

Lesson-07: Be aware of Good and Bad Company

Lesson Outcomes

- Who are blessed with favors of Allah.
- Who are الضالين and المغضوب?
- Whose path should we follow and whose path should we not follow?
- What are the results of having good and bad company?

Recitation and Explanation

This is the last verse of Surah Al-Fatihah. It has two parts. Let's study the first part now. Recite with Tajweed and feelings, the way the Prophet ﷺ used to recite:

عَلَيْهِمْ

أَنْعَمْتَ

الَّذِينَ

صِرَاطَ

on them;

You (have) bestowed favors

(of) those

(The) path

The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favors.

- اللَّهُ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ Allah bestowed His favors upon the Prophets, the truthful people, the martyrs and the righteous people because they were on الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ (the straight path). Therefore, we also need to follow their path to be blessed by Allah. They are a model for us how to obey Allah.

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Imagine the favors that Allah bestowed upon them and why?
- How did they live? Were they arrogant? Did they call each other names? Did they quarrel with each other? No, they didn't!
- Feel their happiness and satisfaction when they will be rewarded the paradise to live in there forever.

Tadhakur – Du'aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Whom do you want to follow? Read about the lives of noble Prophets, the companions of the Prophet ﷺ and the virtuous people. Observe their characters and try to be like them.
- O Allah! Make us follow the path that pleases You.

Let us now study the next part of the verse. This part discusses about those people who did not obey Allah and followed wrong path.

الضَّالِّينَ ٧

وَلَا

عَلَيْهِمْ

الْمَغْضُوبِ

غَيْرِ

those who go astray	and nor of	on them	of those who earned (Your) wrath	Not
Not of those who earned (Your) wrath upon themselves and nor of those who went astray.				

- Allah tells us about two groups who have strayed from the correct path:
- الْمَغْضُوبِ : Those who know the straight path but do not follow it.
- الضَّالِّينَ : Those who do not know the straight path, nor do they care to know about it.

Story: Once Prophet Muhammad ﷺ drew a straight line and said, “This is the path of Allah.” Then he drew few curved lines and said, “These are the paths of Shaitan.” [Musnad Ahmad]

Hadith: Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said; the example of a good companion (who sits with you) in comparison with a bad one, is like that of a musk seller and a person blowing a blacksmith's bellow (or furnace); from the first you would either buy musk or enjoy its good smell while the bellows would either burn your clothes or your house, or you get a bad smell thereof. [Bukhari]

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Remember bad deeds of Fir’oun, the people of Aad, and the companions of the elephant, etc. They all deviated from the right path and the wrath of Allah was on them. All of them were destroyed in this world and will enter the hell in the hereafter.
- Imagine the scene when Fir’oun was drowning. In his last moments he showed regrets of deviating from the straight path. How desperate he must have felt. What were the last words of Fir’oun?

Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- O Allah! Let me be with those companions who remind me of You and make me a good company for others too.
- The people became الْمَغْضُوبِ and الضَّالِّينَ because they heard whispers of Shaitan attentively and followed them.
- O Allah! Make me strong enough to say اَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ to Shaitan’s whisper the moment it starts.

Habit: InshaAllah I shall always keep away from bad people and shall seek the company of good people.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Who are the people who have been blessed with the favors of Allah?
2. Who are الْمَغْضُوبِ and الضَّالِّينَ?
3. Whose path should we follow and whose path we should we not follow?
4. What are the results and effects of Good and Bad company?
5. Give examples of blessed people.