

Sheikh Abdur Rahman Al Sudais Imam Masjed Al-Haram (Al-Kaba)

Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais is the Grand Imam of the Masjid al Haram in Makkah in Saudi Arabia. He is known worldwide primarily for his beautiful recitation of the Qur'an (which he memorized at the age of 12). Imam Sudais was born in 1961 and is a doctor by profession. He comes from the Anza clan, his lineage is ABU ABDUL AZIZ Ibn ABDUL AZIZ bin ABDULLAH, bin ABDUL AZIZ bin MUHAMMAD bin ABDULLAH. He is renowned for his good character and simplicity. He also leads the Taraweeh Prayers during Ramadan (with the other Imams including Sheikh Saud Al-Shuraim).

Sheikh Sudais grew up in Riyadh and attended the Al Mathna Bin Hartha elementary school and also the Scientific Academy of Riyadh - he is one of the most famous students from there. He graduated from the Scientific Academy in 1399 with a grading EXCELLENT and then went on to the Al Sharia College. He obtained a degree in Sharia from Riyadh University in 1983 and became an IFK (Islamic Fundamental Knowledge) lecturer after the conclusion of his study. He obtained his masters in Islamic fundamentals from the Sharia College of Imam Muhammad Bin Saud Islamic University in 1987 and received his PhD in Islamic Sharia from Umma Al Qura University in 1995 while working there as an assistant professor after serving at Riyadh University. He was also taught the Quran by Sheikh Muhammed Abdul Majid Zakir and also various others including Al Sheikh Muhammed Ali Hassan.

After this he became Imam and Khateeb of a mosque in Riyadh called Masjid Al Sheikh Al Allama Abdur Razzaq Al Afifi. At the same time he started teaching in the Academy of Imam Al Dawaa Al Almy in 1404 and which time he was also appointed the Imam and Khateeb of Masjid al Haram in Mecca Mukarrama. He started his Imamate in Mecca on the 22/08/1404 leading the Asr salat, and his first Khutba to the people was on the 15/09/1404 which was in Ramadan.

In 2005 Al-Sudais was named by the Dubai International Holy Quran Award (DIHQA) Organising Committee as its 9th annual "Islamic Personality Of the Year" in recognition for his devotion to the Quran and Islam. When accepting his award in Dubai, he said: "The message of Islam and Muslims is modesty, fairness, security, stability, sympathy, harmony and kindness."

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