

Lesson 1

- According to the Holy Prophet (PBUH&HP) the recitation of the Holy Quran **enlightens homes.**

- Similarly he (PBUH&HP) said: The **best religious ritual** is the recitation of the Quran.

- The predominant mode of recitation in the Muslim world is taken from the narration of Hafs who in turn narrates from 'Asim. It is known as the recitation of **Hafs 'An Asim.**

- Some of the **recommended etiquettes** of reciting the Holy Quran are;

- To have Wudhu. it becomes **obligatory** if one intends to touch the words of the Quran.

- To brush

- To sit respectfully towards the Qibla

- To look at the verse while reciting

- To begin recitation with Basmalah and Isti'azah

- To read clearly and distinctly without rushing

- To ponder on the meaning of the verses

- Imam Sajjad (a) says; **'O Allah! Make the Quran a ladder by which I may climb to the place of safety.**

- To not leave the Quran open and unattended

- Vowels are divided into two;

- Short vowels

- Long vowels

- **Short vowels are;**

- Fatha (َ)

- Kasra (ِ)

- Dhamma (ُ)

- **Long vowels are (ا ، و ، ي).**

- The difference between the short and the long vowel is in the length the extended sound and not in its pronunciation.

- By extended the short vowel (اَ) the long vowel of (آ) is made.
- By extending the short vowel (اِ) the long vowel of (إ) is made.
- By extending the short vowel (اُ) the long vowel of (أُ) is made.