

112111 - Can You Recite the Basmalah in the Middle of a Surah?

the question

Some of the jurists say that reciting the basmalah in the middle of a surah is recommended, because the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: “Every important matter that does not start with ‘Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ar-Rahim (in the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful),’ is devoid of blessings.” Is it recommended, or is it not prescribed?

Summary of answer

If you are reciting the Quran from the middle of a Surah, then it is not recommended to recite the Basmalah.

Detailed answer

Shaykh Muhammad ibn `Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

The correct view is that if a person [recites the Basmalah when beginning his reading of the Quran](#) in the middle of a surah, that is not recommended, because Allah Says in His Book (interpretation of the meaning):

{When you recite the Quran, seek refuge with Allah from the accursed Shaytan.} [An-Nahl 16:98]

He did not instruct us to say anything else. Therefore so long as there is a specific text concerning the matter which states that what is required from the one who wants to read Quran is [to seek refuge with Allah from the accursed Shaytan](#), this text makes specific what is mentioned in general terms in the Hadith, “[Every important matter that does not start with ‘Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Rahim](#) (in the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful), is devoid of blessings.” End quote. (Liqa’at Al-Bab Al-Maftuh, 1/177)

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And Allah knows best.