

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Summary of Juzz 1

- Suratul Fatihah - The Entire Surah
- Suratul Baqarah - Verse1 to Verse 141

Surahul Fatihah:

- *Al Fatihah* (Opening) is one of the earliest complete *Surah* revealed by the Creator of the Universe.
- It is a Du'a to Allah for guidance and this Du'a is taught to us by Allah Himself
- Abu Hurairah (R.A) reported that the Holy Prophet ﷺ once said: "Allah, the Glorious and Exalted said, "I have divided the prayer between Myself and my servant equally and My servant shall be granted what he asked for." Therefore, when the servant says, 'All praises and thanks are due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds', Allah says, 'My servant has praised Me.' When he says, 'The All-Merciful, the Most Merciful,' Allah says, 'My servant has extolled Me.' When he says, 'Master of the Day of Judgment,' Allah says, 'My servant has glorified Me.' When he says, 'You Alone we worship and Your aid Alone do we seek,' Allah says, 'this is between Me and My servant and My servant shall have what he requested.' When he says, 'Guide us to the Straight Path, the Path of those whom You have favored, not [the path] of those who have earned [Your] anger, nor of those who have gone astray,' Allah says, 'this is for My servant and My servant shall have what he asked for.' "(Muslim)

Whenever we begin any activity we begin by saying: بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

There are several benefits of the Basmallah:

1. Restraining oneself from misdeed, since calling out on Allah SWT is tantamount to call to His witness of this deed.
2. Pronouncing the Basmallah means that Shaitaan would not want to mingle where the Name of Allah SWT is mentioned. In fact it keeps Shaitaan at a distance.
3. It is seeking help through the name of Allaah, seeking His blessing thereby.
4. Allaah is God, the beloved and worshipped, to Whom hearts turn in love, veneration and obedience (worship). He is al-Rahmaan (the Most Gracious) Whose attribute is vast mercy; and al-Raheem (the Most Merciful) Who causes that mercy to reach His creation.
5. It is saying: "I begin my action in the name of Allaah," such as saying:
 - a. When reading: "In the name of Allaah I read"
 - b. When driving: "In the name of Allaah I drive",

- c. When doing a business: “In the name of Allaah I do this business”,
6. Finally, a man begins something by pronouncing God's name, he will enjoy Allah SWT’s support and help. Allah SWT will bless his efforts and protect him.
7. It is manifesting the Tawheed of Allah SWT in all of our actions.

Some salient points:

- ▶ **Tawheed**- First verse **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ**
- ▶ **Risaalah** – Second verse in order to receive the lasting mercy of Allah SWT one has to follow the guidance given by Allah SWT through Rasoolullah SAS **الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ**
- ▶ **Aakhirah**- Third verse **مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ**
- ▶ Then comes Tawheed al- Ibaadah **إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ**
- ▶ Du'a to be guided on The Straight Path... We beg Allah SWT to guide us in all walks of life to a way which is absolutely true, which provides us with:
 - a properly-based outlook and sound principles of behavior,
 - a way which will prevent our succumbing to false doctrines and adopting unsound principles of conduct,
 - a way that will lead us to our true salvation and happiness.

Some Tarbiyah aspects of Suratul Fatihah

- ▶ Saying of Aameen following the leader as he follows Allah SWT and His Rasool
- ▶ Ibn Qayyim (RHM) mentioned that Suratul Fatihah is divided into three parts:
 - The First is Mercy
 - The Middle is guidance
 - The End is Virtues (نعمة)
- ▶ The origin of Tarbiyah must begin with Jamaa’ah. What does that mean? Every pronoun in this Surah is in the plural (In Arabic plural is three or more)
- ▶ The Qur'an is the foundation of guidance

Suratul Baqarah (1-141) :

Rasoolullah SAS said:

لَا تَجْعَلُوا بُيُوتَكُمْ مَقَابِرَ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَنْفِرُ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ الَّذِي تُقْرَأُ فِيهِ سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ

Make not your house as graveyards. Satan flees from the house in which Surah al-Baqarah is recited.

The Qur'an contains NO DOUBTFUL STATEMENT and is a guide for those who are God-conscious (or have Taqwa):

To benefit from The Qur'an Taqwa is required and Taqwa is both beliefs and actions:

1. Imaan or belief in the Unseen
2. Actions such as: Salaah and Zakaah

ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ (2) الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ

This is the Book; in it is guidance sure without doubt to those who fear Allah. Who believe in the Unseen are steadfast in prayer and spend out of what We have provided for them.

It addresses from the beginning three categories of people:

- Muttaqoon- what their beliefs and actions should be and this is true success
- Kafiroom- whether you warn them or not it is of no use if they choose not to listen
- Munafiqoon- they make Deen a play and deception. They fake faith in Islam.

Allah demands that He be worshipped. This is the first command!

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ (22)

O people! Worship your Guardian-Lord who created you and those who came before you that you may have the chance to learn righteousness.

Al-Quran is the Book of Allah and cannot be imitated or replicated by anyone

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّمَّنْ لِهَٰذَا شُهَدَاءُكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ (23) فَإِنْ لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ

And if ye are in doubt as to what We have revealed from time to time to Our servant then produce a Surah like thereunto; and call your witnesses or helpers (if there are any) besides Allah if your (doubts) are true.(23) But if ye cannot and of a surety ye cannot then fear the fire whose fuel is Men and Stones which is prepared for those who reject Faith.(24)

The rewards for those who believe:

وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ... ۞

And give glad tidings to those who believe and do righteous good deeds, that for them will be Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise)... (25)

Parable of a mosquito may obscure many and enlighten many

At several places in the Qur'an, spider, fly, mosquito are mentioned in order to explain certain points. The true Believers know that they are all from Allah SWT and they benefit from the lessons derived and the similitude that Allah SWT brings forth. But rejecters of faith make mockery when these similitudes are used saying what's the purpose of these examples.

وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَيَقُولُونَ مَاذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِهَذَا مَثَلًا ۗ

But as for those who disbelieve, they say: "What did Allah intend by this parable?"

Two facts are mentioned after this similitude:

1. Man is warned against disbelief and rebellion against Allah SWT because only He SWT knows all that man does and none of his actions are hidden from Him SWT.
2. If man turns away from the All-Knowing God, from the One Who is the source of all knowledge, this can only leave him grouping in the darkness of ignorance and error for where else can he get true knowledge?

The story of Adam's creation and the power of knowledge:

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً ۗ...

And recall when your Lord said to the Angels, "I am going to appoint a vicegerent on the Earth." ...

Some salient points:

1. A vicegerent cannot do what he pleases, but is obliged to carry out the will of his master.
2. If the vicegerent thinks himself the real owner and uses the authority delegated to him in whatever manner he pleases then he will be considered rebellious.
3. Allah SWT bestows upon man from the very beginning knowledge of things. Hence, seeking proper knowledge is incumbent in fulfilling the responsibility of a vicegerent.

Angels show respect to Adam while Satan shows envy:

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَٰفِرِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

And (remember) when We said to the angels: "Prostrate yourselves before Adam." And they prostrated except Iblis, he refused and was proud and was one of the disbelievers (34)

- The Angels were ordered to perform the act of prostration itself as a sign of the envisaged relationship between Angels and man.

- Out of envy Satan refuses hence making him an enemy to man. His relationship with man is to deceive him and mislead him.
- His first deception was to get Adam and Eve out of the *Gardens*. He caused them to lose Paradise.
- To get back to the Gardens we have to strive real hard in this world with Allah SWT's guidance and shun the temptations of Satan.
- Returning back to Allah SWT begins with seeking forgiveness which Adam and Eve did.

Allah SWT then mentions how the previous nations were given His Commands

- Don't forget the favors that Allah SWT has bestowed on you.
- Fulfill your trust with Allah SWT
- Fear Allah SWT punishment
- Believe in what is revealed
- Be not among those who disbelieve
- Purchase the signs of Allah SWT for worldly gains.
- Truth and falsehood must not be mixed up. Truth must be seen as truth and follow it and falsehood and falsehood and stay away from it.
- Early command to do Salaah and give Zakaah
- Don't be hypocritical in commanding others and forgetting yourselves
- Seek help in patience and Salaah
- Being special is not by name or ethnicity but by struggle to serve The Creator
- Fear the Day of Judgment.

Israelites deliverance from Pharaoh's persecution and their sin of worshipping the calf

- Allah SWT mentions how He delivered the Children of Israel from the slavery and exploitation of Pharaoh. This includes the members of the Pharaoh inner circles as well as the aristocracy of Egypt.
- When the Children of Israel reached the Sinai Peninsula after their exodus from Egypt, Allah SWT summoned Musa (AS) to the mountain for forty days and nights so that the nation which had now achieved independence could be taught law and morality. Instead the others instead of exercising gratitude and patience they made a golden calf and began worshipping it.
- Despite Allah SWT's many favors on the Children of Israel, they began rebelling against the commands of Allah SWT.

- Some of them even attributed their own writings to Allah
- Their belief that Allah SWT alone was worthy of worship was tested by making them slaughter with their own hands what they had formerly worshipped; a cow. Hence, they tried their best to shelve the issue by resorting to enquiries about the kind of animal they were required to slaughter. They did but extremely hesitantly.

Try to avoid what the nations before were guilty of: Feeling so special that you are free to do whatever you wish

وَقَالُوا لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ إِلَّا أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَةً قُلْ أَخَذْتُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَهْدًا فَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ عَهْدَهُ أَمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

And they say: "The fire shall not touch us but for a few numbered days"; Say: "Have ye taken a promise from Allah for He never breaks His promise? Or is it that ye say of Allah what ye do not know?"

Salvation is not who you are but what you do:

بَلَىٰ مَنْ كَسَبَ سَيِّئَةً وَأَحَاطَتْ بِهِ خَطِيئَتُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

Yes! Whosoever earns evil and his sin has surrounded him, they are dwellers of the Fire (i.e. Hell); they will dwell therein forever. (81) And those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, they are dwellers of Paradise, they will dwell therein forever. (82)

Avoid believing in part of the Book and rejecting part

أَفَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِبَعْضِ الْكِتَابِ وَتَكْفُرُونَ بِبَعْضٍ فَمَا جَزَاءُ مَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا خِزْيٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ أَشَدِّ الْعَذَابِ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ (86)

Then is it only a part of the Book that you believe in and do you reject the rest? But what is the reward for those among you who behave like this but disgrace in this life? And on the Day of Judgment they shall be consigned to the most grievous penalty. For Allah is not unmindful of what you do.

Their accusation against Prophet Solomon (Sulaiman) and their eagerness to learn witchcraft

When moral decline took place among the Children of Israel, they were overwhelmed with slavery and ignorance, with misery and poverty, and with humiliation and corruption. They began turning to magic,

sorcery, witchcraft, charms and amulets. Thus in their quest to learn witchcraft they accused Prophet Suleiman (AS) involving in magic. Allah SWT exonerates him saying:

وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُوا يُعَلِّمُونَ النَّاسَ السِّحْرَ

Sulaiman did not disbelieve, but the Shayatin (devils) disbelieved, teaching men magic... (102)

Entering Paradise is not by wishful thinking but what you do: A lesson for us!

وَقَالُوا لَنْ يَدْخُلَ الْجَنَّةَ إِلَّا مَنْ كَانَ هُودًا أَوْ نَصَارَىٰ ۗ تِلْكَ أَمَانِيُّهُمْ ۗ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١١١﴾ بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

And they say, "None shall enter Paradise unless he be a Jew or a Christian." These are their own desires. Say "Produce your proof if you are truthful." (111) Yes, but whoever submits his himself to Allah and he is a doer of good then his reward is with his Lord (Allah), on such shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

The sanctity of the Masjid and the order not to prevent people from coming to it

- Places of worship should properly remain in the custody of devout and God-fearing people
- The Quraish of Makkah had barred the Muslims from worshipping in the House of Allah.

People who reject Allah SWT make ridiculous claims:

لَوْلَا يُكَلِّمُنَا اللَّهُ أَوْ تَأْتِينَا آيَةٌ - "Why does Allah not speak to us? Why does no Sign come to us?"

There are from among the People of The Book some who believe

الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَتْلُونَهُ حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِهِ ۖ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ

(2:121) Those to whom We have given the Scripture, and who recite it as it ought to be recited, they truly believe in it; and those who disbelieve in it, they are the real losers.

Since these people read the Book with sincerity and honesty of purpose, they are inclined to accept whatever they find to be true according to it.

Ibrahim was made the Leader of mankind by Allah by submission

وَإِذِ ابْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ ۖ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ ۗ قُلْ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا

Recall when Abraham's Lord tested him in certain matters and when he successfully stood the test, He said: "Indeed I am going to appoint you a leader of all people."

إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ أَسْلِمِ ۖ قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

(2:131) Such was Abraham that when his Lord said to him: “Submit,” he said: “I have submitted to the Lord of the Universe.”

- It was only after Prophet Ibrahim (AS) had successfully completed his tests that he was honored by Allah SWT to be the leader of all mankind.
- Prophet Ibrahim (AS) then made several Duas to Allah SWT as he and his son Prophet Ismail (AS) were building the Ka'bah including the sanctity of Makkah and its blessings.
- The last thing Prophet Ibrahim (AS) did before parting this world was to advise his sons to worship Allah SWT alone. This was his message and the message of all the Prophets.
- Prophet Ibrahim (AS) was not a Christian or Jew by one who surrendered to Allah SWT.
- Purification therefore is not by sprinkling water to cleanse sins but to surrender to Allah SWT and be obedient to His Commands.