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# The 99 Names of Allah

*Al-Asma' al-Husna — meanings, short reflections and how to live by them*

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## 1. Knowing Allah through His Names

> *"And to Allah belong the most beautiful names, so call upon Him by them."* — Quran, Surah Al-A'raf 7:180

> *"Allah has ninety-nine names; whoever learns them and lives by them will enter Paradise."* — Sahih al-Bukhari 2736

The Names of Allah are not just words to memorise. Each Name opens a window onto who Allah is — the Most Merciful, the Provider, the Forgiving, the Wise. When we know Him, we love Him; when we love Him, we obey Him with joy.

Scholars explain that "learning" the Names means three things: knowing their meaning, calling on Allah by them in dua, and letting them shape our character — being merciful because He is Ar-Rahim, forgiving because He is Al-Ghafur.

## 2. The 99 Names

| # | Name | Meaning |
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| **1** | Ar-Rahman | The Most Gracious |
| **2** | Ar-Rahim | The Most Merciful |
| **3** | Al-Malik | The King |
| **4** | Al-Quddus | The Most Holy |
| **5** | As-Salam | The Source of Peace |
| **6** | Al-Mu'min | The Giver of Security |
| **7** | Al-Muhaymin | The Guardian |

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| **8** | Al-‘Aziz | The Almighty |
| **9** | Al-Jabbar | The Compeller |
| **10** | Al-Mutakabbir | The Supreme in Greatness |
| **11** | Al-Khaliq | The Creator |
| **12** | Al-Bari’ | The Maker |
| **13** | Al-Musawwir | The Fashioner of Forms |
| **14** | Al-Ghaffar | The Ever-Forgiving |
| **15** | Al-Qahhar | The Subduer |
| **16** | Al-Wahhab | The Bestower |
| **17** | Ar-Razzaq | The Provider |
| **18** | Al-Fattah | The Opener |
| **19** | Al-‘Alim | The All-Knowing |
| **20** | Al-Qabid | The Withholder |
| **21** | Al-Basit | The Extender |
| **22** | Al-Khafid | The Abaser |
| **23** | Ar-Rafi‘ | The Exalter |
| **24** | Al-Mu‘izz | The Giver of Honour |
| **25** | Al-Mudhill | The Humiliator |
| **26** | As-Sami‘ | The All-Hearing |
| **27** | Al-Basir | The All-Seeing |
| **28** | Al-Hakam | The Judge |
| **29** | Al-‘Adl | The Just |
| **30** | Al-Latif | The Subtle, the Kind |
| **31** | Al-Khabir | The All-Aware |
| **32** | Al-Halim | The Forbearing |
| **33** | Al-‘Azim | The Magnificent |
| **34** | Al-Ghafur | The All-Forgiving |
| **35** | Ash-Shakur | The Appreciative |
| **36** | Al-‘Aliyy | The Most High |
| **37** | Al-Kabir | The Most Great |
| **38** | Al-Hafiz | The Preserver |
| **39** | Al-Muqit | The Sustainer |
| **40** | Al-Hasib | The Reckoner |
| **41** | Al-Jalil | The Majestic |
| **42** | Al-Karim | The Most Generous |
| **43** | Ar-Raqib | The Watchful |
| **44** | Al-Mujib | The Responder to Prayer |
| **45** | Al-Wasi‘ | The All-Encompassing |
| **46** | Al-Hakim | The All-Wise |
| **47** | Al-Wadud | The Most Loving |
| **48** | Al-Majid | The Most Glorious |
| **49** | Al-Ba‘ith | The Resurrector |
| **50** | Ash-Shahid | The Witness |
| **51** | Al-Haqq | The Truth |

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| **52** | Al-Wakil | The Trustee |
| **53** | Al-Qawiyy | The Most Strong |
| **54** | Al-Matin | The Firm |
| **55** | Al-Waliyy | The Protecting Friend |
| **56** | Al-Hamid | The Praiseworthy |
| **57** | Al-Muhsi | The Counter |
| **58** | Al-Mubdi’ | The Originator |
| **59** | Al-Mu‘id | The Restorer |
| **60** | Al-Muhyi | The Giver of Life |
| **61** | Al-Mumit | The Bringer of Death |
| **62** | Al-Hayy | The Ever-Living |
| **63** | Al-Qayyum | The Self-Sustaining |
| **64** | Al-Wajid | The Finder |
| **65** | Al-Majid | The Noble |
| **66** | Al-Wahid | The One |
| **67** | Al-Ahad | The Unique |
| **68** | As-Samad | The Eternal Refuge |
| **69** | Al-Qadir | The All-Powerful |
| **70** | Al-Muqtadir | The Determiner |
| **71** | Al-Muqaddim | The Expediter |
| **72** | Al-Mu’akhkhir | The Delayer |
| **73** | Al-Awwal | The First |
| **74** | Al-Akhir | The Last |
| **75** | Az-Zahir | The Manifest |
| **76** | Al-Batin | The Hidden |
| **77** | Al-Wali | The Governor |
| **78** | Al-Muta‘ali | The Most Exalted |
| **79** | Al-Barr | The Source of Goodness |
| **80** | At-Tawwab | The Acceptor of Repentance |
| **81** | Al-Muntaqim | The Avenger |
| **82** | Al-‘Afuww | The Pardoner |
| **83** | Ar-Ra’uf | The Most Kind |
| **84** | Malik al-Mulk | Owner of All Sovereignty |
| **85** | Dhul-Jalali wal-Ikram | Lord of Majesty and Generosity |
| **86** | Al-Muqsit | The Equitable |
| **87** | Al-Jami‘ | The Gatherer |
| **88** | Al-Ghaniyy | The Self-Sufficient |
| **89** | Al-Mughni | The Enricher |
| **90** | Al-Mani‘ | The Preventer |
| **91** | Ad-Darr | The Distresser |
| **92** | An-Nafi‘ | The Benefactor |
| **93** | An-Nur | The Light |
| **94** | Al-Hadi | The Guide |
| **95** | Al-Badi‘ | The Incomparable Originator |

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| **96** | Al-Baqi | The Everlasting |
| **97** | Al-Warith | The Inheritor |
| **98** | Ar-Rashid | The Guide to the Right Path |
| **99** | As-Sabur | The Most Patient |

This list follows the well-known order narrated by Imam at-Tirmidhi. Scholars agree that Allah's Names are more than ninety-nine; this list is a door, not a fence.

## 3. Ten Names to live by every day

- Ar-Rahman, Ar-Rahim — begin every task with "Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim" and show mercy to every creature.
- Ar-Razzaq — work hard, but remember that provision comes from Allah; never earn it through haram.
- Al-Ghafur, At-Tawwab — never despair of forgiveness; turn back to Allah after every mistake (Quran 39:53).
- As-Sami', Al-Basir — Allah hears every whisper and sees every hidden deed; let that make you sincere.
- Al-Wakil — after doing your best, leave the result to Allah: "Hasbunallahu wa ni'mal-wakil" (Quran 3:173).
- Al-Wadud — Allah loves His servants; love people for His sake.
- Al-Hakim — when you do not understand a test, trust that Allah is All-Wise.
- As-Sabur — be patient, because the Most Patient is with the patient (Quran 2:153).
- Al-Hadi — ask Allah for guidance in every prayer: "Ihdinas-siratal-mustaqim" (Quran 1:6).
- As-Salam — be a source of peace in your home and community.

## 4. Calling on Allah by His Names

Match the Name to your need. For forgiveness: "Ya Ghafur, ighfir li" — O All-Forgiving, forgive me. For provision: "Ya Razzaq, urzuqni" — O Provider, provide for me. For healing: "Allahumma Rabban-nas, adhhibil-ba's, ishfi antash-Shafi" — O Allah, Lord of mankind, remove the harm and heal, You are the Healer (Sahih al-Bukhari 5743).

A beautiful family habit: learn one Name each day after Fajr, discuss its meaning at dinner, and make dua by it before sleep. In about three months your family will know all ninety-nine.

## A note on this book

This guide is general guidance written to be accepted by the major schools, with differences noted where they matter. For a question about your own situation, ask a verified scholar on Sukon — always free.

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