



## IS RECITING THE QUR'AN WITH TAJWID NECESSARY?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

In Sura al-Muzzamil (73:4) Allah the Almighty states,

وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا

“...and recite the Qur'an with Tartil.”

The Mufasssirin state that *al-Tartil* refers to the recitation which is slow, purposeful, rhythmic and melodious.

One is required to avoid mistakes which change the meaning of the Qur'an or where one of the diacritical vowel points is changed – i.e the fatha (zabr). These come under what is regarded as major faults – *al-lahn al-jalli*, which are illegal. The science of tajwid equips a recite with the necessary skills to avoid making these and other errors and allows the student to recite in the manner the Holy Prophet taught his Companions.

If one struggles to recite the Qur'an and makes some errors but strives and is studying the sciences of recitation then they are those who are excused from this ruling.

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ وَعِلْمُهُ أَحْكَمُ وَتَعْمَلُ