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BENEFITS FROM SURAH AL FATIHA


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

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Benefits from Surah Al Fatiha - ALL NOTES

اسماء سورة الفاتحة Names of Surah Al Fatiha

1. The Opening الفاتحة: it's the first Surah in the Qur'an
2. Seven oft repeated verses السبع المثاني: because it is recited in every unit of prayer. It is divided in half between Allah and the slave: first 3.5 ayat until إياك نعبد 'You alone we worship' is for Allah. Final 3.5 ayat are for the slave.
3. Mother of the Qur'an أم القرآن: it's the origin of the Qur'an. In order to understand the Qur'an, one needs to know Surah Al Fatiha. It's the foundation for knowledge and action.
4. Prayer الصلاة: it's a connection and conversation between us and Allah.
5. Sufficient الكافية: it's sufficient for us

6. Ruqyah الرقية: Surah Al Fatiha is ruqyah by itself. It's a cure for all sicknesses, whether it's temptations or doubts, inner or outer sicknesses, known or unknown sicknesses to us.

What does Surah Al Fatiha consist of?

1. Three types of tawheed

1. Oneness of Lordship توحيد الربوبية: make Allah One and Only One in actions. This is clearly stated in الحمد لله رب العالمين. Only He creates, gives, withholds, disposes all affairs.
2. Oneness of Divinity توحيد الالهية: this is clearly stated in إياك نعبد وإياك نستعين. We have to take all of our actions and make it one and only one for Allah. We cannot worship Allah without seeking His Help. Sheikh As Saady said worship and istiana are the means to eternal happiness and safety from all evils.
3. Oneness in Names and Attributes توحيد الأسماء والصفات: the main names of Allah are mentioned in Surah Al Fatiha - الله ، الرب ، الرحمن - الرحيم. What makes someone to commit shirk? Believing someone else has perfect attributes. Only Allah has the perfect names and attributes. No one in this life is perfect and this life is a test so there's no perfection. We can only enter paradise by His mercy, be forgiven by His mercy.

2. Two types of dua:

1. Dua as worship **دعاء العبادة**: to praise Allah is the best dua because you are seeking His love. **الحمد لله رب العالمين** Only He's worthy of worship. Don't praise anyone else because whoever you praise will be your center. Praise only Allah and make Him your center.

2. Dua as asking **دعاء المسألة**: the best dua and one which we are in most need of is **اهدنا الصراط المستقيم**. A common need amongst all of us is guidance to the Straight Path. This is to be a Muslim and take all the details of knowledge and action because as a person goes down the path, it becomes trickier and one needs more guidance.

3. Affirming the messengers **إثبات الرسالات**: we should take the messengers as role models and guides for us and not someone who's alive. Anyone who's alive is still in a test and can change.

- Allah is the Nurturer and He sent messengers as guides for us **رب العالمين**
- We can't be guided to the Straight Path without following the messengers **اهدنا الصراط المستقيم صراط الذين أنعمت عليهم**

4. Affirming the Resurrection **إثبات البعث**: Allah will account all because He is **مالك يوم الدين**. He will account those who took the guidance and acted upon it, those who are **مغضوب عليهم** and those who are **الضالين**.

May Allah guide us to the Straight Path. Ameen.

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Benefits from Surah Al Fatiha - Day 2

The first three ayat of Surah Al Fatiha consist of three matters:

1. All praises belong to Allah Lord of the Universe **الحمد لله رب العالمين**: in it is love **فيها المحبة**
2. The Most Merciful The Especially Merciful **الرحمن الرحيم**: in it is hope **فيها الرجاء**
3. Owner of the Day of Judgement **مالك يوم الدين**: in it is fear **فيها الخوف**

In order to worship Allah alone we need all three - love, hope and fear. The head of worship is love and throughout there needs to be hope and fear. To worship Allah with only one component is a cause for deviation. A person will not be balanced when there's a component missing.

All praises are due to Allah Lord of the Universe **الحمد لله رب العالمين**

The One Who nurtures and cares for everyone makes us love Him. To praise Allah is greater than gratitude because this is in the heart. We praise Allah because He's taking care of everything. He' The Bestower

and He has actions which are perfect so we praise Him. Only He's worthy of all praise. When we say الحمد لله رب العالمين in the prayer, Allah responds, حمدني عبدي, My slave has praised Me.

It also includes to love everything which Allah loves.

Love is divided into four types:

1. Shirk in love محبة شركية: a person cannot have pure love for Allah if there are other types of love. The love of Allah in the heart is a great blessing which He placed and this will be removed when it's shared with others because Allah is The Most Rich. A person cannot love Allah and worship something else besides Him; this is shirk.
2. Forbidden love محبة محرمة: a person shouldn't love what Allah hates such as the haram and prohibitions. Allah does not love dhulm, shirk, and kufr and we should hate it as well. This type of love is found in hypocrites who love falsehood and the haram and hate the truth.
3. Natural love محبة طبيعية: this is permissible which is to love parents, children, spouse, good companions, though it should not distract a person from worshipping Allah or causing him to sin.
4. Obligatory love محبة واجبة: this includes loving for Allah such as loving the muhsineen, the good doers.

The Most Merciful The Especially Merciful الرحمن الرحيم

In this is hope. When we say الرحمن الرحيم in the prayer, Allah responds, اثنى علي عبدي, My slave has over praised Me. We praise Allah by His Perfect Names. Hoping for Allah's mercy is bringing all good and protection from all evil. الرحمن is general mercy to all and الرحيم is a special mercy to the believers. Only by His mercy can we enter paradise and we hope for His mercy to be guided to good deeds.

Owner of the Day of Judgement مالك يوم الدين

In this is fear because Allah alone is the One Who will judge the people and recompense them accordingly. The believers know Allah is the Owner of this life and the next, but all will know He is the Owner of the Day of Judgement. To be called for accounts makes us fearful and anyone doing wrong will be in fear. May Allah forgive us.

- These three feelings together of love, hope and fear are the foundation of worship. They are inner worships. To have any component missing is misguidance and deviation.
- There are those who only worship Allah out of love and they don't hope for paradise or fear His punishment, astaghfar Allah.
- There are those who only worship Allah with hope. They say belief is in the heart and if someone does wrong then Allah is forgiving and merciful. They forget His punishment is also severe. They have no fear.

- And there are those who only worship Allah out of fear and they have no hope.

The way of truth is to worship Allah out of love, hope and fear. This is Tawheed and the way of the believers.

May Allah place all of these feelings in our heart and make us true believers. Ameen.

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Benefits from Surah Al Fatiha - Day 3

You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help إياك نعبد وإياك نستعين

When the slave says إياك نعبد وإياك نستعين, Allah responds, 'this is between Me and My slave and My slave will have what He asks for' هذا بيني وبين عبدي ولعبدني ما سأل.

You alone we worship إياك نعبد:

- This is the right of Allah حق الله, which is we make You exclusive in worship alone نخصك بالعبادة وحدك.
- *What is worship?* It is inclusive of all that Allah loves and is pleased with from speech and actions, apparent and hidden العبادة اسم جامع لما يحبه الله ويرضاه من الأقوال والأفعال الظاهرة والباطنة.

- To worship Allah alone is to worship Him according to what's said before لعبدك يا رب بما مضى, this means I worship You My Lord with love, hope and fear. These are the pillars of worship. As mentioned before, deviation happens when a person is not worshipping Allah with all components. To only love Allah alone is not a slave worshipping His Master. To only have hope مرجئة delays one in doing good deeds. To only have fear وديعية makes one extreme, strict, and only scaring the people.
- In واياك نعبد we find Oneness in divinity توحيد الالهية because it is the right of Allah to be worshipped alone.
- We also find افراد الله بافعال العباد which means we direct all of our actions for Allah alone.

واياك نستعين And You alone we ask for help

- This is the right of the slave حق العبد which is we make You exclusive in seeking Your help alone نخصك بالاستعانة وحدك. This means Allah will help us to worship Him, this is our right, but when we ask Him alone. It's our right to seek His help, subhan Allah. It's not about doing things on our own.

- *What is istiana?* It is to depend on Allah alone to bring all benefits and push away all harm *الاعتماد على الله لجلب المنافع ودفع المضار*. If we're not seeking Allah's help then we're not fulfilling our right and this will make us arrogant thinking we can do things on our own. Surely Surah Al Fatiha is a cure and it's sufficient.
- In *إياك نستعين* we find Oneness in Lordship *توحيد الربوبية* because only Allah can help us, this is His action.
- We also find *توحيد الله بأفعال الله* which is to make Allah One by all His actions. No one can have Allah's actions. Allah is the One Who guides and has the perfect actions, so how can we be dealt with His actions? Seek His help.
- Our test in life is not about our physical or mental power because people have different abilities, but our test is seeking help in Allah. This is something which can be done everyone, but there are those who do it and those who don't. We are a slave of Allah and it's our right to seek His help.

When the slave says *إياك نعبد وإياك نستعين*, Allah responds, 'this is between Me and My slave and My slave will have what He asks for' *هذا بيني وبين عبي ولعبي ما سأل*. Next we are asking Allah to be guided to the Straight Path.

Guide us to the Straight Path اهدنا الصراط المستقيم

This is a reply to those who innovate in the religion الرد على المبتدعين. A persons needs both sincerity to Allah and following the Sunnah.

Guidance is two types:

1. Guidance to be shown the way هداية الدلالة: this is knowledge and the way of the truth طريق الحق.
2. Guidance to act هداية التوفيق: this is action when you accept the truth قبول الحق. When you accept the truth, Allah will bring the result.

The Straight Path is knowledge and actions. Everyone needs guidance and for some it's to remain quiet, for some it's to speak, for some is to give and for some is not to give.

The Straight Path الصراط المستقيم:

It is the Path which is

1. Balanced معتدل
2. Clear واضح: confusion comes with deviation.

May Allah help us to worship Him. Ameen.

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Benefits from Surah Al Fatiha - Day 4

There are three groups of people regarding the Straight Path:

Those who are on the Straight Path are clearly on the truth, but those who are deviated are crooked. The Straight Path will take a person to paradise.

1. You bestowed Your favour upon them **أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ**:

- These are people who are on the Straight Path because they took the knowledge and acted upon it. They accepted the truth and acted upon it.
- Allah bestowed His favour upon them; it's a blessing and favour from Allah to be on the Straight Path. May Allah favour us to be on on the Straight Path. Ameen.

2. Those Whom You are angry with **الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ**:

- The anger and wrath of Allah is upon them because they took the knowledge and left the actions. Knowledge is from Allah and there has to be actions with knowledge.

3. Those who are misguided الضالين:

- They don't acquire knowledge or learn but they do actions without knowledge. There are people who are worshipping but with no knowledge. And if they're told to learn, they say it distracts them from their worship, subhan Allah.
- We learn a Surah or Hadith so that we act upon it.

Benefits الفوائد:

1. Free yourself from your might and power التبرؤ من الحول والقوة: to be on the Straight Path is a favour and blessing from Allah and guidance from Him. When Allah teaches us and makes us act upon it then it's a favour from Him. Without His favour we would be مغضوب عليهم and ضالين.
2. Knowing Allah by His perfection and negating all imperfection معرفة: Surah Al Fatiha tells us about Allah's perfection so that we attach to Him and worship Him alone. We worship the One Who's perfect.

3. A person knows himself that he's weak **معرفة الإنسان بنفسه بأنه ضعيف**: we need Surah Al Fatiha in every phase of our life because we're weak.

How will we know ourselves?

1. If there's a Rabb/Nurturer then surely there are those who need nurturing **إذا كان رب لا بد من مربوب**: we all admit we are imperfect and need nurturing.
2. If there's One Who's merciful then surely there are those who need mercy **إذا كأم هنا راحم لا بد من مرحوم**: we all need Allah's mercy and can't live without it. May Allah have mercy on us. Ameen
3. If there's an Owner then surely there are those who are owned **إذا كان هنا مالك لا بد من مملوك**: we don't own anything but Allah owns us.
4. If there's a slave then surely there is One Who's worshipped **إذا كان هنا عبد لا بد من معبود**: we should worship Allah alone.
5. If there's One Who guides then surely there are those who need guidance **إذا كان هناك هاد لا بد من مهدي**
6. If there's One Who bestows favours then surely there are those being bestowed with favours upon them **عليه إذا كان هناك منعم لا بد من منعم**

7. If there are those whose anger is upon them then surely there is One Who is angry with them اذا كان هنا مغضوب لا بد من غاضب
8. If there are misguided ones then surely there's One Who misguides (because of their wrongdoing) اذا كان هنا ضال فلا بد من مضل

This is the end of the series. May Allah favour us to be on the Straight Path. Ameen.

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