

Lesson-06: Seek Guidance to the Straight Path

Lesson Outcomes

- What is meant by guidance?
- How should we ask for guidance?
- What is the straight path?

Recitation and Explanation

Let us take verse No. 6 of Surah Al-Fatihah. Recite with Tajweed and feelings, the way the Prophet ﷺ used to recite:

لَا
6 الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

الصِّرَاطَ

اهْدِنَا

the straight.	to the path	Guide us
Guide us to the straight path.		

- اِهْدِنَا : Guide! نَا : us. اِهْدِنَا : Guide us.
- الصِّرَاطَ : the path. The path that we should follow.
- الْمُسْتَقِيمَ : the straight and the true.
- Guide us to the straight path, i.e., help us to become true Muslims. This is the most important Du'aa and therefore we say it every day in every Salah and in every Raka'ah.
- We need Allah's guidance when we pray so that we don't think about anything else in Salah. We need it when we talk so that we don't say bad things. We need it when we walk, when we see, when we listen, and when we do anything. Only then we will not do wrong things and will be safe from mistakes and sins.
- Straight path is mentioned in the Qur'an and its details are given in the Sunnah and the Hadith of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.
- Those who seek guidance from Allah and act upon that guidance, Allah will bless them with a successful life.
- Those who do not live according to the guidance of Allah, will Allah enter Hellfire on the Day of Judgement.

Hadith: Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to pray: O Allah! Guide us towards good actions and good manners; no one can guide us to them except You; and save us from bad actions and bad manners; no one can save us from them except You. [Nasai].

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Feel the fear and worry of a child who lost his way to home and then imagine his happiness when someone guides him home. In the same way, when someone is not following Allah's commands, he is sad and worried inside though you may not see it. Those who follow Allah's commands are rewarded with peace and happiness.
- Whenever someone does a bad deed, it is a sign that he is straying away from the straight path, i.e., Allah's guidance.
- Suppose you worked hard for your exams and then passed with good grades. This success is only possible because Allah guided you to the right path.

Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- We should understand it clearly that those who steal, cheat, put others in trouble or indulge in any other kind of sin, are not on the right path. Rather they have been misled by Shaitan. We should pray Allah for them so that they quit the wrong things. If possible, we should also advise them what is right in the best way.
- Think about the acts for which you need guidance from Allah every day, and then pray to Allah: “O Allah! Guide us to the straight path. Guide us in every act of ours, including worship, studies, manners and character, work and fun, and make it easy for us to follow the guidance.”
- We recite the prayer **إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ** 17 times every day during our Fard Salah. Recite this prayer each time with conviction. Allah will surely guide you and save you from being misguided.

Habit: InshaAllah I shall recite **إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ** in Salah with full attention. I shall pray to Allah before starting any work: O Allah! Guide me in this work.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by Guidance?
2. How should we ask for Guidance?
3. What is the straight path?
4. Why is it so important to seek guidance from Allah for all matters big or small?