لَيَطْغَىٰ ⑥</p> <p>transgresses</p>
<p>عَبْدًا</p> <p>a servant (of Allah)</p>	<p>الَّذِي يَنْهَىٰ ⑨</p> <p>the one who discourages</p>	<p>أَرَأَيْتَ</p> <p>have you ever seen</p>	<p>رَبِّكَ الرَّجُعَىٰ ⑧</p> <p>your Lord is the return</p>
<p>عَلَى الْهُدَىٰ ⑪</p> <p>upon the guidance?</p>	<p>إِنْ كَانَ</p> <p>if he is</p>	<p>أَرَأَيْتَ</p> <p>have you ever seen</p>	<p>إِذَا صَلَّىٰ ⑩</p> <p>when he prays</p>
<p>إِنْ كَذَّبَ</p> <p>if he rejects</p>	<p>أَرَأَيْتَ</p> <p>have you ever seen</p>	<p>بِالتَّقْوَىٰ ⑫</p> <p>righteousness</p>	<p>أَوْ أَمَرَ</p> <p>or enjoins</p>
<p>كَلَّا</p> <p>nay</p>	<p>بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَىٰ ⑭</p> <p>that Allah sees?</p>	<p>أَلَمْ يَعْلَمْ</p> <p>doesn't he know</p>	<p>وَتَوَلَّىٰ ⑬</p> <p>and turns aside?</p>

نَاصِيَةٍ كَذِبَةٍ

a lying forelock

بِالنَّاصِيَةِ ﴿١٥﴾

by the forelock

لَنَسْفَعًا

we will drag him

لَئِن لَّمْ يَنْتَهُ

if he doesn't desist

كَلَّا لَا تُطِعْهُ

nay, don't obey

سَنَدْعُ الزَّبَانِيَةَ ﴿١٨﴾

we will call the
angels of torment

فَلْيَدْعُ نَادِيَهُ ﴿١٧﴾

then let him call upon
his friends

خَاطِئَةٍ ﴿١٦﴾

a sinful

وَأَسْجُدْ وَاقْتَرِبْ ﴿١٩﴾

but prostrate and
draw closer to Allah.

الْمُقْتَدِرِ

Words to Know

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Qur'anic Word	Meaning
الأَكْرَمُ	the Most Generous	الهُدَى	guidance
الْقَلَمُ	the pen	التَّقْوَى	righteousness
عَبْدًا	servant	كَاذِبَةً	lying

Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Root	Example
اقْرَأْ	read	قَرَأَ	قَرَأْتُ بُنَيَّةَ سُورَةِ الْعَلَقِ.
عَلَّمَ	taught	عَلِمَ	عَلِمْتُ بِأَنَّ النَّتَائِجَ جَيِّدَةٌ.
رَأَاهُ	he sees	رَأَى	رَأَيْتُ الطَّائِرَةَ فِي السَّمَاءِ.
الرُّجْعَى	the return	رَجَعَ	رَجَعْتُ عَلَيَّ مِنَ الْمَدْرَسَةِ مَسْرُورًا.
يَنْهَى	discourages	نَهَى	نَهَانَا الْمُعَلِّمُ عَنِ قَوْلِ الْكَذِبِ.
صَلَّى	pray	صَلَّوْا	صَلَّيْنَا الْجُمُعَةَ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ الْمُنَوَّرَةِ.
يَنْتَهَى	desists	نَهَى	أَنْهَيْتُ سَعَادَ وَاجِبَاتِهَا.
خَاطِبَةٌ	sinful	خَطَأَ	لَا تُخْطِئِي فِي حَقِّ الْآخَرِينَ.
فَلْيَدْعُ	then, let him call	دَعَا	دَعَوْتُ أَصْحَابِي إِلَى الْحَفْلَةِ.
تَطِيعُهُ	obey Him	طَوَّعَ	أَطَاعَ الطَّالِبُ مُعَلِّمَهُ.
اقْتَرَبَ	draw closer to	قَرَّبَ	اقْتَرَبْتُ مِنْ تَحْقِيقِ هَدْفِي.

Discuss

1. Describe the circumstances that led to the revelation of this first surah of the Qur'an.
2. Why do you think this surah begins with the word 'Read' and not 'Listen' or 'Tell'?
3. What is one sign of a misguided person?
4. If a misguided person doesn't change his ways and opposes doing good, what will happen to him?
5. If a bad person calls out for help against Allah ﷻ, do you think anyone will be able to come to his aid? Why or why not?
6. What does Allah ﷻ tell us to do in the last ayah?
7. After reading the last ayah of the Arabic text, another *Sajda Tilawah* is required. Make sure to do it facing the Qiblah, or Ka'bah in Makkah.
8. The Blessed Prophet ﷺ was once asked by a man, "Messenger of Allah, will Allah bring a *kafir* (unbeliever) on his face on the Day of Resurrection?" The Prophet ﷺ replied, "Won't the One Who made him walk on his feet in this world be able to make him walk on his face on the Day of Resurrection?" (Bukhari) What does that answer tell us about Allah's ﷻ power over humans, no matter how great they are in this world?

سُورَةُ التِّينِ

At-Tin

The Fig Makkan Period

95

This surah summarizes the twin opposites of a person's existence: we have the capacity to be the best and also to be the worst. What is the difference between a moral person, who feels responsible and accountable for his actions, and a filthy, greedy miser, who ignores suffering and only seeks to please himself? The answer lies in his belief and lifestyle, as this surah notes. So the person is responsible for his own actions.

The idol-worshippers in Mecca did not care if they were good or bad. Their idols of wood and stone did not ask them to be good. Their idols could not even tell them what they wanted them to do! The symbols mentioned in the beginning are references to important places and prophets of the past.

The fig represents perhaps Dawud (David). The olive represents 'Isa (Jesus). Mount Tur (Sinai) represents Musa, while Makkah represents Muhammad ﷺ. Thus, we see a continuity of Allah's ﷻ prophets and their symbols.



Repetition Track No. **18**

سُورَةُ التَّيْنِ



Memorization Track No. **55**

The Fig

**In The Name of Allah,
the Compassionate Source
of All Mercy.**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

By the fig, and the olive,

Wat teeni waz zaytoon

وَالَّتَيْنِ وَالزَّيْتُونَ ﴿١﴾

And by Tur, the mount of Sinai,

Wa toori see neen

وَطُورِ سَيْنِينَ ﴿٢﴾

And (Makkah), this city secure

Wa haadhil baladil
ameen

وَهَذَا الْبَلَدِ الْأَمِينِ ﴿٣﴾

Certainly, We created humans as
a superior species,

Laqad khalaqnaal
insaana fee ah sani
taqweem

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ
تَقْوِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

But then We bring them down
to the lowest of the low,

Thoomma radadnaahu
asfala saafileen

ثُمَّ رَدَدْنَاهُ أَسْفَلَ سَافِلِينَ ﴿٥﴾

Except for those who have faith
and do what is right. For them is
an everlasting reward.

Illal ladheena aamanoo
wa 'amiloos sawlihaati
fa lahoom ajrun ghairu
mamnoon

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا
الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ
مَمْنُونٍ ﴿٦﴾

So, how can anyone still doubt
(the truth) of the (coming)
Judgment?

Fa maa yukadh dhibuka
ba'du bid deen

فَمَا يُكَذِّبُكَ بَعْدُ بِالدِّينِ ﴿٧﴾

Isn't Allah the Most Fit to
Judge?

A laysal lahu be ahkamil
hakimeen?

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَحْكَمِ
الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿٨﴾

At-Tin

Word-by-word meaning

<p>وَهَذَا and this</p>	<p>وَطُورِ سَيْنِينَ ﴿٢﴾ and by Tur, the mount of Sinai</p>	<p>وَالزَّيْتُونِ ﴿١﴾ and the olive</p>	<p>وَالتِّينِ by the fig</p>
<p>فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾ in the best mold</p>	<p>خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ we created the human being</p>	<p>لَقَدْ certainly</p>	<p>الْبَلَدِ الْأَمِينِ ﴿٣﴾ city secure</p>
<p>ءَامِنُوا have faith</p>	<p>إِلَّا الَّذِينَ except for those who</p>	<p>أَسْفَلَ سَافِلِينَ ﴿٥﴾ to the lowest of the low</p>	<p>ثُمَّ رَدَدْنَاهُ then we returned him</p>
<p>غَيْرِ مَمْنُونٍ ﴿٦﴾ never-ending</p>	<p>فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ then for them is a reward</p>	<p>الصَّالِحَاتِ righteous deeds</p>	<p>وَعَمِلُوا and do</p>
<p>أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ isn't Allah?</p>	<p>بَعْدُ بِالذِّينِ ﴿٧﴾ after this the Judgment?</p>	<p>يُكَذِّبُكَ causes you to deny</p>	<p>فَمَا then what</p>
		<p>الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿٨﴾ of the Judges?</p>	<p>بِأَحْكَمِ the Most Just</p>

Words to Know

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Qur'anic Word	Meaning
التِّين	the fig	أَجْرٌ	reward
الزَّيْتُونِ	the olive	الْحَاكِمِينَ	the judges
الْبَلَدِ	the city		

Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Root	Example
الْأَمِينِ	secure	أَمِنَ	حَفَظْتُ الْمَالَ فِي مَكَانٍ أَمِينٍ.
أَحْسَنَ	in the best of	حَسَنَ	حَسَنَ خُلُقُ الْمُؤْمِنِ.
رَدَدْنَاهُ	then We return him to	رَدَدَ	رَدَّ التَّاجِرُ الْأَمَانَةَ إِلَى صَاحِبِهَا.
أَسْفَلَ	the lowest of	سَفَلَ	رَسَبَ الْمَلْحُ أَسْفَلَ الْوَعَاءِ.
الصَّالِحَاتِ	righteous deeds	صَلَحَ	صَلَحَ عَمَلُ الْمُسْلِمِ.
أَحْكَمَ	the Most Just of	حَكَمَ	حَكَّمَ الْقَاضِي بِالْعَدْلِ.