

INTRODUCTION

- ♥ Today we will need “fixing tools” such as a hammer, glue, oil, screw driver and a manual. If we do not follow the “factory manual”, we will come out with something dysfunctional.
- ♥ If a person is not fixed, meaning there is a corruption of the heart such as disbelief, shirk, jealousy and arrogance, he will only see himself, and he will see everyone with the eye of his sickness. Will a person see great things if he is attached to idols or energy? No.
- ♥ If someone hates inside, he will hate people and situations from the outside, and will that hatred make him witness great things? No. He will only witness more hate and negativity.
- ♥ Corruption of the heart will make a person to see and hear all that is corrupted.

- ♥ Those who attach to other than Allah will find their heart in a mess because they are attaching to what is corrupt. And if a person's connection to Allah is corrupt, then surely his relationships with people will be corrupt as well.
- ♥ There is a flesh in the body, if it is reformed, then all the body will be reformed, and if it is corrupt, then all the body will be corrupt, and that is the heart.

IF THE HEART IS GOOD, ALL
OTHER PARTS WILL BE GOOD

أَلَا وَإِنَّ فِي الْجَسَدِ مُضْغَةً إِذَا صَلَحَتْ صَلَحَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ، وَإِذَا فَسَدَتْ فَسَدَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ. أَلَا وَهِيَ الْقَلْبُ."

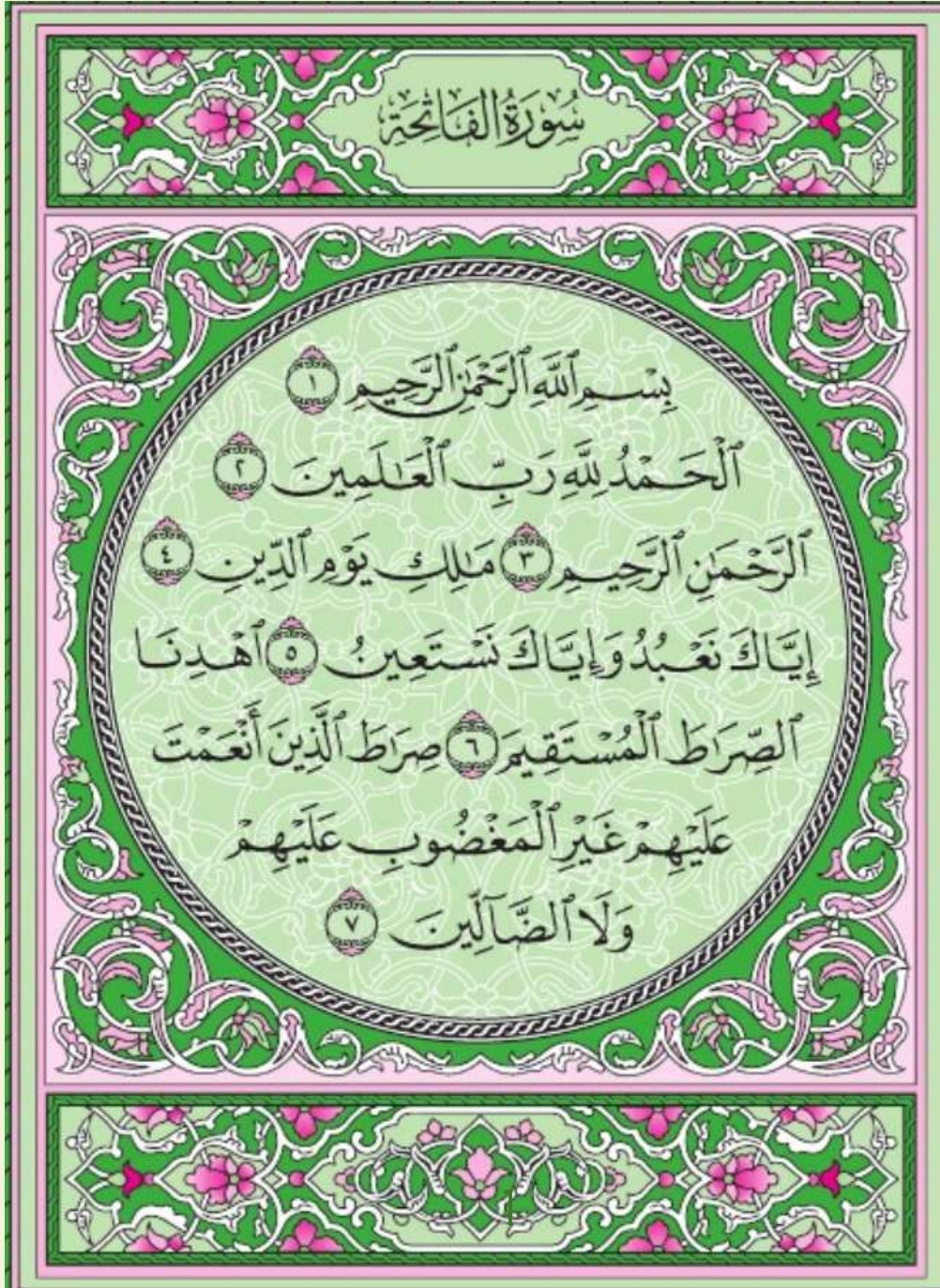
There is a piece of flesh in the body if it becomes good (reformed) the whole body becomes good but if it gets spoilt the whole body gets spoilt and that is the heart.¹

¹ Sahih al-Bukhari 52

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.

THE PATH OF THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE FAVORED

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ

The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor

AS SALIHEEN (الصالحين) – THE RIGHTEOUS

- ♥ We want to be “saliheen” – reformed – and we cannot be reformed if there is corruption in the heart.
- ♥ Our goodness and reformation begin with the heart, and the heart cannot be reformed if it is not reformed with Allah. And to be reformed is to not think negatively about Allah.

- ♥ We think to be a better person is to speak better to people, be helpful and have better relationships, but it begins with the heart.
- ♥ Allah has The Most Beautiful Names and the heart can be affected with what we hear and see and that is why we need guidance.
- ♥ The best and most important guidance is to be guided to know Allah. This is the best transformation and reformation.
- ♥ And He knows what is the best treatment for us. We cannot be good if there is no fixing and reforming of the heart.
- ♥ We do not want to believe *with* Allah, or make dua *with* Allah – we want to single Him out in worship.

SUPPLICATION TO BE PROTECTED FROM SHIRK

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ

Allāhumma innī a`ūdhu bika an ushrika bika wa anā a`lam, wa astaghfiruka limā lā a`lam.

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I associate anything with You knowingly, and I seek Your forgiveness for what I know not.²

- ♥ And Who can fix us? Allah Ar Rabb because He is our Creator. He has full access to our heart and He knows what is our sickness, what is the right situation, who is the right person and what are the right tools to be reformed.
- ♥ The best reforming are the study circles because we do not need to go through situations in life with “hammers, screwdrivers and nails.”

² Sahihut-Tarhib wat- Tarhib 1/19

WHOEVER TAKES THE PATH OF KNOWLEDGE

فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " مَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَطْلُبُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا سَلَكَ اللَّهُ بِهِ طَرِيقًا مِنْ طُرُقِ الْجَنَّةِ

'I heard the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه) say: "Whoever follows a path in the pursuit of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise."³

- ♥ We are not created to just be good people for people or just to please ourselves. We should never think this is a reformation. We want to speak good, be kind, grateful and pardon all for Allah because He created me. And I need to purify myself for Him.
- ♥ If we are good just for this life and then we die then there is nothing for us after that. We want to be good for Allah because we not only want

³ Sunan Abi Dawud 3641, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

our duniya to be good, but we want our akhira to be good as well.

- ♥ The start of our real life is the moment we die. If we are righteous for Allah, then we will have a good end. If we are placed in a grave, we will not be alone, a good and nice smelling person will accompany us, and that is our righteous good deeds.
- ♥ All that we were doing good in this life, it will come in the form of a good companion in our grave.
- ♥ That's why we want our righteousness and reforming to be for Allah.
- ♥ And we want to see that goodness in the hereafter and how the angels will come.

- ♥ We find many people in this life talking about “self-development, self-enhancement, makeover, new you, new look, glow-up.”
- ♥ Every creation needs the reforming of Allah, even if they are good creations. We think reforming is only for someone “broken”, depressed or has some kind of deficiency.
- ♥ The one who is kind and good needs more reforming to keep up the goodness.
- ♥ In life, all attention can go towards the one who is sick, but the healthy one is forgotten, though he needs reforming in order to not break down.
- ♥ Allah takes care of the angels, messengers and wives of the messengers with great reforming.
- ♥ We might think a messenger does not need to be reformed, but they are the most in need.

- ♥ Suleiman (عليه السلام) had knowledge, richness, strength – as if he reached his peak – but Allah reformed him through an ant. We might think, “how can someone rich and knowledgeable be reformed?”, but they need reforming in order to not be arrogant, jealous, disabled or lazy.
- ♥ In the way to Allah, we do not know how Allah will reform us, so it is important to accept and not ignore.

SURAH AN NAML 19

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَدْخِلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

"My Lord! Grant me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your Favours which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may do righteous good deeds that will please You, and admit me by Your Mercy among Your righteous slaves."

- ♥ Suleiman (عليه السلام) invoked his Lord to reform him and this shows his humility. He appreciated that he could smile at the ant and could understand it, and so he asked Allah to inspire him to be grateful to Him for what He gave him and his parents. And he asked Allah to perform good deeds which please Him, and not that please himself.
- ♥ We think being reformed is to do good deeds, but Allah Ar Rabb knows what good deeds please Him. It is not according to our plans or expectations.
- ♥ We may be told to do good deeds – to pray voluntary and so forth, and so we do it from the outside, but then we get annoyed with the smallest matter. So how can it be to do things from outside, but then upset from the inside.

- ♥ Allah reforms us with situations, but it is important to accept Allah's reforming.
- ♥ We think to be reformed is with a "to do list", but what is not in our plan is what will reform us.
- ♥ Everyone wants to be a good person, but to be a good person is to have a good heart with Allah. And the prize is not in this life, but in the hereafter.
- ♥ And it is not just the legislation and commands, but also the decrees of Allah that reform us.
- ♥ As Saliheen are those who have been reformed and these are the ones whom Allah has bestowed His favor upon them.
- ♥ Previously, we mentioned the prophets and no one can be a prophet now. And surely all the prophets are sidiqeen (ever-truthful ones). And all the sidiqeen are shuhadaa (witnessing).

And surely all shuhadaa (witnessing) are saliheen. And so the foundation to all of them are as saliheen.

- ♥ The word (الصالحين) is from (صالح) which means reformed, righteous, upright, purified, fixed, no conflict.
- ♥ The one who is saalih is peaceful, he is not argumentative.
- ♥ The one who is saalih does what is required and avoids what is prohibited with a good heart.
- ♥ The one who is saalih is the one whose heart, speech and actions are all good, and not corrupt. His heart thinks good of Allah and the people. He wants good for them.
- ♥ To be righteous is the fitra and natural instinct of people.

- ♥ We all begin pure. The newborn is pure, free of sin, but corruption comes after. And that is why we need guidance from Allah to bring us back to Him.
- ♥ One who is saalih is a clean, pure, beautiful and good soul. And he has a good impact on others. For example, someone smiles and so others are influenced to smile as well.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US FROM AS SALIHEEN. AMEEN.

REFERENCES

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

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

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