*In the name of Allah The All-Merciful, The Ever-Merciful. All Prayers and Blessings of Allah be upon our Master, the most noble Prophet Muhammad.*

**هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ لَهُ الأسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ**

"He is Allah, The Creator, The Initiator, The Supreme Fashioner. To Him (belong) the Fairest Names. Whatever is in the heavens and the earth extols to Him, and He is The Ever-Mighty, The Ever-Wise" (59:24)

In our gatherings we will be talking about **The Most Beautiful Names of Allah in the Qur’an**. We will choose a name to talk about and discuss its influence on our lives and surroundings; we will try to get closer to Allah through these name.

Our goal is to know Allah and consequently love Him, fear Him obey His orders and submit to His decrees.

**اللَّهُ لا إِلَهَ إِلا هُوَ لَهُ الأسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى**

“Allah -there is no god except He. To Him belong The Fairest Names.” (20: 8)

**Abdullah Ibn-Huzafa**, for example, was sent by the Prophet to deliver a letter to the Roman king. The King captured Abdullah and tortured him to give up Islam, but he refused. When the king ordered his soldiers to kill Abdullah, he cried. The king thought fear got into him, but Abdullah said that he wished he had numerous souls to sacrifice them in the way of Allah one after the other. **Al-Hayyiy - The Ever Living**

**Al-Khansa’** is also an example. Before embracing Islam she wrote many elegies for the death of her brother. After knowing Allah and embracing Islam, she received the news that her four sons were martyred. However she did not grieve but submitted to Allah’s decree saying, “Al-hamdulillah Who gave me the honour of having four martyred sons.” **Al-Hameed - The All Praisworthy**

Hence, we need to know Allah with our hearts. We need to worship Allah as if we see Him, if not, He sees us, knowing Allah will help us perfect all our deeds.

The Prophet once asked **Harith** how he was, he told him that he came to be a true believer. When the Prophet asked Harith for a proof of what he said, he told him that he felt as though he could see the throne of Allah, heaven and hell. As a result, he prefered qiyam (voluntary night prayer) and fasting to the worldly pleasures. **Al-Baseer The All Seeing**

**Ibn-Omar** once said that he saw the pulpit of the Prophet trembling when he glorified Allah and mentioned some of His names, to the extent that Ibn-Omr feared that the Prophet would fall of it. **Al-Jabbar The Most Powerful**

We all know that Allah has 99 names, and whoever counts them shall enter paradise. People understand the word "count" as "memorize", although there is a great difference between them. The real meaning is to calculate, understand, and analyse them.

**لَقَدْ أَحْصَاهُمْ وَعَدَّهُمْ عَدًّا**

"Indeed He has already enumerated them, and He has numbered them with (exact) numbering"(19:94)

Allah has given us two approaches through which we can know Him. One is the Qur'an and the other is the universe.

For example, the first ayah revealed to the prophet is, "**Read: In the Name of your Lord** Who created"(96:1)

Each Surah starts with, "**In The Name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the Ever Merciful**".

**Surat Al-Fatihah includes many of The Most Beautiful Names of Allah,** and you have to read it in every prayer.

Another **Sura is Al-Ikhlas** which is equal to one third of the Qur'an as the Prophet has said.

Have you ever felt the name of Allah **The Everlasting Sovereign** whenever you read this Surah? This name means that you resort to Allah in your distress because He is The Only One.

**وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ تُحْيِ الْمَوْتَى قَالَ أَوَلَمْ تُؤْمِنْ قَالَ بَلَى وَلَكِنْ لِيَطْمَئِنَّ قَلْبِي قَالَ فَخُذْ أَرْبَعَةً مِنَ الطَّيْرِ فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ ثُمَّ اجْعَلْ عَلَى كُلِّ جَبَلٍ مِنْهُنَّ جُزْءًا ثُمَّ ادْعُهُنَّ يَأْتِينَكَ سَعْيًا وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ**

"And as Ibrahîm (Abraham) said, “Lord! Show me how You give life to the dead.” He Allah) said, “And have you not believed?” He (Ibrahîm) said, “Yes indeed, but that my heart be composed.” Said He, “So take four of the birds, then wring them to you (and divide them); thereafter set a portion of them on every mountain; thereafter call them; they will come up to you with hasty diligence (and) know that **Allah is Ever-Mighty, Ever-Wise**” (2:260)

Therefore try to read the Qur'an this year in Ramadan in search for The Most Beautiful Names of Allah, and whenever you make dua’a ask Allah by these names.

Everything in nature glorifies Allah, but we cannot comprehend their language. Allah sends you messages through nature to know him.

For example, when there is rain, you remember **Allah the Superb Provider Al-Razzaq**. When someone dies, you remember **Allah, Al Muhyee the Giver of life, and al Mumeet The Bringer of Death.**

The whole universe is where man gets to know The Most Beautiful Names of Allah.

**تُسَبِّحُ لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالأرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا**

"And decidedly not a thing (is) except that it extols His praise, but you do not comprehend their Extolment. **Surely He has been Ever-Forbearing, Ever-Forgiving"** (17:44)