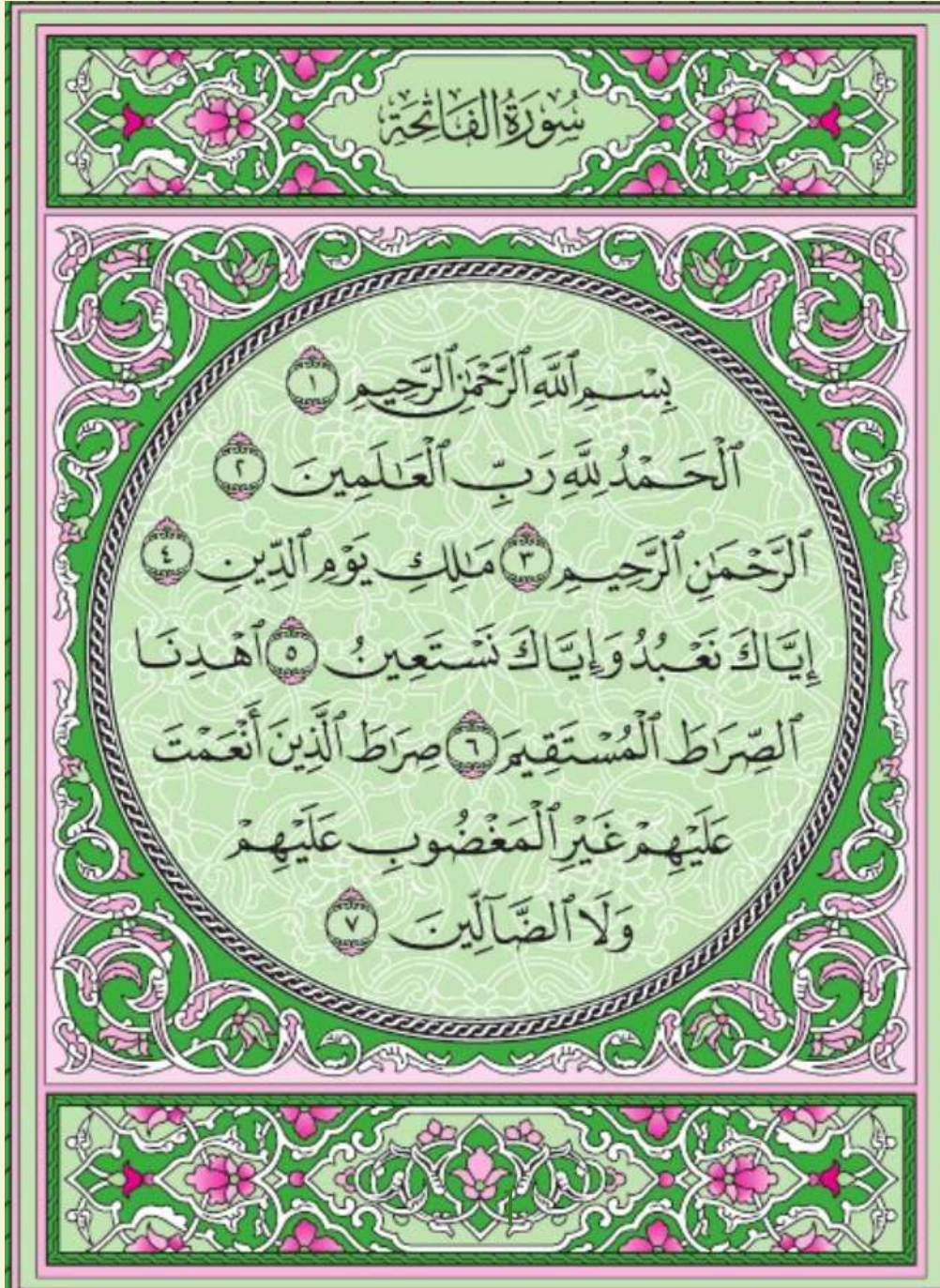


سورة الفاتحة

SURAH AL FATIHA

OPENING CHAPTER



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds -

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الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful,

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مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Sovereign of the Day of Recompense.

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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 -

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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.

GUIDE US TO THE STRAIGHT PATH

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

- ♥ We all need certainty on the Sirat and not just knowledge because every time we will find ourselves facing something different. There is no “copy and paste” on the Sirat. There can be thorns on the path, but to have certainty in Allah will make it easy for us to cross.

SURAH AT TAHEREEM 8

رَبَّنَا أَتَمِّمْ لَنَا نُورَنَا وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

"Our Lord, perfect for us our light and forgive us. Indeed, You are over all things competent."

- ♥ We think a disbeliever needs guidance, but a believer needs more guidance. And the higher

one goes, the more guidance is needed. May Allah renew our faith. Ameen.

- ♥ When our heart turns away from Allah, then all our limbs will turn away from Allah.
- ♥ When we disbelieve in Allah, we will disbelieve in all matters around us.
- ♥ We never want to spoil our feelings with shirk, we do not want disbelief because this will seal our heart, and we ask Allah to protect us from hypocrisy.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 7

خَتَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَعَلَى سَمْعِهِمْ وَعَلَى أَبْصَارِهِمْ غِشَاوَةً
وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

Allah has set a seal upon their hearts and upon their hearing, and over their vision is a veil. And for them is a great punishment.

- ♥ The one who truly crosses the Sirat is the one who only seeks guidance from Allah, from the

beginning to the end. We need unlimited guidance from Allah at all times.

- ♥ We want to always have belief in Allah and to hold on to our faith, to be away from shirk, disbelief and hypocrisy. We want to reach Allah with purity to Him and to have a good heart with others.

SUPPLICATION SEEKING ALLAH'S HELP

"يا معاذ، والله إني لأحبك، ثم أوصيك يا معاذ لا تدعن في دبر كل صلاة تقول: اللهم أعني على ذكرك وشكرك، وحسن عبادتك"

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) held my hand and said, "O Mu'adh, By Allah, I love you and advise you not to miss supplicating after every Salat (prayer) saying:
'Allahumma a'inni 'ala dhikrika wa shukrika, wa husni 'ibadatika,'

(O Allah, help me remember You, expressing gratitude to You and worship You in the best manner)".¹

- ♥ Different situations come in life, but the one who believes in Allah will not say, “why did He do this to me?”. We ask Allah to always take us out from darkness to light. And it is not about being in light to more light because Allah says:

SURAH AL BAQARAH 257

اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ

Allah is the ally of those who believe. He brings them out from darkneses into the light.

- ♥ Allah is The One Who knows and we do not know. We do not want any shirk to come in our relationship with Allah. The right of Allah on us is to worship Him alone and not associate another partner with Allah. If we are doing many things, but we did not worship Allah

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and An- Nasa'i , Book 1, Hadith 384

alone, then we did not even do the basic. And the basic is tawheed.

- ♥ We need the guidance of Allah to go to the Straight Path and to be on the Straight Path. If we have faith, then we will have light on the Sirat. And the sins will make us feel the pinch of everything.
- ♥ The path to Allah is very special and we need to believe in Him and need His guidance.
- ♥ Everyone is misguided except whom Allah guides so we need the guidance of Allah because we are passing something which we do not know what is next. May Allah always grant us tawheed because tawheed keeps us connected to Allah, connected to His protection and provision. But shirk disconnects us from everything.

- ♥ Surah Al Fatiha shows us so much tawheed. No one can guide anyone, we cannot even guide ourselves, so we all need Allah.
- ♥ We do not like any change or disconnection and the biggest change we will face is when we die because we will leave the people, leave our job and the soul will leave our body and we will go to a different abode. But what can we hold on to?

DO NOT DIE EXCEPT THINKING
GOOD OF ALLAH

وعن جابر بن عبد الله، رضي الله عنهما ، أنه سمع النبي، صلى الله عليه وسلم، قبل موته بثلاثة أيام يقول : لا يموتن أحدكم

إلا وهو يحسن الظن بالله عزوجل"

Jabir bin 'Abdullah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) saying three days before his death: "Let none of you die unless he has good expectations from Allah".²

² Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Introduction, Hadith 441

- ♥ It is important to think good of Allah and He will never hesitate from anything except to take away the soul of a believer.

SOUL OF A BELIEVER

وَمَا تَرَدَّدْتُ عَنْ شَيْءٍ أَنَا فَاعِلُهُ تَرَدُّدِي عَنْ نَفْسِ الْمُؤْمِنِ، يَكْرَهُ
الْمَوْتَ وَأَنَا أَكْرَهُ مَسَاءَتَهُ

and I do not hesitate to do anything as I hesitate to take the soul of the believer, for he hates death, and I hate to disappoint him."³

- ♥ In life, anything that is connected to Allah is beautiful. Everything is sweet with Allah, but everything is bitter without Him.
- ♥ We cannot encompass the beauty of Allah, how great He is, how beautiful He is and how close He is. He gives us this companionship and knowledge, but in the end it is Him. Nothing can have value without (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله).

³ Sahih al-Bukhari 6502

- ♥ To be guided to the Straight Path is very important because it is slippery. We can do something that can make everything slip. Only Allah Al Qadeer will make situations and we need to know that He is able to do so.

SURAH AT TALAQ 12

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ
بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ
شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا

It is Allah Who has created seven heavens and of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven). His Command descends between them (heavens and earth), that you may know that Allah has power over all things, and that Allah surrounds all things in (His) Knowledge.

- ♥ Do we think Allah places us in situations to only take our feelings for this life? Our value is our faith and we love what Allah loves and hate what Allah hates.

COMPLETE FAITH

عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّهُ قَالَ " مَنْ أَحَبَّ لِلَّهِ
وَأَبْغَضَ لِلَّهِ وَأَعْطَى لِلَّهِ وَمَنَعَ لِلَّهِ فَقَدْ اسْتَكْمَلَ الْإِيمَانَ " .

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: If anyone loves for Allah's sake, hates for Allah's sake, gives for Allah's sake and withholds for Allah's sake, he will have perfect faith.⁴

- ♥ We love belief and hate shirk, we love truth and hate lies. When we stretch our hands, tongue and actions, we do it for Allah, and not to please anyone. And when we withhold, we do it for Allah, and this shows taqwa and strong faith.
- ♥ To belief in Allah does not mean we disregard and disconnect from everyone or to put down others. We do not own anyone or our children. Sometimes we want to do something or say

⁴ Sunan Abi Dawud 4681

something, but it comes out all wrong because we relied on ourselves.

- ♥ Yesterday we do something and do the same thing today, but it becomes a mess, why? When we depend on ourselves.
- ♥ We need guidance every step of the way because we do not know what we can come across.

SURAH AT TAGHABUN 11

وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ قَلْبَهُ ۗ

And whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart.

- ♥ Anyone who believes in Allah will guide his heart. And there will be unlimited guidance when we only believe in Allah and do not disbelieve in Him.
- ♥ We want to have certainty in Allah and that is by looking at the end, to see that we want the

Pleasure of Allah, we want to see the Face of Allah, we want paradise and we want to be on pulpits of light. But if we are looking at ourselves, then we will only see thorns on the Sirat.

- ♥ The believers have to cross the Sirat and beneath it is the fire and hooks on the path, can we cross something like this? Only with absolute attachment to Allah.
- ♥ Surah Al Fatiha is tawheed and we will find all types of tawheed in it.

1. Tawheed Ar Roobubiyah: to single out Allah alone in His actions.

2. Tawheed Al Uloohiya: to single out Allah in worship. All that comes out from us needs to be only for Allah. The feelings, the speech and the actions are all for

Allah. He is The Nurturer, so why do our feelings, attachments and actions go to someone else.

- 3.Tawheed in His Names and Attributes: to single out Allah with the Names and Attributes that He informed us. When we attach to Allah, He is The Most Merciful, so He will show us mercy.
- ♥ Allah is possessive of our hearts when it turns to someone else. Our heart does not belong to anyone except Him.
 - ♥ Allah hates the shirk. We can be a sinner committing all types of sins except shirk and we will be forgiven. And we can be a worshipper but committing shirk then we will not be forgiven because to not associate with Allah is His right.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 165

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَتَّخِذُ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْدَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ صَلَّى
وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ قَدْ

And [yet], among the people are those who take other than Allah as equals [to Him]. They love them as they [should] love Allah. But those who believe are stronger in love for Allah.

- ♥ What makes people to have the favor of Allah bestowed on them? Tawheed. But misguidance is when there is no tawheed.

SURAH AT TALAQ 3

وَمَن يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ ج

And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him.

- ♥ We want to be under the guardianship of Allah because we cannot depend on our calculations and expectations.
- ♥ We want to trust Allah, His perfection and His Lordship.

♥ There was a scholar who was thinking and the people asked him, “where did you reach?”. He said, “I reached the Sirat” and this shows to always have the hereafter in front of us.

♥ Between us and Allah is:

SURAH AL FATIHA 5 TO 6

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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 -

♥ And before this connection are the ayat that tells us Who is Allah.

♥ We cannot connect and feel secure to what is unknown. We do not feel secure to answer unknown calls or to enter our credit card to an unknown site.

- ♥ Our connection to Allah has to begin with the basic. We cannot do more if we are not doing the basic and that is to worship Allah alone. And to worship Allah is to love Allah, fear Him and hope from Him.
- ♥ And the second level is we cannot rely and trust ourselves to perform our job. We need the help of Allah to fulfill our purpose.
- ♥ We may know how to pray, but there will be no connection if we feel we already know. We need Allah's help at all times.
- ♥ We go through many situations in life, and we need attachment to Allah by dua.
- ♥ We need Allah to guide our heart to think right and to feel right. We need guidance from Allah to abrogate the wrong we had from the past, and we need guidance from Allah to repent to

Him. And we need the guidance of Allah for the future.

♥ Today is not like tomorrow and yesterday is not like today, so we need guidance at all times.

♥ The levels of the deen are:

1. Islam and that is You alone we worship

2. Iman and that is You alone we ask for help

3. Ihsaan and that is guide us to the Straight Path

♥ The Straight Path is based on the Qur'an and Sunnah, but we still need the guidance of Allah.

♥ It cannot be a straight path if we are committing injustice. And the Straight Path goes in line with our fitra. It is not something strange.

- ♥ The Straight Path is a clear path with no crookedness or complications.
- ♥ If we are on the Straight Path, it will keep us firm and others firm. It is not about being in this life and just worshipping Allah and not considering others. For example, when we say something misguided, then it will affect others.

SURAH AN NAML 59 TO 64

59

قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَىٰ ۗ اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

Say, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], "Praise be to Allah, and peace upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is Allah better or what they associate with Him?"

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أَمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَ أَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَّا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُنبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا ۗ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِعَدْلٍ جَلِيلٍ

[More precisely], is He [not best] who created the heavens and the earth and sent down for you rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby gardens of joyful beauty which you could not [otherwise] have grown the trees thereof? Is there a deity with Allah? [No], but they are a people who ascribe equals [to Him].

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أَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا أَنْهَارًا وَجَعَلَ لَهَا رَوَاسِيَ
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ حَاجِزًا ۗ أَلَيْسَ مَعَ اللَّهِ بِلَا أَكْثَرُ لَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

Is He [not best] who made the earth a stable ground and placed within it rivers and made for it firmly set mountains and placed between the two seas a barrier? Is there a deity with Allah? [No], but most of them do not know.

62

أَمَّنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ
الْأَرْضِ ۗ أَلَيْسَ مَعَ اللَّهِ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and removes evil and makes you inheritors of the earth? Is there a deity with Allah? Little do you remember.

63

أَمَّن يَهْدِيكُمْ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَنْ يُرْسِلُ الرِّيَّاحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ
يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ ۗ أَإِلَٰهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ ۚ تَعَالَى اللَّهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

Is He [not best] who guides you through the darkneses of the land and sea and who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy? Is there a deity with Allah? High is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.

64

أَمَّن يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَمَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ أَإِلَٰهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ ۚ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

Is He [not best] who begins creation and then repeats it and who provides for you from the heaven and earth? Is there a deity with Allah?

Say, "Produce your proof, if you should be truthful."

- ♥ When there is shirk with Allah there will be no peace with the people.
- ♥ May Allah make us reach in peace and grant us all peace.

ALL PRAISES ARE DUE TO ALLAH FOR GUIDING US TO THIS. WE WOULD NOT BE GUIDED HAD ALLAH NOT GUIDED US. MAY ALLAH KEEP US FIRM. AMEEN

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