

Al-Hamd (Praising Allah) BS Foad, MD 2017

Praising Allah in the Qur'an

We praise Allah for His actions and blessings

"Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds." Al-Fatiha (Opening chapter) 1: 2

"Praise be to Allah who created the heavens & earth, and made the darkness and light" Al-Ana'm (Cattle) 6: 1

"And they said: "Praise be to Allah who guided us to this, if it were not for Allah we would not have been guided"
Al-Araf 7: 43

"Praise be to Allah who granted me, in my old age, Isma'il and Isaac, for indeed my Lord is He who hears the prayers." Ibrahim (Prophet Abraham) 14: 39

"Praise be to Allah who did not beget a son, and who has no partners in his dominion, nor has He anyone to protect Him from humiliation, and magnify Him in His greatness and glory." Al-Isra'a (Night Journey) 17: 111

"Praise be to Allah Who has sent the Book to His servant and has allowed therein no crookedness" Al-Kahf 18: 1

"And say: "Praise be to Allah who rescued us from those who are wrong-doers" Al-Mumenoun 23: 28

"He is Allah, there is no god but He, to Him belongs all praise at the first and at the last, for Him is the command, and to Him shall you all be brought back" Al-Qasas (The Stories) 28: 70

"Praise be to Allah to whom belongs everything in the heavens and the earth, and to Him belongs all praise in the Hereafter, and He is the all-wise, all-aware" Sa' Ba 34: 1

"Praise be to Allah, the originator of the heavens and the earth, who made the angels messengers with wings, two or three or four; He adds to creation as He pleases, for Allah has power over all things" Fatir (Originator) 35: 1

Praising Allah in the Hereafter

"Praise be to Allah who has removed from us all sorrow, for our Lord is often-forgiving, ready to appreciate service" Fatir 35: 34

"Praise be to Allah who fulfilled his promise to us, and allowed us to inherit the earth, to dwell in the garden as we will, how excellent a reward for those who work righteousness" Az-Zumar (The Groups) 39: 74

Praising Allah when times are difficult

"Therefore patiently persevere for the promise of Allah is true, and ask forgiveness for your fault and celebrate the praises of your Lord in the evening and in the morning" Ghafir (Forgiving) 40: 55

Praise Allah at all times and after prayers and during good times

"Bear, then, with patience all that they say, and celebrate the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before its setting, and during part of the night also celebrate his praises and after the prostration" Qaf 50: 39 & 40

"Await in patience the command of your Lord, for indeed you are in Our eyes, and celebrate the praises of your Lord while you stand forth, and for part of the night also praise Him, and at the settings of the stars" At-Tur (The mountain of Tur) 52: 48 & 49

"When the victory of Allah comes and the opening (of Macca), and you see people enter the religion of Allah in crowds, celebrate the praises of your Lord and pray for His forgiveness, for He is often-returning in forgiveness"

An-Nasr (The Victory) 110: 1-3

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (I wonder for the decree of Allah glory be to Him for the believer: If he gets something good he praises Allah and thanks Him; and if he is experiencing difficulty he praises Allah and patiently persevere; A believer is rewarded in everything, even for the food that he offers to his wife) Ahmad.

The angels praise Allah

“Those who bear the throne of Allah and those around it sing glory and praise to their Lord, believe in Him and implore forgiveness for those who believe: “Our Lord You embrace all things in mercy and knowledge. Forgive, then, those who turn in repentance and follow your path, and preserve them from the chastisement of the blazing fire” Ghafir (Forgiving) 40: 7

Allah is worthy of all praise

“They said: “Do you wonder at Allah’s decree? The grace of Allah and His blessings on you people of the house! For He is indeed worthy of all praise, full of all glory” Hud (Prophet Hud) 11: 73

“O mankind it is you who have need of Allah, but Allah is the one free of all wants, worthy of all praise” Fatir 35: 15

“He is the one that sends down rain, even after they have given up all hope, and scatters His mercy far and wide, and He is the protector, worthy of all praise” Ash-Shura’ (Consultation) 42: 28

The value of Hamd or praising Allah

1-Allah likes for his servants to praise Him. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Four words are most pleasing to Allah: Subhana Allah (Glory to Allah), and AlHamdu Lillah (Praise be to Allah), Wa La Elaha Illa Allah (There is no god but Allah), and Wa Allahu Akbar (Allah is the greatest). Narrated by Muslim

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Allah likes for his servant when he eats or drinks to thank Him and praise Him for it) Narrated by Muslim

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Two words that are easy on the tongue, heavy in the scale and beloved to Allah: Subhana Allah Was Behamdihi (Glory to Allah and all praise to Him) Bokhari & Muslim

2-Praising Allah is a way to paradise. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) related that when a servant of Allah loses a child and he praises Allah and says: “We all shall return to Allah”, Allah will tell his angels: “Build for him a house in paradise and name it “The house of Hamd praise”. Narrated by Termedhi, Ahmad & Ibn Hibban

3-Praising Allah forgives our sins. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (There are angels seeking those groups who are mentioning Allah, glorifying and praising Him, and Allah tells His angels that He has forgiven them) Narrated by Bokhari & Muslim

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Whoever is sitting in a group and there was a lot of wrong things said, then he says: “Glory be to Allah and all praise is to Him, I bear Witness that there is no god but You, I seek Your forgiveness and I turn to You in repentance” till his sins that he committed in that setting are forgiven) Termedhi

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Whoever says “Subhana Allah Wa behamdihi in a day 100 times, all his sins will be forgiven even if it were like the waves of the sea) Bokhari & Muslim

4-Praising Allah is heavy in our scales: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Purity is half of belief; and praising Allah fills the scale completely; and glorifying Allah and praising Him fills what is between heaven and earth; and prayer is light; and charity is proof; and patience is light that illuminates; and the Qur'an is a witness for you or against you) Narrated by Muslim

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Whoever says: "La Ilaha Illa Allah alone with no partner, all dominion and all praise is due to Him, and He has power over all things" in a day one hundred times, it is considered as if he liberated ten necks (persons) from slavery, and he gets one hundred good deeds, and is forgiven 100 bad deeds, and is protected from Satan all day till the night) Bokhari & Muslim

Examples of Hamd that the Prophet (PBUH) used to say:

(Subhanaka Allhumma Astaghferoka Wa Atoobo Eluka) (Purified and glory be to You Allah, and all praise is to you, I seek your forgiveness and turn to you) Bokhari & Muslim

When the prophet (PBUH) used to wake up at night and starting to pray, he used to say: (O Allah all praise is due to You, You are the light of the heavens and the earth; all praise is due to you, You sustain the heavens and the earth; and all praise is due to You, You are the Lord of the heavens and the earth and all beings therein; You are the truth, and your promise is true and your word is true, and meeting You is true; and heaven is true, and Hell is true, and the hour is true. O Allah to You I submit and in You I believe, and in You I put my trust, and to You I turn in repentance, and in You I make enemies, and I depend on your judgment; therefore forgive my sins, whatever I committed and whatever I might commit later on, and whatever I declare or hide; You are my God, there is no god but You) Bokhari & Muslim.

When the Prophet went to his bed, he used to say: (In Your name I live and I die); and when he wakes up he used to say: (All praise be to Allah who gave us life after He caused us to die, and to Him is the resurrection) Bokhari & Muslim

(Allah is pleased with His servant who praises Him when he eats and when he drinks) Muslim

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(1) Why do we praise Allah? We cannot enumerate Allah's blessings: He created us, is merciful and He provides for us and He guides us "And they say: "Praise be to Allah who guided us to this, if it were not for Allah we would not have been guided" Al-Araf 7: 43; "Praise be to Allah who has sent the Book to His servant, and has allowed therein no crookedness" Al-Kahf 18: 1.; "Praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds" Al-Fatiha :1; "O mankind it is you who have need of Allah, but Allah is the one free of all wants, worthy of all praise" Fatir 35: 15; "He is the One who sends down rain, even after they have given up all hope, and scatters His mercy far and wide, and He is the protector, worthy of all praise" Ash-Shura' 42: 28

(2) Everyone and everything in the heavens and earth celebrate Allah's praises

"Those who bear the throne of Allah, and those around it, sing glory and praise to their Lord, believe in Him and implore forgiveness for those who believe: "Our Lord You embrace all things in mercy and knowledge. Forgive, then, those who turn in repentance and follow Your path, and preserve them from the chastisement of the blazing fire" Ghafir 40: 7; "Praise be to Allah who has removed from us all sorrow, for our Lord is often-forgiving, ready to appreciate service" Fatir 35: 34

(3) We praise Allah when times are good and when times are difficult, after prayers and at all times

"Praise be to Allah Who has granted me in my old age Isma'il and Ishaq, for indeed my Lord is He who hears the prayers" Ibrahim 14: 39; "Therefore patiently persevere for the promise of Allah is true, and ask forgiveness for your fault and celebrate the praises of your Lord in the evening and in the morning" Ghafir 40: 55; "Bear then with patience all that they say, and celebrate the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before its decline, and during part of the night also celebrate His praises and after the prostration" Q'af 50: 39 & 40

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(4) The value or reward of praising Allah

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4-Praising Allah is heavy in our scales. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) related that praising Allah and glorifying Him fills our scales, increases our rewards and forgives our sins (Bokhari & Muslim).

(5) Praising Allah and thanking Him is not only words that we utter, but what we do to help others who need our help, and to serve as an example to others in patient perseverance and praising Allah