







Lesson 1.3 Al-Fatihah (cont'd)

I. Preview

This lesson covers the following sections of Tafsir Ibn Kathir:

-  Why the Devil is called Shaytan
-  The Meaning of Al-Rajim
-  Bismillah is the first ayah of Al-Fatihah
-  Basmalah aloud in the prayer
-  The virtue of Al-Fatihah
-  Basmalah is recommended before performing any deed

II. Read

1. Read over the list of sections covered in this lesson (above).
2. Read over the questions from the recall section before you read the assigned text.
3. Read Pages 57-65 of Volume I of Ibn Kathir's Tafsir.

III. Language

Terms to Know:

Shaytan	
Ar-Rajim	
Basmalah	

After reading the assigned text, define the terms above.

IV. Recall

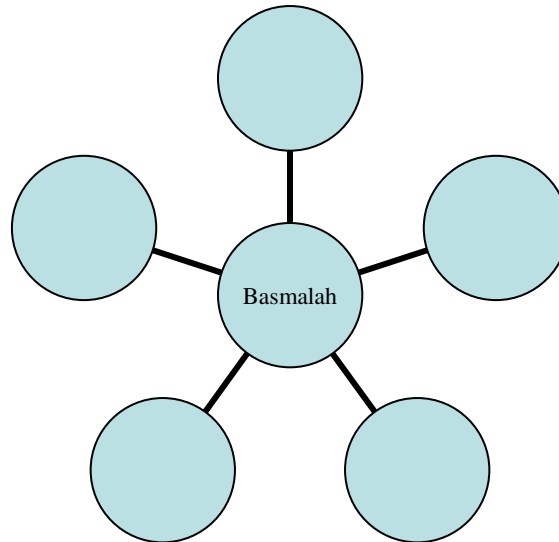
Based upon the reading, answer the following questions in complete sentences where appropriate:

1. The word Shaytan is derived from an Arabic word which means _____.
2. The Shaytan has a different nature from man, and his sinful ways are far from what?
3. Are there human devils? What is a proof for this from the Quraan?
4. What is the fate of the Shayateen who steal information from the heavens?
5. Why should we not curse Shaytan when a mishap occurs?
6. What should we say instead? What effect does this have on Shaytan?
7. List four situations (from the reading) where the basmalah is said before undertaking the action.

Bonus: In the section regarding the meaning of Ar-Rajim, two purposes of the stars are listed. Can you name a third? Give proof from the Quraan.

V. Activities

Make a word web like that one shown below (with Basmalah in the center) on your paper. Fill in the empty bubbles with facts you know about the Basmalah. You may make more bubbles than the number shown.



VI. Apply/Think About It!

A. Recite the Isti'adhah 5x. (Have your teacher listen to you) Now you know what the term Ar-Rajim means in the Isti'adhah. Insha Allah this will give you a better understanding of the one you are seeking protection against when you utter the Isti'adhah.

B. Recite the basmalah 5x (Have your teacher listen to you for correct pronunciation). Name four other situations where you would say the basmalah before starting something.

C. Look at the headings of the sections covered in this lesson and state one main point from each section (to your teacher orally)

VII. Summary

1. The term Shaytan is derived from a word meaning "the far thing." The nature of Shaytan is that he has sinful ways that are "far away from every type of righteousness."
2. There are Shayateen from among the jinn and mankind.
3. Ar-Rajim means "being expelled from all types of righteousness"
4. There is a difference of opinion among scholar as to whether Bismillah is a separate ayah before every surah or if it is an ayah or part of an ayah included in every surah (except Tawbah)
5. Scholars also differ in their opinions as to whether or not the Basmalah should be recited aloud or in secret. However, the opinions of the "respected Imams," according to the Tafsir agree that the prayer of those who recite the basmalah aloud or in secret is correct, and Allah knows best.