

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.



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله

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INTRODUCTION

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 (صلى الله عليه وسلم) 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)".¹

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

- We are all heading to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we all need guidance. We are all misguided unless Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides us.

WE ARE ALL MISGUIDED UNLESS ALLAH
GUIDES US

يَا عِبَادِي كُلُّكُمْ ضَالٌّ إِلَّا مَنْ هَدَيْتُهُ فَاسْتَهْدُونِي أَهْدِكُمْ

My servants, all of you are liable to err except one whom I guide on the right path, so seek right guidance from Me so that I should direct you to the right path.²

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SURAH AL FATIHA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

² Sahih Muslim 2577

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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.

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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
5. THE STRAIGHT PATH

SURAH AL FATIHA 6

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

- We all want to be on the Straight Path to the end, and to be on the Straight Path is not just to be guided to it, but to be on it as well.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STRAIGHT PATH

1. STEADFAST

- We previously mentioned that the Straight Path is a straight, upright and steadfast path; it is not crooked.
- And we will become upright on this path when we follow what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has commanded us.

2. IT WILL REACH THE DESTINATION (الإيصال إلى المقصود)

- The Straight Path will take us to paradise. All that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commands us to and we are pleased, patient and grateful with, then it will surely make us reach our destination.
- All the decrees we go through are all leading us to our final destination, but we want to seek Allah's guidance in our path.

- It is important to have a great amount of trust that the path we are on is the Straight Path.

3. THE STRAIGHT PATH IS NEAR (القرب)

- The Straight Path is near to us; it is not something far away that we must go through different challenges and tests in order to reach it.
- However, disbelief, association and hypocrisy will take us out of the Straight Path. As long as a person is a believer, Muslim and repented from disbelief, association and hypocrisy then he is on the Straight Path.
- The Straight Path is near and accessible; it is according to our capacity. When someone enters Islam, then they are on the Straight Path. When someone repents, then they are on the Straight Path. And we do not need to spend a

lot or do something contrary to our nature to be on the Straight Path.

4. THE STRAIGHT PATH CAN TAKE EVERYONE (السعة)

- The Straight Path can handle as many people who want to be on that path. There are no “limited seats” to be on the Straight Path.
- Paradise is vast, belief is vastness and the Straight Path can take everyone, whether someone enters Islam, returns to Islam or is born into Islam.
- The Straight Path can accommodate us all and if we pass any gardens of paradise (the study circles) – then we should sit because everyone can be accommodated.

5. THE STRAIGHT PATH IS THE PATH CHOSEN TO TAKE US TO PARADISE (تعيين)

- The Straight Path is the path chosen and identified that will take us to our destination. It is the path that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) bestowed His favor upon them to be on it and reach. It is the path of the messengers, prophets, truthful ones, those who witness and are righteous.

SURAH AL FATIHA 7

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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 do not want the path of those whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is angry with which is those who have knowledge but do not act on it. Nor do we want to be on the path of those who are misguided, who act but no knowledge.

HOMework: SEARCH FOR THE STRAIGHT PATH IN THE QUR'AN TOGETHER WITH YOUR COMPANION, AND IT WILL BE LIGHT UPON LIGHT TO SEARCH FROM THE HADITH AS WELL.

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ
GUIDE US TO THE STRAIGHT PATH.

REFERENCES

1. مدارج السالكين - ابن القيم

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