

# Qur'an Lesson-16b: Don't ask unnecessary questions!

(Al-Baqarah: 108)

## Lesson Outcomes

- Allah mentions the questioning habit of Jews to Musa AS.
- This habit leads to the exchange of disbelief with faith.
- Such a person will be astray from the straight path.

## Recitation and Explanation

<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">مِنْ قَبْلُ</span> <sup>ط</sup>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">مُوسَى</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">سُئِلَ</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">كَمَا</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">رَسُولَكُمْ</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">أَنْ تَسْأَلُوا</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">أَمْ تُرِيدُونَ</span>
before?	Musa	was sked	As	your Messenger	that you ask	Or (do) you wish
<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">ضَلَّ</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">فَقَدْ</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">بِالْإِيمَانِ</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">الْكُفْرَ</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">يَتَبَدَّلُ</span>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">وَمَنْ</span>	
he went astray (from)	so certainly	with [the] faith,	[the] disbelief	exchanges	And whoever	
				<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">السَّبِيلِ</span> <sup>108</sup>	<span style="font-size: 1.2em;">سَوَاءً</span>	
				(of) the way.	(from) evenness	

- ① Jews at the time of Musa AS used to ask irrelevant questions, disobeying him, and demanding unreasonable things. For example, they asked him to show Allah openly. As a result of such an outrageous demand, they were struck by a thunderbolt, and all of them died. Later, Musa AS pleaded Allah, and they were brought back to life.
- A person asked Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم to send down the book from the sky or bring rivers as proof of prophethood. Allah warned Muslims not to ask such questions. For sincere people there are enough number of Allah's signs around.
- ② رَسُولَكُمْ is addressed to Jews too. O Jews! Your messenger is Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم now. Don't misbehave as you did earlier with Musa AS.
- We should not question the guidelines or commands given in authentic Hadith / Sunnah. If we don't understand anything from Qur'an or Hadith, then we should ask a scholar.

**Hadith:** Abu Huraira RA reported that he heard Allah's Messenger صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم as saying: Avoid that which I forbid you to do and do that which I command you to do to the best of your capacity. Verily the people before you went to their doom because they had put too many questions to their Prophets and then disagreed with their teachings. (Muslim 1337b)

**Imagine & Feel:** Imagine a student who even after getting clear guidelines- keeps asking irrelevant questions from the teacher and does not focus on his homework? Will his teacher be happy with him? Like this, we are given clear guidance to follow it, so instead of asking an unreasonable question, we should follow the guidance.

**Think & Ponder:**

- You can ask questions to learn but not those that are rebellious in nature or stubbornness.
- Allah helps the serious and sincere learner.

**Du'a:** O Allah! Help us value the blessings of Islam and the Messenger ﷺ.

**Evaluate:** Am I a sincere learner of Islam?

**Plan:** Insha'Allah! I will ask scholars whenever I have doubts or questions about Islam.

**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 disbelieve	كُفِرَ	مَكْفُورٌ	كَافِرٌ	أَكْفُرْ	يَكْفُرُ	كَفَرَ	ك ف ر	ذ
to ask	سُئِلَ	مَسْئُولٌ	سَائِلٌ	سَلْ	يَسْأَلُ	سَأَلَ	س أ ل	ف
to go astray	ضَلَّ	-	ضَالٌ	ضِلْ	يَضِلُّ	ضَلَّ	ض ل ل	ض
to intend	إِرَادَةٌ	مُرَادٌ	مُرِيدٌ	أَرِدْ	يُرِيدُ	أَرَادَ	ر و د	أ س +
to exchange	تَبَدَّلَ	-	مُتَبَدِّلٌ	تَبَدَّلْ	يَتَبَدَّلُ	تَبَدَّلَ	ب د ل	ت د +

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
messenger	رُسُلٌ	رَسُولٌ
path	سَبِيلٌ	سَبِيلٌ

**PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1. Which behavior of Jews with Musa AS is mentioned here?
2. What is the meaning of رَسُولِكُمْ and who is addressed by this term?
3. What is wrong with the questions that Jews at the time Musa used to ask?

**Class Project:**

Write five wrong questions asked by students to the teacher, and what type of questions should be asked?