

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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Understand Al-Qur'an The Easy Way

Day 1

Isti'aza and Basmalah

إِسْتِعَاذَةٌ وَبِسْمَلَةٌ

Ta'awwuz - تَعَوُّذُ or اِسْتِعَاذَةٌ

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

I take refuge in Allah from Satan the outcast

Allah (swt) says in Surah al-Araf, Ayat 16 and 17

[Shaitan] said, "Because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them (humans) on Your straight path. Then I will come to them (humans) from front, from behind, on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful [to You]."

Allah (swt) says in Surah an-Nahal, Ayat 98

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

الرَّجِيمِ	الشَّيْطَانِ	مِنْ	اللَّهِ	بِ	اسْتَعِذْ	فَ	الْقُرْآنَ	قَرَأْتَ	إِذَا	فَ
the outcast	the Shaitan	from	Allah	in	seek refuge	then	the Quran	you recite	when	so

Ta'awwuz - تَعَوُّذُ or اِسْتِعَاذَةٌ

- ❑ When you recite the Qur'an, shaitan will come and try to put you to sleep, he will put evil thoughts in your mind and remind you about other things you have to do.
- ❑ So, start reciting by saying, “أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ” – I take refuge in Allah from Satan the outcast. Only Allah (swt) can give us that strong protection from this invisible enemy of ours.
- ❑ It is not just a statement, rather it should be an action of the heart but recited by the tongue.
- ❑ الرَّجِيمِ – He is an outcast; stoned, cursed, rejected; thrown away from Allah's mercy. So, he has taken an oath to take revenge on the children of Adam (as). He is our open enemy. He wants us to be like him and be with him in hell.

Virtues of Ta'awwuz تَعَوُّذ

- ❑ So, fasten the seat belts – safety first – take protection!
- ❑ According to the consensus of the Scholars, it is a Sunnah to say Ta'awwuz' before the recitation of the Qur'an whether in Salah or outside the Salah.
- ❑ Saying Ta'aw'wuz is particular to recitation of the Qur'an.
- ❑ All other tasks should be taken up by first saying 'Bismillah' only. Saying Ta'aw'wuz is not a Sunnah there.
- ❑ The تَعَوُّذ or إِسْتِعَاذَة cleanses the mouth from the foul speech that it has indulged in.
- ❑ It also purifies the mouth and prepares it to recite the speech of Allah.

Virtues of Ta'awwuz تَعَوُّذُ

- ❑ Further, the Ta'aw'wuz entails seeking Allah's help and acknowledging His ability to do everything.
- ❑ The Ta'awwuz is a form of drawing closer to Allah and seeking refuge with Him from the evil of every evil creature.
- ❑ Imam Aloosi (r) commented أَبَاءُ لِإِسْتِعَاذَةٍ - The word 'ب' in اَعُوذُ بِاللّٰهِ means asking for the protection in Allah.

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَةٌ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name (of) Allah the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَةٌ

or

Basmalah - بِسْمَلَةٌ

It is called Tasmiyah or Basmalah,
meaning - to say Bismillah

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَةٌ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name (of) Allah the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful

- **بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ** - This is the one of the best gifts of Allah that He (swt) has revealed to us.
- **بِسْمِ اللَّهِ** - The most common translation is “In the name of Allah” and this is not a complete sentence, rather it is a phrase.
Before or after we say **بِسْمِ اللَّهِ**, we add verbally or believe in our heart the intended action; for e.g. I eat, I drink, I drive, I enter, etc.
- When we say, “In the name of Allah”, - the Arabic word is **إِسْمٌ** that has been translated as name.

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَّةٌ

- Actually, the Arabic word **إِسْمٌ** comes from two origins or roots i.e. **وَسْمٌ** or from **وَسَامَةٌ**.
- **وَسْمٌ** in Arabic means two things.
 1. A unique mark - some kind of branding (of a horse as an example). So, it's a mark that distinguishes one horse from other horses. Similarly, if there are twins and we don't know which one is which? One of them has a birthmark. That's his **وَسْمٌ**. A mark that distinguishes the twins etc.
 2. And the other meaning of **وَسْمٌ** comes from **وَسَامَةٌ**. And from it, you get words like **وَسِيمٌ** and **وَسَامٌ** which means beauty.
- In other words, in the **إِسْمٌ** there is a unique mark of identification, and it is extremely beautiful.

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَةٌ

- Firstly, when we say بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ we are acknowledging about Allah (swt), that every one of His qualities, everything that He does is something that is Unique to Him (swt) and it cannot be confused or compared with anyone else.
- The way Allah shows His mercy, the way Allah guides, the way Allah provides, the way Allah plans, the way Allah does anything is unique to Him and it cannot be compared to anyone else. That is His unique mark.
- Secondly, everything that Allah does - whether we understand it or not - has beauty in it. And that's just inside [the word اِسْم], when we invoke the name of Allah (swt).

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَةٌ

Asking Allah's Help

- Let's take a step further. When we say, بِسْمِ اللَّهِ - “In the name of Allah”, instead of mentioning just Allah - the uniqueness of Allah and the Beauty of all of His qualities get mentioned.
- Imam Aloosi (r) commented that the word ‘ب’ in بِسْمِ اللَّهِ is أَلْبَاءُ لِالِاسْتِعَانَةِ - meaning, asking for Allah's help.
- Human beings need different types of help for different situations. for e.g.
When you are sick you need someone to cure you;
When you are tired, you need someone to help you;
When you are confused, you need someone to clarify for you etc...

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَّةٌ

- When we ask Allah for help for different occasions, we need different kinds of help. And each and every name of Allah (swt) provides a different kind of help.
- When Allah calls Himself **الْهَادِي** - the One who guides - then, the help He will give us when we ask Him by that name is that He will guide us.
- When He calls Himself **الرَّازِقُ** - 'The Provider' and **الرَّزَّاقُ** - the One who provides over and over again.; then, obviously, in that name He is giving us provision.
- Allah calls Himself **ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ** - the One who has extended might. When we are weak and need strength, we will call on Allah's power to grant us some of that power for ourselves; so, we can accomplish what we need to do.

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَةٌ

- So, every one of Allah's names gives us a different kind of help.
- But when we wake up in the morning and just getting out of bed and out of our mouth comes "بِسْمِ اللَّهِ" just like that, we don't think about which name do we need right now. Do we need Allah to give us the strength to get up? Do we need Allah to guide us this morning? Which name of Allah should we call?
- And it is the gift of Allah that by using just the word "بِسْمِ اللَّهِ" it is all of the names of Allah, all of the unique qualities of Allah, all of the beautiful things about Allah that you included just inside the word بِسْمِ اللَّهِ , whether you thought of all of those names or not.

Tasmiyah - تَسْمِيَةٌ

- This is the mercy of Allah. We could not have thought of all of the things that we need from Him because we don't need one thing; we need too many things.
- If you don't say “بِسْمِ اللَّهِ” then the Blessing of Allah is not there. But if you say “بِسْمِ اللَّهِ” then the Blessing of Allah will be there, and this is necessary and required for a believer (lazim and malzoom).
Allah swt (says) in Surah al-Araf (7:180), “And to Allah belong the most beautiful names, so invoke Him by them”.
- How many people are going to learn all the names of Allah? Not everybody will know all the names of Allah, but we need all of them. So, Allah gave us this great gift when we say, “بِسْمِ اللَّهِ”