

## MODULE 4

**Class Title:** Surah Al-Fatihah- Part 4: *Al-Maghdoob, Ad-Dawlleen*(Last part of a 4 lesson series)

**Aim of the lesson:** To understand the message of the *surah*

**Category:** Scripture

**Lesson Format:** Power point presentation with discussion

(Greeting to students) *Assalamu 'alaikumwaRahmatullahiwaBarakatuh*

(*Ta'awwudh*) *A 'oodhubillahimin Ash ShaytaanirRajeem*

(*Tasmiyah*) *BismillahirRahmanirRaheem*

(*Du'a*) *Rabbishrahlisadriwayassirliamriwahlul 'uqdatummillisaniyafqahuqawli*[Surah Ta-Ha 20: Verses 25-28]

Slide 1:

*Insha Allah* we'll be finishing Surah Al-Fatihah today and hopefully by the end of this you will all have a deeper understanding of the *surah*. This is a *surah* that we recite in our *salah* everyday and we pray five times a day. How many times do we recite it in our *salah*? Once in each *rakaah*. So please, whenever you make this *du'a*, make it with a lot of understanding because honestly that was the whole idea of this class.

Today we will study the *ayah* which says, '*Ghayril Maqdhoobi 'Alayhim...*'.

The *ayah* before that was, 'Guide us to the straight path', '*IhdinasSiraat al Mustaqeem*'. That is what we talked about last time. We also talked about "*Siraat al LadhinaAn'amta 'Alayhim*", 'The path of the people whom Allah *Subhanahu WaTa'ala* has blessed.'

We talked about Fir'aun, and that he was somebody whom Allah *Ta'ala* had blessed a lot in this world, but he did not end up like a blessed person. We certainly don't want to end up like him. We would like to end up like Moosa '*Alayhis Salaam*, who did not have much of worldly goods, but he had faith and he was guided by Allah (swt); so he is the kind of person we would like to be with. Here Allah (swt) is also telling us who we should not be like.

Slide 2:

*Ghayril Maqdhoobi 'Alayhim* – not the way of those who earned Your anger.

There are certain people who earn the anger of Allah (swt) and we don't want to be anything like them. The reason why it is important to understand who these people are is that we need to make sure that we don't fall in this category.

We will try to understand about these people to make sure that we don't have any similarities with the min our attitude and if we do, then our alarm bells should be ringing, signaling that it is time for us to wake up and do something about it.

Slide 3:

So who are these *Al Maqdhoob*?

These are people who have corrupt intentions and because of that, they do something extremely bad. They know the Truth, they know what the teachings of the Qur'an are, what Allah (swt) wants from us; they know all of that, but they choose to deviate from it.

Slide 4-10:

They try and create confusion for other people; whatever straight path Allah (swt) has defined for us, that is the *Siraatul Mustaqeem*. These people will try and change the signs.

We know that the *Siraatul Mustaqeem* is the path to *Jannah* and in the Qur'an it is said that if you do so and so, you're going to *Jannah*. So these are the commandments that they try to make changes in and they try to create confusions in, and they say things like, "Well I don't think that Allah (swt) would say something like that, why would He give such a commandment?" And also, "I don't think it is meant that way."

So basically they give preference to their own thoughts over Allah's (swt) commands and Allah (swt) is angered when they do this.

Slide 11-16:

Now, let's try and understand this through an analogy.

Let's suppose that your room is a big mess and as your mother is leaving, she tells you that you have to clean up your room and you can ask your younger sister to help you. The minute she's out of the door you say: "I think what mother meant by cleaning up the room was that we should just clean the writing table. She didn't say to clean the rest of the room and I think that's what she meant". So your sister and you just clean up the writing table.

When your mother was going out, she also said that you should study for an hour and you must not watch TV. That's what she said before she left, but you say to your sister, "Okay you see, mother can't be that cruel, so what she actually meant was that we have to study for an hour, but in between, we can also take a break." And while you go down to take a break, you take it for 45 minutes. So again, you have misguided your sister as well. You created confusion for her. And you also tell her, "Since mother loves us so much, it's all right if we don't watch TV, but we play on the computer. She'll be fine with that, because she never said anything about the computer."

So you've deliberately misguided your sister, and you yourself have not done the thing that your mother had told you to do. When your mother comes back, what do you think her reaction will be? Will she be happy with you? She will certainly not be happy with you because not only did you disobey her, but you also misguided your sister! This is what the *magdhoob* do.

Slide 17-22:

And since that sin is very great, because they change the sign, they change the commandments and they make other people think differently. Because of that, Allah (swt) gets extremely angry with them.

These people are often evil geniuses because they can think up a lot of things. Can you imagine changing the signs of Allah (swt)? That takes a lot of brains.

They also come up with lines like, "Allah (swt) is very Forgiving, so you don't have to worry if you do some sins, small sins here and there, it doesn't really matter."

They also come up with the excuse, "Just do the basic things; your *salah*, try and keep your *rozah* (fasts), and you don't have to worry about anything else."

Just like the example that we talked about, where you misguided your sister about the cleaning of the room, we must not change the meanings of Allah (swt)'s commandments, just to make things easy. We should also be careful that we don't pick and choose from the teachings of the *Deen*. We need to follow all the commandments of Allah (swt). We should be ready to make the required changes in our lifestyle in order to accommodate the *Deen* in our life. It shouldn't be the other way around. *Deen* should not be altered to accommodate our lifestyle.

Slide 23-26:

We need to ask for *Allah Ta'ala*'s protection from following our own desires and wishes, and from following the *Al-Maghdooob*, because we don't want to be the ones who change the signs of the people. We must understand the Qur'an as Allah wants us to. These are the things that we must keep in mind so that we don't become *Al-Maghdooob*. We must apply it to our lives as the Prophet (saw) taught us to.

This is very important. Whatever the Qur'an wants us to do, we must understand it. It is equally important to know how *Rasool Allah* (saw) applied it in his life. When we know that, then we will be able to apply it in our lives too. And we must not change the meanings just to make our lives easy.

Allah (swt) guides the one who wants it. We need to be the ones who ask for His guidance. If we ask for guidance, then Allah (swt) will guide us. He will tell us the difference between what is right and what is wrong. What are the things He wants us to do and what are the things He doesn't want us to do. He's the One who will be guiding us and He misguides the one who opts for it. Allah (swt) misguides people who want to be misguided.

Allah (swt) says in Surah Al-Kahf: verses 29-30

**And say, "The truth is from your Lord, so whoever wills - let him believe; and whoever wills - let him disbelieve." Indeed, We have prepared for the wrongdoers a fire whose walls will surround them. And if they call for relief, they will be relieved with water like murky**

**oil, which scalds [their] faces. Wretched is the drink, and evil is the resting place. Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds - indeed, We will not allow to be lost the reward of any who did well in deeds.**

Slide 27-28:

We just talked about *Ghayril Maghdoobi* 'Alayhim, people who made Allah (swt) angry with their actions.

Now we will be talking about *Ad-Dawlleen*.

Who are these people and what are their characteristics? Again, the reason we need to know about *Ad-Dawlleen*, like *Ghayril Maghdoobi* 'Alaihim, is to make sure that **we** don't have these characteristics.

Slide 29-31:

When we talked about the *Maghdoobi* 'Alaihim, we said that these people have a lot of knowledge. They know what the Qur'an wants us to do and are aware of its teachings.

However on the other hand, *Ad-Dawlleen* have unfortunately lost the knowledge of the religion. They are wandering, not knowing where to go. They often get misguided by others and tend to follow the crowd. They might have good intentions and they want to please Allah (swt), but since they don't have knowledge, they get involved in the wrong things.

Slide 32-37:

In order to understand *Ad-Dawlleen*, let us look at an analogy.

Suppose your teacher gives you homework. She wants you to write a report on the French Revolution. She also gives you two names of reference books that she wants you use: 1. Encyclopedia of World History, 2. The Days of the French Revolution.

In your excitement and enthusiasm to please your teacher and to do really well, you decide that first you will read all the Encyclopaedias, study French Philosophy and also the attitudes and culture of the French, as this will give you a better understanding of the French and you will be able to write a better report on the French Revolution.

What do you think will happen now? Will you be able to finish your work on time? What have you actually done? You have changed the sources that your teacher wanted you to look at. What do you think your teacher's reaction will be? You will have to face a very angry teacher.

So this is *Ad-Dawlleen* because you have strayed from what you were meant to do.

Slide 38:

What we need to realize is that Allah (swt) has given us certain commandments that He wants us to obey. If we delay them, find excuses or other activities to do, then there is something very wrong because we cannot be casual about religion. We need to change our attitude and we should know our priorities well.

Slide 39:

Now let's do a quick recap and see the differences between *Maghdoob* and *Ad-Dawlleen*.

- *Maghdoob* people know the Truth but *Ad-Dawlleen* don't have true knowledge.
- *Maghdoob* have bad intentions. They choose to deny the truth intentionally. They are evil. They work their way around Allah's (swt) commandments. *Ad-Dawlleen* on the other hand might have good intentions. They actually want to please Allah (swt).
- *Maghdoob* are full of themselves. They are very proud that they are able to find their way around the commandments, whereas *Ad-Dawlleen* follow others, since they don't have true knowledge.
- *Maghdoob* misguide themselves and others, whereas *Ad-Dawlleen* get misguided by others.

Slide 40:

*Maghdoob* and *Ad-Dawlleen* are two extremes and we are taught not to be like either of them; we have to find the middle way.

Slide 41-42:

How can one avoid becoming *Maghdoob* and *Ad-Dawlleen*?

Allah (swt) says in Surah Aal-e-'Imran 3: verse 103,

**“And hold fast all together by the rope of Allah and be not divided among yourselves.”**

And what is this rope? It is the Qur'an; so we need to hold the Qur'an tightly. We need to act upon it in order to be saved from becoming extremists.

Slide 43:

The Prophet (pbuh) said, “I am leaving two things amongst you which if you act upon, you will never go astray and those things are the Book of Allah (swt) and my *sunnah*.” [Al-Hakim]

Slides 44-50:

So we need to make the Qur'an and *sunnah* the guiding lights of our life. Whatever we do, individually or collectively, inside a mosque or outside in some mall, in the company of family or friends, in our worship and customs and ceremonies too - we ask Allah (swt) to guide each and every area of our life.

Slide 51:

Surah Al-Fatihah is not an introduction of the Qur'an. It is a *du'a* for the Right Path, the path that leads to *Jannah*.

Allah places the whole of the Qur'an before us in answer to our prayer, as if to say

**“This is the guidance that you have asked for.”**

(*Du'a* for end of a gathering) *SubhanaRabbikaRabbul 'Izzati 'ammayasifunwasalaamun 'alalmursaleen, walhamdulillahiRabbil 'aalameen*

(Parting salutation to students) *Assalamu 'alaikumwarahmatullahiwaBarakatuh*

### **Reference for Teacher:**

Maariful Quran  
Ibn Kathir  
Farah's lecture on Fatiha  
Huma Apa's class