

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Tafsir Surat al Fatiha (6)

*Siratal latheena an'amta
alayhim... – verse 7*

Tafsir al Mizan

Pooya / Ali tafsir

Profoundities of the Prayer (Khamenai)

Adaabus Salat (Khomeini)

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

- “Guide us to & in the Straight Path”, the path of those on whom Allah has bestowed favours, which guides the many “ways” of ordinary believers
- The path of purified ones, the Prophets and Ahlul Bayt (as), **shows their status** above others
- Second part of Shahada: **PROPHETHOOD**. Status of the Prophet (saw) and Ahlul Bayt (as), and our responsibility to follow: **all usul ad-deen mentioned**
- **Practical Islam**: the means by which we hope to worship, the conclusion of the teachings of the chapter: **how** we worship Allah
- *introduces the Prophets and Imams (as), teaches us our respective roles*



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- *the path of those on whom You have bestowed Your blessings, the Prophets, Ahlul Bayt (as), saints, martyrs & righteous (4:69)*
- *not of those who have earned your wrath, those who choose & decide to follow another path*
- *nor of those who go astray, those who are ignorant, misguided, blindly following others & not looking for truth*

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- There are 2 paths, the straight one is to Allah, and the other is worshipping Satan: *“Did I not enjoin on you, O children of Adam, that you should not worship Satan? Surely he is your open enemy. And that you should worship Me, that is the straight path”* (30:60-1)
- **Sirat** is controller of all **“ways”** to Allah, degrees within *Sirat* that are closer to Him – knowledge & Tawhid
- **The nearer path to Allah is worship and Prayer.** *“... they should answer My call and believe in Me, that they may walk in the right way.”* (2:186)
- There is wandering off the paths: **those who go astray**
- **3 groups:**
 - 1) upper level: not arrogant to His worship,
 - » 2) lower level, on which is Allah's wrath
 - » 3) those who have gone astray

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- **Adab:** “sirat al mustaqeem” - shortest path to Allah
 - “path of immoderates” - “those inflicted by wrath”
 - “path of extravagants” - “gone astray”
- Straight path is path to Allah without veil – **inherent path** when not veiled with body or heart sins
- guidance by **Quran** – on counter side is “**extravagance**” -- **negligence in knowing it**, stopping at basic meaning or not pondering it
- **OR** taking only internal meaning, ignoring worship, prayer, external meaning of Quran & Sharia
- **Both sides of extremism are wrong:** “*We, the offspring of Muhammad (s), are the moderate type. The extremist would not perceive us, and the follower would not outstrip us*” (al Kafi)
- “*The best of this Ummah is the moderate type...*” (Prp)

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3 groups: 2 destinations – heaven or hell
last 2 ways give the same result – beware!

- **Importance of following right people**
- **Whole world split into 3 groups: we must be in one**
- **If we are not in right group, we will be in one of bad ones**
- **Cannot rely on any leader: “And We made them Imams who call to the fire, and on the day of resurrection they shall not be assisted.” (28:41)**

- **Who Allah wants us to follow**

O you who believe! obey Allah and obey the Apostle and those in authority from among you

– (4:69)

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Who has authority?

- *Only Allah is your Vali and His Apostle and those who believe, those who keep up prayers and pay the poor-rate while they bow. (5:55)*
- *“Verily, Allah intends but to keep off from you uncleanness O you **Ahl ul Bayt**, and purify you with a thorough purification.” (33:33)*
- *Surely Allah and His angels bless the Prophet; O you who believe! call for (Divine) blessings on him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation. (33:56)*
– **salawat**
- *Many other verses, entire chapter (al Insan)*

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“...Then You fixed a reward for Muhammad, peace be upon him and his progeny, being love of them in Your book, and You said: *“Say: I do not ask from you any reward for it (spreading the message) except love of my near relatives”* (42:23)

And You said, *“Say: I did not ask you for any reward, except that it is for you”* (34:47)

And You said, *“Say: I do not ask you for any reward except who would wish to take it as a means (sabil) to reaching his Lord”* (25:57)

So they (the Ahlul Bayt (as)) are the path to You, and the way for getting your pleasure!

- Dua Nudba (Imam Mehdi (aj))

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*I will soon be called back, so I will have to go away from you, but I leave behind, among you, the **thaqalayn**, the book of Allah and my Ahl ul Bayt. Should you be attached to these two, never, never shall you go astray after me, for verily these two will never be separated from each other; and, joined together, they shall meet me at kawthar.*

Narrated from Prophet (saw), Ghadeer Khum



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- **What if we don't follow?**
- ***"The parable of my Ahlul-Bayt is similar to that of Noah's Ark. Whosoever embarks it certainly will get rescued, but the one who opposes the boarding of it, surely gets drowned."***
- narrated from the Prophet (saw)
- **Promise & Threat – *if we dont follow the Ahlul Bayt (as) – we earn His wrath or go astray***

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- **3 types of people in world, 2 paths & straying**; result of sinners path & straying is both hell
- Warning **not to be extreme** on either side – **Middle Path**
- Salvation: **Quran tells us to obey Allah, Prophet & those with authority**; verses about AB (as); Dua Nudba
- Prophet's order **Ghadir Khum, Noahs Ark** – if not on their path you are straying or earning His wrath
- **Explanation of “ihdinas sirat al mustaqeem” - why we need to follow them**; their importance & role, our duty
- **Explanation of all groups we may see in life, warning to us & all those who are not following AB (as)** ●●●●

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