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## THE EXPLANATION OF THE *BASMALAH* PART 2

Before doing anything, I begin by naming and remembering Allaah Almighty, seeking His help in everything, asking Him alone for support in all of my affairs. Indeed, He is the Lord, the One worshipped, His favors are many and great, His generosity is vast, and His mercy encompasses all creatures.

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- The Exalted Word **Allaah**: The Possessor of divinity and the right to be worshipped over all creatures. It is the Name known and recognized to refer to the Lord, Glorious and Most High.
- **Ar-Rahmaan** (The Most Beneficent): This is one of Allaah's Names; it is derived from Ar-Rahmah, or mercy, and it signifies its vastness. This Name signifies a mercy that embraces all of the creation, for Allaah Almighty creates them and provides for them; that is from the completeness of His favors, which is why it is said, "O Rahmaan over this world."
- **Ar-Raheem** (The Most Merciful): This is also one of Allaah's Names, and it too is derived from Ar-Rahmah (mercy), signifying the greatness of His mercy, but this time specifically for the believers in the Hereafter.

Allaah Almighty says

وَكَانَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا (43)

**And He is Ever Most Merciful to the believers.  
(Soorah al-Ahzaab 33:43)**

And that is why it is said, "O Raheem of the Hereafter."

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May Allaah bless you and make your affairs easy for you. Aameen

- ❖ From what word is Ar-Rahmaan derived?
- ❖ From what is word Ar-Raheem derived?
- ❖ Please distinguish between Ar-Rahmaan and Ar-Raheem.
- ❖ What is meant by the phrase “O Rahmaan over this world”?
- ❖ What is meant by the phrase “O Raheem of the Hereafter”?
- ❖ What is the name of the Soorah that does not begin with Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem?
- ❖ Name 3 examples listed from our reading where Bismillaah should be recited.