

Qur'an Lesson-14d: Throw away pledges

(Al-Baqarah: 100-101)



Lesson Outcomes

- Some of the people in Bani Israel threw away the covenant.
- They rejected the guidance that confirms the earlier revelations.
- They behaved as if they are not aware of the earlier revelations.

Recitation and Explanation

أَوْ كَلَّمَا	عَهَدُوا	عَهْدًا	نَبَذَهُ	فَرِيقٌ	مِنْهُمْ ^ط
And is (it not that) whenever	they took	a covenant,	threw it away	a party	of them?
بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ	لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ 100	وَلَمَّا	جَاءَهُمْ	رَسُولٌ	مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ
most of them	(do) not believe.	And when ¹	came to them	a Messenger	from Allah
مُصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا	مَعَهُمْ	نَبَذَ	فَرِيقٌ	مِّنَ الَّذِينَ	
confirming what	(was) with them, ²	threw away	a party	of those who	
أُوتُوا	الْكِتَابَ ^ل	كِتَابَ اللَّهِ	وَرَاءَ	ظُهُورِهِمْ	لَا يَعْلَمُونَ 101
were given	the Book ³	Allah's Book ³	behind	their backs ⁴	(do) not know.

- ① They were supposed to follow Tawrah and fulfill the covenants. But, if someone does not have Iman, you cannot expect him to fulfill the covenants.
 - ② The arrival of Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم is present in Tawrah. But as usual, they ignored the Book and rejected the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.
 - ③ The reason for their rejection was not because the Qur'an was not clear. It was their arrogance. That is why Allah is telling us not to be surprised at their denial. Just look at their history. For different messengers, they did the same.
 - ④ Throwing book behind their backs means not reciting the book, not understanding it, not implementing it.
- The Qur'an is sent down to an unlettered prophet, yet it is clear to understand it and live by it. Its messages are clear proof of its truthfulness; The Quran is age proof; it guides the whole of humanity in every aspect of life till the end of the world.

Hadith: Anas RA reported that whenever the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم gave Khutbah, he said: "There is no Iman in a person who does not fulfill (his) trusts, and there is no Deen in a person who does not fulfill (his) covenants. (Musnad Ahmad: 19/376)

Imagine & Feel: Imagine a person who lost somewhere and needs someone to guide him, but when he got a person who guides him, he starts to neglect his guidance, will he be able to find the path ever?

Think & Ponder:

- A test for authenticity is to see if the present text confirms the earlier one. Here, the Qur’an was affirming what has already been revealed, even then they rejected.
- A party of Jews rejected Prophet ﷺ because Jews were not sincere.
- We must fulfill our covenants with Allah, i.e., we should worship Him, obey Him, believe in His messengers, and follow them.
- Allah sent the books for recitation, understanding, and implementation.

Du’a: O Allah! Help us to fulfill our promises and covenants.

Evaluate: Am I fulfilling my promises? Am I praying five times Salah regularly?

Plan: I’ll make sure to study Qur’an daily & implement it to the extent I can.

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 ماض	Root	Code	Meaning	Plural	Singular
to promise	عَهْدٌ	مَعْهُودٌ	عَاهِدٌ	اِعْهَدْ	يَعْهَدُ	عَهَدَ	ع ه د	س	covenant	عُهُودٌ	عَهْدٌ
to throw	نَبَذَ	مَنْبُودٌ	نَابِذٌ	اِنْبِذْ	يَنْبِذُ	نَبَذَ	ن ب ذ	ض	party	فُرُقَاءٌ	فَرِيقٌ
to come	جِيئَةٌ	-	جَاءٌ	جِئْ	يَجِيءُ	جَاءَ	ج ي أ	ز	book	كُتُبٌ	كِتَابٌ
to believe	اِيْمَانٌ	مُؤْمِنٌ	مُؤْمِنٌ	اِئْمِنْ	يُؤْمِنُ	اٰمَنَ	ا م ن	أَسَدٌ*	back	ظُهُورٌ	ظَهْرٌ
to give	اِيْتَاءٌ	مُؤْتَى	مُؤْتٍ	اِئْتِ	يُؤْتِي	اٰتَى	ا ت ي	أَسَدٌ*			

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What did a group in Bani Israel do when they made the covenants with Allah?
2. How did Bani Israel behave when the guidance came to them that was confirming the earlier revelations?
3. What is the test of authenticity of a text as mentioned above?

Class Project:

Make a list of events where the Bani Israel broke their promises.

Family Project:

Discuss with your family and write the importance of keeping up the promises. Make a list of your promises that you completed and not completed. What are the benefits if you keep the promise and what are the losses if someone doesn’t keep the promises?