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## Basmalah after Surat ul-Faatihah

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Question no.10 (a): “After reciting Surat ul-Faatihah in prayer, do we say the *basmalah*<sup>1</sup> before the next Surah?”

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):

“If the one who is praying finishes reciting (Surat) ul-Faatihah and starts another Surah from its **beginning**, then **he recites the *basmalah*** before it, because it is part of the Surah, **except** Surah Baraa-a (i.e., Surat ut-Tawbah) as is known. As for if he starts the recitation from the **middle** or **end** of the Surah, then here there is **no *basmalah***.”

Question no.1(b): “After reciting Surat ul-Faatihah, does one start the following recitation with the *basmalah*?”

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):

“If he starts the Surah (from the beginning), he recites the *basmalah* **quietly**; as for if he starts from its middle or end, then there is no *basmalah*.”

Question no.1 (b): “If he recites more than one Surah, does he say the *basmalah* quietly for each time?”

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):

“(Yes), each time. **Reciting the *basmalah* loudly is not correct.**”

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<sup>1</sup> saying “Bismillaah ir-Rahmaan ir-Raheem”

<sup>2</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him