



## The Most Beautiful Names Belong To Allaah – Part 1

From the Lessons on Explanation of Kitaab ut-Tawheed of Shaikh Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul Wahhaab<sup>1</sup>

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Allaah the Most Exalted said:

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ  
سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨٠﴾

***“To Allaah belongs the Most Perfect and Beautiful Names, so worship Him in accordance with them and call on Him by them, and abandon those who deviate with regard to His Names.” [Al-A’raaf (7:180)]***

Aboo Hurairah (radiallaahu ‘anhu) reported that Allaah’s Messenger (sallallaahu ‘alaihi wasallam) said:

***“Allaah has ninety-nine Names, one-hundred except for one. Whoever correctly preserves them and acts in accordance with them will enter Paradise.” [Reported by al-Bukhaaree and Muslim]***

The addition, that actually gives the list of Names after it, reported by at-Tirmidhee, Ibn Majaah, Ibn Khuzaimah, Ibn Hibbaan and others, is not authentic from the Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alaihi wasallam). Rather, it was from the ijtihaad of some of the scholars.

The scholars, from the early times right until this day, have striven to look through the Book of Allaah and the authentic Sunnah to extract these ninety-nine Names. So each scholar has come with a slightly different list of Names and no one scholar will be able to say ‘This is definitely the list’. This is why the scholars have continued to strive in that regard right until this time.

One of the scholars in current times was shaikh Muhammad Ibn Saaleh al-‘Uthaimeen (rahimahullaah) in his book, *Al-Qawaa’id ul-Muthlaa*. He produced a list, hoping to fall into this hadeeth.

One of the parts of *hifdh*, correctly preserving these Names, is to look for these Names and to compile them. Shaikh Ibn al-‘Uthaimeen (rahimahullaah) compiled a list of ninety-nine Names – not to say that Allaah’s Names, as we have heard many times, are restricted to

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these ninety-nine, but hoping and striving to establish the ninety-nine Names which are given that promise, that whoever preserves them correctly and acts upon them will enter Paradise.

The shaikh brings a list of eighty-one Names extracted from the Book of Allaah, the Qur'aan. The last eighteen, numbers eighty-two to ninety-nine are extracted from the authentic Sunnah.

***(Al-Qawaa'id ul-Muthlaa)***

He (rahimahullaah) says, from the Book of Allaah, the Most High are:

- 1. - *The first Name, Allaah***
- 2. *(Al-Ahad) - The Unique***
- 3. *(Al-A'laa) - The Most High***
- 4. *(Al-Akram) - The Most Generous***
- 5. *(Al-Ilah) - The One Who Alone Deserves to be Worshipped***
- 6. *(Al-Awwal) - The First***
- 7. *(Al-Aakhir) - The Last***
- 8. *(Adh-Dhaahir) - The Uppermost One***
- 9. *(Al-Baatin) - The Innermost One***
- 10. *(Al-Baari') - The Originator***
- 11. *(Al-Barr) - The Most Benign and Kind***
- 12. *(Al-Baseer) - The All Seeing***
- 13. *(At-Tawwaab) - The One Who Guides His Servants to Repent and Accepts Their Repentance***

14. **(Al-Jabbaar) - The Exalted and All Mighty Compeller**
15. **(Al-Haafidh) - The Protector**
16. **(Al-Haseeb) - The Reckoner Who Suffices**
17. **(Al-Hafeedh) - The Guardian**
18. **(Al-Hafee) - The Benevolent**
19. **(Al-Haqq) - The True One**
20. **(Al-Mubeen) - The Clear and Manifest One**
21. **(Al-Hakeem) - The One Fully Wise or Al-Haakim, The All-Wise**
22. **(Al-Haleem) - The Forbearing**
23. **(Al-Hameed) - The One Who is Deservedly Praised**
24. **(Al-Hayy) - The Ever Living**
25. **(Al-Qayyoom) - The Self Subsisting One Upon Whom Everything Depends**
26. **(Al-Khabeer) - The Fully Aware**
27. **(Al-Khaaliq) - The Creator and Maker of Everything**
28. **(Al-Khallaq) - The Creator Who Creates Again and Again**
29. **(Ar-Ra'oof) - The Compassionate and Kind**
30. **(Ar-Rahmaan) - The Extremely Merciful**
31. **(Ar-Raheem) - The Bestower of Mercy**
32. **(Ar-Razzaaq) - The Great Provider**

- 33. (Ar-Raqeeb) - The Ever Watchful Guardian**
- 34. (As-Salaam) - The Impeccable One or the Flawless One**
- 35. (As-Samee') - The All Hearing**
- 36. (Ash-Shaakir) - The Appreciative**
- 37. (Ash-Shakoor) - The One Most Ready to Appreciate and Reward Abundantly**
- 38. (Ash-Shaheed) - The Witness**
- 39. (As-Samad) - The Perfect Lord and Master Upon Whom All of the Creation Depends**
- 40. (Al-'Aalim) - The All Knower of the Seen and the Unseen**
- 41. (Al-'Azeez) - The All Mighty or the Invincible**
- 42. (Al-Adheem) - The Tremendous One or the Magnificent**
- 43. (Al-'Afuww) - The One Who Pardons Again and Again**
- 44. (Al-'Aleem) - The All Knowing**
- 45. (Al-'Alee) - The Exalted**
- 46. (Al-Ghaffaar) - The Oft-Forgiving**
- 47. (Al-Ghafoor) - The One Who Forgives Extensively**
- 48. (Al-Ghanee) - The Independent One Who is Free of All Needs**
- 49. (Al-Fattaah) - The Judge and Opener Who Distinguishes the Truth from Falsehood**
- 50. (Al-Qaadir) - The Fully Able One**

51. **(Al-Qaahir) - The Invincible Subduer**
52. **(Al-Quddoos) - The Pure and Perfect**
53. **(Al-Qadeer) - The All Powerful**
54. **(Al-Qareeb) - The One Who is Near**
55. **(Al-Qawee) - The One Perfect in Strength**
56. **(Al-Qahhaar) - The Overwhelming Subduer Who is Never Overcome**
57. **(Al-Kabeer) - The Incomparably Great**
58. **(Al-Kareem) - The Bountiful, the Generous One Abundant in Good**
59. **(Al-Lateef) - The Subtle and Kind**
60. **(Al-Mu'min) - The True and Trustworthy, the Granter of Security**
61. **(Al-Muta'aalee) - The Supreme and Exalted One**
62. **(Al-Mutakabbir) - The One Supreme in Glory, the Justly and Rightfully Proud**
63. **(Al-Mateen) - The Strong**
64. **(Al-Mujeeb) - The Responsive**
65. **(Al-Majeed) - The One Perfect in Glory and Honour**
66. **(Al-Muheet) - The All Encompassing**
67. **(Al-Mussawwir) - The Bestower of Forms**
68. **(Al-Muqtadir) - The Omnipotent**

- 69.**        ***(Al-Muqteet)* - The All Powerful Maintainer**
- 70.**        ***(Al-Malik)* - The King**
- 71.**        ***(Al-Maleek)* - The Omnipotent Sovereign**
- 72.**        ***(Al-Mawlaa)* - The Patron Lord or the Master and Supporter**
- 73.**        ***(Al-Muhaymin)* - The Trustworthy and Ever Watchful Witness**
- 74.**        ***(An-Naseer)* - The Helper**
- 75.**        ***(Al-Waahid)* - The One and Only**
- 76.**        ***(Al-Waarith)* - The Inheritor**
- 77.**        ***(Al-Waasi')* - The Vast One**
- 78.**        ***(Al-Wudood)* - The Loving One and the Beloved One**
- 79.**        ***(Al-Wakeel)* - The Trustworthy Disposer of Affairs**
- 80.**        ***(Al-Walee)* - The Guardian Lord**
- 81.**        ***(Al-Wahhaab)* - The Bestower**

From the Sunnah of Allaah's Messenger (sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam):

- 82.**        ***(Al-Jameel)* - The Beautiful One**
- 83.**        ***(Al-Jawaad)* - The Munificent**
- 84.**        ***(Al-Hakam)* - The Judge**
- 85.**        ***(Al-Hayyiyyu)* - the One who possesses honourable shame**

- 86.**        **(Ar-Rabb) - The Lord and Nurturer**
- 87.**        **(Ar-Rafeeq) - The Gentle**
- 88.**        **(As-Sabbooh) - The Venerated and Perfect**
- 89.**        **(As-Sayyid) – The Lord and Master**
- 90.**        **(Ash-Shafee') - The One Who Cures**
- 91.**        **(At-Tayyib) - The Pure One**
- 92.**        **(Al-Qaabid) - The Withholder**
- 93.**        **(Al-Baasit) - The Granter of Ample Provision**
- 94.**        **(Al-Muqaddim) - The One Who Gives Precedence**
- 95.**        **(Al-Mu'akhhir) - The One Who Puts Back**
- 96.**        **(Al-Muhsin) - The One Who Acts in a Good and Fine Manner**
- 97.**        **(Al-Mu'tee) - The Giver**
- 98.**        **(Al-Mannaan) - The Beneficent Bestower of Bounties**
- 99.**        **(Al-Witr) - The One**

With regard to an explanation of these Names, a number of books have been written in this present age depending upon earlier books. The following explanations are based upon these references.

1. *Jaami' ul-Bayaan* - The tafseer of Ibn Jareer at-Tabari
2. The tafseer of Ibn Katheer
3. *Tayseer ul-Kareem ir-Rahmaan* - The Tafseer of as-Sa'dee
4. The Tafseer of Al-Baghawee
5. *Majmoo' ul- Fataawa* - Shaikh ul-Islaam, Ibn Taymiyyah
6. *An-Nooniyah* - the poem by Ibn Al-Qayyim
7. *I'dat us-Saabireen* - also of Ibn Al-Qayyim
8. *Ar-rad 'ala al-Jahmiyyah* - of Imaam Ahmad
9. *Bada'i ul-Fawaa'id* - of Ibn ul-Qayyim

10. *Sha'n ud-Du'aa* - of Al-Khattabee
11. *Tafseer Asmaa Illaahi il-Husnaa* - of az-Zajjaj
12. *Al-Hujjah fee Bayaan il-Mahajjah of Qiwwam us-Sunnah* of al -Asbahaani
13. *At-Tawheed* - of Ibn Mandah
14. *An-Nihayah* - of Ibn Al-Atheer
15. *Tafseer Ghareeb il-Qur'aan* - of Ibn Qutaybah
16. *Al-Mufradaat* - of ar-Raghib
17. *Lisaan ul-'Arab* - of Ibn Mandhur
18. *Al-Haqq ul-Waadih ul-Mubeen* - of as-Sa'dee (rahimahumullaah)