

## Qur'an Lesson-19d: Each Person will be Responsible for His Own Deeds (Al-Baqarah: 134)

### Lesson Outcomes

- Noble lineage will not help anyone.
- On the Day of Judgment, everyone will be asked about his deeds.
- Everyone will get what he worked for.

### Recitation and Explanation

مَا كَسَبَتْ	لَهَا	قَدْ خَلَتْ	تِلْكَ أُمَّةٌ
what it earned	For it <sup>1</sup> (which) has passed away.	This (was) a community	
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">134</span>	عَمَّا	وَلَا تُسْأَلُونَ	مَا كَسَبْتُمْ
they used to do.	about what	And you will not be asked	what you earned.
<sup>3</sup>		<sup>2</sup>	and for you

- <sup>1</sup> Bani Israel were taking pride that their ancestors and forefathers were prophets. Allah says to them: Don't be proud of the fact that your ancestors were prophets. On the Day of Judgment, you will not be asked to describe the noble deeds of your forefathers. You won't get anything from their work.
- <sup>2</sup> Everyone will be judged based on his deeds. No one can enter Jannah just because he is from the children of Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, the first prophet!
  - What can we take from previous generations or our forefathers? Follow the good models and avoid bad models. If we do what they did, we will get what they got.
  - There is no unfair advantage or disadvantage if you belong to some family. You rewrite your own story with your beliefs and deeds.
  - Almighty Allah has given us equal opportunity to grow and move forward which is a great blessing. We maybe from any family, race, nation. Whoever decides to act will surely reap the fruits of his labor.
  - Islam doesn't recognize racial, regional, national, or family superiority or inferiority. No caste, color, race, nationality, group, language speakers have any preference.
  - Islam presents a complete performance-based system, a system based on fairness, justice, and a system that is designed by Allah. How can it be otherwise? After all, it is Allah who gave us color, race, or language. We did not choose to be among any of these.
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**Hadith:** Allah's Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Verily Allah does not look to your faces and your wealth, but He looks to your heart and your deeds." (Muslim: 2564c)

**Imagine & Feel:** Noble lineage will not help anyone. Imagine a student who did not study for the exam. But he takes pride that his grandfather was a principal of the college? How does his reference help him pass the exam? Or can he obtain good marks in the exam?

**Think & Ponder:**

- You are responsible for your good or evil deeds.

**Du'a:** O Allah! Help us follow the path of those on whom You have bestowed.

**Evaluate:** Do we follow the path of pious people? Do we think that our good deeds of our forefathers can help us?

**Plan:** Insha'Allah! I shall study the history of prophets and take lessons from them.

**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 ماض	Root	Code
to earn	كَسَبَ	مَكْسُوبٌ	كَاسِبٌ	اِكْسِبْ	يَكْسِبُ	كَسَبَ	ك س ب	ض
to do	عَمَلَ	مَعْمُولٌ	عَامِلٌ	اِعْمَلْ	يَعْمَلُ	عَمِلَ	ع م ل	س
to pass away	خَلُوَ	مَخْلُوعُهُ	خَالٍ	اُخْلِ	يَخْلُو	خَلَا	خ ل و	دع
to ask	سَأَلَ	مَسْئُولٌ	سَائِلٌ	سَلْ	يَسْأَلُ	سَأَلَ	س أ ل	ف
to be	كَانَ	-	كَانٍ	كُنْ	يَكُونُ	كَانَ	ك و ن	قا

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
community	أُمَّمٌ	أُمَّةٌ

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What made Bani Israel proud?
2. On the day of Judgement, why people cannot benefit each other?
3. According to the Hadith, what is more important in the sight of Allah?

**Home Project:**

Write a short essay about Islam and its system of justice.