



Qur'an Lesson 11b Fire won't touch? (Al-Baqarah: 80)

وَقَالُوا

And they say,

لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا	النَّارُ	إِلَّا	أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَةً	قُلْ	أَتَّخَذْتُمْ	عِنْدَ اللَّهِ
"Never will touch us	the Fire	except	(for) numbered days."	Say,	"Have you taken	from Allah
عَهْدًا	فَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ	عَهْدَهُ	أَمْ تَقُولُونَ	عَلَى اللَّهِ		
a covenant,	so Allah will never break	His covenant?	Or do you say	about Allah		

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what you do not know?"

Brief Explanation

- ...وَقَالُوا لَنْ...: This was the claim of Bani Israel, that even if they enter the hellfire, they will remain in it for a very few days. Why? Because they believed that they were chosen and preferred people.
- ...فَلَنْ أَتَّخَذْتُمْ...: Have you taken a covenant from Allah? Do you find such thing in your book as a proof?
- ...أَمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى...: قَالَ: he said; قَالَ عَلَى: he said against Allah. To say a lie on behalf of Allah is a big crime as mentioned in the Qur'an (7:33).
- You may find people who will say: This is right in Islam; this is wrong in Islam; you should not do this, and you should do this. They speak as if they know Islam without knowledge and without evidence.
- If somebody on a street is looking for directions, will you give him direction without knowledge or based on something you heard from someone?
- If someone asks you something about Islam that you don't know, say: I don't know. There is nothing wrong if you say: I don't know. Ask him to consult a scholar. Imam Malik ibn Anas was one of the most respected scholars of *fiqh* who ever lived. Once a man came to Imam Malik from a very long distance and asked him 48 questions. Imam Malik answered only 16 of them and for the rest, he replied, "I don't know."
- If you know the answer from a scholar or from an authentic book, then tell him about it and then say اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ (Allah knows better).

Hadith: Shaddad bin Aus رضي الله عنه reported: The Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said, "A wise man is the one who calls himself to account (and refrains from doing evil deeds) and does noble deeds to benefit him after death, and the foolish person is the one who subdues himself to his temptations and desires and seeks from Allah the fulfilment of his vain desires". (Tirmidhi).

The Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم also said: He who lags behind in doing good deeds, his noble lineage will not make him go ahead." [Muslim, 2699a].

- This Ahadeeth shows that we have to do good deeds and avoid bad deeds if we want success.
- In a way, we are all children of Adam عليه السلام. We can't just say: Because our father was a prophet, the fire won't touch us or that we will go to Jannah directly, even if we do wrong deeds.

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

- We should never take Allah's commands lightly.
- Don't say, "Allah said so or the Prophet ﷺ said so" without knowledge.

Du'a: O Allah! Help me do good deeds and avoid bad deeds.

Plan: InshaAllah, I will never stop studying the Qur'an and Sunnah so that I am never misled by false claims.

Nouns and Verbs: For ease in practice, search only 3-letter sound verbs in the verses and practice their 6 keys. Again, from the start, search for the 3-letter weak verbs and practice their 6 keys. Finally, look for Mazeed Feeh verbs from the start and practice their 6 keys.

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 ماضٍ	Root & Code	Rep.
to take covenant	عَهْدٌ	مَعْهُدٌ	عَاهِدٌ	إِعْهَدْ	يُعْهَدُ	عَهَدَ	ع ه د س	35
to know	عِلْمٌ	مَعْلُومٌ	عَالِمٌ	إِعْلَمْ	يُعْلَمُ	عَلِمَ	ع ل م س	518
to say	قَوْلٌ	مَقُولٌ	قَائِلٌ	قُلْ	يَقُولُ	قَالَ	ق و ل قا	1719
to touch	مَسٌ	مَمْسُوسٌ	مَاسٌ	مَسْ	يَمَسُّ	مَسَّ	م س س مس	58
to count	عَدٌّ	مَعْدُودٌ	عَادٌ	عُدْ	يَعُدُّ	عَدَّ	ع د د ظن	17
to take	إِتِّخَاذٌ	مُتَّخَذٌ	مُتَّخِذٌ	إِتَّخِذْ	يَتَّخِذُ	إِتَّخَذَ	أ خ ذ أس	128
to break	إِخْلَافٌ	مُخْلَفٌ	مُخْلِفٌ	أَخْلِفْ	يُخْلِفُ	أَخْلَفَ	خ ل ف أس	15

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
day	أَيَّامٌ	يَوْمٌ
covenant	عُهُودٌ	عَهْدٌ