

## **The Speech of the Repetition of Rhetorical Question "Then Which of the Favours of Your Lord Will You Deny? In Surat AL Rahman**

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**ABSTRACT:** *Repetition is a linguistic feature that exists in all languages, and represents different purposes, rhetorical, emphatic, or otherwise. A problematic issue arises when the rhetorical question "Then which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? In Surat AL Rahman repeated many times in Surat Al Rahman. This paper deals with this specific area as far as the repetition of rhetorical question "Then which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? Is concerned. The speech act theory (1962) was applied to investigate realization of speech The repetition of rhetorical question "Then which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? In Surat AL Rahman. The analytical method is used while gathering of data. The paper highlights the Qur'an's aims and the effects of repetition in Surat Al Rahman. The paper also elucidates the purpose of the repetition in Surat Al Rahman. This paper elucidates that This verse is repeated 31 times in the surah, once after each description of Allah's blessings and punishment as well. The speech in surah Ar-Rahman is namely repetition. The reason used of speech in surah Ar-rahman namely faith, laws of justice, man and jinn, hell and favors heaven.*

**KEYWORDS:** speech, repetition, rhetorical question, Surat AL Rahman

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The teachings of Al- Qur'an are universal, addressed to all people throughout the world regardless of their creed and color. They enlighten man's soul, purify his morals, condemn all wrongs, order good deeds and call for the establishment of justice and fraternity through obeying Allah as the supreme authority. Surah Ar-Rahman has benefits in education, indicates that the properties of educators are generous, compassionate, gentle, polite and morality to their students and anyone (Personal Competence).

Ar-Rahman can help us multiply praise God, surrender to God wholeheartedly. Reminds us to be compassion for all creatures of God. Reminds us to be grateful that Allah has given to us. Ar-Rahman reminded us that there are other creatures besides humans who worship God. Ar-Rahman reminded that humans are forgetful by repeating the verses "

Surah Rahman is the 55th chapter of the Quran. It has 78 verses. The Surah talks about many things. It talks about the creation of man, jinn, and angels. It also talks about the blessings of Allah. The Surah tells us to use our common sense and to think about what is happening around us. It asks us why we are not grateful for all the good things that Allah has given us. It is one of the most beautiful and important surah in the Quran.

The Surah also tells us about the Day of Judgment. On that day, no one will be able to hide anything. Everything will be known to everyone. Those who did good things will be rewarded. Those who did bad things will be punished. The Surah repeats the same sentences after every verse. This sentence is : "Then which of the favours of your Lord will you deny?"

In another word Repetition is one of the most widely used concepts in daily life. In its general meaning, the word 'repetition' can be used for virtually everything around us. According to Unais (1972) repetition means something being repeated over and over again. Repetition is in need of emphasis and confirmation, so then repetition is inevitable and necessary (Al-Khattabi, n.d ). Al-Zarkashi (1958) says that repetition is a traditional Arabic style which has numerous purposes. He then mentions the stories in the Qur'an and examines the benefits in their repetition.

This sentence makes the Surah very easy to read. They are also very powerful. They make us think about the good things in our lives. They remind us to be grateful to Allah for everything He has given us. The central theme of Surah Rahman is Allah's infinite mercy and blessings. The surah begins with the repetition of the question "Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?" This verse is repeated 31 times in the surah, once after each description of Allah's blessings and punishment as well. According to Nursi (1995) the mark of prayer is strengthening through repetition; the mark of command and summons is confirmation through repetition.

This paper comes to shed light on why is the phrasal rhetorical question "Then which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? "repeated many times. The paper shows that this repetition serves as a reminder to the reader of the countless blessings that Allah has bestowed upon us, and it encourages us to reflect on these blessings and show gratitude to our Lord.

## **RESEARCH METHOD**

In this research, the researcher used descriptive qualitative research. The researcher want to analyzed a document and the data was taken from Al-Quran , the Tafsir Ibn Katheer (2000)and The Meaning of The Holy Quran for Ali (2001) . Meanwhile, the reason why the researcher used qualitative approach in analyzed content of document because according to the researcher this method was appropriated for their study because the researcher want to described about of speech of repetition used in Surah Ar- Rahman and the data was shown in the sentence. Therefore, the researcher thinks this approach was agreeable to analyzed the repetition in Surah Ar- Rahman.

## **FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS**

### **Analysis of repetition**

The repetition of this question challenges those who deny the existence or power of Allah and invites them to reflect on their own limited abilities in comparison to the infinite power of Allah. Repetition is a powerful rhetorical device that is used in the Quran to emphasize key points and make them more memorable for the listener or reader. In the case of Surah Rahman, the repetition of the question "Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?" serves as a reminder of Allah's countless blessings and encourages us to express gratitude to Him.

It also serves as a rhetorical device to challenge those who deny or reject the existence of Allah, inviting them to reflect on the blessings that are evident in the world around them. The repetition of this question throughout the surah also creates a sense of rhythm and musicality in the text, making it more enjoyable to recite and listen to. In addition to the repetition of the question "Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?" Surah Rahman also contains other instances of repetition. For example, the phrase "Then which of the blessings of your Lord will you both (jinns and men) deny?" is repeated six times in the surah.

This repetition serves to emphasize the importance of recognizing and acknowledging Allah's blessings and challenges the listener or reader to think about the ways in which they may be ungrateful or unaware of these blessings. Similarly, the phrase "So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" is repeated five times in the surah. This repetition further emphasizes the importance of gratitude and encourages the listener or reader to reflect on the countless blessings that Allah has bestowed upon them.

Another example of repetition in Surah Rahman is the repetition of the phrase "Which of the powers of your Lord can you (people) deny?" This phrase is repeated nine times in the surah, and it serves to highlight the power and might of Allah. The repetition of this question challenges those who deny the existence or power of Allah and invites them to reflect on their own limited abilities in comparison to the infinite power of Allah.

Overall, the repetition in Surah Rahman serves to emphasize key points and make them more memorable for the listener or reader. The repetition of the question "Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?" throughout the surah reminds us of Allah's countless blessings and encourages us to express gratitude to Him. It also serves as a rhetorical device to challenge those who deny or reject the existence of Allah, inviting them to reflect on the blessings that are evident in the world around them.

The repetition of this question, along with other phrases such as "Then which of the blessings of your Lord will you both (jinns and men) deny?" and "So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" further emphasizes the importance of recognizing and acknowledging Allah's blessings and encourages us to think about the ways in which we may be ungrateful or unaware of these blessings.

Finally, the repetition of the phrase "Which of the powers of your Lord can you (people) deny?" serves to highlight the power and might of Allah and challenges those who deny His existence or power to reflect on their own limited abilities in comparison to the infinite power of Allah.

After each description of Allah's blessings, the rhetorical question "Which of the favors of your Lord will you deny?" is repeated. This question serves as a reminder to the reader of Allah's countless blessings and encourages gratitude and appreciation. By repeating this question, Surah Rahman emphasizes the importance of recognizing and acknowledging these blessings. It also challenges those who deny the existence or power of Allah to provide an alternative explanation for the origin and sustenance of the universe. In addition to this primary repetition, Surah Rahman also includes other forms of repetition, such as parallelism and refrains. Parallelism is a literary device in which similar ideas are expressed using different words or phrases. For example, in verse 13, the phrase "Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny?" is repeated twice, with slightly different wording: "Which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? / He created man from clay." This repetition creates a sense of rhythm and balance and helps to drive home the message of gratitude and recognition.

Refrains are lines or phrases that are repeated at regular intervals throughout a poem or song. In Surah Rahman, the refrain "So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" is repeated no less than 31 times. The frequent repetition of this line serves several purposes. First, it adds structure and coherence to the surah, helping to unify its various themes and ideas. Second, it creates a musical quality, making the surah more engaging and memorable. Third, it emphasizes the central message of the surah – that Allah's blessings are innumerable and deserving of gratitude and recognition. By repeating this refrain so many times, Surah Rahman drives home this message and invites the reader to reflect on their own ingratitude and take steps to rectify it.

The repetitive structure of Surah Rahman also has an emotional impact on the reader. The constant repetition of the refrain serves to heighten the reader's awareness of Allah's blessings and their own ingratitude. As they read through the surah, they may begin to feel a growing sense of guilt and remorse for not appreciating these blessings more fully. This emotional response can be seen as a form of psychological persuasion, urging the reader to change their behavior and adopt a more grateful attitude.

The phrase "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" is repeated 31 times in Surah Rahman. It is an important question that Allah asks the reader every time it appears. The question makes us think about all the good things Allah has given us and about what we give back to Him. Surah Rahman is a beautiful chapter of the Quran. It has 78 verses, and it talks about the different blessings Allah has given us. The chapter starts with Allah teaching the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Then, Allah talks about the sun and the moon, the stars and the trees, the oceans and the rivers, the animals and the birds, and many other things. After each verse about a blessing, Allah repeats the question: "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?"

This question reminds us to be thankful for everything Allah has given us. We should never forget or ignore the many blessings in our life. If we really think about it, we will realize that there are too many blessings to count. But sometimes we take these blessings for granted. We don't appreciate them enough, and we don't use them in the right way. So, we need to stop and think about all the good things Allah has given us. This will help us to be more grateful, and it will also make us better Muslims.

The question also makes us think about what we give back to Allah. He has given us so much, but what do we do for Him? Allah doesn't need anything from us, and we can never repay Him for all His blessings. But we can try to please Him and make Him happy. We can do this by following His commands, staying away from sins, and doing good deeds. We can also use the blessings He has given us in the right way. For example, if we have money, we should use it to help others. If we have good health, we should use it to worship Allah and serve His creation. If we have knowledge, we should use it to teach others and spread the message of Islam.

The question in Surah Rahman is a wake-up call for all of us. It reminds us that our time in this world is short. We don't know when we will die or when the Day of Judgment will come. So, we need to make the most of every moment and every blessing. We need to use our time and energy to do good and get closer to Allah. We need to change our bad habits and develop good ones. We need to be kind and generous to others. And we need to remember that everything we have is a gift from Allah. It is not because of our own efforts or abilities. This should make us humble, and it should also make us more grateful.

In Surah Rahman, Allah repeats the question "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" 31 times. Some scholars say that this number represents the 31 different types of blessings mentioned in the chapter. Others say that it represents the 31 days of a month, which reminds us to be thankful every day. Whatever the reason, the repetition of the question is a powerful reminder for all of us. It makes us think about all the good things Allah has given us and about what we give back to Him. It encourages us to be more grateful and to use our blessings in the right way. And it reminds us that our time in this world is short, so we need to make the most of every moment and every opportunity.

### **The pragmatic functions of repetition**

Surah Rahman is the 55th surah of the Qur'an. It has 78 verses and is one of the most beautiful and frequently recited Surahs. The Surah takes its name from the word al-Rahman in verse 1. This is not only a name but also a title of its subject matter, for the Surah mentions various aspects of Allah's blessings on man and ends with a question, "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" The main theme of the Surah is the countless blessings of Allah on humanity. The Surah reminds us that these blessings are so great that they cannot be counted. The repetition of the question, "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" is one of the features of this Surah. The question is repeated 31 times in the Surah.

In Arabic, the question is, "Fabi'i ala'i rabbikuma tukadhdhiban." Each time it is repeated, it is followed by the answer, "La bi shay'in min ni'mati rabbikuma tukadhdhiban." This means, "You do not deny any of the favors of your Lord." The repetition of the question and answer in the Surah is very effective. It makes the reader think about all the blessings of Allah and how they are taken for granted.

The Surah begins with the words, "The Most Gracious (Allah) has taught the Qur'an." These words remind us that the Qur'an is a great blessing from Allah. The Surah then goes on to mention some of the other great blessings of Allah: the creation of human beings, the sun and the moon, the stars and the trees, the seas and the mountains, the rain and the crops, etc. After mentioning each of these blessings, the Surah repeats the question, "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" The repetition of this question after each blessing makes the reader think about how these blessings are taken for granted.

The Surah also mentions some of the great blessings of Paradise. It describes the beautiful gardens of Paradise and the rewards that await those who do good deeds in this world. After mentioning each of these blessings, the Surah repeats the question, "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" The repetition of this question after each blessing makes the reader think about how these blessings are taken for granted. The Surah also mentions some of the punishments of Hell. It describes the terrible fire of Hell and the torment that awaits those who do evil deeds in this



world. After mentioning each of these punishments, the Surah repeats the question, "Which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" The repetition of this question after each punishment makes the reader think about how these punishments are deserved.

The Surah is very effective in getting its message across. It reminds us that all the blessings of Allah are great and should not be taken for granted. It makes the reader think about how these blessings are taken for granted. It also makes the reader think about how these blessings are deserved.

## CONCLUSION

the repetitive structure of Surah Rahman, with its repeated refrain "Which of the favors of your Lord will you deny?" serves multiple purposes. It emphasizes the countless blessings bestowed by Allah upon His creation, encourages gratitude and recognition, and challenges those who deny Allah's existence or power. The repetition also adds structure and coherence to the surah, creates a musical quality, and has an emotional impact on the reader. By employing this repetitive structure, Surah Rahman effectively conveys its message of gratitude and recognition, inviting the reader to reflect on their own ingratitude and make a change.

In addition to the repetition of this question, there are other instances of repetition in Surah Rahman. For example, the phrase "So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?" is repeated five times in the surah. Similarly, the phrase "Then which of the blessings of your Lord will you both (jinns and men) deny?" is repeated six times in the surah. The repetition of these phrases emphasizes the importance of recognizing and acknowledging Allah's blessings. Another example of repetition in Surah Rahman is the repetition of the phrase "Which of the powers of your Lord can you (people) deny?" This phrase is repeated nine times in the surah, and it highlights the power and might of Allah.

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