

Qur'an Lesson-13a: Rejecting the book (Al-Baqarah: 89)

Lesson Outcomes

- Prophet Muhammed's ﷺ coming was mentioned in earlier scriptures.
- Jews of Madinah recognized him as Prophet of Allah.
- They rejected him and his message, so Allah cursed the disbelievers.

Recitation and Explanation

وَلَمَّا	جَاءَهُمْ	كِتَابٌ	مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ	مُصَدِّقٌ	لِّمَا مَعَهُمْ
what (was) with them,	came to them	a Book	from Allah	confirming	what (was) with them,
وَكَانُوا	مِن قَبْلُ	يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ	عَلَى الَّذِينَ	كَفَرُوا	بِهِ
though they used to	before(that),	pray for victory	over those who	disbelieved -	in it.
فَلَمَّا	جَاءَهُمْ	مَا	عَرَفُوا	كَفَرُوا	بِهِ
then when	came to them	what	they recognized,	they disbelieved	in it.
فَلَعْنَةُ	اللَّهِ	عَلَى	الْكَافِرِينَ	89	
So (the) curse	(of) Allah	(is) on	the disbelievers.		

- 1 The Jews of Madinah knew about the coming of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ because of the prophecy contained in their sacred books. They longed for his guidance and leadership against the Mushriks of Madinah. Even the people in Madinah knew about the arrival of a prophet because Jews used to talk about it a lot.
- So finally, when Allah sent the Prophet Muhammed ﷺ, the Jews of Madinah recognized him through the signs given in the Torah. They were 100% sure, and it was him that they were waiting for centuries.
- 2 Rather than believing in him, they opposed and rejected him as they used to do with the earlier prophets. Why? You will learn it in the next lesson.

From History: Safiyyah (RA), one of the wives of the Holy Prophet, was the daughter of a learned Jew and the niece of another. She says: When the Holy Prophet migrated to Madinah, my father and uncle went to see him. When they returned home, I heard the following conversation between them.

Uncle: Is he the same Prophet about whom there are prophecies in our books?

Father: By God, he is the same.

Uncle: Are you quite sure?

Father: Yes!

Uncle: Then, what is your intention?

Father: I will oppose him as long as I live and will not let his mission succeed. (Ibn Hisham, Vol. II)

Imagine & Feel: Feel the importance of prophethood as it is a divine process. The Prophet is the pious and true leader of the world appointed by Allah. Those who truly follow the Prophet receive all kinds of success and leadership in the world, and in the Hereafter, they will receive eternal blessings and paradise.

Think & Ponder:

- The Jews of Madina were eagerly awaiting the arrival of a prophet. So, they were waiting for this divine blessing. They recognized the prophet. They also knew that the Prophet's message was a true message from Allah. Even after knowing all this, they rejected the Prophet and his message.
- Allah’s curse is on disbelievers, i.e., Allah throws them away from His mercy, because of their continuous disobedience. Imagine and feel the state of such people on the Day of Judgment.
- Just knowing is not enough. Follow it up with action. We should accept the truth once we know it.

Du’a: O, Allah! Let me not reject any truth after knowing it.

Evaluate: Do we accept the truth after knowing it, or we stay on our stand even after knowing that our position is wrong.

Plan: Insha’Allah! I will remember the curse of Allah on those who reject the truth so that I will not become like the cursed ones.

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 ماضٍ	Root	Code
to disbelieve	كُفِّر	مَكْفُورٌ	كَافِرٌ	اُكْفِرْ	يَكْفُرُ	كَفَرَ	ك ف ر	ن
to recognize	عَرَفَ	مَعْرُوفٌ	عَارِفٌ	اِعْرِفْ	يَعْرِفُ	عَرَفَ	ع ر ف	ض
to come	جَاءَ	-	جَاءٌ	جِئْ	يَجِيءُ	جَاءَ	ج ي ا	ز
to become	كَانَ	-	كَانٌ	كُنْ	يَكُونُ	كَانَ	ك و ن	ق
to confirm	صَدَّقَ	مُصَدِّقٌ	مُصَدِّقٌ	صَدِّقْ	يُصَدِّقُ	صَدَّقَ	ص د ق	ع*

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
book	كُتُبٌ	كِتَابٌ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. How did the Jews of Madinah recognize Prophet Muhammed ﷺ ?
2. Why were they waiting for the Prophet Muhammed ﷺ ?
3. Why Allah cursed the disbelievers?

Class Project:

- Knowingly we sometimes ignore Allah’s commands. For example, cheating in exams is wrong. Allah doesn’t like it, yet many do it. Identify ten such situations and find out how this can be corrected.