Sifaat Ul Huroof

Part 2: The Qualities Without Opposites

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Outline

Seven Sifaat without Opposites

Ghunna and Its Levels

Strong and Weak Sifaat

How to determine the strength of a letter
The Qualities Without Opposites

As Safeer: Whistling letters ص ز س

This whistling sound is caused by the sound traveling through a constricted passage.

Al Qalqalah: Echo/ Bouncing letter ق ط ب جد

It is caused by quickly moving away from the makhraj of the letters above. It is not a small fatha.
Degrees of Qalqalah

- **Lowest Degree:** Letters of Qalqalah when they appear in the middle of a word.
- **Lower Degree:** When stopping on letters of Qalqalah, with or without a shadda.
- **Higher Degree:** When stopping on letters of Qalqalah, with or without a shadda.
- **Highest Degree:** When stopping on words that end with a letter of Qalqalah that has a shadda on it.
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**Al Leen:** Ease - وي when they have a sukoon, and are preceded by a fatha

The tongue does not have to make effort to create this sound.

**Al Inhiraf:** Drifting of the sound of رل
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Al-Istitalah: ض

Elongation. It is more apparent when the letter has a sukoon or a shadda. There is an involuntary movement of the tongue towards the front two teeth. However, this should not affect the sound. The sound is elongated due to the quality of Ar-Rakhawah in the ض.

At-Takreer: Repetition or Trilling of the tongue ر

Although this is a quality of the letter ر, it must be controlled when reciting so as not to create the sound of multiple ر.
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At-Tafashee: Spreading - \(ش\)

The spreading of the sound of the letter \(ش\) until it collides with the plates of the upper front incisors.
Degrees of Ghunna

Ghunna is a quality that is intrinsic to the letters ن and م. It originates from the nasal cavity.

**Highest Degree:** When it has a shadda, such as in,

- Noon and meem mushaddadah
- Idgham Kamil between noon and meem, and noon and noon.
- Idgham Mithlain between meem and meem
- Idgham between ba and meem (Occurs once in Surah Hud for Riwayat Hafs.)
- Idgham between laam shamsiyyah and noon
Degrees of Ghunna

Second Degree: Idgham Naqis between Noon Sakinah and wow and ya

Third Degree: Al Ikhfa

1. Al-Ikhfa Noon Sakinah (all 15 letters)
2. Al-Ikhfa Ash-Shafawi
3. Qalb

Fourth Degree:

1. Idhhar Noon Sakinah and Tanween
2. Idhhar Meem Sakinah

Fifth Degree: When Noon and Meem carry a vowel.
There are 11 Strong Sifaat:

1. Al Jahr
2. Ash-Shiddah
3. Al Ist’ilah
4. Al- Itbaq
5. As-Safeer
6. Al-Qalqalah
7. Al-Inhiraf
8. At-Takreer
9. At-Tafasheer
10. Al-Istitalah
11. Al-Ghunna
Weak Qualities  الصفات الضعيفة

There are 7 qualities that are considered weak:

1. Al Hums
2. Ar-Rakhawah
3. Al Istifaal
4. Al Infitah
5. Al Leen
Qualities That Are Between the Two

The following three qualities are neither strong nor weak.

1. Al Ismat
2. Al Idhlaq
3. At Tawassut
Strong or Weak?

1. Strong: When all the qualities of a letter are strong.
2. Strong: When most of the qualities of a letter are strong.
3. Between Strong and weak:
4. Weak: When all the qualities of a letter are weak.
5. Weak: When most of the qualities of a letter are weak.

The letter ﷲ is the strongest letter in the alphabet, as it does not have any weak sifaaat.
Review Activity

Let’s list the qualities of the following letters, and determine whether they are weak or strong.

ث ف ض ج ن ب