

Question: What is the rule regarding a **ḥāfiḥ** who recites very fast and does not always implement the rules of Tajwīd, even though his Makhārij is good?

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمد لله الذي هدانا لهذا الذي كنا لنهتدي لولا أن هدانا الله

Answer:

After perusing various books on Islamic Jurisprudence, one is compelled to concur that the recitation of the Quran with Tajwīd is of utmost importance. Sometimes due to the omission of Tajwīd, a person's ḥāfiḥ is rendered null and void. Therefore, if a person is unable to recite the Qur'ān with Tajwīd, then in the interest of all the congregants, it would be best for him to refrain from leading the ḥāfiḥ. On the other hand, if a person knows, understands and is able to implement the laws of Tajwīd, but due to negligence or hastiness, he omits the laws of Tajwīd then it would not be correct to follow him in ḥāfiḥ. Intentionally discarding the laws of Tajwīd is a very grave sin. May Allah give us all the ability to recite the Qur'ān in a manner that pleases Him. 'Aāmīn.

This ruling has been extracted from the following authentic sources:

Aḥsanul Fatāwā Vol. 3, Pg. 69.

Raddul Muḥtār Vol. 1, Pg. 544.

Fatāwā Raḥimiyyah Vol. 1, Pg. 188.

Fatāwā Raḥimiyyah Vol. 4, Pg. 351.

Fatāwā Darul Uloom Zakariyya Vol. 2, Pg. 495.

And Allah knows best

Muftī Raḥā'ul ḥaq

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