

Qur'an Lesson 12a Covenant of blood (Al-Baqarah: 84)

وَأَذْ	أَخَذْنَا	مِيثَاقَكُمْ	لَا تَسْفِكُونَ	دِمَاءَكُمْ	وَلَا تُخْرِجُونَ
And when	We took	your covenant,	"You will not shed	your blood	and (you will) not evict
أَنْفُسَكُمْ	مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ	ثُمَّ	أَقْرَرْتُمْ	وَأَنْتُمْ	تَشْهَدُونَ
yourselves	from your homes,"	then	you ratified	while you	(were) witnessing.

Brief Explanation

- وَأَذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ...: Allah took a covenant from Bani Israel that they would not kill people nor expel them from their homes. Look at the importance Allah gave to human rights of every person, especially the right to live and to have property. He says:
 - We took the covenant;
 - You ratified it; and
 - You were witnesses to it, i.e., it was not taken in your absence.
- لَا تَسْفِكُونَ دِمَاءَكُمْ...: Your blood, i.e., the blood of some of you. Hurting each other is like hurting yourself.
- وَلَا تُخْرِجُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ...: Don't evict yourselves, i.e., some of you should not evict others. When a person is evicted from his home, he feels humiliated in his place. He will be a stranger wherever he goes. He may go through extreme suffering because of his eviction.
- It is a reminder for us Muslims too that we should never break covenants nor do evil deeds.

Hadith: Nu'man bin Basheer رضي الله عنه reported Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم as saying: The similitude of believers in regard to mutual love, affection, fellow feeling is that of one body; when any limb of it aches, the whole body aches, because of sleeplessness and fever. (Sahih Muslim 2586)

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

- Allah took the covenant from Bani Israel that they would not kill people nor expel them from their homes.
- Allah has given special importance to human rights.
- Allah wants to see the believers as one body. Hurting each other is like hurting yourself.

Du'a: O Allah! Protect us from breaking the covenants that we have with You, i.e., obeying You in all aspects of our life.

Plan: I will have the utmost regard for human lives and their property.

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.								
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماضٍ	Root & Code	Rep.
To shed	سَفَكَ	مَسْفُوكٌ	سَافِكٌ	اِسْفِكْ	يَسْفِكُ	سَفَكَ	س ف ك ض	2
To witness	شَهِدَ	مَشْهُودٌ	شَهِدٌ	اِشْهَدْ	يَشْهَدُ	شَهِدَ	ش ه د س	90
To take	أَخَذَ	مَأْخُودٌ	اِخَذَ	خُذْ	يَأْخُذُ	أَخَذَ	أ خ ذ ز	135
To evict	اِخْرَجَ	مُخْرَجٌ	مُخْرِجٌ	اُخْرِجْ	يُخْرِجُ	اَخْرَجَ	خ ر ج ا س ر	112
To ratify	اَقْرَرَ	مُقَرَّرٌ	مُقَرِّرٌ	اَقْرِرْ	يُقَرِّرُ	اَقْرَرَ	ق ر ر ا س ر	4

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
covenant	مَوَاقِيقُ	مِيثَاقٌ
blood	دِمَاءٌ	دَمٌ
self	أَنْفُسٌ	نَفْسٌ
home	دِيَارٌ	دَارٌ