

Newsletter

A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community

<p>الْوَدُودُ</p> <p>A relationship with Allah is the most important relationship you can have.</p> <p>No one can love you more than Allah does. Because He is Al Wadud, The Source of Love.</p> 	<p>الْكَبِيرُ</p> <p>AL-KABEER THE GREATEST, THE MOST GRAND</p> <p>The One Who is incomparably great. His Essence is unimaginably great Perfection, in might, power, wisdom and mercy in all His Attributes. He is the Most Great. He is far too great to be compared to any of His creatures; His creatures can never be like Him.</p>	<p>الْمُعِزُّ</p> <p>AL-MU'IZZ THE HONOURER, THE BESTOWER</p> <p>The One who gives invincible strength and honor. The One who grants honor and power. The One who strengthens and glorifies. The One who makes it possible for someone or something to be respected, cherished and mighty.</p> 
<p>Read the HOLY QURAN DAILY</p>	<p>Read, Listen, and Study Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed</p>	<p>The Month of Jumada al Thani, Sixth Month of the Islamic (Hijri) Calendar</p>
<p>THE IMPORTANCE OF AL-FATIHA</p> <p>Imam Kamal H Saleem Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim Al Fatiha means “the opening.” Surah Fatiha is the opening chapter and introduction to the Quran. It was the first complete Surah revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in Mecca, during the early period of prophethood. The main content of Surah Fatiha is the establishment of the fundamental principles of Islam. An angel asked Muhammad (SAW) about Surah Fatiha, to which the Prophet replied, “There are two lights from heaven, one is surah Fatiha and the other is surah Baqarah.” (Sahih Al-Bukhari).</p> <p>Surah Fatiha has many names that reflect its significance such as Ummul-Kitab (mother of the book) because it includes the foundation of the entire religion. It is also called Al-Hamd (praise) as it begins with the praise of Allah. In Surah Al-Hijr, it is referred to as Sabah-Mathani (seven often repeated). “<i>And We have certainly given you, [O Muhammad], seven of</i></p> <p>Continued on page 1 column 2</p>	<p>AL-FATIHA CONTINUED</p> <p><i>the often repeated [verses] and the great Qur'an.</i>” (Quran 15:87). Fatiha is the only Surah recited at every salah, repeated more than 17 times a day. Prayer is incomplete without it. Thus, it is also known as Al-Kafiyah (sufficient). Surah Fatiha is also called Al-Shafiya (healer) because it acts as a cure for the heart and body. The Prophet (SAW) called it ruqya (incantation) (Sahih Al-Bukhari).</p> <p>The first verse of Surah Fatiha praises Allah. “All praise is for Allah-Lord of all worlds.” Through this verse, Allah introduces Himself as master of everything in the universe, including prophets, angels, jinn, and humans. In the next verse, “The Most Compassionate, Most Merciful,” Allah informs that He is incredibly merciful to all human beings. In the following verse, “Master of the Day of Judgment,” Allah states that He is the master of the day of judgment when every person will face Allah’s justice. Good deeds will be rewarded as only He can reward, and evil will be punished as only He can punish.</p> <p>Continued on page 1 column 3</p>	<p>AL-FATIHA CONTINUED</p> <p>In the middle of Surah Fatiha, we declare, “You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help.” A believer makes this pledge multiple times every day. The last part of the Surah is a dua (supplication) focused on seeking guidance from Allah. We ask Him to guide us to the straight path and keep us away from the path of those who have gained His anger.</p> <p>The messenger of Allah (SAW) said, “Allah has not revealed the likes of Umm Al-Kitab in the Tawrah (Torah), nor the (Bible) Injil. It is the seven most repeated ayah (Sabah Mathani), and (Allah said), it is divided between Myself and my slave, and my slave shall have what he asks for.” (Jamiat at-Tirmidhi). This means that Allah personally responds to us with every ayah of Surah Fatiha that we recite. “When the servant says, ‘praise be to Allah, the lord of the universe,’ Allah then says, ‘My servant has praised Me.’ For the verse, ‘The most compassionate, the merciful,’ Allah responds, ‘My servant has lauded Me.’</p> <p>Continued on page 2 column 1</p>

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For the verse, 'Master of the day of judgment,' Allah responds, 'My servant has glorified Me.' And for the final few verses, Allah responds, 'This is between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for.'" (Sahih Muslim) Surah Fatiha is a conversation between the reciter and Allah as well as a prayer for guidance. The rest of the Quran is the answer to this prayer.

There are many reasons that surah Al-Fatiha is dear to the Believers. It takes on more than ordinary significance. So, business transactions are initiated by reciting this surah. Meetings start by reciting this special prayer/verses. Solemn and joyous occasions begin with Al-Fatiha. Some refer to this surah as the Lord's prayer of the Muslims. This surah is also a unifier for the Muslims Internationally. We are encouraged to learn and recite in Quranic Arabic. So, when a Believer joins in on congregational prayers anywhere in the world, he/she can pray properly because of the unity of prayer and the language that it is in.

Additional sources:
<https://www.alim.org/news-and-views/recent-lectures/31/>
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Why Is Al-Fatiha Said After Completing Jumah Salat

The opening chapter of the Qur'an (Al-Fatiha) is viewed by scholars of the religion as both a chapter and a prayer, commonly called a du'a (supplication). Over the centuries it has garnered such reverence that wherever one travels throughout the Muslim world you will observe it recited after congregation prayers, especially Jumah.

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No where can we find that this is mandatory. It is inspirational. It can be summed up as synergy. We gather strength and a sense of togetherness by partitioning Our Lord collectively through this surah/du'a. As mentioned earlier this surah is in many ways a summation in seven oft repeated verses of what the Qur'an is calling us to. **Imam Kamal H Saleem**

Reflections on Marriage
Sister Alice Nasrullah-Prince



"In My Own Words"

The institution of marriage has always been a desire and priority for myself. I have always been capable of loving and I must admit...I love in a huge way. I give a lot, so I expect a lot in return. I've had some family and friends to tell me that maybe I am too serious, too picky and even too strong. Wow!! I couldn't listen to all of that noise! I believe in Allah (SWT) who has all power, most gracious and most merciful.

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So, I had to believe that I could have an awesome love that presented itself in a husband that was all that I desired and needed. Well, let me introduce you to my husband, Shakuur Prince. The fantasy, the dream, is now reality. Our public union in marriage on October 15, 2022 was one of the happiest days of my life thus far. Shakuur has given some completion in my life and I'm so grateful. My expression is limited, so I leave the reader with this. Our union as husband and wife has given us access to small experiences of paradise on earth.

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As-Salaam-Alaikum

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