



Glorious Qur'an

English Translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali

Abdullah Yusuf Ali, (1872 –1953) was an Islamic scholar who translated the Qur'an into English. His translation of the Qur'an is one of the most widely-known and used in the English-speaking world. In his childhood, Ali received a religious education and could recite the entire Qur'an from memory. He spoke both Arabic and English fluently. He studied English literature and studied at several European universities. Yusuf Ali's best-known work is his book

The Holy Qur'an: Text, Translation and Commentary,

Surah Muzzammil

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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| 1. | O thou folded in garments! |
| 2. | Stand (to pray) by night, but not all night -- |
| 3. | Half of it -- or a little less, |
| 4. | Or a little more;
and recite the Qur'án in slow, measured rhythmic tones. |
| 5. | Soon shall We send down to thee a weighty Message. |
| 6. | Truly the rising by night is most potent for governing (the soul), and most suitable for (framing) the Word (of Prayer and Praise). |
| 7. | True, there is for thee by day prolonged occupation with ordinary duties: |
| 8. | But keep in remembrance the name of the Lord and devote thyself to Him wholeheartedly. |
| 9. | (He is) Lord of the East and the West: there is no god but He:
take Him therefore for (thy) Disposer of Affairs. |
| 10. | And have patience with what they say, and leave them with noble (dignity). |
| 11. | And leave Me (alone to deal with) those in possession of the good things of life, who (yet) deny the Truth; and bear with them for a little while. |

12. With Us are Fetters (to bind them), and a Fire (to burn them),
13. And Food that chokes, and a Penalty Grievous.
14. One Day the earth and the mountains will be in violent commotion, and the mountains will be as a heap of sand poured out and flowing down.
15. We have sent to you, (O men!) a messenger, to be a witness concerning you, even as We sent an messenger to Pharaoh.
16. But Pharaoh disobeyed the messenger; so We seized him with a heavy Punishment.
17. Then how shall ye, if ye deny (Allah), guard yourselves against a Day that will make children hoary-headed? --
18. Whereon the sky will be cleft asunder?
His Promise needs must be accomplished.
19. Verily this is an Admonition:
Therefore, whoso will, let him take a (straight) path to his Lord!
20. The Lord doth know that thou standest forth (to prayer) nigh two-thirds of the night, or half the night, or a third of the night, and so doth a party of those with thee.
But Allah doth appoint Night and Day in due measure.
He knoweth that ye are unable to keep count thereof. So He hath turned to you (in mercy):
read ye therefore, of the Qur'án as much as may be easy for you.
He knoweth that there may be (some) among you in ill-health; others traveling through the land, seeking of Allah's bounty; yet others fighting in Allah's Cause.
Read ye, therefore, as much of the Qur'án as may be easy (for you);
and establish regular Prayer and give regular Charity; and loan to Allah a Beautiful Loan.
And whatever good ye send forth for your souls, Ye shall find it in Allah's presence -- yea, better and greater, in Reward.
And seek ye the Grace of Allah: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.



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