

The Extraordinary Memory of Shaykh Hafidh Al Hakami رحمه الله

Born in 1924, his father named him 'Hafidh' the memorizer. And Allah gave him the success to live up to that name. The Shaykh passed in 1958 at the young age of 34.

Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee mentioned (ترجمة العلامة حافظ الحكمي / العلامة محمد بن هادي المدخلي)

Shaykh Ahmad An Najmi mentioned to me: "Shaykh Abdullah Al Qur'āwī requested Shaykh Hafidh and I (Shaykh An Najmi) memorize the Quran. (Both of them were young at this time). The first day I memorized an 8th of a Juz. Shaykh Hafidh memorized an **entire Juz**. The second day I memorized an 8th of a Juz. The second day Shaykh Hafidh memorized the **2nd Juz**. The third day I memorized an 8th of a Juz, while Shaykh Hafidh had completed **Soorah Al Baqarah**. So I said to Shaykh Hafidh: 'I can't keep up'."

- ❖ He completed the memorization of the Quran in one month; during Ramadan
- ❖ Starting slightly before Thur prayer and finishing slightly before Asr prayer, he would memorize one Juz of Quran.
- ❖ He recited what he memorized that day during Taraweeh prayer that night.

The older brother of Shaykh Hafidh, Shaykh Muhammad Al Hakami mentioned to me:

Shaykh Muhammad Abdur Razzaq Hamza (one of the teachers of Shaykh Hafidh) visited Shaykh Abdullah Al Qur'āwī in Mecca during the Hajj season and he brought with him two copies of the book by Imam Al Bukhari 'Khalqul Afaal Ibad (خلق أفعال العباد)'. When Shaykh Muhammad Hamza mentioned the book to Shaykh Al Qur'āwī, Shaykh Hafidh let out a gasp of excitement because he yearned for this book. He had heard of this book but never seen it. After Isha prayer he requested the book from the Shaykh, so he gave him a copy. After the Sunnah prayers of Isha and witr; Shaykh Hafidh began to copy the book in his notebook while the others slept. When the first Athan for Fajr was called his brother Muhammad awoke to hear Shaykh Hafidh saying: "May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon Muhammad" Meaning he had completed writing the entire book. The next day he returned the book to Shaykh Muhammad Hamza. Shaykh Muhammad Hamza said: "MashaAllah, you read the entire book?" Shaykh Al Qur'āwī responded: "No, he memorized the entire book".