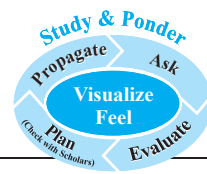


Qur'an Lesson-18d: House of Allah & the city

(Al-Baqarah: 125-126)



Lesson Outcomes

- Ka'bah is made a place of prayer and a place of security.
- Covenant with Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام and Ismail عليه السلام.
- Dua of Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام.

Recitation and Explanation

وَاتَّخَذُوا	وَأَمْنًا	لِلنَّاسِ	مَثَابَةً	الْبَيْتِ	وَإِذْ جَعَلْنَا
and (said), "Take	and (a place of) security	for mankind	a place of return ¹	the House	And when We made
أَنْ تَطَهَّرُوا	إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ	وَعَهَدْنَا إِلَىٰ	مُصَلًّى	مِنْ مَقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ	
[that],[You both] purify	Ibrahim and Ismail	And We made a covenant with	(as) a place of prayer."	[from] (the) standing place(of) Ibrahim,	
الَّذِينَ	وَالرُّكَّعِ	وَالْعَافِيْنَ	لِلطَّائِفِينَ	بَيْتِي	
and those who prostrate."	and those who bow down	and those who seclude themselves for devotion and prayer	for those who circumambulate	My House	
أَهْلَهُ	وَأَرْزُقْ	بَلَدًا آمِنًا	اجْعَلْ هَذَا	رَبِّ	قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ
its people	and provide	a secure city	make this	"My Lord	Ibrahim said,
وَمَنْ كَفَرَ	قَالَ	وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ	بِاللَّهِ	مِنْهُمْ	مَنْ
"And whoever disbelieved,	He said,	and the last Day.	in Allah	from them	believed
فَأَمَّتْهُ	وَبِئْسَ	إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ	ثُمَّ أَصْطَرَّهُ	فَلِيَلًا	فَأَمَّتْهُ
(is) the destination.	and evil ²	to (the) punishment (of) the fire,	then I will force him	a little;	[then] I will grant him enjoyment

- ① Allah has made the Ka'bah a meeting place for humanity and a place of worship and a place of peace. Ibrahim عليه السلام asked for safety and provisions for the city, and his prayers were accepted. One can see miracles in the city of Makkah; these miracles have been there for the past 100's of years.
- ② Earlier, regarding leadership, Allah said that it would not reach the wrongdoers. Therefore, out of respect, Ibrahim عليه السلام asked Allah for provision for believers only. Allah said: Not only believers but non-believers also will get provisions because this Dunya (world) is a test. However, the non-believers will end up in extremely painful punishment of the fire.

Live Miracles in Makkah

1. Makkah has no greenery or lakes or pleasant weather; it has only black mountains and valleys! Allah made it **مَثَابَةً** almost 5000 years ago and until today, there is no place on the earth where millions go to this place for Hajj from all countries of the world. They are happy to spend their lifesavings just to make it to the city.

2. مقام إبراهيم The place where Ibrahim عليه السلام stood! Compare it with other things in the history. Even the most sacred books of other religions are not preserved. Here Allah mentioned مقام and it is preserved till today!
3. Umrah, Tawaf, Salah, Zikr, and prayers are continuously performed throughout the year by thousands every day in Makkah.
4. It is a secure city. All historical places and cities have been attacked or destroyed and rebuilt in different wars. Makkah has been untouched from the time it was established, i.e., for the last 5000 years.
5. Makkah is full of black mountains with no vegetation! Still you can find all types of provisions there, throughout the year, coming from various parts of the world. It is clear sign of the acceptance of Ibrahim's عليه السلام dua for Makkah.
6. Zamzam water gushes forth unstopped for thousands of years, benefitting millions of people. Its water composition is unique in the world with lots of medicinal properties. Most amazing is that the water comes out in a valley of no vegetation, no ponds, no rivers, and no other source of water nearby!

Hadith: The Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said: If the world to Allah was equal to a mosquito's wing, then He would not allow the disbeliever to have a sip of water from it. (Tirmidhi: 2320)

Think & Ponder:

- Real leadership is the one that is obedient to Allah. It's not about power, fame or wealth. Such real leaders will be respected even when they are no more, this is only by the grace of Allah.
- Ibrahim's عليه السلام supplication for Makkah as a place of security and availability of abundance of food.
- Allah will provide food to all whether they believe or not but will punish those who do wrong.

Du'a: O Allah! Accept our Duas and bless us with Hajj and Umrah.

Plan: InshaAllah! I will commit some time to do service for Masjid such as cleaning the Masjid and helping the children enjoy coming to the Masjid.

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 ماضٍ	Root	Code	Meaning	Plural	Singular
to make covenant	عَهْدٌ	مَعْهُودٌ	عَاهِدٌ	اِعْهَدْ	يَعْهَدُ	عَهَدَ	ع ه د	س	the one who bow down	رُكِعٌ	رَاكِعٌ
to be secure	أَمْنٌ	مَأْمُونٌ	اِمْنٌ	اِئْمِنْ	يَأْمُنُ	أَمِنَ	أ م ن	س	the one who prostrate	سُجُودٌ	سَاجِدٌ
to purify	تَطْهِيرٌ	مُطَهَّرٌ	مُطَهِّرٌ	طَهِّرْ	يُطَهِّرُ	طَهَّرَ	ط ه ر	علا+	fire	نَبِيرَانٌ	نَارٌ
to grant enjoyment	تَمْتِيعٌ	مُتَمِّعٌ	مُتَمِّعٌ	مَتِّعْ	يُمَتِّعُ	مَتَّعَ	م ت ع	علا+			

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What was the response of Allah to the dua of Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام?
2. What was the covenant by Allah with the Prophets Ibrahim and Ismail عليه السلام?
3. List out 3 miracles of Makkah.