

Qur'an Lesson-19a: Construction of Ka'ba and Duas

(Al-Baqarah: 127-129)



Lesson Outcomes

- Ibrahim عليه السلام and Ismail عليه السلام reconstructed Ka'bah.
- They prayed for a prophet that will do four essential duties.
- Essential elements to be asked in Duas.

Recitation and Explanation

وَأَذِ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ	الْقَوَاعِدَ	مِنَ الْبَيْتِ	وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ	رَبَّنَا	تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا
And when Ibrahim (was) raising	the foundations	of the House	and Ismail,	(saying), "Our Lord!	Accept from us.
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ 127	رَبَّنَا	وَاجْعَلْنَا	مُسْلِمِينَ	لَكَ	
the All-Knowing.	Our Lord!	[and] Make us	both submissive	to You,	
وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا	أُمَّةً مُّسْلِمَةً	لَكَ	وَأَرْنَا	مَنَاسِكَنَا	وَتُبَّ عَلَيْنَا
and from our offspring	a submissive community	to You.	And show us	our ways of worship	and turn to us.
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ 128	رَبَّنَا	وَابْعَثْ	فِيهِمْ	رَسُولًا	
the Oft-returning,	Our Lord!	[And] raise up	in them	a Messenger	
يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ	عَلَيْهِمْ	الَّتِيكَ	وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ	الْكِتَابَ	وَالْحِكْمَةَ
(who) will recite from them	to them	Your Verses	and will teach them	the Book	and the wisdom
وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ	إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ	الْعَزِيزُ	الْحَكِيمُ 129		
and purify them.	Indeed You!	the All-Mighty	the All-Wise."		

- ① Adam AS first constructed the Ka'bah, and it was the first place on earth to worship Allah. Ibrahim عليه السلام and Isma'il عليه السلام were raising it further.
- ② This Du'a shows sincerity, humility, and the purpose of all efforts: That Allah accepts them.
- ③ O Allah! You hear all that we are asking. You are above the seven heavens and still You hears us instantly! You know our condition and our heart. See the firm, deep, and powerful faith and trust in Allah as expressed in these words.
- ④ Ibrahim عليه السلام asked for a messenger that will do four actions that are essential to raising a proper Ummah. Let us check his Du'a in the context of the mission of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم:
 - (1) **Do Tilawah:** Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم conveyed the message through the Qur'an.
 - (2) **Teach the book:** Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم explained the meanings by words and actions.

- (3) **Teach the wisdom:** Ahadeeth and Seerah are full of his wise sayings and actions.
- (4) **Tazkiyah:** Removing evils and growing good in faith and morals both at individual and social levels.

- 5 After Du'a, Ibrahim عليه السلام said: Indeed You are **الْعَزِيزُ** the All-Mighty (so You can do it) and **الْحَكِيمُ** the Wise (You know the best way to do it). When we ask Allah for our plans, we can add the same attributes in our Du'a.
- Allah accepted this Du'a. Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent among them. He had a team who recited and memorized the Qur'an like no other nation in the world did. Even now we have millions of Huffaz!
 - He trained a team of Sahabah the like of which was never witnessed by the world. He taught all the essentials and his teachings are preserved in complete detail like no one else's! That is a miraculous proof that both Ibrahim عليه السلام and Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم were true prophets.

Hadith: The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "He who repents before the sun rises from the west, Allah will forgive him." (Muslim: 2703)

Imagine & Feel: Imagine the condition of Ibrahim and Ismail when they were raising up the structure of Ka'bah. History was being created. In future till the day of Judgement, millions and trillions of people will worship here.

Think & Ponder:

- They prayed humbly for acceptance and forgiveness. Then they prayed for a prophet that will carry out four important tasks.

Du'a: O Allah! Help us to respond to the Tilawah and to purify our faith, our morals, our family, and our society from all evils.

Plan: Insha'Allah, I will make a plan for each of the four activities and will practice it in my daily life.

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 ماضي	Root	Code
to raise up	بَعَثَ	مَبْعُوثٌ	بَاعِثٌ	اِبْعَثْ	يَبْعَثُ	بَعَثَ	ب ع ث	ف
to become wise	حَكَمَ	-	حَكِيمٌ	اُحْكَمْ	يَحْكُمُ	حَكَمَ	ح ك م	ك
to recite	تَلَاوَةٌ	مَثَلُوْ	تَالٍ	اُتْلُ	يَتْلُوْ	تَلَا	ت ل و	دع
to be strong	عَزَّةٌ	-	عَزِيْزٌ	عَزَّ	يَعَزُّ	عَزَّ	ع ز ز	ضل
to show	اِرْءَاءَةٌ	مُرَى	مُرٍ	اَرِّ	يُرِيْ	اَرَى	ر أ ي	أسه

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
foundation	قَوَاعِدٌ	قَاعِدَةٌ
way of worship	مَنَاسِكٌ	مَنَسِكٌ
wisdom	حِكْمٌ	حِكْمَةٌ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- Who laid the first foundation of Kabah? Later on, who reconstructed it?
- While rebuilding the Ka'bah, Ibrahim عليه السلام made dua. Write few main points of the Dua.
- Write four tasks that are essential for the upliftment of Ummah (community).

Class Project: Collect the old images of Ka'bah and write brief history of Ka'bah.