4040 - Will a person be rewarded for reading Quran even if he does not know the meaning of what he reads?

the question

I always read Quran but I do not understand the meanings… will I be rewarded by Allah for that?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The Holy Quran is blessed, as Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“(This is) a Book (the Quran) which We have sent down to you, full of blessings that they may ponder over its Verses, and that men of understanding may remember.”[Sad 38:29]

A man will be rewarded for reading it whether he understands its meanings or not… But the believer should not read the Quran without understanding at the time when he is responsible for his actions. If a person wants to learn medicine, for example, and studies medical books, he cannot learn anything from them unless he understands what they mean and it is explained to him. Indeed, he would very keen to understand what they say so that he can put it into practice. So how about the Book of Allah which is healing for what is in people’s hearts and exhortation for all people? What about a person who reads it and does not understand or ponder its meanings? The Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them) would not go beyond ten ayaat until they had learnt them and understood the knowledge therein and how to act upon it. A person will be rewarded for reading Quran whether or not he understands it, but he should try his best to find out what it means and to seek this knowledge from scholars who can be trusted. If he cannot easily find a scholar from whom he can learn, he should refer to reliable books of Tafseer such as Tafseer Ibn Jareer, Tafseer Ibn Katheer, and others.

And Allah knows best.