

# Lesson-1

**Aqeedah:** "A Muslim believes in seven articles of faith which is known as Iman e Mufassal (The Detailed Declaration of Faith):

أَمِنْتُ بِاللَّهِ، وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ، وَكُتُبِهِ، وَرُسُلِهِ، وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، وَالْقَدَرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى، وَالْبَعْثِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ.

**Translation:** I affirm my faith in Allah, His angels, His Books, His messengers, the Day of Judgment, Destiny, and resurrection after death.

A Muslim believes that Allah is one and only, He has no partner. He is the sustainer and master of all that exists. "

## Arkaan / Faraaiz:

Salah is the essential pillar of Islam. Allah says: "Salah is prescribed for the believers at set times." (Surah Nisaa: 103) Few points about the importance of Salah:

1. Judgment Day's first question will be for Salah.
2. The Prophet said: "The Salah is the differentiator between Muslim & disbeliever. So, if anyone abandons it, he has become a disbeliever.
3. The Best deed is to offer Salah on time.
4. Those who perform Salah on time, and with care and respect, will be awarded paradise.
5. Salah protects you from vulgarity and evil actions.

**Dua:** رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ (البقرة: 201)

**Translation:** Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

**Hadith:** The Prophet said:

إِيَّاكُمْ وَالظَّنَّ، فَإِنَّ الظَّنَّ أَكْذَبُ الْحَدِيثِ. وَلَا تَحَسَّسُوا، وَلَا تَحَسَّسُوا، وَلَا تَبَاغَضُوا، وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا.

**Translation:** Beware of suspicion, for it is the worst of false tales and don't look for the other's faults and don't spy and don't hate each other, and don't desert (cut your relations with) one another O Allah's slaves, be brothers!" (Bukhari: 6724)

**Akhlaaq:** The Prophet advised us to "love for your brother what you love for yourself."

We have to help others, and when asked for a piece of advice, we should be fair and honest. Suppose you know an easy method to learn Math or Science, you should share it with your friends. Some people hide the good things they know; remember sharing is caring.

## Prophet's visit to At-Taif:

Prophet needed a tribe that would support him & protect him in his mission. So, to seek the support of a tribe, Prophet Muhammed ﷺ, visited people of At-Taif. It is a beautiful green valley near Makkah. He took along with him his freed slave Zayd ibn Haarithah, in the month of Shawwal. The people of At-Taif were idol worshippers. Thaqeef was a big tribe among Arabia, and Prophet hope was they would support him and his mission. He went to the leaders of the tribe, Abd Yaleel, Masud & Habeeb. These three men were extremely rude and rejected the Prophet's invitation to Islam. One of them said: "I will tear the covering of the Kabah if it was true that Allah has chosen you as His messenger." The second said, "Did Allah not find anyone else to be His Messenger?" The third said, "I do not want to talk to you. If it is true that you are Allah's Messenger, you are too great for me to speak to you. If you are lying, then you are not worth answering."

He spent ten days inviting people to Islam, but none responded positively. They set the mob after him. They threw stones and abuses at him until he started bleeding. Zayd tried to protect him, but he couldn't. They continued this onslaught until he was outside the city of At-Taif. He wanted the good of the people, but they responded devilishly.

Outside the city, Prophet ﷺ & Zayd took rest in a vineyard which belonged to Utbah and Shaybah, sons of Rabee' ah. They were moved by the sight of Prophet, who was seriously injured and extremely tired. They arranged fresh grapes through their slave Addaas, who was a Christian and belonged to Nineveh. He was very much impressed by the Prophet's noble character and his manner of interaction. When the Prophet came to know about Nineveh, he told Addaas about Prophet Yunus. When he heard about the Prophet Yunus, he was overwhelmed and kissed the hand of the Prophet. Nineveh is the city where Prophet Yunus came.

## Journey back home:

The Prophet Muhammed ﷺ started his journey back to Makkah. He was heart-broken that the people couldn't see the truth. On the way back, he reached Qarn Al-Manaazil, when Jibril came with the angel of Mountains. The angel asked his permission to crush people of At-Taif, between the two mountains. The Prophet ﷺ replied: "No, I hope Allah will bring forth from them those who will worship Allah alone and will not associate anything with Him." He did not seek the punishment for the people of At-Taif despite their crimes against him.

On the way back to Makkah, the Prophet ﷺ stayed for a few days at Waadee Nakhlah. It was his routine to recite the Quran at night in prayer, a group of Jinns gathered around to listen to his recitation of the Quran. Later, Jibril told him about the Jinns. Surah Al-Jinn was revealed to him. A group of Jinns came to the Prophet and listened to the Quran. When they returned to their folks, they invited them to follow the Quran.

The Prophet ﷺ, stopped at Hira and sent a message to Mut 'im ibn Adi and asked him if he can provide protection. Mut'im ibn `Adi was the chieftain of the Banu Naufal tribe and was not a Muslim, but he has good virtues. He agreed immediately and called his sons to take out their weapons in defense of the Prophet. They gathered near Ka'bah, and Mutim announced his protection to Prophet. Anyone who would hurt the Prophet would have to face him and his sons. In this way, the Prophet was able to enter the Makkah with protection and safety.