

Qur'an Lesson-18b: Bani Israel! Remember the favors

(Al-Baqarah: 122-123)



Lesson Outcomes

- Allah reminds Bani Israel of His special favor on them.
- As a nation, they had a special status, such as Allah sent numerous Prophets and made Kings amongst them.
- Fear the Day of Judgement when no intercession, no help except Allah.

Recitation and Explanation

يَبْنِي	إِسْرَائِيلَ	اذْكُرُوا	نِعْمَتِي	الَّتِي	أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ
O Children	(of) Israel!	Remember	My Favor	which ¹	I bestowed upon you
وَأَنِّي	فَضَّلْتُكُمْ	عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ 122	وَاتَّقُوا	يَوْمًا	لَا تَجْزِي
and that I	[I] preferred you	over the worlds.	And fear	a day ² (in which)	will not avail
نَفْسٍ	عَنْ نَفْسٍ	شَيْئًا	وَلَا يُقْبَلُ	مِنْهَا	عَدْلٌ
a soul	(another) soul	anything;	and will not be accepted	from it	any compensation;
وَلَا تَنْفَعُهَا	شَفَاعَةُ	وَلَا هُمْ	يُنصَرُونَ 123		
and will not benefit it	any intercession;	and not they	will be helped.		

- ① Allah reminds Bani Israel of His favors again. He bestowed upon them leadership by sending many Prophets from among them. Allah made some of them, kings and rulers. Neither did they earn those favors nor deserve them. Any favor like leadership among is only due to Allah's mercy and kindness.
- Frequently remembering Allah's favors helps us to be thankful, become sincere and be obedient servants.
- Instead of thanking Allah by following His commands, they became arrogant, mocked Allah's messengers and rules, and were proud of meaningless rituals and customs. They should have promptly accepted the message of Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم but they became his opponents.
- **Think:** Like Bani Israel, we have been awarded so many favors. The most important favors are: the Qur'an, and being in the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.
- ② Don't lose focus, i.e., keep the Day of Judgment in front of your eyes. If a person remembers the Day of Judgment, he will not be misled by Shaitan. Such a person will follow the truth even if it is difficult or against his/her wishes.
- On the Day of Judgment, without the help of Allah, all doors will be closed: (1) No human being will be held responsible for anyone else; (2) Neither the wealth will work (3) nor will anyone's intercession benefit (4) without the permission of Allah, no power can help anyone.

Hadith: Narrated Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه, the Prophet of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: “On the Day of Resurrection Allah will hold the whole earth and fold the heaven with His right hand and say, ‘I am the King; where are the kings of the earth?’” (Bukhari: 4812)

Imagine & Feel: Day of Judgment will be very tough. There will be no helper on that day except Allah. So, remembering it frequently will make it easy to overcome wrong temptations and desires.

Think & Ponder:

- The biggest favor of Allah upon us is the Holy Quran, it will save us on the Day of Judgement inshallah if we follow the guidance in it.
- Bani Israel were chosen over all other nations. This was a great favor upon them by Allah as well as a huge responsibility to follow & share the message.
- Remembering Allah’s favors helps us develop gratitude and makes it easy to follow Allah’s commands.

Du’a: O Allah! Make me your thankful and obedient servant. Grant me Jannah on the Day of Judgment, out of Your mercy.

Evaluate: Do we focus on working good deeds to get Allah’s mercy?

Plan: InshaAllah! I will remembering Allah’s favors especially when doing the Zikr of *Alhamdulillah*.

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 benefit	نَفَع	مُنْفَع	نَافِع	انْفَع	يُنْفَع	نَفَع	ن ف ع	ف	favor	نِعْم	نِعْمَة
to avail	جَزَاء	مَجْزِي	جَازٍ	اجْزِ	يَجْزِي	جَزَى	ج ز ي	هد	world	عَالَمُونَ، عَالَمِينَ	عَالَم
to bestow	إِنْعَام	مُنْعَم	مُنْعِم	انْعِم	يُنْعِم	انْعَم	ن ع م	أسد+	day	أَيَّام	يَوْم
to prefer	تَفْضِيل	مُفْضَل	مُفْضِل	فَضِل	يُفْضِل	فَضَلَ	ف ض ل	علد+	soul, self	أَنْفُس	نَفْس
to fear	إِتْقَاء	مُتَّقِي	مُتَّقٍ	اتَّقِ	يَتَّقِي	اتَّقَى	و ق ي	إخ+			

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Explain the meaning of “*Bani Israel were chosen over all other nations*”.
2. How does the remembering of Day of Judgement helps in being on straight path?
3. How will be situation on the Day of Judgement as mentioned in the above Ayah and Hadith?

Class Project:

List the names of Prophets (peace be upon them) that were sent to Bani Israel and list briefly about them. Use the map to mark their location wherever possible.