



Qur'an Lesson-11b: Fire won't touch?

(Al-Baqarah: 80)

Lesson Outcomes

- Bani Israel's false claim: 'they are special & fire will not touch them,'
- They say: even if it does, it will be only for a few days.
- It's a grave sin to attribute false claims to Allah based on the whims.

Recitation and Explanation

مَعْدُودَةً	أَيَّامًا	إِلَّا	النَّارَ	لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا	وَقَالُوا
1 numbered."	(for) days	except	the Fire	"Never will touch us	And they say,
يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ	فَلَنْ	عَهْدًا	عِنْدَ اللَّهِ	أَتَّخَذْتُمْ	قُلْ
will Allah break	so never	2 a covenant,	from Allah	"Have you taken	Say,
80 لَا تَعْلَمُونَ	مَا	عَلَى اللَّهِ	أَمْ تَقُولُونَ	عَهْدَهُ	
3 you do not know?"	what	about Allah	Or do you say	His covenant?	

- Whatever we say or do, it should be based on the Qur'an and Sunnah. You may find some people who speak as if they know Islam, and they would say: *This is right in Islam; this is wrong in Islam*, etc. But it is a very grave sin to speak about Islam without the proper knowledge and evidence from the Qur'an and Sunnah. The correct and easiest way is to ask a reliable scholar if we want to know the truth.
- 1 The false claim of Bani Israel at the time of Prophet ﷺ was that the fire would not touch them, even if it did, it would be for a few days. They believed they are special and preferred people by Allah.
- 2 Allah says: Have you taken a covenant from Allah? Do you find such thing in your book as a proof? Is there any basis for such a big claim?
- 3 قَالَ means he said; قَالَ عَلَى means he said against someone.

Hadith: The Prophet ﷺ said: "He who lags in doing good deeds, his noble lineage will not make him go ahead." [Muslim, 2699a]. Islam presents a fair system, where the rewards are based on performance.

- In his last sermon, the Prophet ﷺ said, "There is no priority of one over the others, except in piety."
- In a way, we are all children of Adam AS. We can't say: Because our great grandfather was a Prophet, the fire won't touch us or that we will go to Jannah directly, even if we do wrong deeds.

Imagine & Feel: Suppose someone spreads a false rumor that the class teacher is awarding full marks to a certain student irrespective of performance. Feel the anger of the teacher when he/she comes to know about it. His/her first response would be, “Where is the proof of this?”. Surely the person who spread the rumor will be punished.

Think & Ponder:

- Allah created a fair and balanced system that gives justice to all. If someone lives in a fantasy that he is unique without any basis, then he will be a big loser.
- Allah knows best who goes to heaven and hell. Keep doing the good deeds and be hopeful of Allah’s mercy and His forgiveness. A pious person is always humble and quick to repent.

Du’a: O, Allah! Help me do good deeds and avoid evil deeds.

Evaluate: Am I making any false claims, or lying about something?

Plan: I will study the Qur’an & Hadith in detail to be safe from confusions and false claims and other evils.

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								
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماضٍ	Root	Code
to take covenant	عَهْدٌ	مَعْهُودٌ	عَاهِدٌ	اِعْهَدْ	يَعْهَدُ	عَهَدَ	ع ه د	س
to know	عِلْمٌ	مَعْلُومٌ	عَالِمٌ	اِعْلَمْ	يَعْلَمُ	عَلِمَ	ع ل م	س
to touch	مَسٌ	مَمْسُوسٌ	مَاسٌ	مَسَّ	يَمَسُّ	مَسَّ	م س س	مس
to take	اِتِّخَاذٌ	مُتَّخَذٌ	مُتَّخِذٌ	اِتَّخِذْ	يَتَّخِذُ	اِتَّخَذَ	أ خ ذ	أس*

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
day	أَيَّامٌ	يَوْمٌ
covenant	عُهُودٌ	عَهْدٌ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What did the Bani Israel mean “fire will not touch us except for few days”?
2. What was the reason behind Bani Israel’s this claim?
3. Why were the Bani Israel’s claims false?