

Lesson-21: Adhan-2 Bearing witness

Lesson Outcomes

- Two testimonies in Adhan.
- Meaning of “to bear witness.”
- What does it mean by مُحَمَّدًا رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ?

Text and Explanation

The second part of the Adhan consists of two testimonies (to say that I witness):

(twice) اللَّهُ	إِلَّا	إِلَهَ	لَا	أَنَّ	أَشْهَدُ
Allah	except	God	(there is) no	that	I bear witness
I bear witness that there is no god except Allah					

- The word “إِلَهَ” has different meanings: The one who is (1) Worshipped (2) Obeyed (3) Fulfills our needs. There is no God other than Allah in these three meanings.
- I bear witness means my talks and my actions, in the house or outside, at school or in market, show that I:
 - Love Allah more than anyone else.
 - Accept Allah as my Creator, Master, Sustainer, Cherisher, and the Ruler of the entire universe. I worship and obey Him alone in all matters of my life. I seek His help alone and trust Him alone.
 - I follow and obey His orders in all matters of my life and not my desires or other’s directions.

Hadith: The Prophet ﷺ said: “Du’aa is not rejected between the Adhan and Iqamah.”

[Abu Dawood]

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Look around, everybody is busy with their own work. Many do not respond to the call for Salah. Do you think this behavior is suitable for a Muslim? No. A person who says, “I bear witness that Allah is my Ilah”, will stop all his work and respond to the call promptly.
- Feel Allah’s infinite power and greatness. No one else is worthy of our worship except Him.

Tadhakur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Ask for Allah’s guidance and help to do good deeds.
- We claim that Allah is our Master; but are we following His orders in our life? Can we be called as obedient slaves of Allah? Are we true and sincere witnesses?
- Draw a plan to act upon Allah’s orders and to keep away from what He has forbidden.

Text and Explanation

(twice) رَسُوْلُ اللهِ

مُحَمَّدًا

أَنَّ

أَشْهَدُ

is the Messenger of Allah.	Muhammad <small>صلى الله عليه وسلم</small>	that	I bear witness
I bear witness that Muhammad <small>صلى الله عليه وسلم</small> is the Messenger of Allah.			

- “I bear witness means that Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the Messenger of Allah” means that my talks and my actions, in the house or outside, at the school or in market, show that:
 - I love Allah and His messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم more than anyone else.
 - I accept and obey the teachings of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.
- Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the last and final Prophet. No other prophet will come after him.
- Believing in Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the fundamental part of our Imaan.

Story: Narrated `Abdullah bin Hisham: We were with the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and he was holding the hand of `Umar bin Al-Khattab. `Umar said to Him, "O Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم! You are dearer to me than everything except my own self." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete faith) till I am dearer to you than your own self." Then `Umar said to him, "However, now, by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Now, O `Umar! (now you are a believer). [Bukhari]

The actions of Abu Bakr (R) and Umar (R) are the signs of a true and sincere witness unto
 “لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ”

Hadith: Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: “Islam is based on five (principles): (1) To bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah; and Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is Allah's Messenger. (2) To establish Salah. (3) To pay Zakat. (4) To perform Hajj (5) To keep fast during the month of Ramadhan. [Bukhari]

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Bearing witness to the prophethood of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم impacts all areas of life.
- Such a person will love him, defend him, follow him and his teachings in all aspects of life and send Salawat on him.
- The one who bears witness to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم will own the mission of Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and introduce him to all of his friends and neighbors and to everyone else.

Tadhakur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- We see many people follow celebrities like sportsmen, actors, singers, politicians, and successful businessmen. They try to imitate the celebrities’ lifestyle to be like the celebrities.
- Now let us examine ourselves. We claim to love Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, but are we honest in our claim? Are we following his Sunnah, his living style and practices in our lives?
- Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was the most successful person in the history of the world. He became the most loved and respected person before he died. He is the best example for us to follow to be successful in this life and hereafter. I will read his biography to know him better inshallah.

Habit

- Whenever I hear the Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم name, I will send Salawat on him.
- Whenever I get free time such as while going to school or home or waiting for a class to begin, I will recite لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ or other Adhkar. This will strengthen my faith.

Practice Questions

1. What is the meaning of Ilah?
2. What is meaning of "I bear witness"?
3. When you hear the name of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم what should you do?