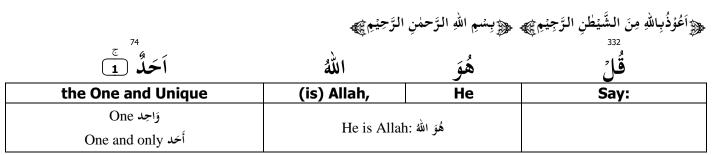


After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn 131 new words, which occur 30,797 times in the Qur'an.



**Introduction:** This is a small but very important Surah. When you recite this Surah in the Salah, do not do so just because it is a small Surah but keep in mind its significance and importance also.

- The name of this Surah is Al-Ikhlaas (the purification). Whoever recites this Surah with understanding and believes in what is mentioned in it, his faith will become pure and free from any Shirk (polytheism) or any wrong concepts.
- It is equivalent to one-third of the Qur'an.
- It answers the most fundamental question: Who should we worship and who can qualify to be God.
- It was the Sunnah of the Prophet ما لما to recite this Surah along with the last two Surahs of the Qur'an once after every obligatory (Fard) Salah and thrice after Fajr and Maghrib Salahs.



- Allah is alone. Let us take four important aspects of His Oneness with examples:
  - 1 He is alone in His entity. He has no partners or relatives, no son or father.
  - ② He is alone in His attributes. Nobody has knowledge of the unseen, no one can hear, help, or see the way Allah does.
  - 3 He is alone in His rights. For example, only He has the right to be worshipped.
  - He is alone in His powers. For example, He alone has the right to declare something lawful or unlawful, permissible or impermissible.

Let us apply the following simple formula to bring this Surah into our lives:

- **Du'aa/Ask**: O Allah! Help me worship You alone.
- ➤ Evaluate: How many times did I follow my desires? According to the Qur'an, following one's own desire is to make it god [45:23]. How many times did I succumb to the whisperings of the Shaitaan? According to the Qur'an, following Shaitaan is like worshipping him [23:60]. Why did I listen to him? Because of bad company, TV, internet, or just laziness?
- ▶ Plan: Remove bad things, bad friends, and bad habits and plan to use the things properly.
- > **Propagate:** This verse starts with "Qul." We must propagate the message of Islam to others with wisdom and kindness, like the way Prophet Mohammed did. Use this Surah to spread the message of Tawheed and Ikhlaas (sincerity).

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the Self-Sufficient.	Allah,
الصَّمَدُ: Everyone needs him, He needs no one.	This is Allah's original name. The rest are names like Ar-
	Raheem that show His attributes.

- ➤ Allah is As-Samad, i.e., He does not need any person or anything. He does not sleep nor gets tired nor does he need anything.
- ➤ Everyone needs Him. Realize that there are billions of creatures including human beings that are alive because of His mercy, kindness, and continuous support.
- ➤ We can also pray to Allah! You alone have been fulfilling my needs in past, so please continue to fulfill them in the future also! O Allah! Make me dependent upon You alone and not upon anyone else.



is He begotten,	and nor	He did neither beget		
begets (active voice): يَـلِد	did not :لَـمُ	يَلِدُ	لَهٔ	
is begotten (passive voice) :يُؤلَد	will not: will	beget	He did not	

- ➤ This ayah means that Allah was there forever and will be there forever. Try to go back thousands, millions, and billions of years in time and think!! He was always there. Do the same thing for future, and He will always be there.
- ➤ Why do we have children? Because when we are tired or feel lonely, they cheer us up. When we grow old, they take care of us. When we die, they continue our plans and our ambitions. Allah is free from all such weaknesses and needs.
- ➤ While reciting this ayah we should feel the responsibility of conveying this message to over two billion Christians who wrongly believe that Jesus ﷺ is the son of Allah.



anyone.	comparable	unto Him	and (there) is not					
and none is comparable to Him.								
أحد: One (used for Allah only)	equal	for Him,	يَكُنُ	لَمُ	وَ			
anyone (used negatively, like here) أخد	oquar	unto Him	is	not	and			

- Nobody is equal or comparable to Allah in His Entity, His attributes, His Rights, and His Powers.
- > Try to imagine the vastness of this universe, billions of kilometers wide; and no one exists there except Allah's creation.
- ➤ Du'aa: O Allah! Help me develop a strong faith that You are enough for me in all matters of life.
- ➤ Evaluate: Do I remember this aspect when I am in presence of powerful people? Do I expect benefits from someone else? Is there anybody whom I am afraid of?
- ➤ **Plan:** Think deeply over the attributes of Allah and in the ayahs of the Qur'an so that Allah's greatness fills our minds.

## **Amazing Benefit of this Surah:**

One of the companions of the Prophet dused to recite Surah Al-Ikhlaas followed by some other Surah in every Raka'ah of Salah. When the Prophet dused him about this, he said, "I love it very much." The Prophet said, "Your love for this Surah has made you enter Jannah." (Bukhari: 774)

How can we develop **the love of this Surah**? Here are some tips.

• We should thank Allah from the depth of our heart that he conveyed to us the clean, pure, and true message. We now know who is our Creator and what does he want from us. If I had not received this message, I would have been lost in bad thoughts and deeds. Therefore, we should love to recite this Surah.

- If you are an ordinary person and you have a very close relative or friend who is a famous sportsman or a leader, won't you happily mention his name when you introduce yourself to new people? Let us extend this argument. Allah is our Creator and our Sustainer. He created us and this whole wonderful world for us! His love for us is much more than that of a mother's love for her children! Then why shouldn't we love to mention His name and praise him often?
- Allah is such that there is none in comparison to Him in His creativity, in His wisdom, in His lordship, in His power, in His love, etc., most importantly, no one is like Him in His forgiveness and in His grants. People don't like the one who keeps slipping and falling; Allah loves to forgive. People hate if we ask them; Allah loves when we ask Him. No one is kind and caring like Allah is. Allah has 99 names describing His attributes. No one was, is, and will be like Him in all of these attributes.

Such feelings will InshaAllah help us in developing a love of Allah and reciting this Surah with love.