

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ ﴿١٧﴾

AND WE HAVE CERTAINLY MADE THE QUR'AN EASY FOR REMEMBRANCE  
SO IS THERE ANY WHO WILL REMEMBER?

[ 54:17]



# THE SOFTENING- UP TECHNIQUE

Notes taken from the class of 'Mastering the art of memorisation.'  
Delivered by Ustadh Abu Taymiyyah (May Allah honour him)

## [Scenario: Br/Sr X is enrolling onto a new Hifdh class on Monday]

### So, on Saturday

- We will take 1 page for example (can be half a page or even three lines etc.).
- Begin by memorizing ayah number 1 to the point that you are able to read it from the top of your head

e.g. إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَأَنذَرْتَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تُنذِرْهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

- Connect this first ayah with the beginning of the second ayah

e.g. إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَأَنذَرْتَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تُنذِرْهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

...خَتَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَعَلَى سَمْعِهِمْ

- Do the exact same by memorizing ayah 2 and connecting it to the beginning of ayah 3

e.g. خَتَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَعَلَى سَمْعِهِمْ وَعَلَى أَبْصَارِهِمْ غِشَاوَةً وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

...وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ

- Do the same for the rest of the page

### On Sunday:

- What was read on Saturday will now be much easier today
  - But it's not yet ready to be recited to a teacher
  - So... we do the same technique as Saturday to solidify our memorization (it should be much easier now)
- ❖ However, we must begin our 'softening-up technique' for the page to be read on Tuesday

### On Monday:

- Today is the day you read what you have memorized on SATURDAY & SUNDAY.
  - We must now strengthen and solidify the memorization done on Sunday for the page to be read on Tuesday with the same technique
- ❖ However, we must now begin our 'softening-up technique' for the page to be read on Wednesday



### Other tips:

- After you have read to a teacher any mistakes made underline them, to avoid making the same mistakes
- Using the English translation of the Quran helps!
- Revision:
  - i. Muraji'ah al ghareeb (close revision): connecting today and yesterday's portion of memorization

- ii. **Muraji'ah al ba'eed (distance revision): connecting the previously connected portions of memorization from 4/5 days ago for example**

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**So, we should always soften-up our portion of the Quran 2 days before we actually read it to the teacher**