



# Qur'an Lesson-9b: Promise under Toor

(Al-Baqarah: 63-64)

## Lesson Outcomes

- Allah raised Toor (mount) over Bani Israel to make them keep the commitments.
- Bani Israel were ordered to take the book which was given to them and to follow it.
- As always, Bani Israel turned away and showed their disobedience.

**Keywords:** مِيثَاقِكُمْ، الطُّورَ، فَضْلَ، الْخَسِرِينَ

## Recitation and Explanation

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ وَرَفَعْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ الطُّورَ خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَاكُمْ بِقُوَّةٍ

with	what	We have	Take	the mount	over	and	We	your	We	And
determination	given	you			you	raised	covenant	took	when	

وَأَذْكُرُوا مَا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿63﴾ ثُمَّ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ

Then you turned away	that perhaps you may become righteous.	what is in it	and remember
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مِّنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ فَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَكُنْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ ﴿64﴾

you would surely have been among the losers.	His	upon	the Grace (favor) of Allah and	if not for	after that,
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- Allah again continues to describe His favors and Bani Israel's response to them.
- Imagine the whole mountain suspended above Bani Israel. They surely must have been scared. It shows how serious Allah was and is in making us keep our commitments.
- Allah ordered them: Take the book with firmness and with determination. Make sure to learn the contents and try your best to follow it in all areas of life.
- They were not only ordered to take the book, but they were also ordered to remember what is in it. We, humans, forget and therefore we need to remind ourselves again and again.
- The command “وَأَذْكُرُوا مَا فِيهِ” was about Torah. But we can do the same for the Qur'an. Reading the Qur'an once does not help us REMEMBER! We must recite it again and again so that the verses and the message of the Qur'an stay fresh in our minds especially when Shaitan tricks us or when the worldly attractions distract us.

- If we hold fast to the book of Allah and remember what is in it, then we will gain Taqwa. It will save us from evil ends in this world and the hereafter.
- After all these orders, Bani Israel returned to their usual lives of disobedience. They broke their pledge.
- **فَضْل** means extra. Allah's Fazl is His grace and His favor. Rahmah is His extreme care and love. It is His Fazl and His Rahmah that He forgave Bani Israel and sent messengers to them even after their bad behavior. If Allah had not forgiven them, they would also have become losers.

**Hadith:** The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "I have left two matters with you. As long as you hold to them, you will not go the wrong way. They are the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet. (Muwatta Malik: 1628)

### Tadabbur & Tadhakkur

- **Imagine & Feel:** Look at the care and kindness of Allah. He protects even the sinners from destruction and gives them a chance to come back.
- **Dua:** O Allah! Help me hold the Qur'an with firmness and fulfill all its rights.
- **Evaluate:** The way to achieve Taqwa is to stick to the book of Allah. Do we follow it correctly?
- **Plan:** I will make sure to keep a permanent daily slot for studying the Qur'an and Hadith.

**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
To take	أَخَذَ	مَأْخُودٌ	آخِذْ	خُذْ	يَأْخُذُ	أَخَذَ	أ خ ذ	ن
To raise	رَفَعَ	مَرْفُوعٌ	رَافِعٌ	ارْفَعْ	يَرْفَعُ	رَفَعَ	ر ف ع	ف
To remember	ذَكَرَ	مَذْكُورٌ	ذَاكِرٌ	ادْكُرْ	يَذْكُرُ	ذَكَرَ	ذ ك ر	ن
To remain	فَضَلَ	-	فَاضِلٌ	أَفْضَلْ	يَفْضُلُ	فَضَلَ	ف ض ل	ن
To have lose	خَسِرَ	مَخْسُورٌ	خَاسِرٌ	اِحْسِرْ	يَخْسِرُ	خَسِرَ	خ س ر	س
To be	كَانَ	-	كَائِنٌ	كُنْ	يَكُونُ	كَانَ	ك و ن	قا

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
Loser	خَاسِرُونَ، خَاسِرِينَ	خَاسِرٌ

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Why Allah raised Toor over Bani Israel?
2. What Bani Israel were ordered and what they did with the orders?
3. What is meant by Allah's Fazl?