

## Race to Jannah - 6

### Group B: Names of Allah

Allah is the Lord of the worlds and our Creator. He is one and there is no god other than Him. Only He is worthy of being worshipped. He is different from His creations in every way. He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him. He has the best and the perfect attributes. He has the most beautiful names (Al-Araf: 7-180). In Arabic, the names are called “Al-Asmaaul Husna”. We should call on Him by these names. Prophet Muhammad (S) has said that Allah has ninety nine names, and whoever knows them will go to Paradise (Bukhari and Muslim).

Let’s memorize the following names of Allah, understand them, and reflect their meanings in our daily activities.

Sl	Name	Transliteration	Meaning
1	الرَّحْمَنُ	Ar-Rahmaan	The Beneficent
2	الرَّحِيمُ	Ar-Raheem	The Merciful
3	الْمَلِكُ	Al-Malik	The Eternal Lord
4	الْقُدُّوسُ	Al-Qudduus	The Most Holy
5	السَّلَامُ	As-Salaam	The Provider of Peace
6	الْخَالِقُ	Al-Khaaliq	The Creator
7	الْغَفَّارُ	Al-Ghaffaar	The Great Forgiver
8	الْعَزِيزُ	Al-Azeez	The Mighty One
9	الرَّزَّاقُ	Ar-Razzaaq	The Total Provider
10	الْعَلِيمُ	Al-A’leem	The All-Knowing One

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### **Group B: Books of Allah**

1. What are the names of the major holy books? Who were they sent to?

- Quran sent to Prophet Muhammad (S)
- Injil (Gospel) sent to Prophet Isa (A)
- Tawrat (Torah) sent to Prophet Musa (A)
- Zabur sent to Prophet Dawud (A)

2. In which language is the Quran?

Arabic

3. Which angel brought the Quran to Rasulullah (S)?

Angel Jibreel

4. How long did it take to complete sending down the Quran?

23 years

5. What is the meaning of the word Quran?

The word 'Quran' is derived from the root "qara'a" which means "to read" or "to recite". The meaning of Quran is "reading or reciting"

6. How many suras are in there in the Quran?

114

7. What is a person called who memorizes the entire Quran?

Hafiz

8. Name the Surah without Bismillah

Surah At Tawba

9. Name the Surah with Bismillah twice

Surah Naml

10. What is the greatest ayah of the Quran? Mention some virtues of this ayah.

Ayatul Kursi (Ayah 255 of Surah Baqarah) is the greatest ayah of the Quran. Some of its virtues according to Hadith are -

- A. If one recites Ayatul Kursi when lies down in bed, a protector is appointed for him from Allah and no shaytaan (devil) will come near to him until morning comes.
- B. Whoever recites Ayatul Kursi immediately after each prescribed prayer, there will be nothing standing between him and his entering Paradise except death.
- C. Whoever recites Ayatul Kursi, it will protect him from Jinn

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### **Group B: Pillars of Islam**

1. How many pillars does Islam have? What are they?

The Messenger of Allah (S) said: Islam has been built on five [pillars]:

- A. Testifying that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah,
- B. Establishing the salaah (prayer),
- C. Paying the zakah (obligatory charity),
- D. Making the Hajj (pilgrimage) to the House, and
- E. Fasting in Ramadan. (Bukhari and Muslim)

In brief, the five pillars of Islam are - i) Shahadah, ii) Salah, iii) Zakah, iv) Hajj and v) Sawm.

2. Who created everything in the world?

Allah

3. How many times every day must Muslim perform obligatory prayer? What are the names of the prayers?

5 times a day:

- A. Fajr- Before sunrise
- B. Dhuhr- Mid-day Prayer
- C. Asr- When the sun turns orange
- D. Maghrib - after sunset
- E. Isha - the night prayer

4. Before performing salat, we clean ourselves with water. What is the name of the process called?

Wudoo

5. In which month do all muslims fast?

Ramadan

6. What color is the special cloth that Muslim men wear during Hajj?

White

7. Where do Muslims go for hajj?

Makkah

8. During hajj, we remember the teachings of a prophet. Which prophet do we remember?

Prophet Ibrahim (A)

9. What is the name of the meal we eat to break our fast and start our fasting in Ramadan?

- The meal that we eat to break our fast: Iftar
- The meal that we eat to start our fast: Suhoor

10. Benefits of performing Salah:

Few benefits of salah- 1. Obeying Allah 2. Remembering Allah 3. Being close to Allah 4. Getting our sins forgiven 5. To be a better Muslim.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "The first matter that the slave will be brought to account for on the Day of Judgment is the prayer. If it is sound, then the rest of his deeds will be sound. And if it is bad, then the rest of his deeds will be bad."

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "Allah has obligated five prayers. Whoever excellently performs their ablutions, prays them in their proper times, completes their bows, prostrations and khushu, has a promise from Allah that He will forgive him. And whoever does not do that has no promise from Allah. He may either forgive him or punish him." (Malik, Ahmad, Abu Dawud, al-Nasa'i).

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### **Group B: Life of Prophet Muhammad (S)**

1400 years ago, our Prophet, Muhammad sallallahu alayhi wa sallam (S) was born in Makkah in Arabia. His father, Abdullah, died before his birth. His mother, Aminah, passed away when he was only 6 years old. Then he was taken care of by his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib and later by his uncle, Abu Talib.

Muhammad (S) grew up in Makkah. From a very early age, he was known for his good qualities. He was honest, hardworking, kind, loving and fair. The people around him would worship idols and be unlawful. He never worshipped any idols and he tried to call people for good things. He used to think of ways to help people be fair and kind.

At the age of 40, he received a few verses from the Quran while he was in a cave in Mount Hira. Allah had sent him those verses through Angel Jibreel. The Prophet then called the people to believe in Allah and worship Him only. He told people to be kind and good. Some people believed in his message, others tried to harm him and those who followed his message. After some time the Prophet could not continue to live in Makkah anymore and moved to Madinah with his followers.

After many years of hardship, most people of Arabia and some people from other parts of the world became Muslim.

At the age of 63, our beloved Prophet (S) passed away in Madinah (Medina).

He is our teacher and our leader. We try to know about him, follow him in this world and pray to be with him in Jannah.

Now, let's learn more about our Prophet (S).

1. Who was the last prophet in Islam? What is the meaning of his name?

Prophet Muhammad (S). The meaning of Muhammad is Praiseworthy.

2. What were Prophet Muhammad's (S) parents' names?

- Father : Abdullah
- Mother: Amina

3. What was Prophet Muhammad's (S) grandfather's name?

Abdul Muttalib

4. During the migration from Makkah to Medinah, who accompanied Prophet Muhammad (S)?

Abu Bakr (R)

5. How old was Prophet Muhammad (S) when he passed away?

63 years old

6. What are the names of Prophet Muhammad given by his community people?

Al Amin (The trustworthy), Al Sadiq (The Truthful)

7. What is the name of the cave where the first few verses of the Quran were sent down? How many verses were sent down?

Cave Hira.

The first revelation revealed to the Prophet was the first 5 verses of Surah Al-Alaq.

8. What is the name of first battle fought by Rasulullah (S)?

Battle of Badr

9. Why should we follow prophet?

Allah says in Quran: "There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often." (Quran 33:21)

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## Group B: Muslim Inventions that Changed the World

### 1. Clocks

Al-Jazari from South-East Turkey was a pious Muslim and a highly skilled engineer. He was born in 1136. By 1206, al-Jazari had made numerous clocks of all shapes and sizes. Just as we need time today to organize our lives, so did Muslims over eight hundred years ago. Muslims back then needed to know the time to pray at the right time each day and announce the call to prayer in mosques. Al Jazari invented the Elephant clock. The clock had an Indian inspired water powered timer, an Egyptian phoenix, Greek hydraulic technology, Chinese dragons, an Indian elephant and mechanical figurines in Arabian dress.

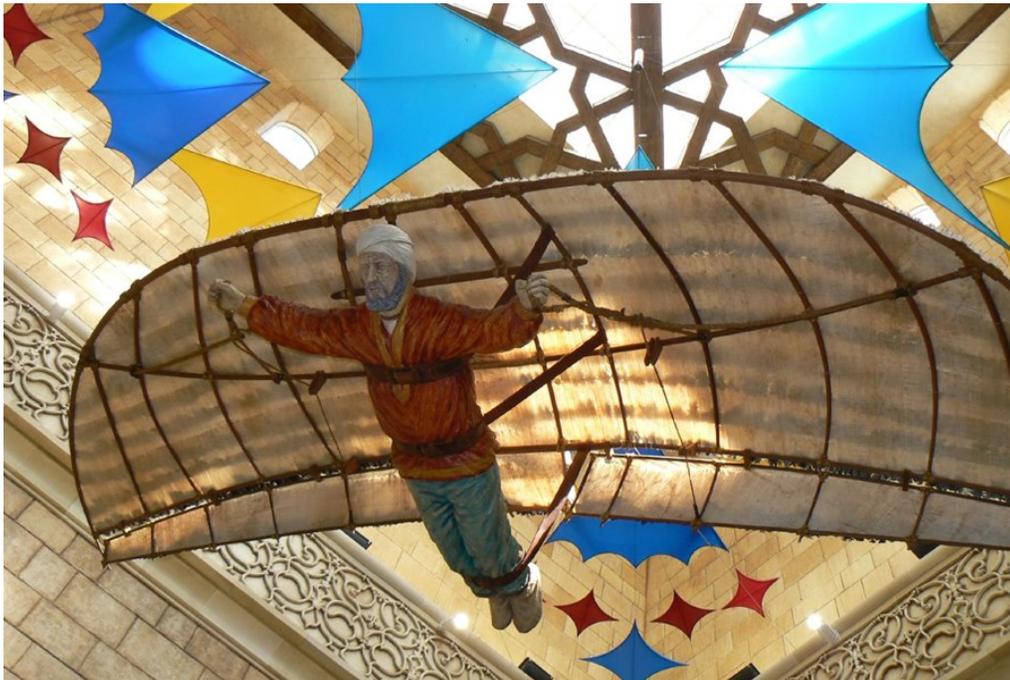
Al Jazari had also designed machines of all shapes and sizes, which we use even today. The machines that he invented is used in cars and bicycles.



A reproduction of the elephant clock in the Ibn Battuta Mall, Dubai

## 2. Flying Machine

Abbas ibn Firnas was the first person to make a real attempt to make a flying machine and fly. He was born in 810 in Spain. He was a Muslim inventor, engineer and Arabic-language poet. Abbas ibn Firnas wanted to design a machine that could fly. In 9th century Muslim Spain, more than a thousand years ago, on a hill in Cordoba, Spain, Abbas ibn Firnas set out to do what no man had done before. He was ready to test the first flying machine in recorded history. He designed a winged machine, looking like a bird costume made of bamboo, silk and feathers. He tried out his device and flew upward for a few moments, before falling to the ground. His designs inspired later inventors to design an actual flying machine.



Model of Abbas ibn Firnas's flying machine at Ibn Battuta Mall, Dubai