

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Tafsir Surat al Fatiha (7)

*Summary, conclusions & how
to benefit*

Tafsir al Mizan

Pooya / Ali tafsir

*Soaring to the Beloved (Abu Mhd
Zainul Abideen)*

Profoundities of the Prayer (Khamenai)

Adaabus Salat (Khomeini)

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- Importance of surat Fatiha – introduction to main themes of all in Quran, repetition in prayer
- Importance of attention in prayer: general & specific (understanding what you say)
- “In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful”
 - **The full, total guidance is begun with Allah’s name**, (I put on myself a mark of Allah’s – servitude, way to start actions, relevant to every chapter specifically; origins of name Allah)
 - **The All-Merciful, whose grace & mercy covers every created being, believers & unbelievers alike**
 - **The Ever-Merciful, whose specific mercy is enjoyed by the believers in the hereafter for eternity**
- Nearness to Greatest Name, greatest verse of Quran, 1st pillar of servitude: remembrance.



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

- *All praise belongs exclusively to Allah (even the act of praise is from Him), the Absolute Owner & Manager of the worlds*
- *Our creation, bodies, the laws of nature, intellects and guidance: all mercies from Him which deserve great praise (praise is for our benefit, not His)*
- *Levels of praise in Quran: Prophets & others; “Alhamdulillah” complete*
- *Tawhid: not to associate any other with Him in praise*
- *Rabbil Alameen: Creator and Maintainer, absolute master above all the worlds: guidance of all through Taqdir & Hidayah*



الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

- *In context: after learning about praise & being taught how to praise, realising His mercy - cycle*
 - *SO FAR: Learnt about Allah, His Love for us and His Might; Tawhid: Mercy and Kindness, despite knowledge of our deeds, Lordship and Power, Origin of all things, Only one deserving Praise, Owner of the world, Guide & teacher for mankind*
 - *Our position in this knowledge*



مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

- *Master & Ruler of the Day of Judgement*
- *Complete Owner of the day of Judgement, and every living being; He whose ownership is complete and not superficial like man's.*
- *His Mercy encompasses all, and after this temporary time of free will all will return to Him for account: fixed time and inevitable rule of Justice*
- *The four names Rubb, Rahman, Rahim & Maalik to show us aspects of His Unity, the Angels & stages of journeying to Him*
- *He has total control over His creation, to Him belong all knowledge, wealth, treasure and wisdom and to Him is the return of all affairs, so we do not need to fear any but Him, and do not have to despair.*



إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

- *Practical Islam*: lifestyle to fit the beliefs – sincerity of faith visible in actions, Worship is not just ritual, we commit ourselves to Him only – *to live and die as would please Him, & freedom from serving others*
- *This verse means “worship with purity of intention”* : covered pronouns going from 3rd to 2nd person, “iyyaka” before “na'budu”, unconditional worship, negation of ego in plural declaration of allegiance, why second sentence comes after first and they share the style
- *Adab*: all *up to* “you do we worship” *completes journey to Allah*, ending with our servitude and His Ownership in “Maaliki yawmud deen” - after which we should “*see only Him*” and make this pledge, then ask help to keep it



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*



صِرَاطُ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

- **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)** ●●●●

سورة الفاتحة

- Adab: **“it contains all the stages of existence, it also contains all the stages of suluk, and ... by way of allusion, all the objectives of the Quran”**
- **stages of existence:** basmallah: a hint at **all existence**, bows of **ascension** (Rahim) & **descension** (Rahman), “Allah” is the state of **Oneness**; Alhamdulillah: ref to “higher world whose realities are praise”; “rubbil alameen” -**worlds of nature** & all under education; “Maliki yawmid Deen” - state of **Unity, Omnipotence** & **return of circle of existence** to its maker:
- **Stages of journey:** Basmallah – **realising the love of Allah**, after leaving creation; Alhamdulillah to rubbil alameen is journey **“from Allah, by Allah & in Allah”**, ending with Maliki Yawmid Deen – **see Him only**. **Return journey** starts with Iyyaka na'budu, and ends with ihdinas sirat.
- **Quranic Objectives:** **knowing Allah**, aspects of Tawhid, connection between Allah & us, **how to travel to Allah**, directing us to realisation of truth, teaching us in knowledge & practice, gnosticism & vision.



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- “... the most merited surah revealed by Allah in His book ... *cure for every ailment except death.*” Narr. from Prophet (saw)
- “**For everything there is a foundation. The foundation of the Quran is al fatiha and the foundation of al fatiha is “bismillah ir rahman ir raheem”.**” Narr. from Prophet (saw)
- “Allah told me: “O Muhammad, we have given you “*sab'ul mathani*” and the Great Quran”. I am graced with a separate favour by fatihatul kitab which *is put on the same level as the Quran.* Indeed it is the most honoured thing in the treasures of the Arsh and Allah has bestowed its honour upon Mohammad (s) sharing no one of His prophets in it, except Solomon, to whom Allah gave the basmallah...”
- Whoever recites it, reward like 2/3 Quran, or whole Quran
- Great favours for reciter, makes prayers answered

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“Allah has said, “I have divided the Opening of the Book between Myself and My servant; so its half is for Me and the (other) half is for My servant. **And My servant shall get what he asks for”...**



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- These verses are the story of all creation, and the story of our awakening and the journey of our lives
- They also mirror our return to remembrance of Allah in minor ways, every day
- As such, whenever we recite these verses they can be ***relevant to our situation***
- ***In fear:*** remember Allah's mercy, kindness, rely on Him, know what He does is for best, know He has all power, ask for His help & guidance & remember examples
- ***In grief:*** remember Allah again, His mercy, rely on Him, remember we all come to Last Day, ask for strength, remember AB (as)
- ***When Happy:*** remember Allah's kindness, thankful to Him. Want to please Him & live as He wishes us to

سورة الفاتحة

*"... My servant does not draw near to Me with anything more loved by Me than the **religious duties I have made obligatory upon him**, and My servant continues to draw near to Me with **supererogatory works so that I shall love him**. When I love him I am his hearing with which he hears, his seeing with which he sees, his hand with which he strikes, and his foot with which he walks. **Were he to ask [something] of Me, I would surely give it to him and were he to ask Me for refuge, I would surely grant him it.**"*

و الحمد لله رب العالمين

