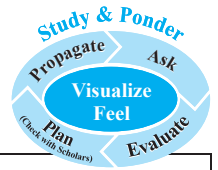


# Qur'an Lesson-18a: Jews & Christians won't be pleased...

(Al-Baqarah: 120-121)



## Lesson Outcomes

- Jews and Christians are not pleased until you follow them.
- Allah will not help those who follow their religion.
- Guidance of Allah is the best guidance.

## Recitation and Explanation

<b>وَلَنْ</b>	<b>تَرْضَى</b>	<b>عَنْكَ</b>	<b>الْيَهُودُ</b>	<b>وَلَا النَّصْرَى</b>	<b>حَتَّى</b>	<b>تَتَّبِعَ</b>	<b>مِلَّتَهُمْ</b>		
1	their religion.	you follow	until	and [nor] the Christians	the Jews	with you	I will be pleased	And never	
<b>قُلْ</b>	<b>إِنَّ هُدَى اللَّهِ</b>	<b>هُوَ</b>	<b>الْهُدَى</b>	<b>وَلَسِنِ</b>	<b>اتَّبَعْتَ</b>	<b>أَهْوَاءَهُمْ</b>	<b>بَعْدَ</b>		
after	3	their desires	you follow	And if	2	(is) the Guidance."	it	"Indeed(the) Guidance of Allah,	Say,
<b>الَّذِي</b>	<b>جَاءَكَ</b>	<b>مِنَ الْعِلْمِ</b>	<b>مَا لَكَ</b>	<b>مِنَ اللَّهِ</b>	<b>مِنْ وَّلِيٍّ</b>	<b>وَلَا نَصِيرٍ</b>	<b>120</b>		
and not any helper.	any protector	from Allah	not for you	of the knowledge,	has come to you	what			
<b>الَّذِينَ</b>	<b>آتَيْنَهُمُ</b>	<b>الْكِتَابَ</b>	<b>يَتْلُونَهُ</b>	<b>حَقًّا</b>	<b>تِلَاوَتِهِ</b>	<b>أُولَئِكَ</b>	<b>يُؤْمِنُونَ</b>		
believe	Those (people)	4	(of) it's recitation.	(as it has the) right	recite it	the Book	We have given them	Those	
<b>بِهِ</b>	<b>وَمَنْ</b>	<b>يَكْفُرْ بِهِ</b>	<b>فَأُولَئِكَ</b>	<b>هُمْ</b>	<b>الْخٰسِرُونَ</b>	<b>121</b>			
(are) the losers.	those (people)	then those,	disbelieves in it,	And whoever	5	in it.			

- ① The Prophet ﷺ put all possible efforts to invite the people of the Book, but very few responded while most of them were unhappy and displeased. Here Allah tells the Prophet ﷺ that there is no possibility of pleasing them unless he accepts their religion. Therefore, do not seek what pleases or appeases them, and focus on to what pleases Allah by calling them to the truth that He sent you with.
- ② In response to their wish, Allah instructed the Prophet ﷺ to tell them that Allah's guidance is the true guidance, and therefore, he can't give in to their desires.
- ③ Surrendering to anyone's desire to please him is against Islam, it results in ultimate loss. Such a person will lose guidance and protection from Allah.
- ④ The people of the book who read their own book truthfully, will accept Islam. The word Tilawah has two meanings: (i) to recite; (ii) to follow.
- ⑤ They follow the book by believing in its teachings and practicing them. They are the true people of the book. Such people indeed believed in Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and entered Islam.

- We should fulfill all the rights of the Qur'an. Like: Recite with Tajweed, understand it, ponder upon it, implement it, and propagate it, etc.
- The people who do Tilawah as it should be done are the people who believe in it. His faith increases when the relationship with Quran improves.

**An interesting tip:** Depending upon the context, Allah uses different styles.

- اتَيْنَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ “We gave them the book”: When Allah is pleased with those people.
- الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ “Those given the book”: When Allah is not happy with them.

**Hadith:** The Prophet ﷺ said, "The example of a believer who recites the Qur'an and acts on it is like a citron which tastes nice and smells nice. And the example of a believer who does not recite the Qur'an but acts on it is like a date which tastes good but has no smell. And the example of a hypocrite who recites the Qur'an is like a Raihana (sweet basil) which smells good but tastes bitter. And the example of a hypocrite who does not recite the Qur'an is like a colocynth which tastes bitter and has a bad smell." (Bukhari: 5020)

**Imagine & Feel:** Imagine the effort the Prophet ﷺ put in to invite people. They accepted him as a great person, and they acknowledge his qualities of being kind, truthful, honest, loyal, etc. but they rejected his most significant position as a Prophet ﷺ.

### Think & Ponder:

- Some people don't like Islam because they don't like to follow the truth, or they got the wrong information or because Shaitan has confused them. Such people want you to follow their culture, religion, way of life, manners and finally, become one of them. True guidance is from Allah only. We should stick to it.
- We should do proper Tilawah of the Quran, i.e., recite it properly and follow its teachings.

**Du'a:** O Allah! Keep us firm on the belief. Let not the mischief of others distract us from following Your book.

**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 lose	خَسِرَ	مَخْسُورٌ	خَاسِرٌ	اِحْسِرْ	يَخْسِرُ	خَسِرَ	خ س ر	س	religion	مِلَّةٌ	مِلَّةٌ
to be pleased	رَضِيَ	مَرْضِيٌّ	رَاضٍ	ارْضُ	يَرْضَى	رَضِيَ	ر ض ي	رض	desire	أَهْوَاءٌ	هَوًى
to recite	تَلَا	مَتْلُوٌّ	تَالٍ	اتْلُ	يَتْلُو	تَلَا	ت ل و	دع	knowledge	عُلُومٌ	عِلْمٌ
to follow	اتَّبَعَ	مُتَّبِعٌ	مُتَّبِعٌ	اتَّبِعْ	يَتَّبِعُ	اتَّبَعَ	ت ب ع	إخ+			

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What did Allah say to the Prophet ﷺ when Jews & Christians rejected his message?
2. Explain the meaning of Tilawah, as mentioned in the lesson?
3. How can we fulfill the rights of the Qur'an?

**Class Project:** Make a graphical chart of the Hadith mentioned in this lesson.