

## Lesson-14: How to Celebrate Success?

### Lesson Outcomes

- With whose help do we get success?
- What should be done after success?
- What is the Sajdah of Shukr?

**Surah-Al-Nasr:** This is the last Surah revealed to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. In this Surah, Allah has informed about the conquest of Makkah by the Muslims in 8th Hijri (8 AH or After Hijrah)

### Recitation and Explanation

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

وَإِلْفَتْحُ ١      نَصْرُ اللَّهِ      جَاءَ      إِذَا

and the victory	the help of Allah	comes	When
When the help of Allah and victory comes,			

أَفْوَاجًا ٢      فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ      يَدْخُلُونَ      النَّاسَ      وَرَأَيْتَ

in troops	(into) the religion of Allah	entering	the people	and you see
And you see the people entering the religion of Allah in troops,				

- The disbelievers of Makkah used to oppress the Prophet ﷺ. When He ﷺ called them to Islam, they used to mock at him, and torture him and his friends. After thirteen years, Allah instructed him to migrate to Madinah.
- After 8 years of work in Madinah, this Surah was revealed. People from various cities and tribes came to the Prophet ﷺ in Madinah and accepted Islam. Islam started to spread swiftly.

### Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Reflect upon how our Prophet ﷺ faced the difficulties in spreading Islam throughout Arabia within 23 years.
- Feel the joy that in this Surah the good news is given about the completion of the Prophet's ﷺ mission.

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

- Help and win are only from Allah. Therefore, always ask Him for everything.
- How to make myself worthy to receive help from Allah? If I follow the Prophet ﷺ and his companions, inshaAllah, I hope to get the help and victory from Allah!

Recite as Muhammad ﷺ did, with Tajweed and feelings!

وَأَسْتَغْفِرُهُ	رَبِّكَ	بِحَمْدِ	فَسَبِّحْ
and ask forgiveness of Him	(of) your Rabb	with the praise	Then glorify
Then glorify with the praise of your Rabb and ask forgiveness from Him.			
تَوَّابًا 3	كَانَ	إِنَّهُ	
Oft-forgiving	is	Indeed, He	
Indeed, He is Oft-forgiving			

- The Surah starts with good news of a great victory and that people are going to accept Islam in big numbers.
- Then Allah mentioned that the proper way of expressing the gratitude after victory is glorifying and praising Allah and seeking His forgiveness.
- تَسْبِيح (Tasbeeh) means glorifying, or saying that Allah is free from any defect. When we achieve something, we should do Tasbeeh with the feeling that we may have not done the work as it should have been done. There may be some areas of defects. Only Allah is free from defects.
- حمد (Hamd) means praise and thanks. When we succeed, we should praise and thank Allah because with His help only we could do it.
- اِسْتِغْفَار (Istighfaar) means seeking forgiveness from Allah. When we win, we should ask forgiveness because we may have done some mistakes while doing our work.

**Hadith:** Ayesha (RA) says, that the Prophet ﷺ used to recite the following Adhkar frequently: "سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ، أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأُتُوِّبُ إِلَيْهِ". [Muslim]

### Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Feel the years of hard work and sacrifices of our beloved Muhammad ﷺ. If you too want to achieve something, you should have strong faith in Allah and do hard work.
- If you are assigned some job or a task and you managed to complete it successfully, how happy and satisfied would you feel. But don't forget to thank Allah and remember that it is Allah who helped you to complete the work.
- We can't even quench our own thirst if Allah does not help us. Our hand may not be able to lift a glass of water if Allah does not keep it safe. So, how can we do big things without Allah's help?

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

- If you won a race, Shaitan would make you feel proud that you won it due to your own skills and capability.
- Recite Ta'aw-wuz when such misleading thoughts come into your mind. Remember that Allah gave you the strength to run, otherwise it was not even possible for me to walk.
- After winning or completing any task successfully, offer the prostration of gratitude (Sajdah of Shukr) to Allah.

**Habit:** InshaAllah I shall do Tasbeeh, Hamd & Istighfaar (سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ) after every success.

### Practice Questions

1. With whose help do we get success?
2. What should be done to get the help and success from Allah?
3. What should be done after success?
4. What is the Sajdah of Shukr?