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PATH OF THE TRAVELLER

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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INTRODUCTION

PRAISING ALLAH AND SEEKING HIS HELP

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَغِيثُهُ مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ
يُضِلِّ اللَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ
لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمَّا بَعْدُ

"Innal-hamda lillahi nahmaduhu wa
nasta'inahu, man yahdih Illahu fala mudilla lahu
wa man yudlil Illahu fala hadiya lahu, wa
ashhadu an la ilaha illallahu (wahdahu lasharika
lahu) wa ashadu anna Muhammadan
'abdahu wa rasuluhu. Amma ba'd

Praise be to Allah, we seek His help.

Whomsoever Allah guides will never be led
astray, and whomsoever Allah leaves astray, no
one can guide. I bear witness that there is none

worthy of worship but Allah (alone with no partners) and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger. To proceed."¹

- When there is a lofty goal and purpose, we will know that the journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not by feet, but by heart.
- “Madarij As Salikeen” is a beautiful book which reflects upon the worships of heart on the path to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- It begins by mentioning Surah Al ‘Asr because we do not want to lose and then it mentions Surah Al Fatiha because it is an opening, curer, sufficient for us and a connection.
- We are all travelers in this life; we are not permanent residents here. We are travelling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this travel is not based on

¹ Sunan an-Nasa'i 3278

our might and power, but to travel with our heart.

SURAH AL INSHIQAQ 6

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدْحًا فَمُلَاقِيهِ

O mankind, indeed you are laboring toward your Lord with [great] exertion and will meet it.

- We are all struggling and running in this life. To struggle with feet is tiring and difficult, but to run with the heart and belief is smooth and easy.

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SURAH AL FATIHA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

2

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds -

3

الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful,

4

مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Sovereign of the Day of Recompense.

5

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

It is You we worship and You we ask for help.

6

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path -

7

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray.

LOFTY GOALS IN SURAH AL FATIHA

1. TO KNOW WHO IS THE ONE WORTHY OF WORSHIP

- Previously we defined Who is The One we worship, and that He is Allah, Ar Rabb, Ar Rahman, and we always praise Him because He is The Lord of the Worlds and He is The Most Merciful, The Especially Merciful.

2. CONFIRMATION WE WILL RETURN TO ALLAH

- Whether we accept our nurturing or not, this abode is the abode of deeds and not the abode of recompense because there will be a Day when we will return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH AL FATIHA 4

مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Sovereign of the Day of Recompense.

- This ayah confirms that we will return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and meet Him.
- This life is not the time for judgement and recompense. If Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not judging us or recompensing us in this life, so who are we do to this?
- A person must first fulfill all the decrees in his life, exit this life, enter the barzakh and then be resurrected when the judgement will take place.
- It is not for us to account and judge, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Haseeb and He is All-Wise in the judgement.
- Alhamdulillah only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Owner of the Day of Recompense and consequently the Owner of this life, so we are not the ones to

judge. Knowing this cures us from any types of sicknesses of the heart.

- Everyone needs to think of that return and meeting with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and not to think of getting our reward and judgement in this life.
- Everyone will return in the hereafter at the same time, unlike in this life where everyone enters and exits in different times.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Maalik, The Owner so we cannot judge anyone, and the Day of Judgement is called Yawm Ad Deen (يَوْمَ الدِّينِ)
 - The Day of Recompense and Debt when everyone will be recompensed according to what they fulfilled or did not fulfill in this life.
- When we know we will be recompensed, rewarded or punished in the hereafter then we should not wait for it in this life.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MESSENGERS

- We find direct and indirect evidence in Surah Al Fatiha about the messengers.
- We cannot be in this life without messengers to show us how to practice the religion. If there are no messengers then people will be misled and follow whatever they want to follow. So messengers are a mercy to mankind.

SURAH AL FATIHA 2

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Nurturer of all the worlds by providing them and guiding them. So surely Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not leave His slaves without sending them righteous messengers that will teach the people what is good for them and

tell them to stay away from what will harm them.

- This ayah confirms that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will never leave the people without guiding them and the best way of guidance is through the messengers who are role models for the people. We will look into this further in the next class in sha'a Allah.
- In conclusion, we see the great depth and importance of knowing Surah Al Fatiha and the lofty goals it pertains.

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[ALL] PRAISE IS [DUE] TO ALLAH, LORD OF THE WORLDS -

REFERENCES

1. مدارج السالكين - ابن القيم

RELATED RESOURCES

JOURNEY TO ALLAH

TO YOU IS MY RETURN

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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