

Lesson-15: Allah Is One & Only (Part I)

Lesson Outcomes

- What is meant by إِخْلَاصٌ?
- Who is called أَحَدٌ?
- What is meant by الصَّمَدُ?

Recitation and Explanation

We will start Surah Al-Ikhlāas in this lesson.

- Surah-Al-Ikhlāas has only four verses, but it is a very important Surah because it expresses oneness of Allah.
- إِخْلَاصٌ Means to purify. That is, whoever recites this Surah, understands it, and believes in it, then his faith will become pure and correct.
- Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to recite Surah Al-Ikhlāas along with Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Naas every night before going to sleep. [Bukhari]

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

أَحَدٌ 1

اللَّهُ

هُوَ

قُلْ

(who is) one

(is) Allah

He

Say

Say, He is Allah, (who is) one.

- 1) Allah is one. He has no partner.
- 2) Allah is one. Nobody has the qualities like Him. He knows all, hears everyone, sees everything, and so on.
- 3) Allah is one. Therefore, we should worship Him only.
- 4) Allah is one. Therefore, we have to obey His orders and stay away from His prohibitions.

Hadith: Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "By Him in Whose Hand my life is, this Surah (Surah Al-Ikhlāas) is equal to one-third of the Qur'an!" [Bukhari]

Story: The polytheists (those who associate others with Allah or worship idols and other things) asked Messenger of Allah ﷺ: Name the lineage of your Lord for us. So, Allah revealed this Surah. [Tirmidhi].

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Imagine how Allah created the whole universe and made their laws. Observe how powerful Allah is!
- No one is like Him. None forgives us as Allah does repeatedly. Rather, He keeps on providing for us even after we make mistakes. No one hears our prayers except Allah. Feel His care and affection!
- Suppose your school has two principals. One of them tells you to bring your bag to school daily and other one forbids you from doing so. Would you not be confused and troubled?
- Indeed! Allah alone is our Master and we do good deeds only for His sake!

Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- The Surah starts with **قُلْ**. We have to convey the message of oneness of Allah to everyone.
- Let’s check with ourselves. Are we living to please Him only, or are we spending our life to please someone else?
- Plan to seek the pleasure of Allah always, wherever we may be. In our hearts the highest love, respect, and fear should be of Allah.

Recitation and Explanation

Recite with Tajweed and feelings, the way the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to recite:

الضَّمَدُ 2

اللَّهُ

the self-sufficient	Allah
Allah, the self-sufficient.	

- الضَّمَدُ Is one of the beautiful names of Allah. It means He does not depend on anyone, but everyone depends on Him. Everyone needs Him, and He does not need anyone.
- Allah does not need food, drink, sleep, rest, etc. He never gets tired. We get tired and need to sit if we stand for long. We feel weak if we do not eat. We get exhausted if we do not sleep.
- It is essential that we should look towards Allah for everything because He is الضَّمَدُ, the fulfiller of every need.

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Allah is the creator of about 7 billion people, innumerable birds, fish, insects, trees, mountains etc. Feel His Magnificence, Power and Greatness that all the creation stands in need of Allah, but Allah does not need any of them.
- We are all dependent on Him and He is continuously looking after and fulfilling every need of ours. So, recite this Surah with love and respect.

Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Check how your behavior changes with change in conditions like in extreme hunger, fatigue, or drowsiness.
- Allah does not feel hunger nor does He feel drowsy or sleepy. How Mighty and Dominant Allah is!

Habit: InshaAllah I shall seek all types of help, whether big or small from Allah only.

Practice Questions

1. What is meant by إِخْلَاصٌ?
2. Who is called أَحَدٌ?
3. What is meant by الضَّمَدُ?