



## المسابقة الثانية والعشرون لحفظ القرآن الكريم وتجويده

# SURAT AL ISRA

## THE KEYS TO GUIDANCE AND EMPOWERMENT FOR THE NATION IN SURAT AL ISRA



### DON'T FORGET

Dear Participant,

- The assessment for understanding will be conducted orally.
- The participant is only required to review and read all about the surah.
- The participant is required to be able to recall their understanding of five keys included in this publication.



## All about the surah

The key to understanding Surah Al-Isra is revealed in its opening, which begins with the mention of the miraculous Night Journey and Ascension (Isra and Mi'raj). In this event, Allah took His servant and Messenger, Muhammad (peace be upon him), **on a journey from Al-Masjid Al-Haram to Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa**, which He blessed its surroundings. This serves as a concise introduction to Allah's divine promise to grant His servants empowerment in that mosque and its land, provided they hold onto **its other keys!**

The other keys to understanding this Surah is highlighted within its context, which features the highest number of the word \*Qur'an\* in any single Surah, appearing 11 times. This repetition underscores a clear message from the Surah: **the victory of the Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an over their enemies and the occupiers of their mosque, only granted for who they are guided by its most upright teachings**

**But what are some of the Qur'anic guidance points leading to the victory and empowerment of the Ummah in Surat Al-Isra?**



## KEY #1

### ADHERENCE TO THE QUR'AN

The Ummah of Al Isra and the Qur'an is a nation that adheres firmly to its wise Book, engaging with its guidance through recitation, understanding, and application. Its revival and strength are intrinsically linked to this upright guidance

'Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most upright and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward". 17:9



## KEY #2

### CONTROLLING ANGER AND AVOIDING RASH PRAYERS

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an controls itself in moments of anger, refraining from invoking harm upon themselves or their families during such times. This is to avoid the regret that may arise if such supplications coincide with a time of acceptance.

"And man supplicates for evil as he supplicates for good, and man is ever hasty". 17:11



## KEY #3

### SELF-ACCOUNTABILITY

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an regularly holds itself accountable for every action and word, knowing that all deeds, good or evil, are recorded and will be presented on the Day of Judgment

"And every person, We have imposed upon them their record [of deeds] upon their neck, and We will produce for them on the Day of Resurrection a book which they will encounter spread open" 17:13



## KEY #4

### LIVING A BALANCED LIFE

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an live in this world with what Allah has enabled for them, but they never prioritize it over the Hereafter. They achieve a balance, firmly believing that the Hereafter is better and everlasting, without neglecting their rightful share of worldly life.

“But whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer - it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allah]” 17:19



## KEY #5

### COMPLETE DEVOTION TO ALLAH ALONE

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an worships none but Allah. Their only standard is His guidance, and none besides Him is deserving of worship or hope.

“Do not make [as equal] with Allah another deity and [thereby] become disgraced and forsaken”

17:22



## KEY #6

### KINDNESS AND DUTIFULNESS TO PARENTS

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an recognizes that kindness to parents is always tied to worshiping and pleasing Allah. When parents reach old age, honoring and caring for them becomes even more obligatory and rewarding.

“AND YOUR LORD HAS DECREED THAT YOU NOT WORSHIP EXCEPT HIM, AND TO PARENTS, GOOD TREATMENT” 17:23





## KEY #7

### FULFILLING RIGHTS

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an ensures kindness to relatives and the needy, fulfilling their rights and maintaining ties of kinship, which bring blessings in life and sustenance.

“And give the relative his right, and [also] the poor and the traveler”

17:26



## KEY #8

### MODERATION IN SPENDING

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an practices moderation in spending, avoiding both stinginess and extravagance.

“And do not make your hand [as] chained to your neck or extend it completely and [thereby] become blamed and insolvent”

17:29



## KEY #9

### CERTAIN THAT ALLAH IS THE PROVIDER

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an does not fear poverty for themselves or their families. They strive for provision, knowing that Allah is the ultimate Sustainer who provides for His servants with kindness

“And do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide for them and for you. Indeed, their killing is a great sin”

17:31







## KEY #10

### AVOIDANCE OF IMMODEST BEHAVIOR AND SIN

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an stays far away from the temptation of immodest and adultery, safeguarding themselves from anything that might lead to such sins.

“Do not go near adultery. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way” 17:32



## KEY #11

### SANCTIFIES LIFE

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an refrains from shedding innocent blood, recognizing that the sanctity of life is so great that the world's destruction would be less severe to Allah than unjustly taking a life.

“And do not kill the soul which Allah has forbidden, except by right”. 17:33



## KEY #12

### PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ORPHANS

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an must avoid devouring the wealth of orphans or oppressing them. The orphan, being vulnerable, has no protector except their guardian, who will be held accountable before Allah.

“And do not approach the property of an orphan, except in the way that is best, until he reaches maturity” 17:34





## KEY #13

### FULFILLMENT OF PROMISES AND COVENANTS

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an keeps its promises and fulfills its covenants to the best of its ability, understanding the gravity of breaking promises.

“And fulfill [every] commitment. Indeed, the commitment is ever [that about which one will be] questioned” 17:34



## KEY #14

### JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS IN DEALINGS

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an ensures justice in all transactions and dealings, whether in trade or other interactions, ensuring no one is wronged or deprived of their due rights.

“And give full measure when you measure, and weigh with an even balance. That is the best [way] and best in result.” 17:35



## KEY #15

### AVOID ASSUMPTIONS

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an speaks only with knowledge and avoids baseless claims or assumptions, knowing that every statement is recorded and will be questioned on the Day of Judgment.

“And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight, and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned.” 17:36



## KEY #16

### WALKING WITH HUMILITY

Despite their power and capabilities, the Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an remains humble, neither walking arrogantly on earth nor looking down on others, recognizing the limits of human strength and stature.

“And do not walk upon the earth exultantly. Indeed, you will never tear the earth [apart], and you will never reach the mountains in height.”

17:37

  
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## KEY #17

### SPEAKING KINDLY

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an places great emphasis on prayer as a fundamental pillar of its religion. It strives to establish prayer on time and perform it with excellence. Moreover, it enriches its worship by adding extra units of \*Tahajjud\* and reciting the Qur'an during the tranquil hours of \*Fajr\*. This time is particularly significant as it is ,witnessed by the angels multiplying its blessings and .rewards

“Establish prayer at the decline of the sun [from its meridian] until the darkness of the night and [also] the Qur'an at dawn. Indeed, the recitation of dawn is ever witnessed.” 17:78

## KEY #18

### ESTABLISHING PRAYER

The Ummah of Al-Isra and the Qur'an practices speaking kindly and choosing the best of words, as harsh or ill-spoken words may lead to discord and give way to the plots of Satan.

“And tell My servants to say that which is best. Indeed, Satan induces [dissension] among them. Indeed, Satan is ever, to mankind, a clear enemy. 17:53

