

حلاوة القرآن

The Sweetness of the Qura'an

#1 سورة الفاتحة

Surah Al-Fatihah has several names, each gives more understanding of the surah.

- The opening
- The mother of the book, the origin; it contains all the principles of the religion.
- The praise; the Surah begins with the praise of Allah.
- The seven oft repeated verses (15:87)
- It is sufficient, nothing else can take its place. Even it's name is sufficient.
- The Cure.

- الفاتحة
- أم الكتاب
- الحمد
- السبع المثاني
- الكافية
- الشافية



فضائل سورة الفاتحة The Virtues of Surah Al-Fatihah

This is a very exclusive surah. There are several ahadeeth regarding it.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :
مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَلَا فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ مِثْلَ أُمَّ الْقُرْآنِ وَهِيَ السَّبْعُ الْمَثَانِي وَهِيَ مَفْسُومَةٌ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ عَبْدِي وَلِعَبْدِي مَا سَأَلَ
Allah has not revealed the likes of Umm Al-Kitab in the Tawrah, nor the Injil. It is the seven oft-repeated, and (Allah said) 'It is divided between Myself and My slave, and My slave shall have what he asks for.
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The main theme of Surah Al-Fatihah is :

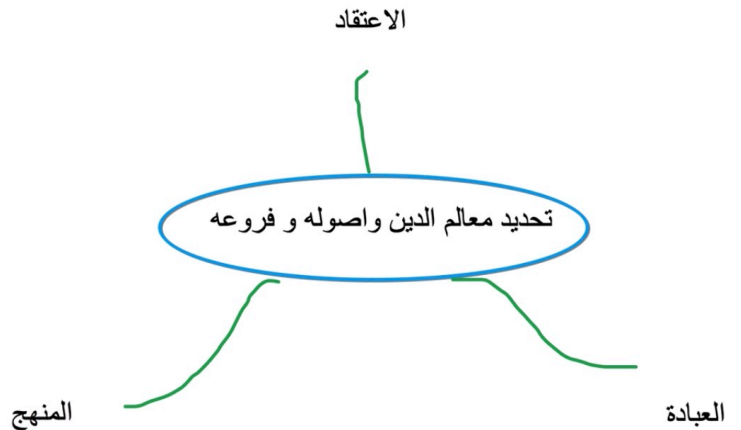
- Confirming and defining the religion, it's main principles and branches. All the points are highlighted and traced.
- The belief, establishing the religion. When you know Allah is the Lord, you worship and magnify Him, and attach to Him.
- The worship.
- The methodology.

We need role models, which age our stars, the messengers and prophets, and the pious people.

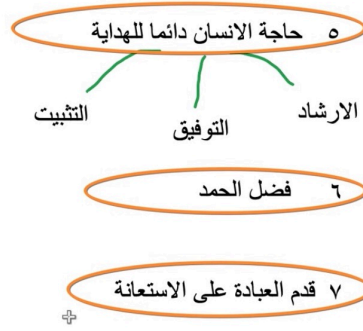
The beginning of the surah is the du'a, which is the best du'a. The surah also ends with a du'a for guidance to the right path.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :
أَلَا أَعْلَمُكُمْ أَعْظَمَ سُورَةٍ فِي الْقُرْآنِ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَخْرُجَ مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ؟
(هِيَ) الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ هِيَ السَّبْعُ الْمَثَانِي، وَالْقُرْآنُ الْعَظِيمُ الَّذِي أُنزِلَتْهُ

Shall I teach you the greatest Surah in the Qur'an before you leave the mosque?" Surat Al-Fatihah which is the seven oft- repeated Ayat and the Great Qur'an which is given to me.
رواه البخاري ، رياض الصالحين ، كتاب #19، حديث #1009



1. The surah begins with mentioning the favour of Allah.
2. Two main actions of the heart are mentioned, sincerity and reliance upon Allah.
3. The importance of keeping the company of good companions, and good role models.
4. The unity of the Ummah.
5. The human being is in need of all kinds of guidance. This is an essential need.



- There are three kinds of guidance :
 - The guidance to attain the knowledge
 - The guidance to act upon the knowledge
 - The guidance to remain firm upon the it.

When we say *اهدنا الصراط المستقيم*, we are asking for guidance to the right path, upon the right path, and until we reach our destination.

6. The best du'a - الحمد لله. It is the means to increase and fix the blessings.

7. The worship must precede seeking the help of Allah. You cannot worship without the means, which is seeking His assistance.

Worship is a right of Allah, and the right of the slave is the guidance.