

سُورَةُ الْاِحْلَاسِ

1. *Surat Al-Ikhlās* is:

Say: He is God, the One and Only (Ahad); * God, the Eternal, Absolute (Al-Samad); * He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; * And there is none like unto Him.

It is called *Al-Ikhlās* (Sincerity) because it is purely about God, and it does not discuss any other subject.

2. *Surat Al-Ikhlās* and the Two Testimonies of Faith contain the Muslims' first creed because *Surat Al-Ikhlās* describes what can be known about the Divine Essence, and the Two Testimonies of Faith negate polytheism.
3. *Surat Al-Ikhlās* is the only *surah* in which the Divine Names (*Al-Samad*) and (*Ahad*) are mentioned. The meaning of (*Al-Samad*) is: the support who is sought in all matters and needs. And the meaning of (*Ahad*) is: the Singular One (*Al-Mufrad*) that nothing resembles, nor is His equal, nor is like Him. Ahmad and Al-Tirmidhi narrate that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'By He in Whose Hand is my soul he has supplicated God by His Greatest Name which if He is supplicated by He answers and if He is asked by He gives.'
4. *Surat Al-Ikhlās* negates all kinds of deficiency or lack (*naqs*). Al-Fakhr Al-Razi said: 'God ﷻ negates from Himself any kind of plurality by saying (*Ahad*). And through the word (*Al-Samad*) He negates deficiency or lack, and being overcome (*maghloubiyyah*). And with the words (*He begetteth not, nor is He begotten*) He negates a cause for Him (*ma'louliyyah*) and any need for a cause (*al-'iliyyah*). And with (*And there is none like unto Him*) He negates any antipode of Him or equal to Him.
5. Al-Bukhari and Muslim narrate that the Prophet ﷺ said about *Surat Al-Ikhlās*: 'By He in Whose Hand is my soul it is equivalent to a third of the Qur'an.'
6. Al-Darimi narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) ten times, a palace will be built for him through it in Paradise. And whoever recites it twenty times, two palaces will be built for him through it in Paradise. And whoever recites it thirty times, three palaces will be built for him through it in Paradise.'
7. Al-Tabarani narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) fifty times every day, will be called upon from his grave on the Day of Judgement: "Arise, O you who have praised God and enter Paradise."'
8. Ibn Al-Najjar narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) after the end of every prescribed prayer ten times, is assured of God's beatitude and forgiveness.'

9. Al-Bayhaqi narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) one hundred times, God will forgive him the sins of fifty years as long as he refrains from four things: murder, illegal wealth, illegal sex, and wine.'
10. Al-Tirmidhi narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) two hundred times every day, the sins of fifty years will be wiped out for him unless he is in debt.'
11. Al-Rafi'i narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) one thousand times, he has purchased his soul back from God.'
12. Al-Bukhari and Muslim narrate that a man from the Companions used to recite (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) in every prayer and the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Tell him that God loves him.'
13. Al-Bayhaqi narrates that Gabriel ﷺ said to the Prophet ﷺ: 'Mu'awiyah bin Mu'awiyah Al-Laythi died in Medina today and God sent him 70 thousand angels to perform prayers on his soul.' The Prophet said: 'What for, O Gabriel?' He said: 'He used to recite (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) a lot; as he stood, sat, or walked, and during the night and the day. Recite it as much as you can, for it describes your Lord ...' God ﷻ commands that it be recited, for He says in the beginning of the *surah*: 'Say'.
14. Al-Hafez Abu Nu'aym narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) during the illness from which he dies will not be tried in his grave and will be secure from the constriction of the grave and the angels will carry him on their palms until they make him cross over the *Sirat* to Paradise.'
15. Al-Tirmidhi narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: '[Reciting] (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) and the *mu'awithatayn* three times when you reach evening and when you arise will suffice you against everything.'
16. Al-Bukhari narrates: 'When the Prophet ﷺ went to bed, he used to recite (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) and the *mu'awithatayn* and then blow on his palms and pass them over his face and those parts of his body that his hands could reach. The Lady Aisha ﷺ said: "Whenever he fell ill, he would ask me to do that for him."'
17. Al-Bazzar narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'If, when you lie on your side in bed, you recite *Fatihah Al-Kitab* and (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*), you will be secure from everything except death.'
18. Al-Tabarani narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) when he enters his home, poverty will be warded off from the people of that house and their neighbours.'
19. Al-Qasim bin Salam narrates that Asma' bint Abu Bakr ﷺ said: 'Whoever prays the Friday Prayer and recites after it (*Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad*) and the *mu'awithatayn* will be preserved from the time of that seating till the next one like it.'