

Lesson-3

Aqeedah: "Allah sent down a series of revelations to His Prophets. The revelations that were detailed and voluminous are ""the Books"" while the small ones are Saheefah (Scrolls). Prophets Adam, Sheesh, & Ibrahim had Saheefah, there could be more Saheefah, but we have no knowledge of its exact number. Allah revealed four 'Books.' They are:

1. Towrah: given to Musa AS.
2. Zaboor: given to Dawood AS.
3. Injeel (Bible): given to Isa AS.
4. Qur'an: given to our beloved Prophet ﷺ.

Arkaan / Faraaiz:

Number of Fardh Rakahs, and times of Salah.

1. Salat-ul Fajr: Two rak'ahs. Start time: coming of dawn. End Time: When the sky starts to turn yellowish.
2. Salat-udh-Dhuhr: Four rak'ahs. Start Time: After midday until mid-afternoon, when an object's shadow is about the same length as the object itself.
3. Salat-ul-Asr: Four rak'ahs begins from the time when the length of one's shadow is equal to one's height until the sun begins to change color before sunset. The time of Asr Salah lasts until just before sunset.
4. Salat-ul-Maghrib: it has three rak'ahs begins immediately after sunset. The time of the Maghrib prayer lasts until the twilight disappears. The twilight is the soft glowing light from the sky when the sun has already set.
5. Salat-ul-Isha: consists of four rak'ahs, begins with the disappearance of the twilight, and continues up to half the night.

Dua: رَبَّنَا إِنَّنَا أَمْنَا فَأَغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ (آل عمران: 16)

Translation: Our Lord, indeed we have believed, so forgive us our sins and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

Hadith: The Prophet said:

لَيْسَ الشَّدِيدُ بِالصُّرْعَةِ، إِنَّمَا الشَّدِيدُ الَّذِي يَمْلِكُ نَفْسَهُ عِنْدَ الْغَضَبِ. (بخارى: 6114)

Translation: The strong is not the one who overcomes the people by his strength, but the strong is the one who controls himself while in anger.

Akhlaaq: Control your anger: Anger destroys a person's wisdom, his manners, and his relation with his friends. Shaitan enjoys when a person is angry and makes mistakes and receives the loss. When we are angry, we should drink water or sit down or lie down. Shaitan makes us angry when our parents correct us, or with friends or brothers and sisters, we should immediately ask for forgiveness from Allah and recite Ta'awwuz. When angry, we should keep silent and do zikr of Allah; otherwise, Shaitan will whisper and fill your heart with hate and grudges against people.

Preaching Islam to Different Tribes and in Different Places:

The Prophet continued to preach Islam to the people of Makkah and like before they continued to reject and oppose Islam. They created lots of troubles for the Prophet and the believers. Even in those times, various Arab tribes used to visit Ka'bah for Hajj every year. Prophet would visit these caravans and present his message. Among the fiercest opponent was Abu Lahab, he used to follow the Prophet and interrupt him rudely and abruptly so that he couldn't complete and to make his message non-effective.

As was his routine, whenever a new caravan arrives during Hajj, the Prophet used to go to them and present to them the message of Islam. A group of 6 people came from Madinah for Hajj. They belonged to a well-known tribe of Khazraj. They used to hear from Jews of Madinah that a Prophet would come. When they listened to the Prophet and the message of Islam, they recalled what the Jews in Madinah lived in Madinah. They were respected & held in high esteem because of their status as the "People of the Book." They had the holy scripture Tawrah, which gave the good news a Prophet who would come soon. The Prophet would bring peace to the world and bring leadership to them. When these 6 people heard the Prophet and his invitation to Islam, they realized that this is the Prophet Jews have been eagerly waiting for. They were impressed by the message of the Quran and personality of the Prophet. They thought, "if he is the true Prophet, then we should be the first to believe and accept him before the Jews recognize him!" They embraced Islam and accepted his teachings. They returned to Madinah with the thrilling news that there was a new Prophet in Makkah whom they had met and believed in. This pledge proved a turning point in the history of Islam.

Madinah had three main groups. Aws & Khazraj were idolaters' tribes, while Jews formed the third group. The Aws & Khazraj were always at war with each other. They said to each other after meeting with the Prophet "O people! He is indeed the Messenger with which the Jews had been threatening us". So, they pledged their loyalty to the Prophet and accepted Islam.

There were two secret pledges which the Aws and the Khazraj made. They accepted Islam and extended the support to the Prophet & his companions; these two pledges were known as First & Second pledges of Aqabah.

Aqabah is a place in Mina, which is close to Makkah. The first pledge of Aqabah was taken by ten people from Khazraj & 2 from Aws, consisted of the following:

1. They will worship only Allah and will not associate any partner to Him
2. That they will not steal or commit adultery
3. That they will not kill their children
4. That they will not slander anyone in any way
5. That they will not disobey the Prophet

After the pledge, the Prophet ﷺ sent Musayb bin Umair to teach them, Islam. He was an early convert to Islam. He was noted for his knowledge of the Qur'an and his dedication to the cause of Islam. His tactfulness, good manners, diplomacy, and hard work won the allegiance of many leading men of the Aws and the Khazraj in Madinah.

Islam spread to every household in Madinah. Aws and Khazraj later came to be known as helpers (*Ansaar*). This pledge of Aqabah is one of the main turning points in the history of Islam.