



Our'an Lesson-10a: Third Question (Al-Baqarah: 70-71)

Lesson Outcomes

- Unnecessary questions make life tighter.
- Bani Israel kept asking more questions about the cow.
- They slaughtered the cow very unwillingly.

Keywords: تَشْبَهُ، ذَلُولٌ، مُسَلَّمَةٌ

Recitation and Explanation

قَالُوا ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ يُبَيِّنْ لَنَا مَا هِيَ إِنَّ الْبَقَرَ تَشْبَهُ عَلَيْنَا^ط

look alike to us.	Indeed, [all] cows	what it is.	to make clear to us	They said: Pray for us to your Lord
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وَإِنَّا إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَمُهْتَدُونَ^{٧٠} قَالَ إِنَّهُ يَقُولُ إِنَّهَا بَقَرَةٌ لَا ذَلُولَ^ط

'It is a cow neither trained	Indeed He says,	He said:	will surely be those who are guided.	we, if Allah wills,	And indeed
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تُثِيرُ^ط الْأَرْضَ وَلَا تَسْقَى^ط الْحَرْثَ^ج مُسَلَّمَةٌ^ج لَا شِيَةَ فِيهَا^ط

with no spot upon her.'	one free from fault	the field,	nor to irrigate	the earth	to plow
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قَالُوا النَّن جِئْتَ بِالْحَقِّ^ط فَذَبْحُوهَا^ط وَمَا كَادُوا يَفْعَلُونَ^ع 71

And they were not near to doing it.	So they slaughtered it,	with the truth.	you have come	Now	They said:
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- The cow story continues. Earlier Bani Israel had asked two questions about the cow. Here they asked the third question.
- This time too they showed no respect towards prophet Musa (AS). They had no hesitation to keep repeating the demands, and they were not ashamed at all to present such lame excuses, as if Allah and His messenger don't know how to give instructions.
- This time they offered this lame excuse that all cows are looks similar to us. With this, they realized their bad behavior and therefore in the 3rd time they added "Insha Allah," and then they did it unwillingly.
- Allah made it tougher for them. If they had listened to the first order, any cow would have fulfilled the requirement. But their questioning made their life tighter.
- There is a lesson for us too that one should not be an extremist when it comes to the matters of Deen.

Hadith: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: Verily Allah has laid down religious obligations (Fara'id), so do not neglect them; and He has set limits, so do not overstep them; and He has forbidden some things, so do not violate them; and He has remained silent about some things, out of compassion for you, not forgetfulness — so do not seek after them. (Sunan Baihaqi: 13/10)

Tadabbur & Tadhakkur

- **Imagine & Feel:** This Surah is named Al-Baqarah. One possible reason for this naming is that in this Surah Allah gave Muslims different commands on how to be a true Khalifah. So, the name should remind us of the story, and also remind us not to behave like Bani Israel by avoiding, twisting, or neglecting Allah's orders by coming up with useless excuses and interpretations.
- **Dua:** O Allah! Help me to be patient with people.
- **Evaluate:** Let us check ourselves that do we follow Allah's commands willingly or we make excuses?
- **Plan:** I will try to remember the models of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Prophet Musa (AS) when people behave badly.

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 slaughter	ذَبَحَ	مَذْبُوح	ذَابِح	اِذْبَحْ	يَذْبَحُ	ذَبَحَ	ذ ب ح	ف
To train	ذَلَّ	-	ذَلُّوا	ذَلَّ	يَذِلُّ	ذَلَّ	ذ ل ل	ضد
To irrigate	سَقَى	مَسْقِي	سَاقٍ	اسْقِ	يَسْقِي	سَقَى	س ق ي	هد
To be near	كَوَدَ	-	-	-	يَكَادُ	كَادَ	ك و د	خا
To make clear	تَبَيَّنَ	مُبَيَّن	مُبَيِّن	بَيِّنْ	يُبَيِّنُ	بَيَّنَ	ب ي ن	أسد+
To become look alike	تَشَابَهَ	-	مُتَشَابِه	تَشَابَهْ	يَتَشَابَهُ	تَشَابَهَ	ش ب ه	تدا+
To be guide	اهْتَدَاء	مُهْتَدِي	مُهْتَدٍ	اهْتَدِ	يَهْتَدِي	اهْتَدَى	ه د ي	إخ+
To plow	إثَارَة	مُتَار	مُثِير	أثِرْ	يُثِيرُ	أثَرَ	ث و ر	أسد+
To be free from fault	تَسْلِيم	مُسَلِّم	مُسَلِّم	سَلِّمْ	يُسَلِّمُ	سَلَّمَ	س ل م	عد+

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
Cow	بَقَرَات	بَقْرَة

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What question was asked by Bani Israel this time?
2. Why it became very tough for them?
3. Did they slaughter the cow happily?