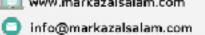
LOVE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (ملى الله)

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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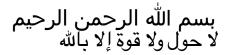


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AL FATTAH (The Opener)

• This Name appears once in the Qur'an.

SURAH SABA 26

قُلْ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا رَبُّنَا ثُمَّ يَفْتَحُ بَيْنَنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَهُوَ الْفَتَّاحُ الْعَلِيمُ

Say, "Our Lord will bring us together; then He will judge between us in truth. And He is the Knowing Judge."

 Allah Al Fattah is the Opener Who judges between us. The ultimate judgement is in the hereafter when it is decided who will be in paradise and who will be in hellfire. This is the greatest opening.

 Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the All Knower of who to judge. He doesn't need anyone to tell Him this person is on the truth and this one is on falsehood, or who is good and who is on evil or who is on goodness and who is on corruption. Allah (سربحانه وتعالى) will open between His slaves.

SURAH ASH SHU'ARA 117, 118

117. قَالَ رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي كَنَّ بُونِ

He said, "My Lord, indeed my people have denied me.

118.

فَافْتَحْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُمْ فَتْحًا وَنَجِّنِي وَمَن مَّعِيَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Then judge between me and them with decisive judgement and save me and those with me of the believers."

- Nuh (سبحانه وتعالى) asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to judge between him and his people. Then Allah (سرحانه وتعالى) responded to him by giving victory to him and his followers everyone else drowned.
- All the decrees are openings from Allah (وتـعالـى). We accept the decrees and do not reject them. He is the All Knower so we do not get stuck. Without decrees, we will get stuck.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Opener Who opens doors of provision, mercy and knowledge. He will open anything that is closed or not going forward in our lives.
- He will open the hearts, eyes and ears to see and hear the truth and guidance.
- To Him belongs the keys of everything.

 He opens a way from poverty to richness, from calamities to relief, from sadness and worries to happiness, from ignorance to knowledge and from misguidance to guidance.

SURAH FATIR 2

مَا يَفْتَحِ اللَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ مِنْ رَحْمَةٍ فَلَا مُمْسِكَ لَهَا وَمَا يُمْسِكُ فَلَا مُرْسِلَ لَهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Whatever Allah grants to people of mercy none can withhold it; and whatever He withholds - none can release it thereafter. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

- Everything belongs to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He knows what is suitable for each one by His might and wisdom.
- He knows who is suitable to have richness. He knows a person will turn away if he is given richness. The calculations are beyond us.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can make rain to fall all the time but this can make us drown.
- Everything comes in the right measure and time. Whether something is withheld or pouring - it is all perfect.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) opens knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the religion for whoever He wills from His slaves based on their taqwa. They are not following their desires but follow what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants. They reform and correct themselves for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and are sincere.

SURAH SABA 26

وَاتَّقُواْ اللهَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللهُ

And fear Allah . And Allah teaches you.

 Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches the one who has taqwa.

SURAH AZ ZUMAR 22

أَفَمَن شَرَحَ اللَّهُ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ فَهُوَ عَلَى نُورٍ مِّن رَّبِّهِ فَوَيْلٌ

لِّلْقَاسِيَةِ قُلُوبُهُم مِّن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أُوْلَئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ

So is one whose breast Allah has expanded to [accept] Islam and he is upon a light from his Lord [like one whose heart rejects it]? Then woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of Allah . Those are in manifest error.

- Those who are the highest in submission and obedience take the highest share of expansion of the chest and are a upon a light from their Lord, and these are the messengers. Then comes the awliya (close companions) who have taqwa and believe in Allah. And then the scholars, and believers in general.
- We want to have taqwa, sincerity and truthfulness so that we can have more openings.

SURAH AL AN'AM 44

فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ أَبْوَابَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى إِذَا

فَرِحُوا بِمَا أُوتُوا أَخَذْنَاهُمْ بَغْتَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْلِسُونَ

So when they forgot that by which they had been reminded, We opened to them the doors of every [good] thing until, when they rejoiced in that which they were given, We seized them suddenly, and they were [then] in despair.

- On the other hand, there is also the one for whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) opens delights and blessings but it is all istidraj - meaning it is taking him lower and lower.
- This happens when someone leaves the commands of Allah (سـبحانـه وتـعالـی) and falls into His prohibitions.
- They start to forget what they were reminded of and are happy with what they were given till they are suddenly seized in punishment.

- We want to have openings out of obedience to Allah (سـبحانـه وتـعالـى) as the keys of the unseen belongs to Him.
- He alone knows when the Last Day will take place, where the rain will fall, how many drops will fall with what intensity and in which part of the land.
- He knows what lies inside the wombs from the time it was a drop even before any ultrasound can detect anything.

SURAH LUQMAN 34

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ وَيُنَزِّلُ الْغَيْثَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ مَاذَا تَكْسِبُ غَدًا وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ بِأَيِّ أَرْضٍ تَمُوتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

Indeed, Allah [alone] has knowledge of the Hour and sends down the rain and knows what is in the wombs. And no soul perceives what it will earn tomorrow, and no soul perceives in what land it will die. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.

- All of these are from the knowledge of the unseen. We do not know where our final end will be.
- But the door that is open now is the door of repentance and this will remain till the sun rises from the West, which is from the major signs of the Day of Judgement.
- The door of repentance is always open to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and it is the shaithan who makes us despair and think there is no way out.
- The greatest opening is what Allah (متعالى) will open to the Prophet (متعالى) on the Day of Judgement from praising Him. Allah (معليه وتعالى) will inspire the Prophet (مليوليه)

with praises that He has never opened to anyone before.

- We learn from this that great openings are in times of distress and this time will be the ultimate distress.
- When we face major crossroads where we don't know what can happen next, when we feel completely helpless, when we are not even living day by day, but living by the minute - in these times Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can open special moments of connection to Him.
- Even If we don't know what to say, praising
 Allah (سـبحانـه وتـعالـى) will help us in ways we
 cannot comprehend.
- To say Alhamdulillah is a great opening it is a word that fills the scales and it is the last invocation of the people of paradise.

SURAH YUNUS 10

وَآخِرُ دَعْوَاهُمْ أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

And the last of their call will be, "Praise to Allah , Lord of the worlds!"

- When we praise Allah (سـبحانـه وتـعالـى) we only see His perfection in that moment. We do not see what is happening, or question why but only stop and see Allah (سـبحانـه وتـعالـى). It is to have this absolute faith in Allah (سـبحانـه وتعالـى) and know that everything is good from Him even if the eyes cannot see it.
- Faith is to see that what lies behind is all good.

SURAH SAN NAML 93

وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّ[ِ] سَيُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ فَتَعْرِفُونَهَا And say, "[All] praise is [due] to Allah . He will show you His signs, and you will recognize them.

 Say alhamdulillah and He will show us His signs that we will know for sure.

NAME OF ALLAH AL FATTAH IN THE SUNNAH

 This Name is not directly mentioned in the sunnah but indirectly through His action to open.

SUPPLICATION WHEN ENTERING THE MASJID

إِذَا دَخَلَ أَحَدُكُمُ الْمَسْجِدَ فَلْيَقُلِ اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ وَإِذَا خَرَجَ فَلْيَقُلِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ".

"When any one of you enters the Masjid, let him say: 'Allahumma aftahli abwaba rahmatik (O Allah, open to me the gates of your mercy). And when he leaves let him say: Allahumma inni as'aluka min fadlik (O Allah, I ask You of Your bounty)."¹

We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to open for us as
 He alone knows that things can come to us
 that are not good for us.

¹ Sunan an-Nasa'i 729

 We ask for His favors when we leave as the favors of Allah are vast.

KEY OF GOODNESS

إِنَّ هذا الخيرَ خزائنٌ ، ولتلك الخزائنِ مَفاتيخٌ ، فطوبى لعبدٍ

جعله اللهُ عزَّ وجلَّ مِفتاحًا للخيرِ ، مِغلاقًا للشرِّ ، وويلٌ لعبدٍ

جعله اللهُ مِفتاحًا للشرّ، مِغلاقًا للخير

The Messenger of Allah said: "This goodness contains many treasures, and for those there are keys. So glad tidings to the one whom Allah makes a key to good and a lock for evil, and woe to the one whom Allah makes a key to evil and a lock to good."²

The word (طوبی) can mean three things:

• A tree in paradise

- A part of paradise
- Or it can mean more happiness and joy for the slaves in paradise.

² Sahih At Targheeb 66

 We want to be from those who are keys to good and locks for evil and not the opposite.

OPEN THE GATES OF THE HEAVENS

ما قال عبدٌ لا إلهَ إلَّا اللهُ قطُّ مخلِصًا ، إلَّا فُتِحَتْ له أبوابُ

السماءِ ، حتى تُفْضِيَ إلى العرشِ ، ما اجتُنِبَتِ الكبائرُ "No worshipper has ever said: None has the right to be worshipped but Allah (Lā ilāha illallāh)' sincerely, except that the gates of heaven are opened for it, until it reaches to the Throne, so long as he avoids the major sins."³

- We do not want to forget this foundation of Lā ilāha illallāh that opens the gates of the heavens.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us to say these words sincerely.

³ Sahih Aj Jamie' 5648

- They immediately go up and this shows the heaviness of the word and its immediate acceptance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We want to always single Him out and to follow the Prophet (عليه وسلم). He is chosen by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so he is the most guided one we follow.
- If anyone closes any doors on us, or we feel the hearts are locked, we ask Allah Al Fattah to open the hearts and guide us.
- On this path of knowledge we face decrees that can move and shake us. It is very important to not close matters on ourselves by being ungrateful or displeased. We do not want to cover goodness by being impatient even when facing difficult moments.

- Openings come with gratitude, submission and being pleased.
- All the decrees are good but do we really trust
 Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in those moments?
- The people of paradise immediately respond to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), so now in life we want to respond to Him through the decrees.
- The decrees are from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so we accept them with goodness.
- All the Names of Allah (سـبحانـه وتـعالـى) bring positivity and not negativity. Allah (سـبحانـه) opens for us His names, for us to feel, express and live our lives in happiness by His names.
- Everything will be closed and shut without knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). His openings are

vast - He does not open one door but different doors of feelings and goodness.

- There are 8 gates of paradise. When we believe in Allah, we will not ask for what is low but for what is the highest.
- He will open layers and layers of goodness.
- Even if there are bad feelings, He can lift them up without account.

MAY ALLAH OPEN THE BEST FOR US WITHOUT ACCOUNT. AMEEN.



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