

Qur'an Lesson 17b The unjust block mosques (Al-Baqarah: 114-115)



وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّن مَّنَعَ

than (the one) who prevents	And who (is) more unjust
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مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ يُذْكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ وَسَعَىٰ فِي خَرَابِهَا

for their destruction?	and strives	His name,	in them	to be mentioned	(the) mosques (of) Allah
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أُولَئِكَ مَا كَانَ لَهُمْ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوهَا إِلَّا خَائِفِينَ لَهُمْ

For them	(like) those in fear.	except	that they enter them	it is not for them	Those
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فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ لَهُمْ فِي الآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ۝۱۱۴ وَاللَّهُ الْمَشْرِقُ

(is) the east	And for Allah	(is) a great punishment.	in the Hereafter	and for them	(is) disgrace	in the world
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وَالْمَغْرِبُ ۝۱۱۵ فَأَيْنَمَا تُوَلُّوا فَثَمَّ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ ۝۱۱۶ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

All-Knowing.	(is) All-Encompassing,	Indeed, Allah	(is the) face (of) Allah.	[so] there	you turn	so wherever	And the west,
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Brief Explanation:

- وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّن مَّنَعَ...: The best act is the remembrance of Allah, Almighty. The worst of all deeds is to prevent it. Remembrance of Allah is the source of all goodness; every good act emanates from this relationship with Allah.
- The place of Masjid is very sacred and to be treated with utmost respect and honor. To violate its honor is one of the most criminal and hideous acts.
- Mushrikeen of Makkah were stopping the Muslims from entering Ka'bah. They were big criminals.
- **Imagine/Feel:** Imagine the situation when Sahabah who wanted to visit the house of Allah, were denied. They had come with a peaceful purpose but were stopped from worshipping Allah.
- أُولَئِكَ مَا كَانَ لَهُمْ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوهَا...: Those who stop people from remembering Allah and from going to Masjids are cruel, unjust, and criminals. Humiliation in this world and punishment in the Hereafter await them.
- فَأَيْنَمَا تُوَلُّوا فَثَمَّ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ...: The Prophet ﷺ prayed towards Baitul-Maqdas for quite some time. Then the Qiblah was changed. From then on, Muslims face towards Ka'bah using almost every direction depending upon their location. All directions therefore belong to Allah.
- As far as Qiblah is concerned, we face towards Ka'bah. During travel in a plane or a train, if you cannot face Qiblah for some valid reason, you can pray in the direction you are sitting but don't miss the prayer.

Hadith: Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: The parts of land dearest to Allah are its mosques, and the parts most hateful to Allah are its markets. (Muslim: 671)

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

- Unjust people stop worshippers from entering Masjids.
- Allah will disgrace them in this world and punish them in the Hereafter.
- To Allah belong the east and the west.

Du'a: O Allah! Help me develop the love of Masjid and help me pray all the 5 prayers in it.

Plan: InshaAllah! I will befriend people with different backgrounds that come to the Masjid and make sincere efforts to call people to Masjid.

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

Verbs: Practice the 3 verb keys and the 3 noun keys for each verb given below using TPI.								
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماض	Root & Code	Rep.
to prevent	مَنْعَ	مَمْنُوعٌ	مَانِعٌ	اِمْنَعْ	يَمْنَعُ	مَنْعَ	م ن ع ف	14
to destruct	خَرَابٌ	-	خَرِبٌ	اِحْرَبْ	يَحْرَبُ	خَرَبٌ	خ ر ب س	1
to be great	عِظَمٌ	-	عَظِيمٌ	اُعْظِمْ	يُعْظِمُ	عَظَمٌ	ع ظ م ك	107
to strive	سَعْيٌ	مَسْعِيٌّ اِلَيْهِ	سَاعٌ	اسْعَ	يَسْعِي	سَعِي	س ع ي س ع	30
to fear	خَوْفٌ	مَخَوْفٌ	خَائِفٌ	خَفْ	يَخَافُ	خَافٌ	خ و ف خ ا	118
to turn	تَوَلِيَّةٌ	مُوَلَّى	مُوَلِّ	وَلِّ	يُوَلِّي	وَلَّى	ظ ل م ض	31

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
unjust	اَظْلَمٌ ↑	ظَالِمٌ
face	وُجُوهُ	وَجْهٌ