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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

PEACE AND BLESSINGS OF ALLAH UPON
MOHAMMED

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ
وَأَلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ، وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ
مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَأَلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ

O Allah, send salah upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad, as You sent salah upon Ibrahim and upon the family of Ibrahim, and send blessings upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad as You sent blessings upon Ibrahim and the family of Ibrahim. You are indeed Worthy of praise, Full of majesty.

- We may do things with ikhlas, but in order to be united and not separate, it is to follow the Prophet (ﷺ).
- It will be deception and misguidance when we do not follow him.

SURAH AL HADID 19

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ

And those who have believed in Allah and His messengers - those are [in the ranks of] the supporters of truth

- If there is no role model or messenger and people just follow what they want to follow then there will be no truthfulness, and only division.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Lord of the Worlds and surely He will not leave the people. Someone might think nurturing is only by decree. But

whenever humanity is deviated, Allah (سبحانه) sends prophets and messengers to take them back on track.

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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

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

2. CONFIRMATION WE WILL RETURN TO ALLAH

3. CONFIRMATION OF MESSENGERS

◦ The Name of “Allah” also indicates that He will not leave us without sending a messenger to

us. No matter how intelligent, expert or knowledgeable humanity may be, we need Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to send messengers to us.

- We can easily ignore the messengers thinking we know what to do.
- The messengers sacrificed all of their life for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to make the people know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and worship Him alone.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) has passed away, but we need to love him more than we love ourselves. Do we actually feel that?
- And the Name Ar Rahman – The Most Merciful – indicates that surely Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will send messengers to us.

SURAH AL ANBIYA 107

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدْحًا فَمُلَاقِيهِ
وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], except as a mercy to the worlds.

- We need messengers to show us how to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but surely we do not worship them.
- The rights of the Prophet (ﷺ) upon us are more than anyone else because the Qur'an was brought down on him and he taught it to us.

SURAH AL FATIHA 4

مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Sovereign of the Day of Recompense.

- When we know that one Day Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will account and recompense the people,

surely the messengers warned the people of the Day of Judgement.

- The Day of Judgement gives us more confirmation that messengers were sent.
- The messengers unite the people because we cannot invent a worship without following the messengers.

PRAY AS THE PROPHET (ﷺ) PRAYED

وَصَلُّوا كَمَا رَأَيْتُمُونِي أُصَلِّي

Pray as you have seen me praying¹

- We have to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by following the Messengers.
- Someone might say, “I worship Allah with my heart and love Him”, but this will lead to each

¹ Al-Adab Al-Mufrad 213., Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

doing worships their own way outwardly, which will look like separation.

SURAH AL FATIHA 6

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

- When we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to guide us and show us, we cannot just be guided through ayat or creation, but the main guidance is through the messengers.
- We need guidance until the end and on the Day of Judgment, the Prophet (ﷺ) will stand at the Scale. And this shows our deeds cannot be accepted if we did not love him and follow his way.
- And he will be there on the Sirat because we will be unable to cross it if we deviated from his way.

- And no one will enter paradise before the Prophet (ﷺ) enters first. He is our messenger and example.
- And at the Pool of Kawthar, he will give water to his followers.
- Following the Prophet (ﷺ) makes us truthful, humble and united.

SURAH AL FATIHA 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.

- We want the Straight Path of those whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) bestowed His favor on them and surely the messengers are most favored, and they are the ones we want to follow.

- The ayat in Surah Al Fatiha give more confirmation about the prophets and messengers. This shows the importance of following the Straight Path of the messengers.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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

REFERENCES

1. مدارج السالكين - ابن القيم

RELATED RESOURCES

BELIEF IN THE MESSENGERS

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

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