

Lesson 23 Thanks to Allah (Gratitude)

We recite or hear Surah Al-Fatihah in every prayer. Surah Al-Fatihah has many names. **أَلْحَمْدُ** is also one of them which means praise.

الْعَلَمِينَ ٢

رَبِّ

لِلَّهِ

أَلْحَمْدُ

of the worlds

the Lord (Rabb)

be to Allah

All Praises and thanks

أَلْحَمْدُ has two meanings: Praise and Gratitude (thanks).

- **PRAISE:** Allah is the greatest and the most gracious. He has immense power and authority. He has knowledge about everything and there is nothing hidden from him. Therefore, we should only praise Allah.
- **GRATITUDE:** O Allah! We are thankful to you for blessing us with parents, food, shelter, friends and all other bounties.
- **لِلَّهِ :** It has two words. ل means “for” so لِلَّهِ means “for Allah”.
- **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ :** The more we would thank Allah, the more He shall grant us. So, praise and thank Allah whole heartedly!
- **رَبِّ :** The one who takes care of us and provides for our sustenance. We lead our lives with peace and satisfaction because He provides for each one of us food, clothing and shelter. He also protects us from every known and unknown loss.
- **رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ :** Allah is the Lord (Rabb) of all the worlds like, humans, jinns, angels, trees, mountains etc.
- Allah! Indeed, you are the greatest and the whole universe operates under your command.

Link the Word with its correct meaning

Word	Meaning
أَلْحَمْدُ	for Allah
لِلَّهِ	of all the worlds
رَبِّ	All praises and Thanks
الْعَلَمِينَ	Rabb (Lord)