

Qur'an Lesson 11d Covenant of Bani Israel
(Al-Baqarah: 83)

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا	مِيثَاقَ	بَنِي إِسْرَآءِيلَ			
And when We took	(the) covenant	(from the) children (of) Israel,			
لَا تَعْبُدُونَ	إِلَّا اللَّهَ	وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ	وَإِحْسَانًا		
"You will not worship	except Allah,	and with [the] parents	(be) good		
وَوَدَى الْقُرْبَى	وَالْيَتَمَى	وَالْمَسْكِينِ	وَقُولُوا	لِلنَّاسِ	
and (with) relatives	and [the] orphans	and the needy,	and speak	to [the] people	
حُسْنًا	وَأَقِيمُوا	الصَّلَاةَ	وَاتُوا	الزَّكَاةَ	ثُمَّ
good,	and establish	the prayer	and give	the Zakah."	Then
تَوَلَّيْتُمْ	إِلَّا	قَلِيلًا	مِّنْكُمْ	وَأَنْتُمْ	مُعْرِضُونَ
you turned away,	except	a few	of you,	and you (were)	refusing.

Brief Explanation

- **وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا ...**: Allah reminds Bani Israel that they have become used to disobeying Allah and refusing to accept the truth. They made covenants with Allah and still broke them.
- It has a message to the Muslims of Madinah of that time as to not be surprised with their rejection of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. They are used to this behavior of rejecting the truth.
- **Message for us:** We should not disobey Allah or reject the truth.
- Apply the formula: Ask – Evaluate – Plan – Propagate to each of the eight areas mentioned in this verse.
 - 1 Do not worship anyone other than Allah
 - 2 Be good to parents;
 - 3 and to relatives;
 - 4 and to orphans;
 - 5 and to the needy.
 - 6 Speak to people in a good manner, whoever they are.
 - 7 Establish Salah, i.e., pray with Jama'ah, in time, fulfilling its requirements;
 - 8 Pay Zakat

- How excellent society will be when we all follow Allah's guidance! We will become the best people in worship, in manners, in attitude and in every aspect of life.

Hadith: Narrated Abu Bakrah رضي الله عنه that Allah's Messenger صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said, "Shall I inform you of the biggest of the great sins?" They said, "Yes, O Prophet of Allah!" He said, "To join partners in worship with Allah and to be undutiful to one's parents. (Sahih al-Bukhari: 6273) "

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

- Allah's Deen is the same. (All prophets came with the same Deen, Al-Islam.)
- Bani Israel were advised to do the same eight fundamental things that we too are advised to do.

Du'a: O Allah! Help me excel in each of those eight areas.

Plan: InshaAllah, I will make a plan on how to implement the list of eight activities, especially in areas where I am weak.

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
to worship	عِبَادَة	مَعْبُود	عَابِد	أَعْبُدْ	يَعْبُدُ	عَبَدَ	ع ب د ز
to become good	حُسْن	—	حَسَن	أَحْسُنْ	يُحْسِنُ	حَسَّنَ	ح س ن ك
to take	أَخَذَ	مَأْخُود	اِخِذْ	خُذْ	يَأْخُذُ	أَخَذَ	أ خ ذ ز
to say	قَوْل	مَقُول	قَابِل	قُلْ	يَقُولُ	قَالَ	ق و ل قا
decrease	قَلَّ	—	قَلِيل	قَلِّ	يَقِلُّ	قَلَّ	ق ل ل ضد
to be good	إِحْسَان	مُحْسَن	مُحْسِن	أَحْسِنْ	يُحْسِنُ	أَحْسَنَ	ح س ن أُسـ
to establish	إِقَامَة	مُقَام	مُقِيم	أَقِمْ	يُقِيمُ	أَقَامَ	ق و م أُسـ
to give	إِيْتَاء	مُؤْتَى	مُؤْتٍ	آتِ	يُؤْتِي	آتَى	أ ت ي أُسـ
to turn away	تَوَلَّى	مُتَوَلَّى	مُتَوَلٍّ	تَوَلَّ	يَتَوَلَّى	تَوَلَّى	و ل ي تد
to refuse	إِعْرَاض	مُعْرَض	مُعْرِض	أَعْرِضْ	يُعْرِضُ	أَعْرَضَ	ع ر ض أُسـ

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
parents	وَالِدَيْنِ ²	وَالِد
orphan	يَتَامَى	يَتِيم
needy	مَسَاكِين	مِسْكِين
prayer	صَلَوَات	صَلَاة