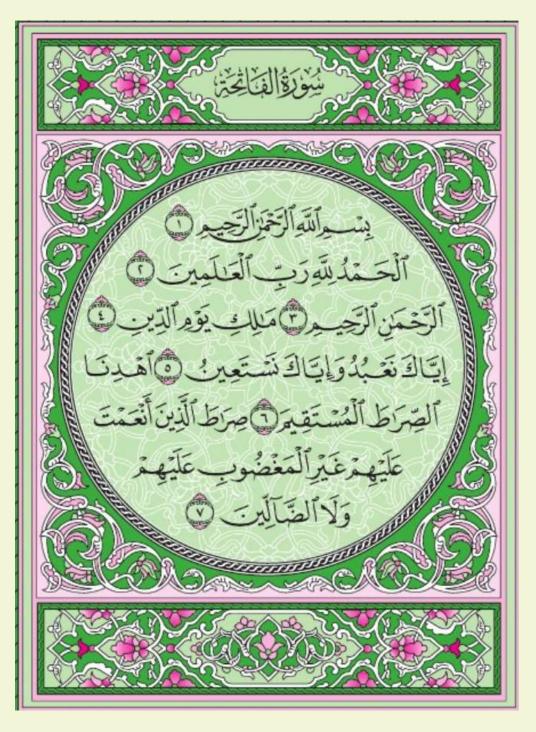


المقدمة INTRODUCTION

- When there are difficulties in life, it is not because Allah wants to punish us, but to show our belief and gratitude.
- The moment we are ungrateful and disbelieve, then we will feel pain and we will be sensitive. While we are here in this life, we want to be at peace and tranquility, and Who can bring us all good? Allah.
- Surah Al Fatiha is an opening for all good. If there is anything closed that we want to be opened, Allah will open it for us.
- Surah Al Fatiha is a cure because it purifies us from sins and weaknesses. And Surah Al Fatiha is sufficient and enough for us.

سورة الفاتحة SURAH AL FATIHA

OPENING CHAPTER



ا بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ 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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الرَّحْمَٰنِ 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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بُ 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.

- We first seek refuge with Allah from the accursed devil, and then we begin in the Name of Allah. Allah has the Most Beautiful Names and He is Ar Rahman – The Most Merciful.
- Allah is The One we attach to and Ar Rahman is the One vast in mercy.
- We must believe that anyone who goes hardship that the mercy of Allah surrounds them.
- Allah has mercy on all the creation the humans, jinn, angels and animals. He has mercy on all people – believer and disbeliever. Even if they disobey Him, He still provides them with food, drink, wealth and all that is worldly

- because He is Ar Rahman Himself He is The Most Merciful.
- Allah shows mercy to all and there are those who benefit from it and those who do not. Those who benefit see Allah is The Most Merciful so the person shows mercy to others and makes dua for them. We do not know how by showing mercy to others that it will change them. For example, no one likes to be dealt with harshness.
- Allah can force us, but He does not deal with us in this way, so why do we deal with force?
- And there are those who just benefit from the mercy of Allah, but do not want to change themselves. Such a person does not repent or return to Allah, though Allah will still deal with Him with mercy.

Allah is always The Most Merciful and this makes us show mercy to others.

STARTING IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST MERCIFUL, THE ESPECIALLY MERCIFUL

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah
The Most Merciful, The Especially Merciful

THE ESPECIALLY MERCIFUL

- الرَّحِيم
- Those who believe Allah is The Most Merciful will also be dealt with the special mercy of Allah because He is Ar Raheem – The Especially Merciful.
- Allah Ar Rahman gives us food, but special mercy is to have lawful

and good food that helps us in worship.

SURAH AL MU'MINOON 51

يَا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُوا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا لِيَّا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ صَالِحًا لِيِّ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ

power not to throw it (in the fire)."
The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) then said, "Allah is more merciful to His slaves than this lady to her son."
[Allah said], "O messengers, eat from the good foods and work righteousness. Indeed, I, of what you do, am Knowing.

We may have friends, but Allah Ar Raheem will give us special companions who remind us of Allah, who are a coolness of eyes and help us in the way to Allah.

¹ Sahih Al Bukhari 5999

- Ar Rahman gives a spouse and children, but Ar Raheem gives a spouse and offspring who will help us in our path to Allah and be an ongoing charity for us.
- Ar Rahman makes us enjoy scenes, but Ar Raheem makes us see enjoy scenes that increase us in faith.
- So Allah Ar Raheem deals with us with special mercy that is customized for us.
- To be taught the Qur'an is mercy, but it is more mercy to apply it.
- Allah Ar Raheem will bring all good and remove all harm so that

- we increase in faith. He will bring opportunities to us.
- The Name of Allah Ar Raheem is about anything related to our hereafter and religion.

SURAH AL AHZAAB 43

وكان بالْلُوْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا

And ever is He, to the believers, Merciful.

- Who will have special mercy, special food, special guidance and special companions? The believers who believe in Allah Ar Raheem.
- The more we believe in The Oneness, Greatness, Majesty and Beautify of Allah, the more He will show us mercy. Faith is inside and

- no one knows how much faith we have except Him.
- We will notice the Name of Allah
 Ar Raheem is mentioned together
 with the Name of Allah Al Ghafoor
 The Most Forgiving.
- when we commit sins, our level of faith goes down. We feel down in faith and feelings, so what do we need? We need to come back, but we still down. We need Allah Al Ghafoor to forgive the sins we committed, but there is something that still remains. There is the guilt that remains and Allah Ar Raheem will bring up our spirit. We

- need mercy after forgiveness of sins.
- For example, sometimes people go through difficult situations such as loss of a beloved one, divorce or drug addiction. And then he may go through treatment and it is said "you are cured", but he still feels down.
- we will notice after physical treatment there is counselling for the feelings and emotions. Or for example, if our child makes a mistake, we may forgive him, but then we need to show compassion and mercy afterwards. We do not want to be

- like, "I forgive you" and then we do not speak to him or make eye contact, rather we should give him a hug and say a good word.
- And the Name of Allah Ar Raheem is also joined with the Name of Allah At Tawwaab (The Initiator and Acceptor of Repentance). Repentance is for a major sin and to be so far away, just as a child who was really far and he returns back to his mother, and the mother feeds him, she catches up with him. When we sin, we go really far away, but the one who will invite us is Allah At Tawwaab and when we accept

- and return to Him, He will be happy and never remind us of being far away.
- When a person repents, Allah will be happier than anyone else.
- Anyone far away from Allah will feel torn, lost and scattered, but when we return to Allah, He will refresh us and make us better than before. A person's state after repentance will become higher, and that is why we need mercy after repentance. We do not need to be reminded and judged for the sin we committed, and only Allah Ar Raheem deals with us in this way.

- The Name of Allah Ar Raheem is mentioned with the Name of Allah Al Barr – The Most Kind.
- We not only need mercy after being forgiven, but we need mercy even when given great blessings.
- If we receive great gifts, we need special mercy of Allah to be able to handle it because without mercy, we can be distracted from our goal, or we become proud or we do not benefit from it.
- In conclusion, in the way to Allah, believers need special mercy so they can keep up if they sin and when they receive blessings.

The relationship between the Master and the slave is mercy. We are all here by the mercy of Allah and all good feelings we have is from Allah's special mercy.

ALLAH SHOWS MERCY TO THE MERCIFUL SLAVES

فَقَالَ " إِنَّمَا يَرْحَمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الرُّحَمَاءَ ".

The Prophet (**) said, "Allah is merciful to those of His slaves who are merciful (to others).2

- The one who shows mercy to others will be shown mercy by Allah.
- And when we ask Allah to have mercy on us, we are actually asking Allah to grant us from His special mercy.

² Sahih al-Bukhari 7448

- We do not want to beg for mercy from others, but knowing Allah is Ar Rahman Ar Raheem saves us from being a slave to others for mercy.
- Knowing Allah Ar Rahman Ar Raheem saves us from despairing, depression and being broken.
- There is a story of a girl who would always feed the cats at her house though her family did not like it when the cats would come. Once she was down and fed the cats, then she made dua to Allah, "just as I'm showing mercy to these cats, have mercy on me." She said afterwards, Allah opened for

her the path of knowledge and to learn His Most Beautiful Names.

MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON US NAD MAY HE ADMIT US TO PARADISE BY HIS MERCY. AMEEN.

REFERENCES

TAFSEER SHEIKH AS SA'ADY - تفسير الشيخ السعدي

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