



Fī shahri l-llāhi rajab mina l-munāsib, an nafhama ismun min asmā'i l-llāhi l-ḥusnā huwa r-Raḥīm.

Fīma 'ada sūrati t-Tawba, tabda' kullu siwari l-Qur'an bi „bismillāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm“. Wa hādhihi ishāratun ilā ma'nā hādha l-ism, al-ladhī yumkin an yataḍīḥ mina l-mithāli t-tālī:

Su'ila aḥadu ṣ-ṣāliḥīna al-ladhī 'abada l-llāha khumsumā'ata sana, sa'alahu l-llāhu 'azza wa jalla ba'da mawtiḥ: In kāna yurīdu an yadkhula l-Jannata bi 'amalihi aw bi raḥmati l-llāh? — fa qāla: bi 'amalī.

Fa qāla l-llāhu (li l-malāika): „Qāyisū 'abdī bi ni'mati 'alayh!“

Fa wujida anna ni'mata l-baṣari qad aḥāṭat bi 'ibādati khumsumā'ata sana, wa baqiya l-jasadu faḍlā. Fa qāla l-llāh: „Idhhabū bihi ilā n-nār!“ — Fa qāla: „Yā rabbi bi raḥmatik!“

Li dhālika naqūlu ba'da ṣaḷāti ṣ-ṣubḥ wa qabla sh-shurūq alfa marratin „Bismillāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm“

Wa naqūlu: „Allāhumma 'āmilna bi raḥmatik wa lā tu'āmilna bi 'adlik.“

In Rajab, the month of Allah, it is helpful to understand one name of His Beautiful Names, Mercy.

With the exception of Suratu t-Tawba, every surah of the Qur'an begins with „Bismillāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm“. This is a sign of the booty of this name, which is clear from the following example:

A Salihin man who had served Allah for five hundred years was asked after his death whether he wanted to enter Paradise according to his deeds or according to the mercy of Allah — and he said „according to my deeds“.

Then Allah said (to the angels), „Compare the deeds of the servant with my mercy!“

And it was found that the benefits of sight alone outweighed those five hundred years of worship, and the body remained. Then Allah said, „Take him to the fire!“ but the servant cried, „O my Lord, by thy mercy!“

Thus, after the early morning prayer, even before sunrise, we say a thousand times, „Bismillāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm“

And we ask, „O Allah, be not justiful with us, but merciful!“