

## I am not able to complete my recitation

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** Noble Shaykh, I try to read the Noble Qur'aan and I love the Book of Allaah greatly. However, the matter becomes difficult for me and I am not able to complete my recitation. What is the solution to this problem?

**Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan** (حفظه الله)<sup>1</sup>:

The solution can be found in that which Allaah has instructed when He said:

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ لَهُ سُلْطَانٌ عَلَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَلَى رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ  
إِنَّمَا سُلْطَانُهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَتَوَلَّوْنَهُ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِهِ مُشْرِكُونَ

[“So when you recite the Qur'aan, seek refuge in Allaah from the outcast Devil. Verily, he has no power over those who believe and put their trust in their Lord (Allaah). His power is only over those who obey and follow him and those who associate partners in worship with Him (i.e. Allaah).”]<sup>2</sup>

Allaah has instructed us to seek refuge in Him from the outcast Devil before reciting the Qur'aan. This is so that Allaah can remove and distance this enemy from us.

And you must also always reflect on the Qur'aan, since reflecting on it is one of the things that will cause you to be conscious about it and incite you towards the noble Qur'aan. All of your longing should not be geared towards just completing a Soorah or finishing up a juz and so on. Rather, your objective in reciting the Qur'aan should be to reflect and ponder upon the meaning of what you recite from the verses of Allaah. The Prophet (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) would prolong his recitation during the Night Prayer, and he would not pass upon a verse related to Allaah's Mercy except that he would stop and ask Allaah (for Mercy), nor would he pass upon a verse in which (Allaah's) punishment was mentioned except that he would stop and seek refuge in Allaah (from that). All of this shows that he (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) would recite the Qur'aan whilst reflecting on it and having a conscious and attentive heart.

<sup>1</sup> (حفظه الله) May Allaah preserve him

<sup>2</sup> [Soorah An-Nahl 16: 98-100]