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**Q: What is the ruling on one who memorizes the Book of Allah (i.e. the Qur'an) and then forgot it? Will one be punished?**

**Praise be to Allah, alone. Prayers and peace be upon His Messenger, his family and his companions. To proceed:**

**A:** The Qur'an is the Word of Allah, the Almighty, and is the best speech and the holder of rulings. Its recitation is worship which softens hearts, humbles souls and brings countless benefits. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) commanded us to continuously refresh our knowledge of the Qur'an in order not to forget it. He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stated: [«Preserve your knowledge of the Qur'an, for I swear by Him in Whose Hand is my life that it is more liable to escape \(be forgotten\) than camels which are hobbled.»](#) Therefore, it is not fitting for one who has memorized the Qur'an to neglect its recitation, or to disregard its revision. Rather, one should specify a portion of the Qur'an to read on a daily basis which will help reinforce its memorization and ensure that one does not forget it. Thus, one will receive the reward from Allah and benefit from its rulings in belief and action. However, one who memorizes some parts of the Qur'an and then forgets them due to being busy or careless is not a sinner. The reported Hadith of threats against those who memorize parts from the Qur'an and then forget them is not a true narration from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

We ask Allah to grant us guidance and success, and may Allah bestow His prayers and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad, upon his family and his companions.

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