

Qur'an Lesson-11d: Covenant of Bani Israel

(Al-Baqarah: 83)



Lesson Outcomes

- Eight points agreement with Bani Israel.
- How does this apply to us now in the present situation?
- A few honored the agreement, while many turned their backs.

Recitation and Explanation

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا	مِيثَاقَ	بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ	لَا تَعْبُدُونَ	إِلَّا	اللَّهَ
And when We took	(the) covenant	(from the) children (of) Israel,	"You will not worship	except	Allah,
وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ	إِحْسَانًا	وَوَدَى الْقُرْبَىٰ	وَالْيَتَامَىٰ	وَالْمَسْكِينِ	
and with [the] parents	(be) good	and (with) relatives	and [the] orphans	and the needy,	
وَقُولُوا	لِلنَّاسِ	حُسْنًا	وَأَقِيمُوا	الصَّلَاةَ	وَاتُوا
and speak	to [the] people	good,	and establish	the prayer	and give
ثُمَّ	تَوَلَّيْتُمْ	إِلَّا	قَلِيلًا	مِّنْكُمْ	وَأَنْتُمْ
then	you turned away,	except	a few	of you,	and you (were)
					refusing.

- ① This verse reminds the Bani Israel of their disobedience and the dishonoring of the agreements with Allah.
 - We should not disobey Allah or reject the truth or break promises. Apply the formula: **Ask – Evaluate – Plan – Propagate** to each of the eight areas mentioned in this verse.
- ② **Do not worship anyone other than Allah.**
- ③ **Be good to parents;** 'Ihsan' means *excellence*. Any behavior less than excellent is wrong. Such is the highest love and respect shown to the parents.
- ④ **Be good the relatives;** Take care of them, meet them frequently, and exchange gifts.
- ⑤ **Be good the orphans;** On the whole earth, orphans are the weakest and hence most vulnerable. Honor them, share your resources, and fulfill their needs.
- ⑥ **Be good the needy:** Help the needy people. Feed them if they are hungry or take care of their need. Talk to them gently if you cannot help them. Make dua for them.
- ⑦ **Speak to people in a good manner:** Always use good and positive language when you talk to others. People of all ages should be eager to talk to you.
- ⑧ **Establish Salah,** i.e., pray with Jama'ah, on time, fulfilling its requirements.
- ⑨ **Pay Zakah:** Ensure you share your wealth with poor and needy people.

Hadith: The Prophet ﷺ said: “(all of you) worship Ar-Rahman, feed others, spread the (greeting of) Salam, then you will enter Paradise in security”. (Tirmidhi: 1855)

Imagine & Feel: Imagine if people make these eight things as their habits, how good the world will be. Imagine if you are in the place of a needy person? How would you feel if someone shouts at you to leave without helping?

Think & Ponder:

- These eight terms of agreements also apply with equal importance for us as well.

Du’a: O Allah! Help me excel in each of those eight areas.

Evaluate: Is your behavior is good with your parents, relatives, neighbors, and poor people? Find out the ways to improve your behavior.

Plan: I will plan to implement these 8 activities, especially in areas where I am weak.

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 become good	حَسُنَ	-	حَسَن	أَحْسُنْ	يَحْسُنُ	حَسَنَ	ح س ن	ك
to take	أَخَذَ	مَأْخُودٌ	الْأَخِذُ	خُذْ	يَأْخُذُ	أَخَذَ	أ خ ذ	ذ
to be good	إِحْسَانٌ	مُحْسِنٌ	مُحْسِنٌ	أَحْسِنْ	يُحْسِنُ	أَحْسَنَ	ح س ن	أس*
to turn away	تَوَلَّى	مُتَوَلَّى	مُتَوَلَّى	تَوَلَّ	يَتَوَلَّى	تَوَلَّى	و ل ي	تد*
to refuse	إِعْرَاضٌ	مُعْرَضٌ	مُعْرَضٌ	أَعْرِضْ	يُعْرِضُ	أَعْرَضَ	ع ر ض	أس*

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
parents	وَالِدَيْنِ ²	وَالِدٌ
orphan	يَتَامَى	يَتِيمٌ
needy	مَسَاكِينٌ	مِسْكِينٌ
prayer	صَلَوَاتٌ	صَلَاةٌ

Practice Questions

1. List the eight terms of the agreement with Bani Israel?
2. List out all the activities that you will do to strengthen the implementation of these eight points in your life.
3. What did the Bani Israel do after taking the covenants with Allah?
4. Why Allah took covenant with Bani Israel?

Family Project: Make a list of relatives with whom the relationship needs repair. Reconnect with them, invite them, and exchange gifts with them for the sake of Allah.

Class Project: Prepare mindmap/charts for these eight points; make it a 15 days project for the whole class. Introduce these points in the morning school assembly. A reminder poster to be posted in all school. The class students will be given the task to ensure these eight points are followed all across the school students.