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PATH OF THE TRAVELLER

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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

- It is important to always seek guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to make us benefit from this book.
- The path of the traveler is the not the path of anyone, but it is the Path of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – honored and praised. And He will guide us to this path because it is His Path.
- Previously we mentioned to search for (الصراط المستقيم) in the Qur'an, and we will find it is mentioned in several surahs, but mostly in Surah Al An'aam. The shaitan wants to deviate us from the path of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The Sirat is honored and praised and we will be honored and praised when we are on it. And now we will see those who are not on it, and there they will find humiliation and dispraise.

- We should never depend on our might and power to be on the Sirat because it is Sirat Allah – The Path of Allah. And (الصراط المستقيم) is in the definite form, so it is one and defined path.
- Lastly, the Straight Path is mentioned in Surah Al Mulk. Surely someone walking on his face is not the same as someone walking upright.

SURAH AL MULK 22

أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكِبًّا عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَىٰ أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ
صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

Then is one who walks fallen on his face better guided or one who walks erect on a straight path?

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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

5. THE STRAIGHT PATH

6. GROUPS OF PEOPLE

- The Straight Path is straight and upright. It is the path of knowledge and actions.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us about the commands in order to apply them. He tells us the

prohibitions in order to stay away from them.
And He tells us news in order to fulfill it.

- When we have knowledge, we cannot suppress it, we need truthfulness to apply it.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us, it is in order to apply it. We do not want to be someone who just does things without the correct knowledge.
- And now we will look at the different groups of people Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has mentioned in Surah Al Fatiha.

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.

- Someone might say, “it is enough to just ask Allah to guide me to the Straight Path”, but we need an example of that path.

TYPES OF PATHS

1. THE PATH ALLAH HAS BESTOWED HIS FAVOR UPON THEM

- This path is the path whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has bestowed His favor upon them. This is the first group and the path we want to be on. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) did not mention, it is the “path of the prophets or believers”, but the path whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) favored them; it did not even mention whom He guided.
- So Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) favored them by guiding them to knowledge and action. So when we are guided to knowledge and action, then it is

Allah's favor on us, and not the favor of anyone or ourselves.

- It is important to appreciate to have complete guidance. The people whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has favored are the prophets, sidiqeen (truthful ones), shuhadaa (those who witnessed, martyrS) and the saliheen (righteous).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) favored the prophets with knowledge, inspiration, actions and to be a role model to others.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) favored the truthful ones by guiding them to knowledge such that they are certain of it, and have tawakul (utmost trust) in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to act upon it quickly. So there is no gap between their knowledge and actions.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) favored those who witnessed in their final moment and sacrificed themselves.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) favored the righteous by teaching them and acting on it.
- The Straight Path is vast and each of the people mentioned are on the Straight Path according to who they are. When we seek guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then He will favor us to be on His Path.
- Acting upon the knowledge brings about purification. Knowledge alone without action will make a person feel flooded inside.

2. THE PATH ALLAH IS ANGRY WITH THEM

- Someone might say, “it is enough to just mention the Path whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) favored”, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes it distinct.

- A person does not want the path whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is angry with, why is He angry with them? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) showed them the Straight Path and they know it, but they do not act upon it.

3. THE PATH OF THE MISGUIDED

- The path of the misguided is those who act without any knowledge. The misguided have no knowledge and their action is not even correct action because it is not based on knowledge.
- In our life, we can find ourselves knowing without acting, or acting only because others are doing. And in the Qur'an, we find different stories of those whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) bestowed His favors upon them, and we find

those whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is angry with and those who are misguided.

BONDING TIME WITH YOUR COMPANION: FIND STORIES IN THE QUR'AN ABOUT THE ANBIYA (أنبياء), SADIQEEN (صادقين), SHUHADA (شهداء), SALIHEEN (صالحين) AND WRITE YOUR REFLECTIONS.

WE ASK ALLAH TO FAVOR US TO BE ON HIS PATH.

REFERENCES

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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