

# Fatima az-Zahra in the Noble Qur'an

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# Fatima al-Zahra in the Noble Qur'an

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2. Listing of some of the verses about Fatima al-Zahra and the Ahlul Bayt;
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Categories of verses of the Noble Qur'an  
about Fatima al-Zahra and the Ahlul Bayt

Verses clearly  
speaking about Ahlul  
Bayt on a whole –  
such as 33:33

Verses which require  
hadith to fully  
understand about  
Fatima – such as  
108:1-3

Verses which require  
historical sources to  
put in context about  
Fatima – such as 3:61

Verses which are  
“matched” to Fatima  
but not “explaining”  
Fatima – such as  
55:19-20



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Listing of some of the verses about  
Fatima al-Zahra and the Ahlul Bayt

Surah al-Fatiha (1) verse 6 <i>"The Straight Path"</i>	Surah al-Baqarah (2) verse 37 <i>"Words' given to Adam for repentance"</i>
Surah Aale Imran (3) verse 61 <i>"Event of Mubaahilah"</i>	Surah Aale Imran (3) verse 103 <i>"Rope of Allah"</i>
Surah al-Ahzab (33) verse 33 <i>"Complete Purification"</i>	Surah al-Rahman (55) verses 19 & 20 <i>"The confluence of the two seas"</i>
Surah al-Hashr (59) verse 8 <i>"Those who migrate for Allah"</i>	Surah al-Qadr (97) verse 1 <i>"The Night of Qadr IS Fatima"</i>
Surah al-Kawthar (108) <i>"The everlasting progeny"</i>	Surah al-Insan (76) <i>"Feeding the needy for the sake of Allah"</i>



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## Verse 1



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إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

“Keep us on the right path.”

Al-Qur'an, Chapter 1, Verse 6



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- **This verse speaks about Fatima (as a member of the Ahlul Bayt) through two channels:**
  1. Explanation contained in the ḥadīth and tafseer books;
  2. Matched to Fatima al-Zahra as a paradigm of this verse.
  
- **Multi-level explanation of this verse:**
  1. **Theoretical Analysis:** Elucidation on “The Straight Path” from other verses of the Qur'an which offer traits of those on this path;
  2. **Practical Examination:** Specific individuals who fit the traits spoken about in other verses on this theme.



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## Theoretical perspective:

1. Phrase [*as-sirat al-mustaqeem*] used 46 times in Qur'an.
  - We are provided with “traits” of those on *as-sirat al-mustaqeem*:
    - Those whom Allah has bestowed his favours upon. (1:7)
    - Those who are not simple-minded in religious affairs. (2:142)
    - Those whom Allah Himself has guided. (2:213)
    - Those who recognize and submit in totality to Allah. (3:51)
    - Those who hold on firmly to Allah and His teachings. (3:101)
  - To traverse this path, at the theoretical level, we need to study all of these verses and understand the traits they speak about and the picture which they draw.





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## 1. What is the meaning of **as-sirat** - “الصراط”?

- A “wide road” or “path” which is also well-lit and clear-cut.

## 2. What is the meaning of **al-mustaqeem** - “المستقيم”?

- Comes from the root letters “ق و م”
- Refers to something which is: “upright, righteous, principled, honorable, respectable”.



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الصِّرَاطُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ

- Thus, *as-sirat al-mustaqeem* is:
  - “Spacious, well-lit path to traverse which will lead the individual to leading a righteous, balanced, principled and respectable life.”
  - For this reason, it is NOT ENOUGH to say that this is merely the “path of Islam” as there are many “types” of Islam – rather it is a SPECIFIC “type” of Islam.



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## Defintion of 'Allamah Taba'taba'i for as-sirat al-mustaqeem:

“It (*as-sirat al-mustaqeem*) is a road upon which there are no deviants. Those who are on this path are neither involved in polytheism of any sorts nor oppression of any type – as there is no room on this path for such individuals. There is not the slightest inkling of disbelief in their hearts nor do the thoughts that Allah may not be pleased with them ever pass through their mind. There is no disobedience or sin in their actions nor any short-comings – this is the path of ‘pure Tawheed’ – from the point of view of beliefs and actions.”



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Practical perspective:

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ قَالَ قَوْلُهُ تَعَالَى اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ أَي قُولُوا مَعَاشِرَ النَّاسِ اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ أَي إِلَى وِلَايَةِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام

It has been narrated from Ibn Abbas that he said in regards to His Words, the most high, “*Guide us to the straight path*” ... “Guide us to the mastership and authority of Muhammad and his family (Ahlul Bayt), peace be upon them all.”

*Ta'weel al-ayaat al-dhaahirah fee fadhaail al-itrati al-taahirah*



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وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَىٰ ۗ وَأَقِمْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتِينَ الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِعْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۗ

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا

“And [O wives of the Prophet!] stay in your houses and do not display your finery like the displaying of the ignorance of yore; and keep up prayer, and pay the poor-rate, and obey Allah and His Messenger.

Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you,  
O people of the House! and to purify you a (thorough)  
purifying.”

Al-Qur'an, Chapter 33, Verse 33



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Historical Angle:

- History of Revelation

Lexical Angle:

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- Need to understand a few terms in this verse to better appreciate the status of Fatima az-Zahra in the Qur'an and how this verse ONLY relates to Ahlul Kisa.



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## يُرِيدُ - He (Allah) intends:

- Legislativeal (*Tashri'i*): Allah “**intends**” for us to do certain things but leaves it up to us to “choose”. [يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ] [بِكُمْ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمْ الْعُسْرَ]
- Creational (*Takwini*): Allah “**intends**” things He wants done such as creation of the heavens and earth, etc... [إِنَّمَا] [أَمْرُهُ إِذَا أَرَادَ شَيْئًا أَنْ يَقُولَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ]





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عَنْكُمْ - from you:

- This phrase refers to “specific people” – a mixture of MEN and WOMEN – based on the pronoun “كُمْ” which is used in Arabic to include a group of MEN in which women are ALSO there. If ONLY women (such as the wives of the Prophet), then “كُنَّ” is used (such as in the beginning of this verse).



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## الرَّجْسَ - all impurities:

- Meaning is NOT physical impurities such as blood, etc... which can be cleaned by water but rather, “spiritual” pollutants.
- If ANY of the people whom Muslims claims are a part of this verse were EVER involved in acts which run contrary to “spiritual purity”, then they are NOT to be included in this verse as they should have been KEPT AWAY from all such acts!



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## أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ – People of the Household:

- Prophet made it clear in numerous ahadith in the books of all Muslims, that the “People of the Household” are only Ali, Fatima, Hasan and Husayn.
- Umm Salama, the wife of the Prophet was in the house when this verse was revealed and she was told to **‘stay where she was’** as she was on the path of goodness but is NOT a member of the “household”.



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CHAPTER: THE MERITS OF THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET (SALLALLAAHU ALAYHI WA SALLAM)

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**myR** 'A'isha reported that Allaah's Prophet (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) went out one morning wearing a striped cloak of the black camel's hair that there came Hasan b. 'Ali. He wrapped hitn under it, then came Husain and he wrapped him under it along with the other one (Hasan). Then came Fatima and he took her under it, then came 'Ali and he also took him under it and then said: Allaah only desires to take away any uncleanliness from you, O people of the household, and purify you (thorough purifying) **mySahih**

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O' FATIMA AL-ZAHRA!

