

All the books of Allah (swt) that were revealed begin with the Basmallah. The meaning of the Basmallah is: IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL. To read the Basmallah before we do anything that is good, decent, honourable, respectable, beautiful, and lawful, it is called the Tasmiyah.

When we recite the Basmallah, Allah (swt) blesses our actions and makes it easy for us. By reciting the Basmallah, Allah's mercy and grace descend upon us.

Anything that the Basmallah is excluded from is incomplete. The Prophet (saw) confirms this in a well known Hadeeth:

كَلَّ امْرُؤِي بِالْأَلْفِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ فَهُوَ أَتَمُّ

ANYTHING OF IMPORTANCE THAT IS DONE WITHOUT  
BIS-MIL-LAAHIR-RAH-MAANIR-RAHEEM, IS INCOMPLETE

Al-Basmallah  
IN THE NAME OF ALLAH,  
THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The first word in the Basmallah, consists of Al-Baa' bearing the vowel of Al-Kasra, followed by As-Seen bearing As-Sukoon, followed by Al-Meem bearing the vowel of Al-Kasra.

بِسْمِ

The last letter in the first word of Al-Basmallah, ends in the vowel of Al-Kasra, following this Kasra is the name of Allah, the rules pertaining to the name of Allah should be observed here. (Please refer to notes from the previous lesson - Al-Istiathah)

اللَّهُ

The third word of Al-Basmallah, begins with the prefix of "AL", it is followed by one of the letters of Shamsi, (the rule of Al-Idghaam Ash-Shamsi must be applied here - Refer to notes from previous lesson)

الرَّحْمَنِ

As we have studied, Ar-Raa' bears the vowel of Al-Fatha, and it is followed by Al-Ghaa' bearing As-Sukoon, (Al-Ghaa' is one of the letters of Al-Huroof Al-Hams)

The alphabets of Al-Huroof Al-Hams produce a small amount of air from the breath to pass through the mouth during their pronunciation. The alphabets of Hams are ten in number and may be remembered by the mnemonic of: **حَـثْـهـ شْـخْـصْـفْـسْـكْـتْ**

ح ت ه ش خ ص ف س ك ت

In the same word, between the fourth and fifth letter of this word is a small Alif, this Alif serves the same purpose as a large size Alif, so we should bear in mind that Al-Alif is one of the letters of Mudd At-Tabi'ie.

الرَّحْمَنُ

There are many words in the Holy Quraan that have a small Alif, this Alif is called Al-Alif Al- Khanjariyyah, or DAGGER ALIF.

There are four such small letters, they are Al-Alif, Al-Yaa', Al-Waaw and An-Noon.

We recite these letters like any other large size letter. There is no difference in the way they are recited.

The last word of Al-Bamallah, begins with the prefix of "AL", it is followed by one of the letters of Shamsi, (the rule of Al-Idghaam Ash-Shamsi must be applied here - Refer to notes from previous lesson).

The alphabet of Ar-Raa' bears the vowel of Al-Fatha, it is to be read round.

Al-Ghaa' in this word bears the vowel of Al-Kasra, followed by Al-Yaa' bearing As-Sukoon. (Al-Yaa' is an alphabet of Mudd At-Tabi'ie).

When stopping at the end of this sentence, the Kasra on Al-Meem falls away (in reading, but not in the script), it is now read with Sukoon. It is now read as "Ar-Raheem" instead of "Ar-Raheemi"

الرَّحِيمِ

NOW READ AL-BASMALLAH

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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