

## Unit 3: Suratul Fatihah Part 8

### PREVIEW

This lesson covers the following sections of Tafsir Ibn Kathir:

- Why Praise was mentioned First
- The Meaning of As-Sirat Al-Mustaqim, the Straight Path.
- The Faithful ask for and abide by Guidance
- The Summary of Al-Fatihah
- The Bounties are because of Allah, not the Deviations
- Saying Amin

### READING

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 xxxxxx of Volume I of Ibn Kathir's Tafsir.

### TERMS TO KNOW

After reading the assigned text, define the terms below:

invoke	
deviate	

### RECALL

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

1. What is the best method for seeking aid from Allah?
2. What is As Sirat Al Mustaqim?
3. What is referred to as the straight path?
4. In the example that Allah has set forth of Sirat:
  - a. What is represented by the two walls?
  - b. What are the doors? Give three examples of what the doors could be?
  - c. Who is the caller on the gate of the sirat?
  - d. Who is the caller above the sirat?
5. If someone asked "Why does the believer ask Allah for guidance during every prayer and at other times, while he is already properly guided Has he not already acquired guidance?' What would you say?
6. Why is Allah angry with the Jews and describes the Christians as "led astray."
7. Write a brief summary of Surah Fatihah.
8. What does "Amin" mean?

### APPLY:

1. Show a visual representation of the following:

Allah has set an example: a Sirat (straight path) that is surrounded by two walls on both sides, with several open doors within the walls covered with curtains. There is a caller on the gate of the Sirat who heralds, 'O people! Stay on the path and do not deviate from it.' Meanwhile, a caller from above the path is also warning any person who wants to open any of these doors, 'Woe unto you! Do not open it, for if you open it you will pass through.' The straight path is Islam, the two walls are Allah's set limits, while the doors resemble what Allah has prohibited. The caller on the gate of the Sirat is the Book of Allah, while the caller above the Sirat is Allah's admonishment in the heart of every Muslim.