

وَوَصَّى بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ بَنِيهِ

(upon) his sons	Ibrahim	And enjoined [it]
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وَيَعْقُوبُ^ط يَبْنِي^ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَى لَكُمُ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا

except	so you should not die	the religion,	has chosen for you	Indeed, Allah	"O my sons!	and Yaqub,
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وَأَنْتُمْ^ط مُسْلِمُونَ^ط 132 أَمْ كُنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ

Yaqub	when came to	witnesses	Or were you	(are) submissive."	while you
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الْمَوْتِ^ط إِذْ قَالَ لِبَنِيهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ بَعْدِي^ط قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ

"We will worship	They said,	after me?"	"What will you worship	to his sons,	when he said	[the] death,
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إِلَهَكَ^ط وَالْآبَاءَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا^ط

one God.	and Ishaq	and Ismail	Ibrahim	(of) your forefathers,	and (the) God	your God
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(are) submissive to Him." And we

Brief Explanation:

- ... فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ...: Never die except while you are Muslims! No one knows when and where we will die. It means we should be Muslims in every moment and situation so that when we die, we die as Muslims. We should keep death and what is beyond it always in our mind.
- Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said: People will be resurrected in the same state in which they died [Muslim].
- ... يَبْنِي^ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَى...: In the above verses, there's ultimate parenting lesson. To prepare our children to be obedient servants of Allah even after we die. This way, they will take forward this legacy of worship.
- A man thinks: What will happen to my children after I die. He should be more worried and say: What will happen to my children when they die.
- **Imagine/Feel:** Yaqub عليه السلام dying and his sons around him. They have seen his whole life dedicated to the will of Allah. Being a father and a Prophet, how lovingly and caringly he must have taught them to be an obedient servant of Allah.
- Out of all that you have in this world, Iman is the most precious asset for this life and the hereafter. The stakes in the hereafter are so high that Yaqub's عليه السلام last worry before leaving this world was about the faith of his children.
- Why is Yaqub عليه السلام mentioned after Ibrahim عليه السلام? Because Bani Isra'il (i.e., Bani Yaqub) were from his children.

➤ This is the most important advice for us too, because:

- (i) They were prophets;
- (ii) It was their wasiyyah, i.e., their will and advice;
- (iii) They said this at the time of dying;
- (iv) It was given to their children (and everyone wants to give the best to their children)

➤ How happy and gratifying must be for Yaqub عليه السلام to hear the positive reply from his sons.

➤ In the chain, Isma'eel عليه السلام is specially mentioned, who was among the forefathers of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Children of Yaqub عليه السلام did not have any discrimination. For them, children of Isma'eel عليه السلام were as honorable as the Children of Ishaq عليه السلام. Please note that Bani Isra'il's chain is through Ishaq عليه السلام.

➤ It is a serious reminder for the Mushriks of Makkah too who used to take pride in Ibrahim عليه السلام as their father. Allah reminds here that the main concern of Ibrahim عليه السلام even at the time of his death was that his children worship Allah alone.

➤ وَوَضَعُوا لَهُمْ أَسْمَاءَ كَمَا سَمَوْنَهُمْ They submitted to Allah and not to their culture, customs, desires, or whims of any one. The message is: Are you truly following your forefather Yaqub عليه السلام?

Hadith: 'Anas رضي الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: When Allah wants good for a slave, He puts him in action. It was said: How does he put him in action, O Messenger Of Allah? He said: By making him meet up with the righteous deeds before death. (Tirmidhi: 2292)

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

- Ibrahim عليه السلام and Yaqub عليه السلام advised their children to follow Islam.
- Their main concern at the time of their death was that their children stick to Tawheed.
- Not to die except as Muslims, i.e., be a Muslim in every moment and situation.

Du'a: O Allah! Make us and our progeny true Muslims.

Plan: InshaAllah! I shall teach and give Tarbiyah to my family and my children to live according to Islam.

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.								Nouns			
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماضٍ	Root & Code	Rep.	Meaning	Plural	Singular
to come	حُضُورٌ	مَحْضُورٌ	حَاضِرٌ	أَحْضُرْ	يَحْضُرُ	حَضَرَ	ح ض ر ز	11	son	أَبْنَاءُ ، بَنُونَ ، بَنِينَ	ابن
to worship	عِبَادَةٌ	مَعْبُودٌ	عَابِدٌ	أَعْبُدْ	يَعْبُدُ	عَبَدَ	ع ب د ز	143	religion	أَدْيَانٌ	دِينٌ
to be	كَوْنٌ	—	كَائِنٌ	كُنْ	يَكُونُ	كَانَ	ك و ن قا	1358	father	أَبَاءٌ	أَبٌ
to die	مَوْتٌ	—	مَيِّتٌ	مُتٌ	يَمُوتُ	مَاتَ	م و ت قا	115			
to enjoin	تَوْصِيَةٌ	مَوْصِيٌّ	مُوصٍ	وَصِّ	يُوصِي	وَصَّى	و ص ي علا	12			
to chose	إِصْطِفَاءٌ	مُصْطَفًى	مُصْطَفٍ	إِصْطَفِ	يَصْطَفِي	إِصْطَفَى	ص ف و إخ+	13			