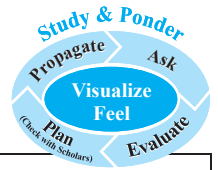


Qur'an Lesson-16d: Paradise for Jews & Christians only?

(Al-Baqarah: 111-112)



Lesson Outcomes

- Jews and Christians claim that Jannah is only for them.
- Their claim is without proof.
- Allah will reward those who submit themselves willingly.

Recitation and Explanation

وَقَالُوا	لَنْ يَدْخُلَ	الْجَنَّةَ	إِلَّا	مَنْ كَانَ هُودًا	أَوْ نَصْرِيًّا
And they said,	"Never will enter	the Paradise	except	who is (a) Jew[s]	Or (a) Christian[s]."
تِلْكَ	أَمَانِيهِمْ	قُلْ	هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ	إِنْ كُنْتُمْ	صَادِقِينَ
That	(is) their wishful thinking.	Say,	"Bring your proof	if you are	[those who are] truthful."
بَلَىٰ	مَنْ أَسْلَمَ	وَجْهَهُ	لِلَّهِ	وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ	فَلَهُ
Yes,	Whoever submits	his face	to Allah	and he (is) a good-doer,	so for him
أَجْرَهُ	عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ	وَلَا خَوْفٌ	عَلَيْهِمْ	وَلَا هُمْ	يَحْزَنُونَ
(is) his reward	With his Lord.	And no fear	(will be) on them	and not they	(will) grieve.

- ① Jews and Christians claimed they are the only ones who will enter paradise, even though they had lost the connection with true guidance.
- ② Qur'an says: Bring your proof! Just claims or wishful thinking are not enough.
- ③ Jannah is a fair and equal opportunity destination for anyone who worked for it. The only conditions are: Submit to Allah and be a *Mohsin* (good doer). No other way. Jannah is a serious target; one needs to be fully dedicated to achieving it.
- ④ *Mohsin* is from *Ihsan*: To do the best. No work can be good unless it is according to the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ.
- ⑤ Two great rewards are mentioned for the one who submits to Allah and is a Mohsin.
 - **No fear**: for what is to come in the hereafter.
 - **No grief**: for what is left or for the losses of the past.

Hadith: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "The wise man is the one who takes account of himself and strives for that which is after death. And the helpless man is the one who follows his whims then indulges in wishful thinking about Allah." (Ibn-e-Majah: 4260)

Imagine & Feel: Feel the jubilation of a *Mohsin*, when he will be awarded Jannah on the day of judgment.

- Imagine a student who had wishful thinking to top the exam without supported by hard work. He could not pass the exams. Like this, mere wishful thinking does not take anyone to Jannah.

Think & Ponder:

- The conditions to enter Jannah are: (1) to have Ikhlāas or sincerity; and (2) to perform the deeds according to the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Du'a: O Allah! Help us to become *Mohsinoon* (good doers).

Evaluate: Check the intention while doing good deeds. Is there any show-off in them?

Plan: Insha'Allah! I will always check my actions and make sure that I follow the Qur'an & Sunnah.

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 become truthful	صَدَقَ	مَصْدُوقٌ	صَادِقٌ	أُصِدِّقُ	يَصْدُقُ	صَدَقَ	ص د ق	ذ	wishful thinking	أَمَانِي	أُمِّيَّةٌ
to give reward	أَجَرَ	مَأْجُورٌ	أَجْرٌ	أُؤَجِّرُ	يَأْجُرُ	أَجَرَ	أ ج ر	ذ	proof	بَرَاهِين	بُرْهَانٌ
to grieve	حَزَنَ	مَحْزُونٌ	حَزْنٌ	أَحْزَنُ	يَحْزَنُ	حَزَنَ	ح ز ن	س	face	وُجُوهُ	وَجْهٌ
to fear	خَوَّفَ	مَخْوُوفٌ	خَافٌ	أَخْشَنُ	يَخْشَنُ	خَافَ	خ و ف	خا	reward	أُجُورٌ	أَجْرٌ
to do good	أَحْسَنَ	مُحْسِنٌ	مُحْسِنٌ	أُحْسِنُ	يُحْسِنُ	أَحْسَنَ	ح س ن	أس+			

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What false claim did the Jews and Christians make?
2. What is the Arabic word used for wishful thinking?
3. What are the two great rewards mentioned for *Mohsinoon*?

Family Project:

Write any ten habits that *Muhsinoon* will have and a plan on how to develop them.