

## الخطبة الأولى

أما بعد: فإن خير الحديث كتابُ الله، وخير الهدي هديُّ محمد -صلى الله عليه وسلم-، وشر الأمور محدثاتها، وكل محدثة بدعة، وكل بدعة ضلالة، وكل ضلالة في النار

أيها المسلمون: في كل يوم وليلة يصلي المسلمون خمس صلوات فريضةً من الله، ويجب عليهم في كل ركعة من ركعات تلك الصلوات قراءة سورة هي من خير سور كتاب الله.

إنها السورة التي امتدحها الله في كتابه، وامتدحها رسولُ الله -صلى الله عليه وسلم- لِمَا تضمنته من عظيم المعاني، التي أودعتْ أجزل وأخصر المباني.

إن هذه السورة تبلغ أهميتها أن من تركها في الصلاة بطلت صلاته، هي جديرةٌ بالتعلم، وأهلٌ لأن يدرس المسلمون تفسيرها، ويفهموا معانيها، ويتواصوا لتحصيل لطائفها وأسرارها.

إن مما يُعاب على المسلم أن يظل سنين طويلة يردد هذه السورة عشرات المرات في اليوم والليله ومع ذلك لا يحسن تفسيرها، ولا يدري ما المراد منها.

من أجل ذلك فستعنى هذه الخطبة بالحديث عن هذه السورة الكريمة؛ فيا تُرى ما هي أسماؤها؟ وما هو فضلها؟ ثم ما هو معناها وتفسيرها؟

Brothers and sisters in Islam, we are living in a time when we are constantly pre-occupied with conversations on our phones, responding to messages on our facebook, twitter, and Instagram accounts. We find ourselves frequently engaging in social meetings and gatherings to help us remove some feelings of loneliness, and make us feel liked or important. Many of us think that connecting with others, conversating with friends and the likes will make keep us constantly feeling good, happy and satisfied. But how many of us, after leaving a social gathering, meeting, or conversation find that those feelings of loneliness and stress quickly return? This is all the result of us always attaching our hearts to the creation, and communicating with them, while neglecting attaching our hearts with the creator and communicating with Him....

and allowing our attachment to them determine our happiness  
Today we're going to learn what we can do to have constant happiness and bliss and the constant connection with the one who we always see good.



Brothers and sisters...we are blessed with so many blessings that if we were to try and enumerate them, and we sat our whole life doing so, we would never be able to count them all. From the biggest blessing is that Allah guided us to Islam, and after that is that He showed us how to worship Him alone. And from the most important forms of worship is the five daily obligatory prayers. The prayers are the first pillars of Islam that someone needs to perform, the thing that distinguishes us from the non-Muslims, and the first thing that Allah will ask us about in the Hereafter.

Brother and sisters....did you know that within one of the main actions we do in our five daily prayers that we are actually having a conversation with our Creator even if we don't realize it or have forgotten. That when we do this action, we are talking with Allah and He is actually responding to us, after each and every word we speak? Brothers and sisters this connection and communication with Allah during the prayer is so important that whoever doesn't do it, their prayer is invalid. The way that we connect and communicate with Allah is through using the best surah revealed to the Prophet Muhammad, and was never revealed to any other prophet or messenger before him, nor is it or its meanings contained in any other book of revelation. Indeed, it is surah al fatihah. The surah we recite every day in our five daily obligatory prayers at least 17 times a day. How many of us who have been Muslim for years, constantly reciting this surah but we lack a good understanding of its meaning? How many of us have been



looking for cures for our sicknesses, illnesses, in other things; while we have the cure right in front of us, and we recite it numerous times a day....but why aren't we seeing or realizing the effects...brothers and sisters it is because of our lack of understanding, pondering over it's meanings and a lack of certainty and faith in regards to it's power. So for this reason our khutbah today is going to be about this blessed surah.

مَرَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَى أَبِي بِنِ كَعْبٍ، فَقَالَ: أُتِحِبُّ أَنْ أَعْلَمَكَ سُورَةً  
لَمْ يَنْزَلْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ، وَلَا فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ، وَلَا فِي الزَّبُورِ، وَلَا فِي الْفُرْقَانِ مِثْلَهَا؟  
قَالَتُ: نَعَمْ، يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، قَالَ: فَكَيْفَ تَقْرَأُ فِي الصَّلَاةِ؟ فَقَرَأْتُ عَلَيْهِ أُمَّ الْكِتَابِ،  
فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ، مَا أَنْزَلْتُ سُورَةً فِي التَّوْرَةِ  
وَلَا فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ وَلَا فِي الزَّبُورِ، وَلَا فِي الْفُرْقَانِ مِثْلَهَا، وَإِنَّهَا لَهِيَ السَّبْعُ الْمَثَانِي  
وَالْقُرْآنُ الْعَظِيمُ

The Prophet Muhammad came up to Ubay ibn Ka'b and asked him: "Wouldn't you love that I teach you a surah that no other surah is similar to, not in the Torah, the Injeel, the Zaboor nor the Furqan (Quran)? Ubay replied: 'Of course O Messenger of Allah'. Then he said: 'How/what do you recite in the prayer?' Then he recited Umm al Kitab (Al Fatihah). Then the Prophet said: "By the one whose Hand my soul it, there is no surah that is similar to it, not in the Torah, the Injeel, the Zaboor, nor the Quran, and it is the seven oft repeated verses and the Grand Quran."

Surah al Fatihah is the best surah in the Quran, the best surah for a Muslim to recite throughout the day and the night...one of the best ways to make the remembrance of Allah..and also one



of the best protections and cures for those experiencing sicknesses and illnesses.... Even those experiencing psychological and mental illnesses

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ انْطَلَقَ نَفَرٌ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي سَفَرَةٍ سَافَرُوا فِيهَا حَتَّى نَزَلُوا عَلَى حَيٍّ مِنْ أَحْيَاءِ الْعَرَبِ فَاسْتَضَافُوهُمْ، فَأَبَوْا أَنْ يُضَيِّقُوا لَهُمْ، فَادْعَ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْحَيِّ، فَسَعَوْا لَهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ لَا يَنْفَعُهُ شَيْءٌ، فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ لَوْ أَنْتَيْتُمْ هَؤُلَاءِ الرَّهْطَ الَّذِينَ نَزَلُوا لَعَلَّهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ عِنْدَ بَعْضِهِمْ شَيْءٌ، فَأَتَوْهُمْ، فَقَالُوا يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّهْطُ، إِنَّ سَيِّدَنَا لُدْعُ، وَسَعَيْنَا لَهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ لَا يَنْفَعُهُ، فَهَلْ عِنْدَ أَحَدٍ مِنْكُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ نَعَمْ وَاللَّهِ إِنَِّّي لِأَرْقِي، وَلَكِنْ وَاللَّهِ لَقَدْ اسْتَضَفْنَاكُمْ فَلَمْ تُضَيِّقُونَا، فَمَا أَنَا بِرَاقٍ لَكُمْ حَتَّى تَجْعَلُوا لَنَا جُعَلًا. فَصَالَحُوهُمْ عَلَى قَطِيعٍ مِنَ الْعَنَمِ، فَانْطَلَقَ يَتْفِلُ عَلَيْهِ وَيَقْرَأُ {الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ} فَكَأَنَّهَا نَشِطٌ مِنْ عِقَالٍ، فَانْطَلَقَ يَمْشِي وَمَا بِهِ قَلْبَةٌ، قَالَ فَأَوْفَوْهُمْ جُعَلَهُمُ الَّذِي صَالَحُوهُمْ عَلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ اأَسْمُوا. فَقَالَ الَّذِي رَقِيَ لَا تَفْعَلُوا، حَتَّى نَأْتِيَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَذَكَرَ لَهُ الَّذِي كَانَ، فَتَنْظَرَ مَا يَأْمُرُنَا. فَقَدِمُوا عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَذَكَرُوا لَهُ، فَقَالَ " وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ أَنَّهَا رُقِيَةٌ - ثُمَّ قَالَ - قَدْ أَصَبْتُمْ اأَسْمُوا وَاضْرِبُوا لِي مَعَكُمْ سَهْمًا ". فَضَحِكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. وَقَالَ شُعْبَةُ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَشِيرٍ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا الْمُتَوَكِّلِ بِهِذَا.

Narrated Abu Sa'id: Some of the companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) went on a journey till they reached some of the <sup>Bedouin</sup> Arab tribes (at night). They asked the <sup>Bedouins</sup> ~~tribe~~ to treat them as their guests but they refused. The chief of that tribe was then bitten by a snake (or stung by a scorpion) and they tried their best to cure him but in vain. Some of them said (to the others), "Nothing has <sup>(cured him - we've tried everything)</sup> benefited him, will you go to the people who resided here at night, it may be that some of them might <sup>have some medicine</sup> ~~possess something~~ (as treatment)," They went to the group of the companions (of the Prophet (ﷺ)) and said, "Our chief has been bitten by a snake (or stung by a scorpion) and we have tried everything but he has not benefited. <sup>50</sup> Have you got anything (useful)?" One of <sup>50</sup> Do you have any medicine?



them replied, "Yes, by Allah! I can recite a Ruqya, but as you have refused to accept us as your guests, I will not recite the Ruqya for you unless you fix for us some wages for it." <sup>So the</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>bedouins</sup> ~~agreed~~ <sup>agrees</sup> to pay them a flock of sheep. One of them then went and recited (Surat-ul-Fatiha): 'All the praises are for the Lord of the Worlds' and puffed over the chief who became all right as if he was released from a chain, and got up and started walking, showing no signs of sickness. They paid them what they agreed to pay. Some of ~~them~~ <sup>(the</sup> the companions) then suggested to divide their earnings among themselves, but the one who performed the recitation said, "Do not divide them till we go to the Prophet (ﷺ) and narrate the whole story to him, and wait for his order." So, they went to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) and narrated the story. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked, "How did you come to know that Surat-ul- Fatiha was recited as Ruqya?" Then he added, "You have done the right thing. Divide (what you have earned) and assign a share for me as well." The Prophet (ﷺ) smiled thereupon.

عَنْ عَبْدِ الْمَلِكِ بْنِ عُمَيْرٍ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ﴿فَاتِحَةَ الْكِتَابِ شِفَاءٌ مِنْ كُلِّ دَاءٍ﴾

Abdul Malik ibn Umayr said that the Prophet Muhammad said:  
 "Within Fatihatul Kitab is a cure for every sickness."

عَنْ خَارِجَةَ بْنِ الصَّلْتِ التَّمِيمِيِّ، عَنْ عَمِّهِ، أَنَّهُ أَتَى رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَاسْتَلَمَ ثُمَّ أَقْبَلَ رَاجِعًا مِنْ عِنْدِهِ فَمَرَّ عَلَى قَوْمٍ عِنْدَهُمْ رَجُلٌ مَجْنُونٌ مُوثَقٌ بِالْحَدِيدِ فَقَالَ أَهْلُهُ إِنَّا حَدَّثْنَا أَنَّ صَاحِبَكُمْ هَذَا قَدْ جَاءَ بِخَيْرٍ فَهَلْ عِنْدَكَ شَيْءٌ تُدَاوِيهِ فَرَقَبْتُهُ بِفَاتِحَةِ



الْكِتَابِ فَبَرَأَ فَأَعْطُونِي مِائَةَ شَاةٍ فَأَتَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَأَخْبَرْتُهُ فَقَالَ " هَلْ إِلَّا هَذَا " . وَقَالَ مُسَدَّدٌ فِي مَوْضِعٍ آخَرَ " هَلْ قُلْتَ غَيْرَ هَذَا " . قُلْتُ لَا . قَالَ " خُذْهَا فَلَعَمْرِي لِمَنْ أَكَلَ بِرُقِيَّةٍ بَاطِلٍ لَقَدْ أَكَلَتْ بِرُقِيَّةٍ حَقٍّ " .

Narrated Alaqah ibn Sahar at-Tamimi: Alaqah came to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and embraced Islam. He then came back from him and passed some people who had a lunatic fettered in chains. His people said: We are told that your companion has brought some good. Have you something with which you can cure him? I then recited Surat al-Fatihah and he was cured. They gave me one hundred sheep. I then came to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and informed him of it. He asked: Is it only this? The narrator, Musaddad, said in his other version: Did you say anything other than this? I said: No. He said: Take it, for by my life, some accept it for a worthless chain, but you have done so for a genuine one.

Indeed surah Al Fatihah is one of the best protections and cures for the believers, if we only understand it properly, and ponder over its meaning while reciting it. Recite it over yourself, your spouses, your children, your sick and your family and friends... And watch the results manifest right before your eyes....

- There is no stronger or more powerful cure than it....
- Surah al fatihah is one of the lights that the Prophet Muhammad and this ummah has been given:

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 you don't need to go to a Raqi and pay hundreds of dollars to recite over you or your spouses... you recite over yourself with yaqeen and true faith....



عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ، قَالَ بَيْنَمَا جِبْرِيلُ قَاعِدٌ عِنْدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ سَمِعَ نَقِيضًا مِنْ فَوْقِهِ فَرَفَعَ رَأْسَهُ فَقَالَ هَذَا بَابٌ مِنْ السَّمَاءِ فُتِحَ الْيَوْمَ لَمْ يَفْتَحْ قَطُّ إِلَّا الْيَوْمَ فَنَزَلَ مِنْهُ مَلَكٌ فَقَالَ هَذَا مَلَكٌ نَزَلَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ لَمْ يَنْزِلْ قَطُّ إِلَّا الْيَوْمَ فَسَلَّمَ وَقَالَ أَبَشِرْ بِنُورَيْنِ أُوتِيَتْهُمَا لَمْ يُؤْتَهُمَا نَبِيٌّ قَبْلَكَ فَاتِحَةُ الْكِتَابِ وَخَوَاتِيمُ سُورَةِ الْبَقَرَةِ لَنْ تَقْرَأَ بِحَرْفٍ مِنْهُمَا إِلَّا أُعْطِيَتْهُ .

Ibn 'Abbas reported that while Gabriel was sitting with the Apostle (ﷺ) he heard a creaking sound above him. He lifted his head and said: This is a gate opened in heaven today which had never been opened before. Then when an angel descended through it, he said: This is an angel who came down to the earth who had never come down before. He greeted and said: Rejoice in two lights given to you which have not been given to any prophet before you: Fatihatul-Kitab and the concluding verses of Surah al-Baqara. You will never recite a letter from them for which you will not be given (a reward).

Surah al fatihah is so important that it is a pre-requisite for the acceptance of any prayer one prays:

عَنْ عُبَادَةَ بْنِ الصَّامِتِ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَا صَلَاةَ لِمَنْ لَمْ يَقْرَأْ بِفَاتِحَةِ الْكِتَابِ " .

Narrated 'Ubada bin As-Samit: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Whoever does not recite Al-Fatiha in his prayer, his prayer is invalid."

May Allah make us from those who stay steadfast upon the prayer and work hard to understand the meaning, virtues and benefits of this great surah.



- Communicating with this person, calling that one, messaging the other one... awaiting ~~their~~ their responses... sometimes they respond... sometimes they don't...

- Focus ~~on~~ <sup>ON</sup> <sup>communicating with Allah by reciting surah Al-Fatihah</sup> <sup>and be certain that he is responding to you</sup> Second khutbah  
And most importantly brothers and sisters, is that when reciting

Surah Al-Fatihah

→ ~~it~~ one is actually communicating with Allah and Allah is responding to the one who recites it after every verse:

even if you don't recite it

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " مَنْ صَلَّى صَلَاةً لَمْ يَقْرَأْ فِيهَا بِأَمِّ الْقُرْآنِ فَهِيَ خِدَاجٌ - ثَلَاثًا - غَيْرُ تَمَامٍ " . فَقِيلَ لِأَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ إِنَّا نَكُونُ وَرَاءَ الْإِمَامِ . فَقَالَ أَفْرَأُ بِهَا فِي نَفْسِكَ فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فَسَمْتُ الصَّلَاةَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ عَبْدِي نِصْفَيْنِ وَلِعَبْدِي مَا سَأَلَ فَإِذَا قَالَ الْعَبْدُ { الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ } . قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى حَمْدِي عَبْدِي وَإِذَا قَالَ { الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ } . قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى أَتْنِي عَلَى عَبْدِي . وَإِذَا قَالَ { مَالِكِ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ } . قَالَ مَجْدَنِي عَبْدِي - فَإِذَا قَالَ { إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ } . قَالَ هَذَا بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ عَبْدِي وَلِعَبْدِي مَا سَأَلَ . فَإِذَا قَالَ { اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ \* صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ } . قَالَ هَذَا لِعَبْدِي وَلِعَبْدِي مَا سَأَلَ "

Abu Huraira reported: The Apostle of Allah (ﷺ) said: If anyone observes prayer in which he does not recite Umm al-Qur'an, It is deficient [he said this three times] and not complete. It was said to Abu Huraira: At times we are behind the Imam. He said: Recite it inwardly, for he had heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) declare that Allah the Exalted had said: [I have divided the prayer into two halves between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks. When the servant says: Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the universe, Allah the Most High says: My servant has praised Me. And when he (the servant) says: The Most Compassionate, the Merciful, Allah the Most High says: My servant has glorified Me. And when he (the servant) says: Master of the Day of judgment, He remarks: My servant



has <sup>adored/magnified</sup> ~~glorified~~ Me. And sometimes He would say: My servant entrusted (his affairs) to Me. And when he (the worshipper) says: Thee do we worship and of Thee do we ask help, He (Allah) says: This is between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for. Then, when he (the worshipper) says: Guide us to the straight path, the path of those to whom Thou hast been Gracious not of those who have incurred Thy displeasure, nor of those who have gone astray, He (Allah) says: This is for My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for.

So let us focus on communicating with our Lord and Creator, let us recite each verse properly and slowly while pondering over this hadith, and having certainty that Allah is responding to us after reciting every verse. Because Surah Al Fatihah is a comprehensive cure for the hearts and the bodies: <sup>As for</sup> ~~As for~~ it's cure for the hearts, then the ailments and diseases of the hearts revolve around two things: the corruption of knowledge and the corruption of intentions. These two are directly related to two destructive types of sicknesses: misguidance and anger. Misguidance is the result of the corruption of knowledge and anger is the result of the corruption of intention. These two illnesses are the main causes of the diseases and sicknesses of the hearts and are related to all of them. Guidance to the straight path guarantees a cure for the sickness of misguidance, for this reason it is the most important thing that the servant needs to ask for, every minute and second of every day and night, in every prayer, because of his dire need for this



guidance; and there is no request that one can demand from Allah that can replace it or is more important and necessary. The true manifestation and realization of "You alone do we worship and You alone do we seek assistance" based upon knowledge, understanding and action guarantees a cure from the sicknesses of corruption of the heart and intention. As for the evidences about this surah being a cure for the bodies then refer to the previous Ahadith that we mentioned about the virtues of this surah.

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~~عن~~ عن طريق صلاة على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم  
كله بها حسنة