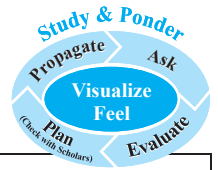


# Qur'an Lesson-15a: Followed the devils

(Al-Baqarah: 102)



## Lesson Outcomes

- During the reign of Sulaiman AS, the people of Israel turned away from the Book of Allah and followed evil.
- Sulaiman AS followed the guidance and was not among disbelievers.
- Two angles *Harut* and *Marut* were a test for the people.
- Those two angles told people not to learn and practice magic.

## Recitation and Explanation

وَاتَّبَعُوا	مَا	تَتْلُوا	الشَّيْطِينَ	عَلَى	مُلْكِ	سُلَيْمَانَ
And they followed	what	recite(d)	the devils	over	(the) kingdom	(of) Sulaiman.
وَمَا	كَفَرُوا	سُلَيْمَانَ	وَلَكِنَّ	الشَّيْطِينَ	كَفَرُوا	
And not	disbelieved	Sulaiman	[and] but	the devils	disbelieved,	
يُعَلِّمُونَ	النَّاسَ	السِّحْرَ	وَمَا	أُنزِلَ	عَلَى الْمَلَائِكِينَ	
they teach	the people	[the] magic	and what	was sent down	to the two angels	
بِبَابِلَ	هَارُوتَ	وَمَارُوتَ	وَمَا	يُعَلِّمِينَ	مِنْ أَحَدٍ	حَتَّى
in Babylon,	Harut	and Marut.	And not	they both teach	any one	unless
يَقُولَآ	إِنَّمَا	نَحْنُ	فِتْنَةٌ	فَلَا	تَكْفُرُ	
they [both] say,	"Only	we	(are) a trial,	so (do) not	disbelieve."	

- ① During the time of prophet Sulaiman AS, magic was common. So, he collected the books on magic and buried them.
- Evil people spread the rumor that Sulaiman AS had become a ruler through magic. The evil people promoted the evil practice by saying: We will teach you the magic to make you great!
- The people of that time were far away from the guidance, as mentioned in earlier verses. Now they turned to practice magic.
- ② Allah says: Sulaiman did not do Kufr; Shayateen did. Practicing magic is kufr.
- ③ “*Harut*” and “*Marut*” were angels; they were a test for the people. Before teaching the magic to the people, the angels warned them that they are a test from Allah. They told them not to learn and practice magic.
- These people had a strong inclination towards evil, as they were away from Allah's guidance. They were easy prey to Shayateen's whispers. Angels' warnings did not affect them.
- Angels pray for good people and help them. Here, Allah sent these two angels as a test for those evil people.

**Hadith:** The Prophet ﷺ said: "Avoid the seven noxious things: Associating anything with Allah, magic, killing one whom Allah has declared inviolate without a just cause, devouring usury, consuming the property of an orphan, turning back when the army advances, and slandering chaste women who are believers but indiscreet." (Bukhari: 6857)

**Imagine & Feel:** Suppose you see a bad weather forecast. If a person ignores this and still travel, he will face the unfortunate consequence. He will be left to regret it.

**Think & Ponder:**

- When we hear the warning from someone, we pause and ponder or stop the activity. An arrogant and misguided person will ignore the warnings and continue to do what he likes. Their thinking will be biased. For such people, failure and regret are the results.
- In this case, the warnings were from the Angels. Still, they ignored. Imagine the low state of their Iman. It is Haram to learn or practice magic.

**Du'a:** O Allah! Keep us away from all deeds that You declared Haram. O, Allah! Make us successful in all the trails that you have destined for us.

**Evaluate:** Do we avoid Haram activities? Do we try to learn or practice Haram things? Do we accept suggestions and warnings from good people seriously?

**Plan:** Inshallah! I will keep away from Haram activities and take heed of advice and warnings that keep me safe from harm.

**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 take possession	مَلَكَ	مَمْلُوكٌ	مَالِكٌ	اِمْلِكْ	يَمْلِكُ	مَلَكَ	م ل ك	ضد	Satan	شَيْطَانِينَ	شَيْطَانٌ
to witch	سَجَرَ	مَسْجُورٌ	سَاجِرٌ	اِسْحَرْ	يَسْحَرُ	سَجَرَ	س ح ر	ف	magic	اَسْحَارٌ	بِسْحَرٍ
to tempt	فَتَنَ	مَفْتُونٌ	فَاتِنٌ	اِفْتِنْ	يَفْتِنُ	فَتَنَ	ف ت ن	ضد	angel	مَلَائِكِينَ <sup>2</sup>	مَلَكٌ
to recite	تَلَا	مَتْلُو	تَالٍ	اَتْلُ	يَتْلُو	تَلَا	ت ل و	ءد	trial	فِتْنٌ	فِتْنَةٌ
to follow	اَتَّبَعَ	مُتَّبِعٌ	مُتَّبِعٌ	اَتَّبِعْ	يَتَّبِعُ	اَتَّبَعَ	ت ب ع	اخذ*			

**PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1. Who was Sulaiman AS, and what he did he do with books on magic?
2. What warnings did the Angels give before teaching magic?
3. What is the meaning of *وَاتَّبِعُوا مَا تَتْلُوا الشَّيَاطِينُ*?

**Class Project:**

Allah gave Sulaiman AS the most powerful kingdom in the history of humanity. Describe the unique features that made him the most powerful king ever.