

# SECTION 10

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Orders to Call upon Him through His attributes and to Praise Him and Declare His Perfection



# ASMAUL HUSNA

## THE ATTRIBUTES OF DIVINITY

The first human being on earth - *Adam was taught 'all the names'* 2:31

'Teaching the names' means making the human being conscious of the essence of divinity within him (the potential to attain the 'unlimited')

According to several Arabic dictionaries the word Allah means "*He Who comprises all the attributes of perfection*".

*"The Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah. So call on Him by them....."* 7:180

The aya indicates, that these Most Beautiful Names are a means to call, appeal, supplicate and pray to Him.

The Prophet (pbuh) said: "*No one will ever be grieved if he asks Allah by every Name that belongs to Him, that He has called Himself by, or has brought down in His book, or has taught to any of His creation.*"

This means that Allah's Names and Attributes are far greater in power than we know or can relate to.

The names are hidden within us and the challenge of life is to raise them into our consciousness and to live according to them.

It does not suffice to hear them, or read them, to recite them from memory or know their dictionary meanings for then we only know the name but not the Named.

In order to truly understand the attributes of Divinity, we need to look at the theo ethics, psycho ethics and socio ethics of each name – basically knowledge, process & action.

The healing and comfort that each Name (Attribute) brings for our nature – changes and assists us to develop and are essential tools for our state, perfection, transformation and transcendence. The total reliance on Allah, the appeal and petitioning improves our inner state and He will honour us with a generous gift of upliftment. They are antidotes and answers and will produce a result for various matters and issues in our lives.

## ZHIKR - TASBEEH, TAHMEED, TAHLEEL & TAKBEER

*“O you who believe! Remember Allah, remembering frequently. And glorify Him morning and evening.”*

33:41,42

Zhikr is the remembrance of Allah. The Prophet (pbuh) has said  
*“Everything has a limit except Zhikr for which there is no limit”*

The four aspects of Zhikr are

### 1. TASBEEH

Declaring the perfection of Allah. It comes from the word ‘Sabaahaa’ which means to swim or to be perfectly balance.

### 2. TAHMEED

All praise is for Allah

Imam Sadiq (pbuh) was asked by one of his companions to be taught a comprehensive dua. Imam responded:

*“Praise Allah, for in this case, every worshipper will recite Dua for you and will say: Allah hears one who praise Him.”*

*“Whoever says: Praise is due to the Lord of the worlds at dawn four times, has thanked Allah for that day and whoever repeats the same in the evening, has thanked Allah for the night.”*

### 3. TAHLEEL

There is no God but Allah

*“The best shirk is to say: There is no god but Allah.”* Prophet (pbuh)

### 4. TAKBEER

To announce His Greatness

*Allah is Greater than anything or anyone.*

### TASBEEHAAT ‘ARBA’AA

One day the Prophet (pbuh) said to his companions:

*If you pile all your clothes, buildings and material goods, do you think they will reach*

*the sky?*

*They said: “No, O Messenger of Allah!”*

The Prophet (pbuh) said: *“Shall I introduce to you something whose root is in the earth and its branches in heavens?”*

*“Whenever you complete your prayer say thirty times:*

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

*the roots of which are in the earth and its branches are in heavens.*

*It is these words that removes from man sorrows, collapsing of wall, fire, being drown in water, falling into well, being attacked by fierce animals, bad death, and tribulation which descend from heavens on the day. Those words are truly righteous deeds.”*

Rasulullah was passing by a man who was planting trees in his orchard.

The Prophet stopped and said: *“Shall I introduce to you a tree whose roots are stronger, gives fruits earlier, and has purer and more lasting fruits than this?”*

The man said: *“Yes, show it to me O Messenger of Allah!”*

The Prophet said: *“At dawn and in the evening say:*

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

*If you recite this Dua there will be ten trees of every fruit for each Tasbeeh in paradise.*

*This is an example of the righteous deed.”*

The man said: *“O Messenger of Allah! I take you witness and give this orchard to you as a charity for muslim, that is, for the alms givers.”*

It is at this point that Allah revealed ayaat 5-7 of Suratul Layl.

*“Then as for he who gives away and guards against evil and accepts the best, We will facilitate for him the easy end.”*

106. *And it is a Quran which We have revealed in portions so that you may read it to the people by slow degrees, and We have revealed it, revealing in portions.*

وَقُرْآنًا فَرَقْنَاهُ لِتَقْرَأَهُ عَلَى النَّاسِ عَلَى مُكْثٍ وَنَزَّلْنَاهُ  
تَنْزِيلًا

107. *Say: Believe in it or believe not; surely those who are given the knowledge before it fall down on their chins, prostrating when it is recited to them.*

قُلْ أَمْؤُابِهِ أُولَئِكَ يُؤْمِنُوا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ  
إِذَا يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ يَخِرُّونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ سُجَّدًا

Falling in prostration on the chins indicates becoming overwhelmed by the revelation.

108. *And they say: Perfect is our Rabb! most surely the promise of our Rabb was to be fulfilled.*

وَيَقُولُونَ سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنْ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا

109. *And they fall down on their chins (overwhelmed) weeping, and it adds to their humility.*

وَيَخِرُّونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ يَبْكُونَ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ خُشُوعًا

110. *Say: Call upon Allah or call upon the Rahmaan (the incredibly Merciful) ; whichever you call upon, He has the best names; and do not say your prayer with a very raised voice nor be overtly low voiced with regard to it, and find a way between the two .*

قُلِ ادْعُوا اللَّهَ أَوْ ادْعُوا الرَّحْمَنَ أَيًّا مَا تَدْعُوا فَلَهُ  
الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى وَلَا تَجْهَرُ بِصَلَاتِكَ وَلَا تُخَافِتُ بِهَا  
وَابْتَغِ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا

111. *And say: (All) praise is for Allah, Who has not taken a son and Who has not a partner in the kingdom, and Who has no friend to assist because weakness; and declare His greatness magnifying (Him).*

وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا أَوْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ  
شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وِليٌّ مِنَ الذُّلِّ وَكَبِّرْهُ  
تَكْبِيرًا

This aya proclaims Tawheed - the concept of the Oneness of Allah.