

Qur'an Lesson-8c: Demand for foods (Al-Baqarah: 61)



Lesson Outcomes

- Bani Israel were made to wander in the desert for a purpose.
- They demanded a variety of food and were not satisfied by Mann & Salwa.
- Allah ordered Bani Israel to go to any town to get what they need.

Keywords: طَعَامٌ وَاحِدٌ، بَقْلِهَا، وَقْتَائِبِهَا، وَفُومِهَا، وَعَدَسِهَا، وَبَصَلِهَا، اِهْبِطُوا مِصْرًا

Recitation and Explanation

وَإِذْ قُلْتُمْ يَا مُوسَى لَنْ نَصْبِرَ عَلَىٰ طَعَامٍ وَاحِدٍ فَادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ

to your Lord	for us	So pray	on one [kind of] food.	We will never endure	And when you said: O Moses!
--------------	--------	---------	------------------------	----------------------	-----------------------------

يُخْرِجُ لَنَا مِمَّا تُنْبِتُ الْأَرْضُ مِنْ بَقْلِهَا وَقْتَائِبِهَا وَفُومِهَا

and its garlic	and its cucumbers	of its herbs	the earth grows,	out of what	for us	to bring forth
----------------	-------------------	--------------	------------------	-------------	--------	----------------

وَعَدَسِهَا وَبَصَلِهَا ۗ قَالَ أَتَسْتَبَدُّونَ الَّذِي هُوَ أَدْنَىٰ

inferior	that which is	Would you have in exchange	He said:	and its onions.	and its lentils
----------	---------------	----------------------------	----------	-----------------	-----------------

بِالَّذِي هُوَ خَيْرٌ ۚ اِهْبِطُوا مِصْرًا فَإِنَّ لَكُمْ مِمَّا سَأَلْتُمْ

what you have asked.	and indeed, you will have	(to) a city,	Go down	better?	for that which is
----------------------	---------------------------	--------------	---------	---------	-------------------

- In the desert, Allah had provided Bani Israel with Mann and Salwa. Their basic needs were met. They were made to wander in the desert so that they were purified and reformed from wrong beliefs and morals they had adopted in Egypt during their slavery.
- They had no respect for Musa (AS) either. Look at their style: We will never be patient!
- When they asked for different kind of foods, then Allah ordered them that If you want to live only for eating and drinking, then go to any town and you will get what you want.
- Allah blessed us with so many varieties of food: fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts, and meats. Let us thank Him for those and beg Allah to help us use our energies to please Him, i.e., by being the best person in all fields of life.

- In this life, if we want to achieve our goals or worship Allah properly, then we may need to sacrifice different things. To pray Fajr, we have to sacrifice our sleep, to fast, we have to sacrifice our food and rest, to learn the Qur'an, we have to sacrifice our time. We have to be patient and work hard to achieve higher goals.

Hadith: The Prophet Mohammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Strange are the ways of a believer for there is good in every affair of his and this is not the case with anyone else except in the case of a believer for if he has an occasion to feel delight, he thanks (God), thus there is a good for him in it, and if he gets into trouble and shows resignation (and endures it patiently), there is a good for him in it. (Muslim 2999)

Tadabbur & Tadhakur

- **Imagine & Feel:** How bad you will feel when you serve dinner to your guest but instead eating, he asks for cucumber, onions and ignores that food?
- Like this, Bani Israel were more eager to eat a variety of food rather than be patient with what Allah has provided to them, i.e. Mann and Salwa.
- **Dua:** O Allah! Help me sacrifice my comforts for achieving higher goals.
- **Evaluate:** Are we happy with all those things which Allah granted us, or we keep asking and complaining about something else?
- **Plan:** I will be patient in times of difficulties and look upon the final goal.

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 ماض	Root	Code
Patience	صَبْر	-	صَابِر	اصْبِرْ	يَصْبِرُ	صَبَرَ	ص ب ر	ض
To eat	طَعِمَ	مَطْعُوم	طَاعِم	اطْعَمْ	يَطْعَمُ	طَعِمَ	ط ع م	س
To go down	هَبِطَ	مَهْبُوط	هَابِط	اهْبِطْ	يَهْبِطُ	هَبِطَ	ه ب ط	ض
To ask	سَأَلَ	مَسْئُول	سَائِل	سَلْ	يَسْأَلُ	سَأَلَ	س أ ل	ف
To call	دَعَا	مَدْعُو	دَاع	ادْعُ	يَدْعُو	دَعَا	د ع و	دع
To bring forth	أَخْرَجَ	مُخْرَج	مُخْرِج	أَخْرِجْ	يُخْرِجُ	أَخْرَجَ	خ ر ج	أسد ⁺
To grows	أَنْبَتَ	مُنْبِت	مُنْبِت	أَنْبِثْ	يُنْبِثُ	أَنْبَتَ	ن ب ت	أسد ⁺
To exchange	اسْتَبَدَلَ	مُسْتَبَدَل	مُسْتَبَدِل	اسْتَبْدِلْ	يَسْتَبْدِلُ	اسْتَبَدَلَ	ب د ل	أسد ⁺

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
Food	أَطْعَمَةٌ	طَعَامٌ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Why Allah made Bani Israel wander in the desert?
2. List out the type of food items that Bani Israel asked Musa (AS) instead of being satisfied by Mann and Salwa.
3. What must we do if we want to achieve our goals?