

مدارج السالكين

PATH OF THE TRAVELLER

All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.

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INTRODUCTION

- All praises are due to Allah Lord of the Worlds for everything and may He guide us to the Straight Path. We are all travelling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this is an important fact to understand.

BE IN THIS LIFE LIKE A STRANGER OR
TRAVELLER

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا. قَالَ أَخَذَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِمَنْكِبِي فَقَالَ " كُنْ فِي الدُّنْيَا كَأَنَّكَ غَرِيبٌ، أَوْ عَابِرُ سَبِيلٍ "

Abdullah bin `Umar said, "Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) took hold of my shoulder and said, 'Be in this world as if you were a stranger or a traveler.'"¹

- When we know we are a traveler in this life, then we will be similar to a guest who wants to benefit and make the best of their time. We are not permanent residents here. Our original residence was in paradise, then we came to this life on earth in order to be refreshed, reformed, become better, and return back to our original home.
- Whomever we meet in this life is a traveler like us too, and we all need a map.
- The book we are learning is the Path of the Traveler to Allah (مدارج السالكين) (سبحانه وتعالى), and nothing will make sense if we do not know that we are returning back to Him.

¹ Sahih al-Bukhari 6416

- Previously we mentioned that we must know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), that we will return to Him, and we need messengers to follow. And now we will talk about guidance.

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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

4. GUIDANCE

SURAH AL FATIHA 6

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

- Guidance is to attain all good and to be protected from all evil. Guidance is to be saved and protected from any evil and any trials that can mislead us. Sometimes we think guidance is only our actions, but guidance is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The more we are on the path to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more we need to seek His guidance.

TYPES OF GUIDANCE

1. GUIDANCE OF BEING SHOWN WITH EVIDENCE (هداية)

(البيان والدلالة)

- We are here in this life as a traveler, but we want to return back to paradise and not to the fire. In this life we are surrounded by many things, so we need guidance.
- When we want to do anything, we cannot do it without evidence from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bring messengers, books, advice, inspiration and even dreams.
- If a person is truthful, believes and is not acting based on desire, then it takes us to the second point of guidance.
- without desires and believes, then the second is guidance of tawfeeq and inspiration of what to do.

2. GUIDANCE OF ACTING AND WHILE AT PEACE (هداية)

(التوفيق والألهم)

- The guidance of tawfeeq is not about jumping to do something, but to feel at peace, at rest and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will inspire us what to do.
- These two points are required and we cannot ignore one or the other, otherwise it leads to deviation.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Haadi – The Guide – and it is important to always seek His guidance.

SUPPLICATION FOR GUIDANCE

أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم كان يقول: "اللهم إني أسألك

الهدى والتقى والعفاف والغنى"

'Abdullah bin Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (ﷺ) used to

say: "

*Allahumma inni as'alukal-huda wat- tuqa wal-
'afafa wal-ghina*

(O Allah! I ask You for guidance, piety, chastity and self-sufficiency)".²

- We all want to be enriched and satisfied in the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this begins with guidance. Something that we should always seek and ask for is guidance.
- We cannot take guidance based only on dreams or inspiration. Divine evidence takes precedence and then truthfulness in actions. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us truthful to Him.

3. GUIDANCE TO REMAIN FIRM (هداية الثبات)

- We need Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us firm on the knowledge, faith and nurturing. We want to be firm on all that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has guided us to.

² Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 71

4. GUIDANCE TO BE SAFE AND PROTECTED (هداية السلامة (والحفظ)

- There can be trials along the way and that is why the final two surahs of the Qur'an – Surah Al Falaq and Surah An Naas – are seeking refuge with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in order to be protected. Anything can come from outside which can deviate us and make us slip.

5. GUIDANCE TO PARADISE (هداية إلى الجنة)

- We want to reach paradise safely and in peace. So when the people of paradise reach it, the angels will say to them:

SURAH AZ ZUMAR 73

وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءُوهَا
وَفُتِحَتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْتُمْ فَادْخُلُوهَا
خَالِدِينَ

But those who feared their Lord will be driven to Paradise in groups until, when they reach it while its gates have been opened and its keepers say, "Peace be upon you; you have become pure; so enter it to abide eternally therein," [they will enter].

- Peace be upon you for being purified from the inside from sicknesses and being sound from the outside.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) admit us to paradise with no account or torment. And this is when we are truthful in our heart and rely on Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with our actions.

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ
GUIDE US TO THE STRAIGHT PATH.

REFERENCES

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

<https://vimeopro.com/markazalsalam/path-of-the-traveller>

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