

Lesson  
8a

Tashahhud

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn 93 new words, which occur 27,536 times in the Qur'an.



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وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ

وَالصَّلَوَاتُ

لِلَّهِ

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التَّحِيَّاتُ

and the pure (deeds)	and the prayers	are due to Allah		All the compliments
طَيِّبَةٌ، طَيِّبَاتُ+	صَلَاةٌ، صَلَوَاتُ+	الله	لِ	تَحِيَّةٌ، تَحِيَّاتُ+
		Allah	for	

- **All the compliments or all types of worship by a tongue:** Salah, Dhikr, Tilawah, Dawah, nice words, preaching, guiding, suggestions, etc.
- **All the prayers:** These include all types of worship such as Salah, Saum (fasting), training, helping, educating, and to go for Dawah and propagation.
- **All pure (deeds):** Pure words and actions that are not corrupted by wrong niyyah; actions that are not corrupted by Haram/wrong elements. They also include pure spending for Hajj, Zakah, Sadaqah (charity), etc.

Once the Prophet ﷺ said that seventy thousand people will enter Jannah without being taken to account or torment. He then described their attributes. Among other things, he said that they will keep trust in their Rabb (Allah). On hearing this 'Ukashah bin Mihsan (RA) stood up and requested: "Pray to Allah to make me one of them." The Prophet ﷺ said, "You are one of them." Then another man stood up and asked the same thing. The Prophet ﷺ answered, "'Ukashah has surpassed you."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

- The Hadith teaches us that the moment we hear of any good, ask Allah for it, or else someone else will take the lead. Further, in the light of this Du'aa, we must check our past and draw a plan for the future.
- Three acts of worship are mentioned here. We can ask: O Allah! Help us participate in all these types of worship. And then evaluate: How are we using our tongue, our brain, our intellect, and most importantly, where are we spending our wealth? Make a plan to do these things properly and then propagate the idea.

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وَبَرَكَاتِهِ

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وَرَحْمَتِ اللَّهِ

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أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ

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عَلَيْكَ

السَّلَامُ

and His blessings			and the Mercy of Allah			O Prophet!	be on you	Peace
هُ	بَرَكَاتُ	وَ	اللَّهُ	رَحْمَتُ	وَ	نَبِيِّنَ، نَبِيِّنَ+، أَنْبِيَاءَ+		
His	blessings	and	Allah	Mercy	and			
بَرَكَتُهُ، بَرَكَاتُ+			رَحِيمٌ: Continually Merciful			Prophets		

- Who performed the three types of worship (by using tongue, body, and spending) the best way? Of course, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He has also taught us what they are and how to do them. Therefore, we are praying for three things to be granted to him:
- سَلَام : Protection from any harm.
- رَحْمَةٌ: Allah's blessings. May Allah take care of you with love and kindness.
- بَرَكَاتٌ : Continuity and increase in all blessings, favors, bounties, and goodness.

These three things are in a nice order. From example, if you plant a flower seed, you want to protect (سَلَام) it from insects, then give water (رَحْمَة), and then give manure (بِرْكَة) to help it grow bigger and stronger.

- Without protection, blessings (رَحْمَة) and increase (بِرْكَة) will be lost!
- **Explanation of Assalamu Alaikum (with each other):** اَلْسَلَام means all peace, just like اَلْحَمْد means all praise. It means, may Allah protect you from any harm. May Allah protect your Deen, Imaan, health, wealth, business, job, etc. May Allah save you from deficiencies, defects and undesired situations or things.
- If you add وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ in your Salam, then it means: May Allah take care of you with love and kindness and grant you and increase you in His blessings!
- What a great way it is in comparison to mere hello, hi, or good morning. Furthermore, we get rewards by saying Assalamu Alaikum and the reward for practising a Sunnah.

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اَلْسَلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللهِ الصَّالِحِينَ،

the righteous ones.	the slaves of Allah,	and on		be on us		Peace
صَالِح ← صَالِحُونَ، صَالِحِينَ	عَبْدُ اللهِ : Slave of Allah عِبَادُ اللهِ : Slaves of Allah	عَلَى	وَ	نَا	عَلَى	
		On	and	Us	on	

- Who received the favors of Allah? (1) Prophets; (2) Truthful people (Siddiqeen); (3) Martyrs (Shuhada); and (4) the Righteous (Saliheen).
- The prayer for peace is for the Prophet ﷺ, then for us, and then for the righteous ones. For Prophets and for the righteous people, inshaAllah, the Du'aa will be answered. We are in the middle of the two groups, and we hope that Allah will grant peace and protection for us too.
- Remember, Allah bestows His mercy on those who earn it, by acting upon the good and begging for mercy, like the righteous people did.
- Millions of people recite this Du'aa every day. If we want to receive their Du'aa then we should try to become Saliheen (pious). O Allah! Make us among the Saliheen so we can get the benefits of their Du'aa.
- Make a plan to become pious and to be in the company of Saliheen.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ

Allah.	except	(there is) no god	that	I bear witness
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- As mentioned earlier, a doctor who was serving in the emergency ward in an Arab country said that during his service he saw several people dying but only a few were able to say لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ at their last breath. A son asked his father who was close to death to recite لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ but the father couldn't. The son asked his father in Arabic "Please repeat لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ after me". His father who was an Arab replied in Arabic, "Son! I want to say it but I am not able to". May Allah forgive him and forgive us and give us Tawfeeq to say it before we die.
- We don't know which Salah could be our last one. Inside the Salah, this could be the last declaration of لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ. So recite it from the depth of heart and with full attention so that we get a chance to recite it before our death. The Prophet ﷺ said that he whose last words are لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ would enter Jannah.
- How many times have we obeyed the desires of our Nafs (self)? If we did that, we made our Nafs our إله (god)! How many times have we obeyed Shaitaan? Obeying him is like worshipping him. Why did

we do this? Due to bad friends or evil use of gadgets like (mobile, laptop, internet etc.) or due to laziness and lethargy? Let us ask Allah that He gives us Tawfeeq to use our time and resources in the right manner.

وَرَسُولُهُ.

عَبْدُهُ

مُحَمَّدًا

أَنَّ

وَأَشْهَدُ

and His Messenger.	is His slave	Muhammad	That	and I bear witness
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- The explanation for the above is already given in Lesson No. 7 for Adhaan. The words عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ are also explained in Lesson No. 8. The following paragraph is repeated for emphasis.
- Allah made us and we are for Him. He owns us and everything else. We are all slaves of Allah and should live like a true slave. The best slave of Allah is Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He is a model for us, how a true slave should be. He is a model because he is a Messenger too.
- Allah says: وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ (and thus We have made you a middle nation that you may be witnesses to the people). (Al-Baqarah: 143)
- We are given a huge responsibility after the Messenger of Allah ﷺ to be a witness to the people, i.e., to convey to them what Islam is. This task is reminded in Tashahud of every Salah and in all five Adhaans and Iqamahs.