

Lesson-11: O My Rabb! Increase me in Knowledge

Lesson Outcomes

- To know the importance of pen and writing.
- To know the importance of knowledge.
- To know and develop good habits to acquire knowledge.

Recitation and Explanation

Recite with Tajweed and feelings, the way the Prophet ﷺ used to recite:

عِلْمًا

زِدْنِي

رَبِّ

in Knowledge.	Increase me	O My Rabb!
O My Rabb! Increase me in Knowledge.		

Surah Taha: 114

- The best of knowledge is the knowledge of the Qur'an. It is not only important to gain knowledge but also to act upon it. Gaining knowledge is also an act of worship.
- A knowledgeable person can follow the straight path precisely and can also show others the correct way.
- The one who gains knowledge and acts upon it holds a high rank near Allah.

Hadith: Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "He who treads the path in search of knowledge, Allah would make that path easy, leading to Paradise for him". [Muslim]

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Allah says in the Qur'an: Can those who know and those who do not know, be equal? [Surah Az-Zumar: 09]
- Think: Can a blind man be equal to the one who can see. Can a blind person view the nature, blue sky, beautiful animals, colorful birds, and lush green plants that are spread around in Allah's universe? Not at all! Similarly, a person without knowledge is just like a blind man.
- Feel the happiness of a knowledgeable person because he can praise and thank Allah in a better way.
- Feel the happiness that you are getting rewards daily for going to school to acquire knowledge.

Tadhakur – Du'aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- If you pray a lot for the success in exam, but do not open any book for studying, can you pass the exam?
- Pray to Allah excessively for knowledge and strive to gain it.
- Plan to study every subject after reciting this Du'aa wholeheartedly.
- We are totally dependent on Allah for knowledge. Therefore, never be proud of your knowledge. Be humble that Allah gave you knowledge.

Recitation and Explanation

Recite with Tajweed and feelings, the way the Prophet ﷺ used to recite:

بِالْقَلَمِ	عَلَّمَ	الَّذِي
by the pen	Taught	(The one) who
(Your Rabb is) the one who taught by the pen.		

Surah Al-Alaq: 4

- Allah has provided us with the ability to read and write. The first word of the Qur'an is "اِقْرَأْ" meaning "Read!"
- In the Qur'an, there is a Surah named "الْقَلَمِ" (The Pen). Therefore, feel the importance and greatness of the pen.
- We can keep records of the Quran and Hadith, their explanations and other fields of knowledge by writing them down. This way, other people including those after us, may read and benefit from them.

Hadith: The Prophet ﷺ said: The first thing Allah created was the pen. [Abu Dawood]

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Imagine: Of all the creations of Allah on the earth, we are the only one who are taught the use of pen. Thank Allah and be happy for this gift.
- Imagine: How the angels are keeping record of our every single deed which they would present before Allah.

Tadhakkur – Du'aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Suppose that you did not take any notes of what you were taught in the class. After a few days you are trying to recall it, but are unable to do it. Think about your helplessness at that moment.
- Since Allah taught us how to read and write, plan to take notes of the lessons of every subject carefully.
- Feel the power of pen. You can write good articles and create drawings that can reach out to the whole world. Here is a famous proverb: **"Pen is mightier than the sword."**

Habit

- I shall always recite this du'aa (رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا) before starting to study.
- I shall always take notes in classroom and keep them neat and up-to-date.
- I shall always keep pocket notebook and a pen with me to note down important things and good ideas.

Practical Questions

1. What is the importance of pen?
2. What is the importance of knowledge?
3. Why are the people who have knowledge and those who don't not equal?