THE SCIENCE OF TAJWEED

Some common questions

• What is tajweed and am I obliged to learn it?

Should I stop reciting until I learn tajweed?

• Where do I start learning?

• What if I find it too hard?

- Tajweed is the science of reading the Holy Quran correctly or Quranic elocution
- It is obligatory on every muslim to learn tajweed if s/he wants to read the Holy Quran – Whoever reads the Holy Quran must read it properly
- No, don't stop reading, The Prophet, Prayers and Peace be upon him, said:

"الذي يقرأ القُرْآنَ وهو ماهرٌ به مَعَ السَّفَرَةِ الْكِرامِ الْبَرَرَة والذي يقرأ القُرْآنَ ويَتَتَعْتَعُ فيه وهو عليه شاقٌ له أَجْران. * مُتَّفَقٌ عليه

- The most important part of tajweed is the مَخَارِج which are the points of articulation for each letter and the which are the modes of articulation, it is common to start in this order, however some books mention other rulings first in order to give the learner time to build his/her confidence
- Learning to recite correctly requires time and effort and one is rewarded for this, so no matter how hard it may seem one should keep trying, trust in Allah and persevere, and as long as you are exerting yourself in such a way you will continue to receive a reward and with Allah's blessings be successful

Al-Imam Asim ibn Abi Al-Najood d. 127 A.H.

Chains of narration to:
Abdullah ibn Mas'ud through Zirr ibn Hubaysh

Ali ibn Abi Talib through Abd Al-Rahman Al-Sulami and to other sahabah

Was the most prominent scholar of recitation in Kufa

His narrators are Hafs and Shu'bah (Abu Bakr ibn Ayyash)

Hafs ibn Sulayman ibn Mughirah Al-Asdi d. 180 A.H.

Was Imam Asim's step son (wife's son)

Taught in Baghdad and later in Makkah

Due to him proximity to his teacher and his proficientness became well known and followed

His narration of Imam Asim's recitation is used by more than 90% of all Muslims in the world today