

# MANNERS WHEN READING THE HOLY QURAAAN

<u>Manners of the heart</u>	<u>External Manners</u>
<p><b>A. Understanding the origin of the words</b></p> <p>This is an indication to the greatness of the words being read, and the bounty of Allah, Glorified is He to His creation when He addressed His creation with these words.</p>	<p><b>A. Purity of body, clothes, and place</b></p> <p>(Using sawak, facing the Qiblah)</p>
<p><b>B. Placing into the heart the understanding that these words are not the words of man.</b></p> <p>Through this, the reciter should think about the characteristics of Almighty Allah, the Exalted.</p>	<p><b>B. Seeking refuge from the rejected Satan and reading the Basmallah</b></p> <p>(Not reading when yawning)</p>
<p><b>C. Presence of the heart while reading</b></p> <p>Through this, the reader should discard other thoughts while reading</p>	<p><b>C. Avoid cutting of reading to talk to people</b></p>
<p><b>D. Pondering the meaning</b></p> <p>There is no goodness in worship without understanding or in reading Quraan without pondering its meaning</p>	<p><b>D. Stopping at an Aayah of warning and seeking protection from Allah, and stopping at an Aayah of Mercy and asking the Merciful for his bounty</b></p>
<p><b>E. Understanding the meaning</b></p> <p>This means interacting and reacting with your heart to every Aayah in an appropriate manner.</p>	<p><b>E. Humbleness and crying when reading</b></p>
<p><b>F. Individualization</b></p> <p>This means that the reader feels that every message in the Quraan is meant especially for him.</p>	

An-Nawawi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Crying when reading the Quran is a characteristic of those who know Allah (meaning they know Him through His names and characteristics) and the feelings of the righteous."

Reading the Quraan (**Tilaawah**) is either out loud in which Tajweed is obvious, or silently in which the Quraan should be audible to the reader or to those near the reader. In the case of looking at the Quraan with the two eyes without moving the parts responsible for speech, and without pronouncing every letter from its articulation point with observing the letters' characteristics, this is not Qiraa'ah (reading) and not Tilaawah. It could possibly be called "looking" (Iet-tilaa') but not reading.

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