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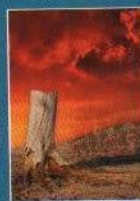
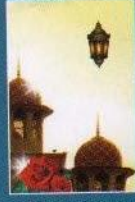
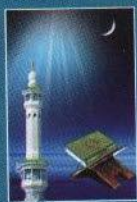
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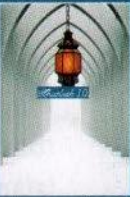
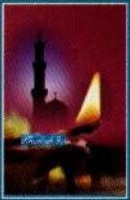
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## Publisher's Note

**In** our age, men of distinction who enjoy love and respect across the Muslim world are rare indeed. The author of this book, His Eminence Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Abdul Aziz As-Sudais is one of those fortunate and renowned personalities who hold a high and outstanding position in the Muslim world. Without exaggeration, we can say that there are millions of Muslims in the world who have offered prayers under his leadership, attended his Jumu'ah sermons, enjoyed Taraweeh Prayer with him and, on the occasion of Khatm-al-Qur'aan, made weeping supplications before Allah.

When Sheikh Abdul Rahman As-Sudais, who is also addressed by the kunyah Abu Abdul Aziz, recites the Holy Qur'aan in his mellifluous voice, the listeners are caught in rapt attention. The Sheikh and his listeners are both enraptured by the sublimity of the Holy Qur'aan; he is moved to tears himself and the praying masses weep as well.

All Glory is for Allah! The recitation of the Holy Qur'aan has a unique effect. No matter how many times the Holy Qur'aan is recited or heard, a new taste is experienced each time. The recitation of the Holy Qur'aan in the voice of Sheikh Abdul Rahman As-Sudais is extremely popular across the world. His voice echoes in every city and every township. When one visits the Holy Mosque of Makkah, one feels great solace in listening to the invigorating voice of Sheikh Abdul Rahman As-Sudais, which enlivens the soul.

His Eminence Dr. Abdul Rahman As-Sudais was born in Bukayriyah, in Qassim Province of Saudi Arabia, in 1962 C.E. He memorized the Holy Qur'aan at the age of twelve during his education in the Qur'aanic circles of Jam'iyat Tahfeeth Al-Qur'aan Al-Karim, in Al-Riyadh. In those days, His Eminence Abdul Rahman Al-Faryan was the head of this institution.

Sh. Abdul Rahman As-Sudais was very intelligent and precocious from his early childhood. He was blessed with a sharp memory. His parents paid special attention to the upbringing and education of their promising son. Many famous religious scholars and Qurra' (reciters of the Holy Qur'aan) worked hard to tutor him, the foremost among whom were Sh. Qari Muhammad Abdul Majid Zakir and Sh. Ali Hassan. He received his early education at Madrasah Muthanna bin Harithah, Al-Riyadh. Thereafter, he attended Al-Ma'had al-Ilmi, Al-Riyadh, where he received education in basic Islamic disciplines. During those days, great men of knowledge taught at the Ma'had. Sh. Abdullah Al-Muneef and Sh. Abdullah bin Abdul Rahman Tuwaijari were among his prominent teachers. Al-Ma'had al-Ilmi is an institute from where springs of the knowledge of the Book and the Sunnah shoot up. Sh. Abdul Rahman as-Sudais received his completion certificate from this institute, as a prominent student, with illustrious evaluation, in 1979 C.E. Thereafter, he got admission to the College of Shari'ah, where personalities like Sh. Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah Al ash-Sheikh, Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, and Sh. Dr. Abdullah bin Jibrin were among his teachers. He passed out from the College of Shari'ah in 1983 C.E.

Many study circles have been established in major mosques of Al-Riyadh. When Sh. Abdul Rahman As-Sudais



was a student, the study circle of Sh. Allamah Abdul Aziz bin Baz was well known in Deerah Mosque. Students from every corner of Al-Riyadh came there to learn Tafseer, Hadith and Fiqh and enlighten their hearts. Sh. Abdul Rahman As-Sudais acquired a rich share from these assemblies of knowledge. The great teachers from whom he benefitted, included Allamah Abdul Razzaq Afifi, Dr. Salih Al-Fawzan, Sh. Abdul Rahman Al-Barak and Sh. Abdul Aziz Al-Rajhi.

The contribution of teachers is very significant in building the character of a scholarly person. For most readers living outside Saudi Arabia, the above-mentioned teachers would probably be unknown but to the people who reside in Saudi Arabia and take a keen interest in religious learning, these personalities are well known and have a great status in scholarly ranks.

Thus, the knowledge of Sh. Abdul Rahman As-Sudais was nurtured and raised to maturity. Oratory became his second nature and eloquent words and phrases were constantly on his lips. He began to give the Jumu'ah Sermon in major mosques of Al-Riyadh. Thereafter, he was appointed "Khateeb" at a famous mosque of Al-Riyadh named after his teacher Sh. Abdul Rahman Afifi. Along with this, he started teaching at the College of Shari'ah. However, in addition to these honours, a higher position and greater award was to follow.

Sh. Abdul Rahman As-Sudais was appointed Imam and Khateeb of the Holy Mosque of Makkah, in 1984 C.E., and to this day, remains at this prestigious post. During his tenure, every year, he has the privilege of leading the Taraweeh prayers in the month of Ramadan. He recited the Holy Qur'aan in Haram Sharif (the Holy Mosque) along with other Imams many times, especially with His Eminence

Saud al-Shuraym. Allah alone knows how many people have converted to Islam after hearing his rousing and evocative voice. Many people have memorized the Holy Qur'aan by means of his cassettes.

He started his "imamat" (i.e., leadership in prayer) with the Asr prayer of Sha'ban 22, 1404 AH. After three weeks, in Ramadan 15, 1404 AH, he delivered his first Jumu'ah sermon, in the Holy Mosque in Makkah. Along with the "imamat" and "Khitabat" (i.e. oratory) of the Holy Mosque he continued teaching. He was awarded his Master's degree in Islamic Jurisprudence in 1408 AH, from Imam Saud University, Al-Riyadh. After this he began teaching students of the Law College at Jami'ah Umm al-Qura. During his academic tenure, he wrote his Ph.D thesis and in 1996 C.E. he received his Ph.D degree in Islamic Jurisprudence, from Umm al-Qura University, with distinction.

Dr. Abdul Rahman As-Sudais is one of those personalities selected for the propagation of Islam. Another honour was bestowed upon him when he was appointed as a teacher in the courtyard of the Holy Mosque to teach visitors after the Maghrib Prayer. He lectured on the topics of Faith, Jurisprudence, Tafseer and Hadith and gave satisfactory answers to the people's questions. He is a compassionate father of four sons, leading a very busy and fulfilled life.

Famous people from across the world, whether rulers or the ruled, political leaders or social workers, men of learning or religious scholars, all cordially wish to shake hands with this grand personality.

In 2005 C.E. an organisation in Dubai chose him as the Islamic personality of the year, where he was declared the most distinguished person with respect to Islam and the













