

Lesson 17a

Purpose of Revelation

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn 208 new words, which occur 39,571 times in the Qur'an.



Introduction: In this lesson, we will study verse 29 of Surah Saad which tells us about the purpose of revelation of the Qur'an very clearly.

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مُبْرَكٌ

إِلَيْكَ

أَنْزَلْنَاهُ

كِتَابٌ

full of blessings;	to you (O Muhammad! ﷺ),		We have revealed it		(It is) a book
We say عيد مبارك (Let this Eid be a blessing for you)	كَ	إِلَى	هُ	أَنْزَلْنَا	كُتُبٌ + books
	you	to	it	We sent down	

- The Qur'an is the book of Allah which is sent down from heavens through Jibra'eel (A).
- Allah has already stated that this is a blessed book. But the reason for its revelation is expressed next. If we want to earn the blessings of this book then we have to carry out those things for which it was revealed.
- Barakah means to receive a blessing, to have it stay with you, and to have increase in it.
- **Qur'an is Mubarak:** The night in which it was revealed became better than 1000 months. So imagine how great the Qur'an is. The month in which it was revealed became the best.
- The messenger on which it was revealed became the top messenger. The city in which it was revealed became the city of peace. This book has changed the history of the world. The Sahabah who received this book became the leaders of this world within 100 years. For almost 1000 years, i.e., till the time the Muslims were attached properly to the Qur'an, Muslims retained the leadership in all spheres of life.
- We should be extremely happy and say: O Allah! Thank you so much! You are so nice and so caring that You sent us a book full of barakah.
- The best use of a blessing is to benefit from it. Therefore, We should recite, understand, ponder, memorize, and spread the Qur'an!
- The book is full of barakah. But why did Allah send it down? It is mentioned in the next part. In other words, if we want to receive barakah, we should do those two things.

أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ (سورة ص) 29

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وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ

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آيَاتِهِ

لِيَتَدَبَّرُوا

those of understanding.		and so that receive admonition			its verses		so that they ponder	
and so that those of understanding receive admonition.								
أَلْبَابِ	أُولُوا، أُولِي	يَتَذَكَّرَ	لِ	وَ	هُ	آيَاتِ	يَتَدَبَّرُوا	لِ
understanding	those of	they receive admonition	so that	and	its	verses	they ponder	so that
تُلبُّ Intellect: أَلْبَابٌ +					آية: آيات + sign;		تَدَبَّرُ: pondering	

- The Qur'an is sent down for: (1) pondering; and (2) taking lessons from it.
- Pondering means to think over or reflect upon. You don't need to ponder while reading a newspaper. Reading it once is enough to get the message. But can you read a book of science, math, or commerce in the same way? No! You have to stop and think over or ponder.
- If we realize the greatness of the book, we will be more motivated to ponder it. This book is sent by the Creator of this universe who was always there and will always be there; whose universe is so big that just

to go out of our own galaxy, we will need 100,000 years if we travel at the speed of light (3,00,000 kilometers/sec). Allah sent it down from above the seven heavens.

- To ponder the Qur'an or reflect upon it, you have to understand it first!
- Receiving admonition means to take lessons, to listen the advice, to implement them in our lives. For example, if you tell a student, "Prepare for the exams, otherwise you will fail." If he prepares for the exam then he has acted on your advice.
- You can do so by acting upon its commandments and staying away from its prohibitions.
- When we do the above two, then by Allah's Will, we can earn all the blessings of this world and the Hereafter through the Qur'an.

Our relationship with the Qur'an:

- ① **Direct:** The Qur'an is Allah's word. Whenever I hear it or recite it, I should **feel** that Allah is directly addressing me. He sees me how I react to His words!
- ② **Personal:** Every verse of the Qur'an is for me. Let us not say that this verse is for kaafir, mushrik, or munafiq. I have to see what is there in it for me! Why did Allah address this to me?
- ③ **Planned:** Every grain is destined for someone to eat! In the same manner, each and every verse is destined for someone to hear or recite. If I heard Surah Qaaf in Fajr today, then it has something to do with what I am doing today.
- ④ **Relevant:** Qur'an is a reminder. Can Allah's reminder be irrelevant? I should ask O Allah! Why did you make me hear or recite this verse(s) today?

Tadabbur تَدَبُّرٌ: It means thinking over or pondering. Below is a simple method of Tadabbur for a common man. There are many aspects of Tadabbur but we are talking about basics only.

- Study: Study the verses repeatedly with understanding. Study brief commentary or Tafseer if available.
- Visualize: Use your imagination to visualize what is stated there. For example, when Allah talks about the heavens or the earth, try to visualize them.
- Feel: Recite with feelings. For Example, recite the ayah about Jannah with hope and about hell with fear.

Tadhakkur تَذَكُّرٌ: It means taking lessons or receiving admonition. Following is a simple method to do it.

- Ask: Extract a du'aa from the passage you have learnt and ask Allah to help you implement what you are asking. For example, for the verse of this lesson: O Allah help me do Tadabbur. Just Du'aa is not enough. One should evaluate his performance and make plans. Otherwise it will be like a student who prays to Allah in Fajr, Zuhr, Asr, etc. to help him pass the exams but he does not go to school nor studies any book!
- Evaluate: What have you done so far regarding the work related to Du'aa. For example, how much time did I invest last day in Tadabbur? If you did, alhamdulillah; if not, astaghfirullah.
- Plan: What is the plan regarding the work related to Du'aa. For example, how much time will you give for Tadabbur every day?

Regarding the plan, we have to be careful and check one thing: When it comes to group or Fiqh issues or any new idea, then please check with scholars before you mention it to others or implement it.

For common people like us, there are many areas that we can work on such as: Relationship with Allah, obeying the Prophet ﷺ, planning for the Hereafter, different types of worship, morals, good dealings, dawah, ordering good and stopping evil, team spirit, etc.

Tableegh (Conveying): The Prophet ﷺ said,
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اَيَّةً	وَلَوْ	عَنِّي	بَلِّغُوا
(it is a single) verse.	even if	from me	Convey

It means whatever we are reading from the Quran and Hadith, we have to convey it to others. Try to convey the beautiful Message of Islam to others in the best possible way.

We have to invest our time, money, and abilities in this task and help those who are working in the Da'wah field.

The logo shown here is placed at the beginning of every lesson to remind you about the basics of Tadabbur, Tazakkur, and Tableegh.

To do Tadabbur and Tadhakkur on every Ayah or Dhikr , we can use this logo: Study it, ponder it, visualize it, and feel it.

- Ask Allah according to the topic of the Ayah
- Evaluate your past in the light of this Du'aa
- Plan for the upcoming days
- Propagate the message so that we can fulfil our responsibility and get reward too.

Based on verses like this, the scholars have listed the rights of the Qur'an as follows: Believe in it, read it, understand it, ponder its verses, act upon it, spread it, etc.

