

INTRODUCTION

- This journey will be tasteless when there are no feelings. It is important to have excellent feelings with Allah and the people.
- ▼ To have excellent feelings with Allah is to not associate with Him, to love and magnify Him. And to have excellent feelings with the people is by not overpraising them or underestimating them either, but to be good to them.
- Yesterday was the Day of 'Ashoora and this shows us the great importance of guidance. Musa (peace be upon him) and his people had Firaoun behind them and the sea in front of them, so they were surrounded by death from the front and back.
- Everyone becomes levelled and there is only Allah. When a person goes through situations,

he can have mixed feelings of fear, sadness and anxiety. We all need guidance from Allah to guide us to the best and most excellent connection.

- We should never think that Allah wants to challenge us or place us in a trial to see how active or strong we may be, but Allah wants to purify us, extract the best from us, guide us and provide us. Allah does need us or our dua, but He wants our heart.
- All the decrees and commands are means to make us wake-up and bring out those feelings.
 Allah wants our attachment and feelings.
- Only Allah can guide us to the best connection, some people fast because they want the reward, some fast because others are

doing it and some fast because they love Allah.

- Somethings that we all need are feelings because this is what represents us and people. If we were to draw each other, we would draw hearts. May Allah guide us to the most excellent feelings with Allah and the people. Ameen.
- ◆ Allah is The Most Rich and He has the Most Beautiful Names and Attributes, and He does not just want us to be slaves of limbs and tongues. Firaoun wants people to be slaves of tongue and limbs; he does not care for their feelings if they love him or not. And this is slavery in life. They will not ask about feelings, but only want work.

- ◆ Allah does not depend on us or our worship in any way. If people worship or not, it will not add anything to Him because He is perfect. If He rewards or punishes, He does not fear the consequence of it. We have to know that we are dealing with One Who is not like Him.
- So it is important to have excellent feelings with Him and we want to love Allah because He is Allah.
- A person can be excellent in talk and dealings, but there are no good feelings or purity or tagwa in the heart.
- ▼ People are also slaves of Allah and if we do good or bad to them, we are doing good or bad to ourselves. We cannot benefit or harm anyone with our feelings, tongue or actions.

▼ The disbelievers want to hurt the Prophet (ﷺ) with their hatred, but it did not harm him.

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And indeed, those who disbelieve would almost make you slip with their eyes when they hear the message, and they say, "Indeed, he is mad."

- We can feel people's love or hate; it can see be seen in their faces.
- ▼ If we are jealous or envious of someone, then we will be badly affected, and when we love and are good to someone, then we will be positively affected. So being good or bad to someone with positively or negatively affect us.
- We need a great amount of guidance from Allah with regards to people because we can quickly get affected with situations with them.

Allah will guide to the feelings and we want to have right feelings with people.

SURAH AL FATIHA 6

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

We will have unlimited guidance because we have unlimited feelings and we have unlimited decrees, and we need guidance from Allah for all times.

SURAH AL MULK 2

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمُوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلَا وَهُوَ النَّاذِي خَلَقَ الْمُوث الْعَزيزُ الْعَفُورُ

[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving -

Life and death are a test for our ihsaan, so we should not take our feelings for granted or the feelings from others for granted. Someone may

- say, "I love you for Allah" and we take it for granted, but it is all special.
- ▼ If we have feelings of love, then Allah will guide us to increase those feelings. We need guidance to keep our feelings growing and so we go through situations to increase it and preserve it. May Allah guide us all. Ameen.
- We can easily skip the feelings when we are caught up with work and then we come back again and wonder where are the feelings?
- Allah is The Most Beautiful and He does not look at the outer, but looks at our "king" and our king is the heart.
- When all distractions are removed, do we have feelings for Allah, and if we do not at that time, then no problem, in sha'a Allah next time. But with people, if all distractions are removed,

- and we do not show them feelings then they will be annoyed.
- Allah will not be affected with our negligence and He will not force His beauty on us either. Unlike people who can get offended if we do not notice them.
- And in life, if a mother sees all her children out of control, she will scream one shout and get them all grounded. But will there be feelings? No, they will just remember that scream. And to Allah is the best example, He does not deal with us like this. The one shout is in the hereafter, but not now because Allah will not kill the feelings from now.
- The one who has knowledge and yaqeen (certainty), then yaqeen will be his ride because he will have tawakul and enjoy every

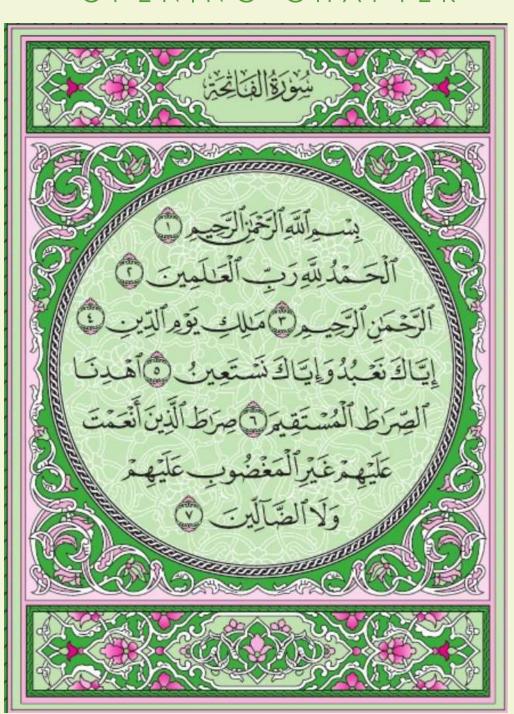
- situation in life with excellence. However, the one who has only knowledge will take knowledge as a leader.
- Allah has The Most Beautiful Names to make us love Him, and if there is any gap in our life, there is always a Name to connect to. If we are misguided, Allah will guide us. If we are sick, Allah will cure us. If we are poor, Allah will enrich us. So every Name of Allah is to give us what we want. If we are out of order, Allah Ar Rabb will deal with us. If we are alone, Allah is Al Witr and Ar Rafeeq. If no one loves us, Allah is Al Wadood. If there are big issues in our life, Allah is Al Kabeer Al 'Adheem. If we do not know where to start, Allah is Ar Rahman is The Most Merciful. So every Name of Allah is to quite us so everything is taken care of and we

can have feelings for Allah. However, it is important to have trust in Allah and that is with yaqeen (certainty). If there is no trust and only doubts, then there will be no guidance. For example, if we want to remodel our home and we hire someone to do it, but we do not trust them. They will not be guided because they are not given any space. So why do we not trust Allah? He will not get affected, but we will get affected because doubts eat us up.

The first four ayat in Surah Al Fatiha are all to make us have feelings for Allah and it is important to be clear and have no doubts so that we take on the contract of worshipping Him alone and seeking His help alone. And we will have unlimited help from Allah when we trust Him. Allah does not want a slave with limbs only, but a slave with heart as well.

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 -

الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful,

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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.

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اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path -

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صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْمٍ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْمٍ 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

- We ask Allah to guide us to the Straight, to be guided on the Straight Path while on it, to be guided from the beginning to the end, and to be guided with the right feelings and then we will be a role model, guided and guiding others.
- We are inspired by someone who has passion and ambition in his work, and not just someone who does work.

SURAH AS SAJDAH 24

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أَئِمَّةً مَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَآ صَبَرُوا وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ

And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs.

- The leaders and those who inspire others are those who guide others by Allah's command. The leaders in the deen are not by outer worships alone, but because they have true feelings, and wait for Allah's commands. With truthful feelings, Allah will take it further. Someone with a good heart will inspire others to have a good heart too, and not just by work. It is the good feelings that last and inspire others.
- The way to Allah is very special and the feelings to Allah are very special. He does not want us to be machines because He is perfect and we have all Names of Allah to solve our issues and

- worries, so that we rely on Him and keep those good feelings.
- ◆ And at the same time, we want to have excellent feelings with people and that is love for Allah. When we love for Allah then we are doing excellence with people. We do not love a person because of what they do or give us, but we only focus on love.
- For any worship we do, someone else can do it after us. If we are writing, someone will write, if we are fasting, someone will fast, but no one will take on our feelings after us.
- ▼ It is a reminder that we not only love for now, but to love for the hereafter. If we have something good to say or feel, then we should do it because we do not know if it will be our last meeting. A dear sister from the study circles

passed away (may Allah have mercy on her) and no one could have known it would have been the last meeting, but we all need guidance to never take things for granted. May Allah grant us ihsaan in loving Him and in loving others for Allah. Ameen.

- People do not know how much we love them, but we want excellent feelings because no one will inherit our feelings and love. People will inherit our money and work, but not our love. We are so grateful to Allah that He guided us and taught us that love is more important than anything. Everything can get delayed, but we must say salam and share our feelings to others.
- Had it not been for Allah's guidance, we would not have connected and seen that feelings

- are more important. We will learn, but it is the love that will remain.
- The degree of excellence is to worship Allah as if we see Him and if we do not see Him, Allah sees us. It did not say, to worship "Ar Rabb", but to have complete attachment to Allah.
- We all want pure feelings and when death comes, it disables the mind and limbs, but it is important before dying to think good of Allah. If a dying person has to think good of Allah, so what about someone alive?
- The Name of Allah is a start and end. We begin in the Name of Allah and we end with praising Allah.
- Allah wants our heart to believe in Him, trust Him, have confidence in Him and rely on Him,

but it is important to keep that pure connection and enjoy it.

MAY ALLAH GUIDE US TO THE STRAIGHT PATH. MAY ALLAH HELP US TO WORSHIP HIM IN EXCELLENCE AND TO LOVE OTHERS FOR ALLAH. AMEEN

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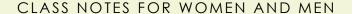
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