

# BISMILLAAH IR RAHMAAN IR RAHEEM

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allaah, *ar Rahmaan, ar Raheem.*

## Explanation

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*"Bismillaah"* (in the Name of Allaah) – meaning: I begin with every Name of Allaah, the Most High – because the word *"ism"* (Name) is in the singular and is a *mudaaf*<sup>1</sup> so it encompasses all the Perfect Names.

*"Allaah"* – He is the Deity, the One who is worshipped, the One who deserves to be singled out in acts of worship due to those attributes of Lordship which He is described with. And they are Attributes of Perfection.

*"ar Rahmaan (the Extremely Merciful), ar Raheem (the Bestower of Mercy)"* –

these are two Names indicating that He, the Most High, is the Possessor of vast and tremendous *Rahmah* (Mercy) which has encompassed everything, and which has prevailed over every living thing.

And He wrote it for the *muttaqeen*<sup>2</sup>, the followers of His Prophets and His Messengers – for these people is the Mercy in an unrestricted manner.

And for other than them is a portion of it.

## Taken from

*Tafseer ul Kareem ir Rahmaan* of as Sa'dee *rahimahullaah* p22

Translator Nasser ibn Najam – words in brackets and footnotes are the translator's

<sup>1</sup> The first part of a genitive construction, with the second part being "Allaah" – i.e. the Name of Allaah

<sup>2</sup> Those people who fear Allaah and are dutiful to Him