



# المقدمة

## 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 (ﷺ) 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)".

### SUPPLICATION FOR TAQWA

اللهم آت نفسي تقواها، وزكها أنت خير من زكاها، أنت وليها  
ومولاها

O Allah! Grant me the sense of piety and purify my soul as You are the Best to purify it. You are its Guardian and its Protecting Friend.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 17, Hadith 1479

- ♥ There are many duas, but there is a dua that we need in every moment of our life. The best thing we can ask for is guidance and guidance is the way to happiness. We all need guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) at all times, whether we are guided or not, whether we know what to do or not.
- ♥ When dealing with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we should not deal as if we know. The knowledge should not distract us from asking Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The worst thing is to feel disconnected from our Lord thinking we are ok. We should never feel self-sufficient from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## WE ARE ALL MISGUIDED

يَا عِبَادِي كُلُّكُمْ ضَالٌّ إِلَّا مَنْ هَدَيْتُهُ فَاسْتَهْدُونِي أَهْدِكُمْ يَا  
عِبَادِي كُلُّكُمْ جَائِعٌ إِلَّا مَنْ أَطْعَمْتُهُ فَاسْتَطْعِمُونِي أَطْعَمْكُمْ يَا  
عِبَادِي كُلُّكُمْ عَارٍ إِلَّا مَنْ كَسَوْتُهُ فَاسْتَكْسُونِي أَكْسُكُمْ



My servants, all of you are liable to err except one whom I guide on the right path, so seek right guidance from Me so that I should direct you to the right path. O My servants, all of you are hungry (needy) except one whom I feed, so beg food from Me, so that I may give that to you. O My servants, all of you are naked (need clothes) except one whom I provide garments, so beg clothes from Me, so that I should clothe you.<sup>2</sup>

- ♥ We all need to be fed, even if we have food in our fridge.
- ♥ And even if we have clothes, we ask Allah to clothe us. We think “I have my own taste”, but Allah will guide us to the best.
- ♥ In all of Surah Al Fatiha, the dua we always need is:

## SURAH AL FATIHA 6

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path -

<sup>2</sup> Sahih Muslim 2577

- ♥ There is no prayer without Surah Al Fatiha and it is a conversation between us and Allah. When we ask Allah to guide us to the Straight Path, all of the answer is found from Surah Al Baqarah to Surah An Naas.
- ♥ Surah Al Fatiha is to know Who is Allah, and after knowing Him, we will connect with Him, and then different' groups of people are mentioned.
- ♥ We first begin by seeking refuge with Allah from the accursed devil. If there is no shaitan we will see good as good and bad as bad. But why do we see good as bad and bad as good? Why do we see truth as falsehood and falsehood as truth? Because there is a devil.
- ♥ Iblis appeared as the best worshipper, but Allah knows he is impressed with himself and his

worship. But Allah will not take him out without a test.

♥ Iblis was with the angels so he did not feel threatened by them, though Allah knows this is not his reality. Allah commanded Jibreel (عليه السلام) to take sand and stone from different parts of the earth and by His Hand, Allah created Adam (عليه السلام) as a statue, but there is no soul yet. Iblis was curious and saw he was hollow and he went inside him and saw nothing happened. He saw him as nothing.

♥ Then Allah blew the soul into Adam (عليه السلام) and then he started to move, and He taught him the names of everything. And this is what makes humans a distinct creation due to knowledge. And when He asked the angels to tell Him the names of everything, they said we

do not know. And who is observing this the whole time but not saying anything? Iblis.

- ♥ Allah commanded the angels to prostrate to Adam (عليه السلام), but Iblis refused and he said “I am better than him, he is made of clay, and I am made of fire.” So it was all the talk of his ego.
- ♥ Jealousy and arrogance are fire and devilish qualities, and we need to take the guidance to overcome it.
- ♥ If Iblis was truly obeying Allah from before, he would have obeyed him then.
- ♥ If someone is caught and his sin is exposed, it means he had it from before, but he did not work on himself before. Allah is Forbearing and will not expose us on the spot when we sin. He

gives us time to correct ourselves, but we should not be deceived.

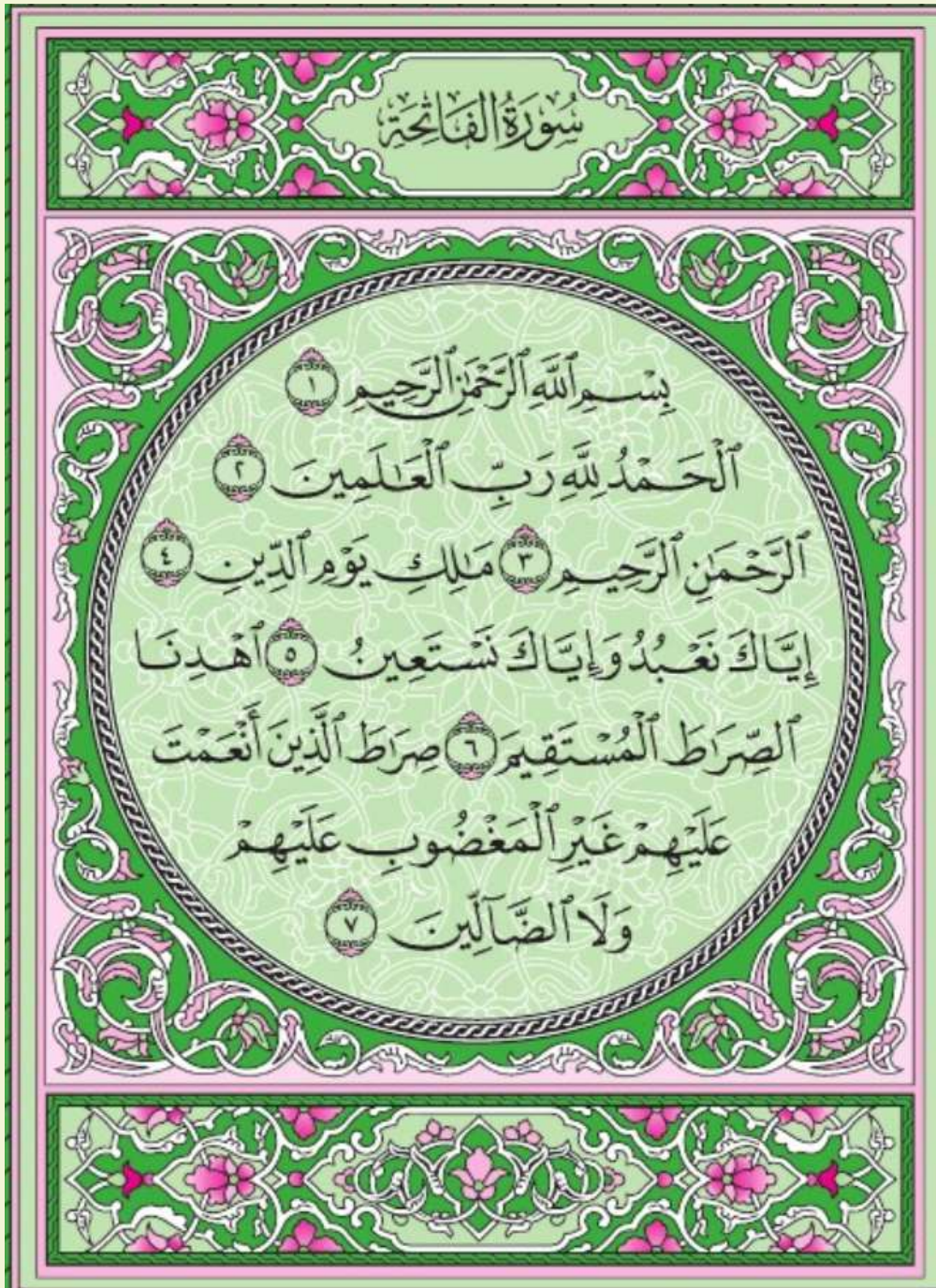
- ♥ We want to be humble; we want to love for others what we love for ourselves.
- ♥ The shaitan is our greatest enemy, and behind any enemy we have in life is a shaitan. The shaitan wants to make others misunderstand each other and he will misinterpret matters for us so that we separate from others. He wants to make us sleepy when we come to the Qur'an. He does not want to go alone to the fire, but wants to take us all.
- ♥ The greatest mission of the shaitan is to separate between husband and wife, and to separate between brothers and sisters in Islam.
- ♥ And each time he will come with a different strategy and way to disturb and distract us.



# سورة الفاتحة

## SURAH AL FATIHA

### OPENING CHAPTER



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.

## SEEKING REFUGE WITH ALLAH FROM THE ACCURSED DEVIL

♥ There are two ways of seeking refuge with Allah:

(1)

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

I seek refuge with Allah from the accursed devil

(2)

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ السَّمِيعِ الْعَلِيمِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

I seek refuge with Allah, The All-Hearer, The All-Knower from the accursed devil

أَعُوذُ

## I SEEK REFUGE

- It comes from the root (عَاذَ). Which means (أَلْجَأَ) “I seek refuge”. The worship of seeking refuge and protection with Allah is called (الاستعاذة).
- Who will protect us?

بِاللَّهِ

## WITH ALLAH

- (ب - الله) – the baa is attached, to show accompaniment. Our Rabb is Allah. Allah has perfect attributes (كامل الصفات). Who is Allah?
- Who is Allah? He is (المألوه المعبود). He is the One we attach to and worship out of love and magnification because He is perfect.

- The Name “Allah” is the greatest Name of Allah. So we seek refuge with all Names by all His Names.
- Allah is The One Who is free of faults, imperfections and impurities. He is perfect.
- Allah is The One Who does not have a son or partner, He does not need anyone to increase Him or bring out His beauty.
- The Name of Allah is the One Whom everyone runs to. We can flee to Him at all times; He can accommodate us all the time and He never pushes us away. He accepts us and never rejects us,



so He is The One Who is loved a great love.

- Human beings love the one who is always available for them and does not place conditions.
- The Name “Allah” is blessed and anything we want will be fulfilled by this Name, but we must have a strong amount of belief.
- People can be hot and cold and this is a way of making others attach to them, but this type of relationship pulls us down. When we think we know Allah, He shows us we do not know Him, and when we do not know Him, He will show us Who He is. And this makes us

always in awe and attached to Him.

- The Name “Allah” makes us always drown in His beauty, perfection and majesty. If we think of Allah, it saves us from thinking of anything else that will bring us down.

مِنْ

**FROM**

الشَّيْطَانِ

**THE DEVIL**

- It comes from the root (شطن) which means far. When any command comes, he goes far. And it also means to burn.
- So the shaitan is the one who is far away due to disobedience, and

burning from jealousy and arrogance.

- When he whispers to the simple human being, he wants us to be far away from Allah and His obedience and He wants us to burn internally and externally.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) once saw a man who was angry and he said anger is from the devil.
- The whispers of the shaitan are all customized according to what irritates us or what behavior makes us burn. And then he will make others say those words or act in that way to bother us. The Prophet (ﷺ) said the shaitan flows

in our veins, so he knows what we are like.

الرَّجِيمِ

### CAST AWAY

◦ This word comes from (رجم) which means to be stoned. The devil is cast away from all goodness. And the shaitan stones people with his ideas and whispers.

- ♥ It is important to observe ourselves when we are happy then suddenly we become sad and angry; this from the shaitan.
- ♥ For every person are two companions – one of the angels and one of the devils. When we feel suddenly sad or angry, this is the influence of the shaitan. The angels will remind us of good ideas, they will say to forgive, but they are soft

and calm in their suggestions. Unlike the devil who is loud and compulsing.

- ♥ If we listen to the devil, then his whispers will have a stronger impact on us, and if we seek refuge with Allah and listen to the angels, then we will take what they say more.
- ♥ It is important to not surrender to the whispers of the shaitan and to always seek refuge with Allah from the devil.

MAY ALLAH PROTECT US FROM THE  
WHISPERS OF THE DEVIL. AMEEN.



## REFERENCES

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

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

<https://vimeopro.com/markazalsalam/qnp-surah-al-fatiha>

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<https://markazalsalam.com/recordings-notes>

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