



Our'an Lesson-10c: Stone hearts (Al-Baqarah: 74)

Lesson Outcomes

- Even after watching so many signs, Bani Israel did not back to Allah.
- Their hearts became harder like stones or even harder than it.
- Allah is not unaware of what we do.

Keywords: فَسَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ، يَنْفَجِرُ، الْأَنْهَارُ، يَشَقُّقُ، يَهْبِطُ، خَشِيَةَ اللَّهِ

Recitation and Explanation

ثُمَّ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ فَهِيَ كَالْحِجَارَةِ أَوْ أَشَدُّ قَسْوَةً

even harder. or (became) like stones so they after that Then your hearts became hardened

وَإِنَّ مِنَ الْحِجَارَةِ لَمَا يَتَفَجَّرُ مِنْهُ الْأَنْهَارُ وَإِنَّ مِنْهَا

from them and indeed certainly (there are some like the one) which the rivers gush forth from it from the stones And indeed

لَمَا يَشَقُّقُ فَيَخْرُجُ مِنْهُ الْمَاءُ وَإِنَّ مِنْهَا

and indeed from them it water, from and comes out certainly (there are some like the one) which splits open

لَمَا يَهْبِطُ مِنْ خَشِيَةِ اللَّهِ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾

unaware of what you do. And Allah is not certainly (there are some like the one) which falls down for fear of Allah.

- Even after seeing the signs of Allah, Bani Israel did not take lessons. They should have feared Allah and corrected their behavior. Their hearts should have become soft. However, since they did not go back to Allah, their hearts became hard.
- Hard hearts do not mean that they were fearless. It means they did not fear Allah, love Allah, and were not humble to Allah, and did not remember Him.
- It shows that when a person disobeys Allah, disrespects prophets, and plays with Allah's commands, no sign benefits him/her.
- Rivers from the stones? Where did it happen? Well, right in front of their eyes when Musa (AS) hit the rock with his staff.
- Allah's creatures know Him, glorify Him (do Tasbeeh), and fear Him. For example, when Allah manifested His glory on Toor, the mountain which was in front of Musa (AS), the whole mountain crumbled.

- Allah is watching. To soften our hearts, we have to remember Allah and feel His presence.

Hadith: The Prophet ﷺ said: “Verily, when the slave (of Allah) commits a sin, a black spot appears on his heart. When he refrains from it, seeks forgiveness and repents, his heart is polished clean. But if he returns, it increases until it covers his entire heart. And that is the ‘Ran’ which Allah mentioned: ‘Nay, but on their hearts is the Ran which they used to earn.’”(Al-Mutafifeen: 4) (Tirmidhi: 3334)

Tadabbur & Tadhakkur

- **Imagine & Feel:** Do you know that all water and oil reservoirs which are nothing but stones, when drilled through burst out with water and oil. Imagine the power of Allah and feel his greatness!
- **Dua:** **اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ، وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ، وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَشْبَعُ، وَمِنْ دَعْوَةٍ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَهَا.**
“O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the knowledge which does not benefit, from the heart that does not fear (of Allah), from the soul that does not feel contented and the supplication that is not responded” (Muslim:2722)
- **Evaluate:** We have to be careful about our actions and words because Allah is not heedless. He is watching everyone, at all times.
- **Plan:** I will try my best to soften my heart by attending Janazah, visiting graveyards and hospitals, and helping the orphans and the needy, etc.

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 come out	خُرُوجٌ	-	خَارِجٌ	أَخْرِجْ	يَخْرِجُ	خَرَجَ	خ ر ج	ن
To fall down	هَبْطٌ	مَهْبُوطٌ	هَابِطٌ	اهْبِطْ	يَهْبِطُ	هَبَطَ	ه ب ط	ض
To be unaware	غَفْلَةٌ	مَغْفُولٌ	غَافِلٌ	اغْفُلْ	يَغْفُلُ	غَفَلَ	غ ف ل	ن
To do	عَمَلٌ	مَعْمُولٌ	عَامِلٌ	اعْمَلْ	يَعْمَلُ	عَمِلَ	ع م ل	س
To be hard	قَسَاوَةٌ	-	قَاسٍ	اقْسُ	يَقْسُو	قَسَا	ق س و	دع
To fear	خَشْيَةٌ	مَخْشِيٌّ	خَاشٍ	اخْشَ	يَخْشِي	خَشِيَ	خ ش ي	رضد
To gush forth	تَفَجُّرٌ	-	مُتَفَجِّرٌ	تَفَجَّرْ	يَتَفَجَّرُ	تَفَجَّرَ	ف ج ر	تد+

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
Heart	قُلُوبٌ	قَلْبٌ
Stone	حِجَارَةٌ، أَحْجَارٌ	حَجَرٌ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. How was the behavior of Bani Israel after seeing so many signs?
2. What is meant by hardening hearts?
3. What happens to a person’s heart when he sins?