

## Lesson-13: Four Principles of Success

### Lesson Outcomes

- What is meant by the loss?
- How to advise each other?
- What are the four acts that can save man from the loss?

### Recitation and Explanation

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

1 وَالْعَصْرِ

By the time

- Allah swears by the time.

2 خُسْرٍ

لَفِي

الْإِنْسَانَ

إِنَّ

loss.	is surely in	Mankind	Indeed
Indeed, mankind is surely in loss.			

- خُسْرٍ means loss. Allah swearing by the time implies that the time or the history is a witness over the fact that mankind is in a loss.
- The history proves that the people who disobeyed Allah and did not make use of the time correctly were in loss.
- Only Allah knows everyone who was born from Prophet Adam till now; the Prophets, the pharaoh, the people of 'Aad, Thamud, good people, and bad people. Only He knows best in what lies mankind's profit or loss.

### Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Suppose that you have to take an exam, for which you have studied well. However, you fell asleep in the examination hall. When you woke up, the time was over. Will you pass this exam? No. Think about how much you lost by this little sleep.
- You cannot get back the time lost. Those who do not value time will have to regret. Feel that among all the blessings of Allah, time is extremely precious.
- Similarly, think about the Fajr Salah. What a huge loss it will be if we sleep at the time of Fajr Salah.

### Tadhakkur – Du'aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- The important chapters that your teachers mark for you to pass the exam are based on their experience of various past papers. They can judge about the important and unimportant questions.
- Good students follow the tips given by their teachers to succeed in exams. Similarly, to succeed in this world and in the Hereafter with distinction, we have to follow the four principles given by Allah in this Surah.
- Plan to make the right use of time.

## Recitation and Explanation

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

إِلَّا	الَّذِينَ	آمَنُوا	وَعَمِلُوا	الصَّالِحَاتِ
Except	those who	have believed	and did	righteous / good deeds
Except those who have believed and done righteous deeds.				

وَتَوَاصَوْا	بِالصَّبْرِ	وَتَوَاصَوْا	بِالْحَقِّ
And advised each other	to (the) patience	and advised each other	to the truth
And advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience.			

- In this Surah, Allah has given four principles that are extremely important to succeed in this world and in the Hereafter. These principles are:
  1. Believing
  2. Doing righteous deeds
  3. Advising each other to truth
  4. Advising each other to patience
- 1. **Belief** means having faith in Allah, His Prophets, the Angels, the day of resurrection and the good or bad fate.
- 2. **Righteous deeds** mean doing what Allah has commanded and refraining from what Allah has forbidden.
- 3. **Advising each other to truth** means conveying others what is in the Qur'an and Hadith like obedience to Allah, obeying parent and being respectful to them, speaking the truth, trying to stop the wrong whenever possible, encouraging good things, refraining from telling a lie, etc.
- 4. **Advising each other to patience** means encouraging and reminding people to be patient. What is patience? It means that you pursue your goals, accept positive criticism, and keep cool in difficult times. It also means that you do not complain and do not give up easily. Patience gives best results. Example: Avoid last minute rush in every activity. Study right from the start so that you are always ready for the exams.

### Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Suppose your friend is dreaming in a deep sleep on a ship and the ship is sinking. He is unaware of the fact that he is drowning in the sea. Though, he may be having the most beautiful dream of his life, but seeing him drown, what would you do?
- Certainly, you would say to him, "Wake up! Wake up! You are drowning". But if he insists upon continuing to dream, would you wake him up still, or let him be?
- This feeling of yours to save your friend from drowning is "Belief."
- Wake up! You are drowning "this act of yours is "عَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ".
- Telling him the truth that he is drowning and saving your friend from drowning is "تَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ".
- Your persistence in waking him up even if he refuses to do so is "تَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ".

**Habit:** Make a daily schedule and follow it regularly so that your time is not wasted.

### Practice Questions

1. What is meant by the loss?
2. How to advise each other to truth and to patience?
3. What are the four acts that can save man from the loss?