



Qur'an Lesson-5a: Question on Khalifah

(Al-Baqarah: 30)

Lesson Outcomes

- Allah knows best, and He is well aware of past, present & future.
- Angels asked the question to know the wisdom, not as an objection.
- Adam (AS) sent to the earth as per Allah's plan, not as a punishment.

Keywords: جَاعِلٌ، خَلِيفَةً، يَسْفِكُ، الدِّمَاءَ، نُسَبِّحُ، نُقَدِّسُ

Recitation and Explanation

وَإِذْ قَالَ	رَبُّكَ	لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ	إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ	فِي الْأَرْضِ	خَلِيفَةً ^ط
And when said	your Lord	to the angels,	"Indeed, I will make	upon the earth	a successive authority,"
قَالُوا	أَتَجْعَلُ	فِيهَا	مَنْ يَفْسِدُ	فِيهَا	وَيَسْفِكُ
they said,	"Will You place	upon it	one who causes corruption	Therein	and sheds
الدِّمَاءَ ^ج	وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ	بِحَمْدِكَ	وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ ^ط		
blood,	while we glorify	with Your praises	and we sanctify You?"		
قَالَ	إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ	مَا	لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ³⁰		
He said,	"Indeed, I know	that which	you do not know."		

- Allah said to the angels that He will make Adam (AS) a Khalifa on the earth. We are here on the earth as per the plan of Allah and not because Adam (AS) ate from the tree.
- Khalifa has two meanings: 1) The one who implements the orders. 2) The one who comes after others.
- The angels were shocked to know that human beings will cause bloodshed and that such a thing will happen in Allah's world. Therefore they asked this question, not as an objection but to know the wisdom behind the creation of human beings.
- The angels said that "We glorify You with Your praise and we sanctify You." It shows that Tasbeeh and Hamd are the best forms of Dhikr.

- **Tasbeeh** is to declare that Allah is free from defects. Whatever Allah says and does is perfect. **Hamd** is to declare that Allah has all positive attributes.
- We don't know the wisdom behind everything that happens in this world. Allah knows it and He is well aware of all past, present and future. He knows everything including the deeds of humans.
- **Hadith:** Abu Dharr reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ was asked as to which words were the best. He said: Those for which Allah chose His Angels and His servants (and the words are): “سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ”. (Muslim: 2731)

Tadabbur & Tadhakkur

- **Imagine & Feel:** Allah made Adam (AS) His Khalifah on this earth! Imagine the real status of a human being! He is a vicegerent of Allah.
- Allah is almighty; still, He allowed the questions from Angels! He did not get upset. We should answer questions if someone needs to know and if we know the answer.
- **Dua:** O Allah! Protect us from corruption. Help us to spread peace on earth. Help us do Your Tasbeeh and Hamd.
- **Evaluate:** What will be our reaction if someone asked us any question? Do we answer him politely?
- **Plan:** In sha Allah! I will do more Tasbeeh and Hamd. I will try to be an active social worker to spread peace and happiness.

Nouns and Verbs: Below are some of the nouns and the verbs from the Ayaat of this lesson.

Verbs: Practice the six keys of verbs mentioned below with TPI								
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماضٍ	Root	Code
To place	جَعَلَ	مَجْعُولٌ	جَاعِلٌ	اجْعَلْ	يَجْعَلُ	جَعَلَ	ج ع ل	ف
To shed	سَفَكَ	مَسْفُوكٌ	سَافِكٌ	اسْفِكْ	يَسْفِكُ	سَفَكَ	س ف ك	ض
To know	عَلِمَ	مَعْلُومٌ	عَالِمٌ	اعْلَمْ	يَعْلَمُ	عَلِمَ	ع ل م	س
To say	قَالَ	مَقُولٌ	قَائِلٌ	قُلْ	يَقُولُ	قَالَ	ق و ل	قا

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
Angel	مَلَائِكَةٌ	مَلَكٌ
successive authority	خَلَائِفٌ	خَلِيفَةٌ
Blood	دِمَاءٌ	دَمٌ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Why did Allah sent Adam (AS) to the earth?
2. What are the two meanings of Khalifah?
3. Why did angels ask the question when they knew that Allah is about to make Adam (AS) his Khalifah on the earth?
4. Define the terms *Tasbeeh* and *Hamd*?