

Lesson-17: Worship Allah alone

Lesson Outcomes

- Learn the meaning of Kufr.
- Be firm in belief and take the right stand.
- Learn the real worship of Allah.

Recitation and Explanation

Recite with Tajweed and feelings, the way the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم used to recite:

قُلْ	يَا أَيُّهَا	الْكَافِرُونَ ①
Say,	O	disbelievers!
Say: O you disbelievers!		
لَا أَعْبُدُ	مَا	تَعْبُدُونَ ②
I do not worship	what	you worship.
I do not worship what you worship		
وَلَا أَنْتُمْ	عِبَادُونَ	مَا ③
And nor are you	worshippers	(of) what
And you do not worship what I worship		

- **كفر**: kufr is to reject or hide something. Here, Kafiroom refers to those people who knew the truth but refused to believe in Allah and the teachings of the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.

Story: When Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم invited the people of Makkah towards worshipping one God only, most of them did not accept it. To stop him from propagating the message of Islam, they offered money, honor, kingship, etc. but the Prophet refused صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. Finally, they said, "For one year you worship our gods and the next year we will worship your God". In response to this incident, Allah revealed Surah Al-Kafiroon.

- The disbelievers of Makkah used to worship not only Allah but other idols too. That is why the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم was asked to say, "You do not worship what I worship," i.e., you are not true worshippers of Allah.

Hadith: The Messenger of Allah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said, "Whoever meets Allah without associating anything in worship with Him will go to Paradise." [Bukhari]

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- If we listen to Allah's word and worship Him alone then Allah will surely be pleased with us.
- Those who do not listen to Allah's word will be very sorry after they die because they will not be able to do anything to benefit themselves.

Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- O Allah! Make us perfect in Imaan (faith) and save us from mistakes.
- Let us check ourselves. Are we associating anyone or anything with Allah?
- Plan: I will Insha’Allah guard my Imaan (Faith) and will be away from the things that make my Imaan weak.

Recitation and Explanation

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

4 عَبْدَتُّمَ مَا عَابِدُ وَلَا أَنَا

you worshipped.	(of) what	a worshipper	And I am not
And I am not a worshipper of what you worshipped.			

5 أَعْبُدُ مَا عِبُدُونَ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ

I worship.	(of) what	worshippers	And nor are you
And you do not worship what I worship			

- Allah has created me. He only will cause me to die. He provides me with food and fulfills all my needs. Therefore, I am not going to worship what you worship or what your forefathers had worshipped in the past. You too do not appear to be willing to worship Allah alone.

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- If we benefit from Allah’s countless blessings and still do not worship him, how ungrateful and bad it will be!

Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Imagine the huge Universe created by Allah and all that is there in it. Is it not an honor for us to Worship Him? Is it not an honor that we know how to worship Him?
- Read the stories of the past nations and learn how Allah rewarded good people and punished bad people.
- Plan on how to be thankful to Allah for His endless favors and try to be among those whom Allah loves.

Recitation and Explanation

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

6 دِينِ دِينِكُمْ لَكُمْ وَلِي

(is) my religion	and for me	(is) your religion	For you
For you is your religion and for me is my religion			

- دِينِ means a system of life. This verse tells us that believers live their lives as per the Qur’an and Sunnah.
- Allah has selected and liked “Islam” as a Deen for us.

- There is no compulsion in religion. If they are not convinced, then let them follow their religion and you follow yours.
- This verse gives the guidelines for coexistence. We should invite others to Islam in the best way but not impose our ideas on others if they don't like it. Allah will check our actions and their actions. We leave it to Allah.

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- If you look around, you see both good and bad activities going on. If someone invites you to join an evil activity, how will you respond? Of course, you will refuse and will try in the best possible way to stop them from doing bad things.
- Feel the power and control of Allah. If all the people of the world joined together to do wrong, don't worry. Allah is sufficient for you. You should do the right thing. Allah is your protector, and nobody can harm you.

Tadhakkur – Du'aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- O Allah! We ask you to give us strong and pure Imaan (faith).
- Do we have total faith in Allah? Do we remember to ask Him for our needs? Do we forget Allah and look for help from others in difficult times?
- Make a promise that you will always be with the right and will be away from the wrong. Allah supports those who are with good people and will punish those who are with the wrongdoers.
- Are we impressed with bad people in their fashion, walking, talking, dressing, etc.?

Habit

- Memorize Surah Al-Kafiroon (if not done) and recite this Surah in the first Raka'ah of Sunnah of Fajr and Maghrib Salah. It was a practice of our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to do so.

Practice Questions

1. Write the فعل ماض and فعل مضارع forms of the verb عَبَدَ given in this Surah.
2. What is the meaning of Deen?
3. How do you plan to worship Allah in a better way?
4. What was the response of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to the offer of Quraish?
5. What does Allah want from us in this Surah?