

هُدًى

a guidance

لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ

no doubt in it,

ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ

This is the book,

الْم 1

Alif, Lam, Meem.

لِلْمُتَّقِينَ 2

for those  
conscious of Allah.

**Surah Al-Baqarah** tells us how to be a true Khalifah (vicegerent) on earth and how to be a sincere Muslim. Below are some of the important topics of this Surah.

- The Qur'an is a book of guidance for the God-conscious.
- This guidance was given to the first person on earth, Adam عليه السلام.
- Before us, it was given to Bani'Israel who did not value it.
- Ibrahim A, the Imam of humanity, perfected living according to the guidance.
- Guidance is now given to you, O Muslims. Therefore, be true Muslims.
- After that, different aspects of living the guidance are mentioned, such as Qiblah, patience, Salah, Qisas, fasting, Hajj, marriage, divorce, spending, lending, etc. The Surah ends with an important Du'a.

### Virtues of Surah Al-Baqarah

- "Recite the two bright ones, Al-Baqarah and Surah Aal-'Imran, for on the Day of Resurrection they will come as two clouds or two shades." Muslim (804 and 805)
- Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم as saying: Do not make your houses as graveyards. Shaitan runs away from the house in which Surah Al-Baqarah is recited.

### Brief Explanation

- **الْم**: These letters are called Huroof Muqatta'at, i.e., in the above word, the letters are not joined to form a word, but are read individually. Only Allah knows the meaning of these words.
- **لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ**: No doubt in it! This is a unique statement. Most books say: This is our first edition. Please let us know if there are errors so that we can correct them in 2nd edition. The Qur'an is the only book that starts with: No doubt in it!
- **هُدًى لِلْمُتَّقِينَ**: guidance for those who have Taqwa, who are God-conscious, and who fear to displease Allah. If a person has tremendous knowledge, even Islamic knowledge, but lacks Taqwa, then he won't benefit from the guidance.
- **Guidance**: What to do, when and how to do an action. It is the most important thing in this life and we need it everyday, every moment, and in every action. With guidance, we can spend our life with clear goals and without any distraction.
- Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم used to say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى وَالتَّقَى وَالعَفَافَ وَالْغِنَى

O, Allah! I ask you for guidance, piety, chastity and self-sufficiency.

**Lessons, Du'as, and Plans:** Many lessons, Du'as, and plans can be derived from these ayaat. Below are some examples.

- No doubt in the Qur'an.
- Qur'an is a book of guidance.
- Guidance is granted to Muttaqeen.

**Du'a:** O Allah! Increase my Emaan on Your book. Make me among مُتَّقِينَ and grant me tawfeeq (success) to study this book regularly for guidance!

**Plan:** InshaAllah! I will spend time to seek guidance from the Qur'an. I will try to develop Taqwa.

**Nouns and Verbs:** Below are some of the nouns and the verbs from the Ayaat of this lesson.

There are no 3-letter sound verbs in these two verses.

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
book	كُتُب	كِتَاب
God-conscious	مُتَّقُونَ، مُتَّقِينَ	مُتَّقٍ