

INTRODUCTION

- ♥ Real guidance is guidance of the heart and misguidance is when the heart is misguided.
- ♥ Guidance is not according to our plan or expectations, but how Allah brings situations in our life. We ask Allah to “guide us to the Straight Path” because it is not about “me”, but “we”, and to love for others what you love for ourselves.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 92

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ
اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it.

- ♥ We love ourselves, we love what we want, but when we love Allah, we will make His love, His

commands, His legislation, His messengers, His book and His decree the priority.

- ♥ The Companions are not people who just memorize. Before the divine revelation, the heart has to be prepared and have its faith renewed. Even if we believe, the faith can get worn out so it needs to be refreshed everyday.
- ♥ The short-cut to increase in faith is to spread the salam.

SPREAD SALAM TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "لا تدخلوا الجنة حتى تؤمنوا ولا تؤمنوا حتى تحابوا أولا أدلكم على شيء إذا فعلتموه تحاببتم؟ أفشوا السلام بينكم"

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه) said, "By Him in Whose Hand is my life! You will not enter Jannah until you believe, and you

will not believe until you love one another. Shall I inform you of something which, if you do, you will love one another? Promote greetings amongst yourselves.¹

- ♥ People think Islam is very dry or serious, but it is beautiful and nourishing; it is full of soul and life.
- ♥ When we love, we delete ourselves and our ego. We will not be selfish or miserly. We all need purification and what can prevent us from loving? Our sins and impurities.
- ♥ A jealous or arrogant person will not look at ayat to increase in faith, rather he will only see things to satisfy himself. He is miserable and is unpleasant to others.
- ♥ The abrar are those whose hearts are so pure and are boiling with good deeds. What makes a heart so good? Because it wants to give from

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 6, Hadith 848

what it has. The person does not make himself the priority; the priority is Allah.

- ♥ Someone might think, “how can I love someone” – the Prophet (ﷺ) said to spread salam to one another, whether we know them or not.
- ♥ We end the prayer with salam and when we go to the people, we say salam to them. Salam means peace, so there will be no harm from our tongue and hands, thus we should relax.
- ♥ When we say, “assalam alaykum”, we should not follow it with harmful talk and say, “why did you do this?”.
- ♥ As salam alaykum is a dua to be saved from the evil of ourselves, trials and harm from others. We ask Allah to be granted a good and

sound heart, to go through situations in peace and to cross the Sirat in peace.

- ♥ After being safe, we ask Allah to have mercy on us to bring all good and keep all harm away from us. And blessing upon you means may Allah increase you – in health, wealth, knowledge, children. So this is taking it a very high level with everyone.
- ♥ The Prophet (ﷺ) said “birr is good manners” – to smile does not cost money, to be kind does not cost money and a sin is a scratch in our heart and we hate for people to look at it.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 92

عَنْ نَوَّاسِ بْنِ سَمْعَانَ الْأَنْصَارِيِّ، أَنَّهُ سَأَلَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَنِ الْبِرِّ وَالْإِثْمِ؟ قَالَ: الْبِرُّ حُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ، وَالْإِثْمُ مَا حَكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ وَكَرِهْتَ أَنْ يَطَّلَعَ عَلَيْهِ النَّاسُ.

It is reported Nawwas ibn Sam'an asked the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), may Allah bless him and

grant him peace, about righteousness and sin. He said, "Righteousness is good character and sin is what gnaws at your conscience and that which you dislike for other people to become aware of."²

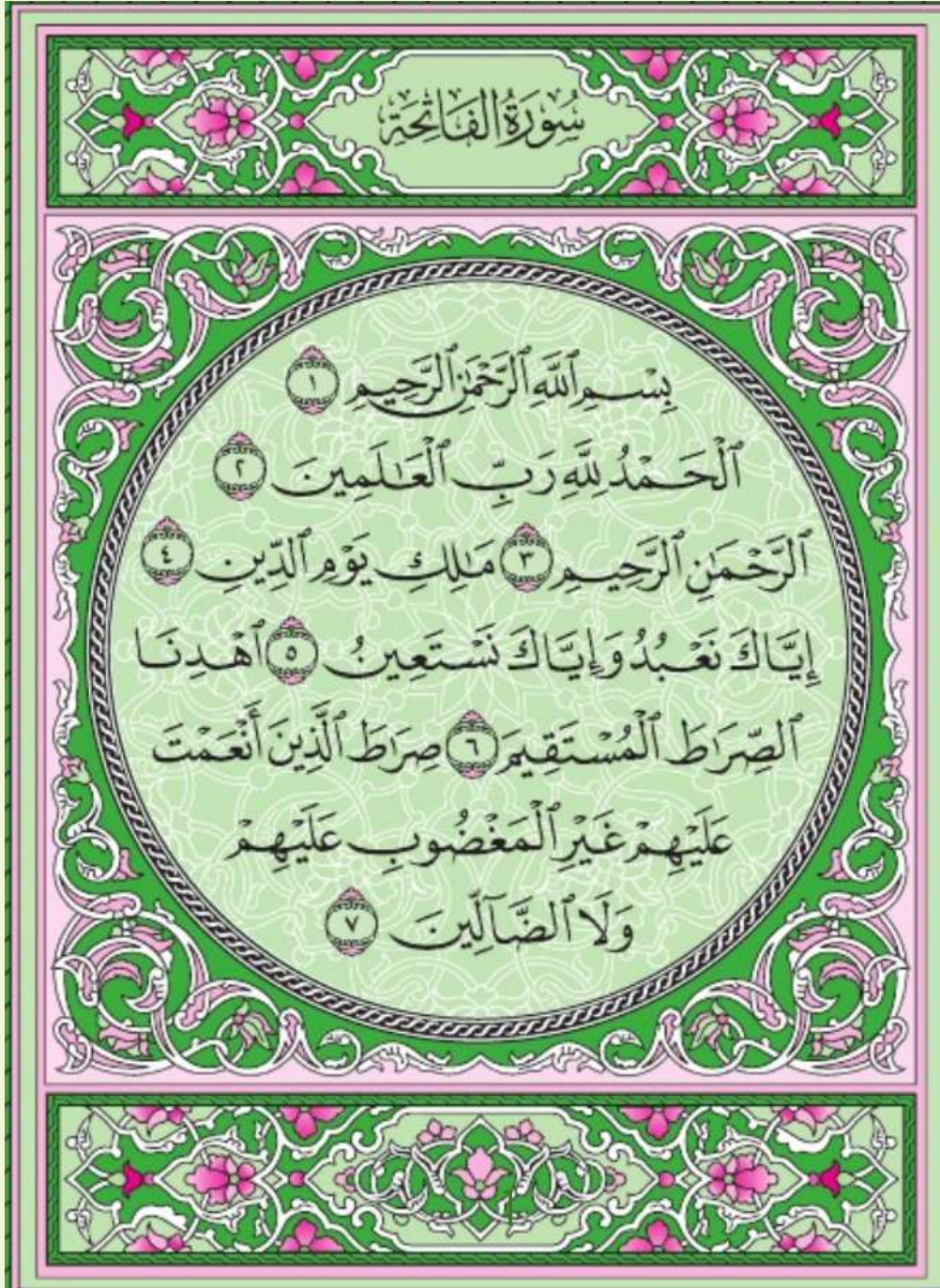
- ♥ With good manners, we will reach a high place in paradise.
- ♥ Good manners are not dependent if the other person shows good to us or not. Good manners are not a reaction, but it is our action. Good manners are something we want to do because Allah is looking at us.

² Al Adab Al Mufradi, Book 1, Hadith 295, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

سورة الفاتحة

SURAH AL FATIHA

OPENING CHAPTER



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 -

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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.

- ♥ Surah Al Fatiha is the Mother of the Book, it is the curer, and we need to go to it first.
- ♥ When we know Allah is The First then we will be happily together.
- ♥ We find imbalance and poverty when we do not make Allah First. If there is any scratch or problem in our life, it is important to make Allah Al Awwal – The First. And when we make Allah The First, it does not mean we do not do anything. We have to take the means and Allah Al Akhir – The Last – will make us see the result of these means.
- ♥ There are means to guidance and it is important to take them.

GUIDE US TO THE STRAIGHT PATH

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

FIVE TYPES OF GUIDANCE FROM ALLAH

♥ There are five types of guidance, three are built-in and two are external, but all of them are customized for us.

BUILT-IN GUIDANCE

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. And the fitra should support the senses, but if we are overly emotional, then we can go all over the place.
3. Intellect: it should put the senses in place. It is important as a foundation to receive the religion.

OUTER GUIDANCE

4. Guidance of the deen (Qur'an and Sunnah)

5. Special guidance from Allah

4. GUIDANCE OF THE DEEN

MEANS OF GUIDANCE OF THE DEEN

1. To make dua

♥ We make dua to Allah and He will show us the result of it, so we should never underestimate making dua.

♥ If people do not make dua, what will happen?
Allah will be angry with them.

SUPPLICATION THAT SUMS UP GOOD OF THIS LIFE AND HEREAFTER

أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَآتَاهُ رَجُلٌ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ
اللَّهِ، كَيْفَ أَقُولُ حِينَ أَسْأَلُ رَبِّي؟ قَالَ: قُلِ: اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي،

وَأَرْحَمْنِي، وَعَافِنِي، وَأَرْزُقْنِي. وَيَجْمَعُ أَصَابِعَهُ إِلَّا الإِبْهَامَ؛ فَإِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ تَجْمَعُ لَكَ دُنْيَاكَ وَأَخْرَتَكَ.

Abu Malik reported on the authority Of his father that he heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying to the person who bad come to him and asked him as to how he should beg his Lord, that he should utter these words: " O Allah, grant me pardon, have mercy upon me, protect me, provide me sustenance," and he collected his fingers together except his thumb and said: It is in these words (that there is supplication) which sums up for you (the good) of this world and that of the Hereafter.³

2. Faith

♥ Our believe in Allah guides us.

SURAH AT TAGHABUN 11

مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ قَلْبَهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

³ Sahih Muslim 2697

No disaster strikes except by permission of Allah. And whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart. And Allah is Knowing of all things.

- ♥ Any problem we have or any affliction comes that we do not like, is all by the permission of Allah. This is faith. Even if someone is being rude or bad to us we should not say, “why is he saying this?” because it will only mislead us. We will just have a restless heart. But when we know that everything is by the permission of Allah, then we should believe in Him. And anyone who believes in Allah will be guided to what to say or react.
- ♥ Anyone who believes in Allah then He will guide his heart. We want a guided heart that is at rest and that is only from Allah.

3. Qur'an

SURAH AL ISRAA 9

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا

Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.

- ♥ Surah Al Israa is about the Qur'an and it will guide us all the times. Whether reciting, memorizing, listening or pondering the Qur'an, it is all guidance. It will guide to what is better.
- ♥ The Qur'an will not guide us to something partial, it will guide us entirely – it will guide our heart, mind, hearing and seeing.
- ♥ It will guide us to the best of faith and best of manners.

- ♥ At the end of the life of 'Uthman bin 'Affan (رضي الله عنه), there was so much fitna such that he remained at home and recited the Qur'an.
- ♥ If we are stressed, we say, "I'll watch a video or movie or read something", we do not just want to be numbed and then face the problem again, but to go to the Qur'an and it will guide our heart, tongue and limbs.

MAY ALLAH GUIDE US AND MAY WE ALWAYS MAKE HIM THE FIRST IN OUR LIFE. AMEEN.

REFERENCES

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

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

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