



Chapter-3=Lesson-15

Sura Al-Fatiha

The first Sura of the Al- Quran is Sura Al-Fatiha.

The meaning of the word Fatiha is introduction, preface, opener, etc.

As the Quranul Karim starts with this Sura, it is named Sura Al-Fatiha. It is called Fatihatul Kitab or Fatihatul Quran. Meaning the preface of the Kitab or Quran.

This is a Makki Sura. That means this Sura was revealed in the city of Makkah. This is the first full-fledged Sura to be revealed. The number of its Ayats is seven. Sura Al-Fatiha is the most important Sura of the Quran. It has many names. Some of them are:

1. **Suratul Hamd** (The Sura of praise): The almighty Allah has been praised in this Sura.
2. **Ummul Quran** (Mother of Quran): This Sura is the substance of the Holy Quran.
3. **Suratus Salat** (Sura of Salat): It is indispensable to read this Sura at the beginning of Salat. No Salat can be performed correctly without this Sura.
4. **Suratush Shifa** (The Sura for cure from diseases): Cure from diseases can be attained through this Sura.
5. **Suratud Dua** (The Sura of supplication): A petition of human being made to Allah with the help of this Sura.

Translation

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

1. Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds.
2. Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
3. Master of the Day of Judgement.
4. You do we worship, and Your help we seek.
5. Show us the straight path.
6. The way of those on whom you have bestowed your grace.
7. Not the path of those who have earned your anger and not that of those who have gone astray.

Explanation

Sura Al-Fatiha is the most important Sura of the Al-Quran. The substance of the whole Quran has been given in this Sura. In the first three Ayats, the praise of Allah has been sung. In the last three Ayats the prayer and petitions of human beings to Allah are conveyed. In the middle Ayat, the praise of Allah and the prayer to Him has been simultaneously made.

Allah is worthy of all praise and gratitude because He is the creator of everything. He is the Lord and sustainer of the universe. Everything in the universe is sustained at His mercy and by His blessings. Everybody enjoys His bounties. He is not the Lord of this world only but also of hereafter. The Qiyamat, the Hashar, Mizan, Jannat, Jahannam-everything is subject to him. He is the only judge on the day of last judgement. Only He has the authority to reward the virtuous and punish the sinners. Therefore, all praises and prayers are due to Him only. There is no partner or partners with Him is this.

In the first three Ayats, Allah's unlimited power and authority has been referred to. In the middle Ayat, it is stated that man will worship only Him and seek help from Him only. Because only he is the only one worthy of worship. There is none else to help us.

In the last three Ayats of this Sura, man's prayers and petitions to Allah have been conveyed as Allah is the creator and controller of everything. It is only He who can show us the right path. He knows well which path is correct and which one is incorrect. Therefore, man should seek for the way to truth from Him. Man should pray to Allah for the guidance to tread a path trodden by his dear servants, prophets and messengers. They should pray for the strength to avoid the path which is trodden by the cursed ones and the ones who have been led astray.

Moral Education

Almighty Allah is one, unique and the Lord of everything. All praise of the universe is due to Him only. It is He who guides man to the correct path. Therefore, we shall hymn His praise at dawn and dusk. We shall always worship Him and pray to Him only for guidance to the right path. At the same time, we shall refrain from treading the path of those who went astray and were wrongdoers.

Word meanings

Al-Hamdu-all praise

Sirata-path,way

Yao middeeen-the day of judgement

Worksheet of Lesson 5

Short questions

- 1) Write the meaning of the word Fatiha.
- 2) From which sura does Al-Quran start?
- 3) Why is the sura Fatiha called Fatihatul Kitab or Quran?
- 4) Which sura is the first revealed completed sura?
- 5) How many Ayats are there in sura al-Fatiha?
- 6) What is the meaning of 'Suratul Hamd'?
- 7) What is the meaning of 'Ummul Quran'?
- 8) What is the meaning of 'Suratus Salat'?
- 9) What is the meaning of 'Suratush Shifa'?
- 10) What is the meaning of 'Suratud Dua'?
- 11) Why is sura Fatiha called 'Suratul Hamd'?
- 12) Why is sura Fatiha called 'Ummul Quran'?
- 13) Why is sura Fatiha called 'Suratus Salat'?
- 14) Why is sura Fatiha called 'Suratush Shifa'?
- 15) Why is sura Fatiha called 'Suratud Dua'?
- 16) What is the meaning of Al-Hamdu?
- 17) What is the meaning of Sirata?
- 18) What is the meaning of Yao middeen?
- 19) What is said in the first three ayats of sura Al-Fatiha?
- 20) What is said in the last three ayats of sura Al-Fatiha?
- 21) What is said in the middle ayat of sura Al-Fatiha?

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- 1) Write the translation of sura Al-Fatiha.
- 2) Write the explanation of sura Al-Fatiha.
- 3) Write the moral teachings of sura Al-Fatiha.