

# Qur'an Lesson-11a: Ignorant masses & Scholars

(Al-Baqarah: 77-79)



## Lesson Outcomes

- Wrong actions of literates and illiterates.
- They promote false teachings & attribute them to Allah.
- They follow their whims & fancies for a small benefit.

## Recitation and Explanation

77 وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ أَنَّا اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُونَ مَا يُسْرُونَ

1 and what they declare? what they conceal knows that Allah Do not they know

وَمِنْهُمْ أُمِّيُونَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا أَمَانِيٍّ وَإِنَّهُمْ

and not they wishful thinking except the book (who) do not know 2 (are) unlettered ones, And among them

إِلَّا يَظُنُّونَ 78 فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ كَتَبُوا الْكِتَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ

with their (own) hands write the book to those who So woe guess. (do anything) except

ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَذَا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ لِيَشْتَرُوا بِهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا فَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ

So woe to them 3 (for) a little price. to barter with it (is) from Allah," "This then, they say,

79 مِمَّا كَتَبَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا يَكْسِبُونَ

they earn. for what to them and woe their hands have written for what

- 1 Earlier holy scriptures told about the arrival of Prophet Muhammed ﷺ. Despite knowing this, the Jews & Christians hid the truth. Allah knows what they hide or reveal.
- 2 Allah talks of two groups of people: **Ummis** means uneducated. Ummis don't know and don't make any effort to understand Allah's book. While the 2nd group mentioned are **scholars**, who know the book but used to commit grave sins.
  - Ignorance cannot become an excuse. We should read and follow every word of the Book of Allah & sunnah of the Prophet. Otherwise, otherwise we may be misled at any time.
- 3 In the previous verse, Allah mentioned Ummis. In this verse, Allah discusses the condition of the 2nd group -the scholars. They commit a list of grave sins as follows:
  - Change the Book of Allah by adding ideas of their own
  - Tell others that this (change) is from Allah
  - They do this for worldly gains only

- As a result, they will face "punishment over punishment." Punishment for changing the book and another punishment for seeking worldly benefits by this evil action.
- When you hear an unknown person talking about Islam, make sure to check the references (the Qur'an and Hadith).
- If you are not sure of something, you don't have to quote or say that Allah said so or the Prophet ﷺ said so. You should confirm the reference before we say it.

**Imagine & Feel:** Imagine a situation where the student is guessing the answers in the exam without proper study. What marks do you think he will score? He will fail the exam due to his ignorance of the subject. What would he feel when he receives the result?

**Think & Ponder:**

- The two groups mentioned in these verses create confusion among people and deviate them from the path of truth.
- Allah knows what is in your hearts, whether you show it, hide it, or lie about it.

**Du'a:** O, Allah! Help me learn the Qur'an and do not make me among those who do wishful thinking and make assumptions about your commands.

**Evaluate:** Am I learning the Qur'an and Sunnah and living by it?

**Plan:** When I say or hear anything related to the Qur'an & Hadith, I will confirm it as it is really from the Qur'an and Hadith or not.

**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									Nouns		
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماضٍ	Root	Code	Meaning	Plural	Singular
to write	كِتَابَةٌ	مَكْتُوبٌ	كَاتِبٌ	اُكْتُبْ	يَكْتُبُ	كَتَبَ	ك ت ب	ذ	unlettered	أُمِّيُّونَ، أُمِّيِّينَ	أُمِّيٌّ
to earn	كَسْبٌ	مَكْسُوبٌ	كَاسِبٌ	اِكْسِبْ	يَكْسِبُ	كَسَبَ	ك س ب	ض	wishful thinking	أَمَانِيٌّ	أَمْنِيَّةٌ
to decrease	قَلَّ	-	قَلِيلٌ	قَلِّ	يَقَلُّ	قَلَّ	ق ل ل	ضد	book	كُتُبٌ	كِتَابٌ
to conceal	إِسْرَارٌ	مُسْتَرٌّ	مُسْتَرٌّ	أَسْرِرْ	يُسِرُّ	أَسَرَ	س ر ر	أَسْرٌ	hand	أَيْدِيٌّ	يَدٌ
to barter	إِسْتِزَاءٌ	مُسْتَزَىٌّ	مُسْتَزَىٌّ	اِسْتِرِ	يَسْتَرِي	اِسْتَرَى	ش ر ي	اِسْتِرٌ	price	أَثْمَانٌ	ثَمَنٌ

**PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1. What are the two types of people mentioned and their behavior?
2. What is the damage to the society by these two groups mentioned in the above verses?
3. How to save ourselves from the above two groups?

**Class Project:** List any 5 points that *Ummis* do today. How would you make efforts to correct them?