



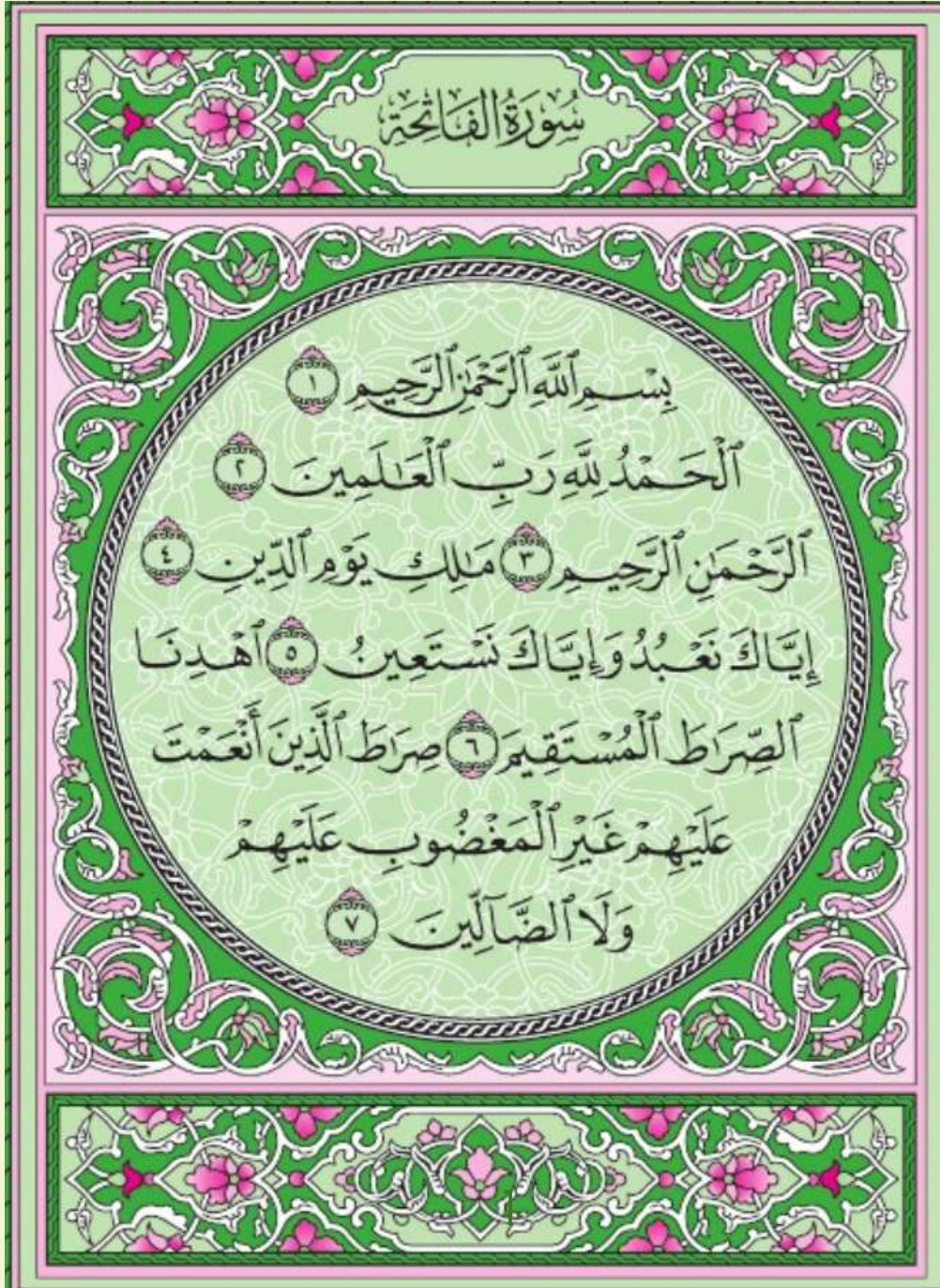
# INTRODUCTION

- ♥ Even if we are facing the greatest challenges, including those from the nafs and shaitan, with Allah Al Kabeer, we can pass all levels.
- ♥ We cannot start our prayer without saying Allahu Akbar, and then what can make us go through transitions of the prayer? “Allah is the Greatest.”
- ♥ However, we will be stopped from guidance when we make anything big in our life. When we magnify ourselves, our thoughts, our egos, then we will not take the guidance.
- ♥ There are people listening with their desires, so how can the guidance be taken?

# 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

## FIVE TYPES OF GUIDANCE FROM ALLAH

- ♥ Allah gave us built-in guidance so no one has an excuse. At the same time, we need to make use of this built-in guidance.

## BUILT-IN GUIDANCE

- ♥ Guidance is not just something outer, but it is something in us. They are three:
  1. Fitra (natural disposition): it is important to follow the fitra Allah has granted us,
  2. Senses: Allah gave us hearing, sight and feelings for guidance. If we are listening

with desires, even if something good is being said, we will still hear it as bad. We want to see and hear with taqwa and not with desires. We should not stretch our eyes to something that does not concern us.

### 3.Intellect

## 2. SENSES – SIGHT

♥ In the Israa and Mi'raaj, the Prophet (ﷺ) went to a high place – to paradise – yet still he did not exceed in looking.

### SURAH AN NAJM 17

مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَىٰ

The sight [of the Prophet (ﷺ)] did not swerve, nor did it transgress [its limit].

♥ We will go forward when we have taqwa in our eyes. Something that does not come to our

face, then we do not need to go to it, open it and look at it. For example, opening wrong sites, going through something that does not belong to us, then it will open the doors to misguidance. We ask Allah for the well-being. Ameen.

- ♥ There is a story of an imam whom before microphones, would go to the top of the building to call the adhaan. Once he went up and look at a beautiful lady in one of the homes. He became infatuated and wanted to marry. When he went to propose, the father said he must change his religion to marry her, and eventually he did.
- ♥ He had memorized all the Qur'an, but forgot it all except for one ayah.

SURAH AL ANAAM 110

وَنُقَلِّبُ أَفْئِدَتَهُمْ وَأَبْصَارَهُمْ كَمَا لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ وَنَذَرُهُمْ  
فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ

And We will turn away their hearts and their eyes just as they refused to believe in it the first time. And We will leave them in their transgression, wandering blindly.

- ♥ The hearts and eyes changed, as if he didn't believe in it the first time. We ask Allah for the well-being. Ameen.
- ♥ Someone can be at such a high level of guidance, but what did he magnify in the end? His desires, and what led to his desire? His eyes. Imagine someone being guided to be an imam, and then it is free fall after that. We ask Allah for the well-being. Ameen.

SUPPLICATION TO KEEP OUR  
HEARTS FIRM

And speak to people good [words]  
*Yā muqallibal-qulūbi thabbit qalbī `alā dīnik*



○ Turner of the hearts, keep my heart firm upon  
Your religion.<sup>1</sup>

- ♥ The higher one is and the more guidance Allah shows, then one should not look down, and not look back either.
- ♥ The people of Lut were the first to engage in a relation of men with men, all opposite to the fitra. Even animals do not do this.
- ♥ Allah sent three angels – Jibreel, Mikael and Israfeel – in the form of three handsome men. They came to Lut (عليه السلام) as guests, and he was scared the people would find out and would come to him due to their lust. The messengers said do not fear because the people cannot reach us. The wife informed the people of the town about the handsome men

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<sup>1</sup> Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3587

in their home, promoting this haram relationship.

- ♥ Lut (عليه السلام) even said that his daughters are purer for them, but still they rejected. The angel messengers informed Lut (عليه السلام) to leave the town, and to not look back for they will be destroyed.

SURAH ADH DHAARIYAAT 35 TO

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فَأَخْرَجْنَا مَنْ كَانَ فِيهَا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

So We brought out whoever was in the cities of the believers.

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فَمَا وَجَدْنَا فِيهَا غَيْرَ بَيْتٍ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

And We found not within them other than a [single] house of Muslims.

- ♥ It was a house of “Muslims”, but the only believers were Lut (عليه السلام) and his two

daughters. The wife looked back and the punishment overtook her.

- ♥ Allah gave us eyes in order to increase in faith and to see His blessings. Eyes can be means of guidance or means of misguidance.
- ♥ We ask Allah to make us enjoy our eyes and ears.

## SUPPLICATION TO ENJOY OUR HEARING

اللهم اقسام لنا من خشيتك ما تحول به بيننا وبين  
معاصيك، ومن طاعتك ما تبلغنا به جنتك، ومن اليقين ما  
تهون به علينا مصائب الدنيا، اللهم متعنا بأسماعنا و أبصارنا  
وقوتنا ما أحيينا، واجعله الوارث منا، واجعل ثأرنا على من  
ظلمنا، وانصرنا على من عادانا، ولا تجعل مصيبتنا في ديننا،  
ولا تجعل الدنيا أكبر همنا، ولا مبلغ علمنا، ولا تسلط علينا من  
"لا يرحمنا"

"Allahumma-qsim lana min khashyatika ma tahulu bihi bainana wa baina ma'sika, wa min ta'atika ma tuballighuna bihi jannataka, wa

*minal-yaqini ma tuhawwinu 'alaina masa-'ibad-dunya. Allahumma matti'na biasma'ina, wa absarina, wa quwwatina ma ahyaitana, waj'alhul-waritha minna, waj'al tharana 'ala man zalamana, wansurna 'ala man 'adana, wa la taj'al musibatana fi dinina, wa la taj'alid-dunya akbara hammina, wa la mablagha 'ilmina, wa la tusallit 'alaina man-la yarhamuna,*  
 O Allah, apportion to us such fear as should serve as a barrier between us and acts of disobedience; and such obedience as will take us to Your Jannah; and such as will make easy for us to bear in the calamities of this world. O Allah! let us enjoy our hearing, our sight and our power as long as You keep us alive and make our heirs from our own offspring, and make our revenge restricted to those who oppress us, and support us against those who are hostile to us let no misfortune afflict our Deen; let not worldly affairs be our principal concern, or the ultimate limit of our knowledge, and let not those rule over us who do not show mercy to us."<sup>2</sup>

♥ Anything that comes to us, then we should still look at it with taqwa. We ask Allah to make us

<sup>2</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi, Book 5, Hadith 834

see with faith and His Names and not to see problems. The degree of excellence is to worship Allah as if we see Him.

- ♥ And now with social media, people want to live the life of others or pretend to make up an ideal life. And with one photo, which so much is being done to make it look perfect, it can be a means of misguidance for others. They see it and think this is the real life, so they start to become unrealistic, demanding and jealous.
- ♥ Excellence is to worship Allah as if we see Him. And guidance is to see the actions of Allah. This is what motivates us and not what people are doing or saying.
- ♥ It is important to hear and see with faith. We do not want to hear with desires. Someone stretching his eyes, will surely fall into it. If we are

trying to look at something or hear something that does not concern us, then it will be a test for us.

- ♥ Allah gave us senses to save us, guide us and protect us, but it can be the other way. We want to see so that we can believe in Allah more.
- ♥ Guidance that we seek is not just to go from one town to another, or one country to another, but to go from this life to paradise.
- ♥ All of our steps on this earth will lead to us to reach paradise.
- ♥ It is a blessing to have senses for protection and there are people who can be overly sensitive who can react with everything.
- ♥ We want to be sensitive to what Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ) said. When any situation comes,

we want to see the kindness and beauty of Allah. We want sensitivity to the unseen matters.

- ♥ If someone is overly sensitive, then how do we end up dealing with them? We do not say things to avoid drama or reaction. Faith is not be sensitive to people's actions, but to be sensitive to Allah's Names and Attributes.
- ♥ The more a person believes, the more he will be shown guidance.
- ♥ When we learn the Names of Allah, we will not look at people and their actions, but we will see the Name of Allah.
- ♥ If we are too emotional, then there is the guidance of intellect. And if the intellect cannot think right, there is the guidance of the Qur'an and Sunnah. And Allah will guide us.

- ♥ Our sensitivity is not about desire or what we want to do, but our sensitivity is to see the bigger picture.
- ♥ We do not question the one greater than us, and yet He is taking care of our smallest affairs.

RESPECT THE ELDERLY AND BE  
MERCIFUL TO THE YOUNG

قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَنَسَ بْنَ مَالِكٍ، يَقُولُ جَاءَ شَيْخٌ يُرِيدُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى  
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَأَبْطَأَ الْقَوْمُ عَنْهُ أَنْ يُوسِّعُوا لَهُ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَيُوقِّرْ  
كَبِيرَنَا "

"An older man came to talk to the Prophet (ﷺ), and the people were hesitant to make room for him. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: He is not one of us who does not have mercy on our young and does not respect our elders."<sup>3</sup>

- ♥ We can reach in no time and we will reach high levels when we submit to Allah Al Kabeer – The Greatest.

<sup>3</sup> Jami` at-Tirmidhi 1919



## REFERENCES

1. تفسير الشيخ السعدي – TAFSEER SHEIKH AS SA'ADY



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

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