

Qur'an Lesson 13d

Covenant with Toor above
(Al-Baqarah: 93)

فَوْقَكُمْ	وَرَفَعْنَا	مِيثَاقَكُمْ	وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا			
over you	and We raised	your covenant	And when We took			
سَمِعْنَا	قَالُوا	وَأَسْمَعُوا ^ط	بِقُوَّةٍ	مَا آتَيْنَاكُمْ	خُذُوا	الْطُّورَ ^ط
"We heard	They said,	and listen!"	with firmness	what We gave you,	"Hold	the mount,
بِكُفْرِهِمْ ^ط	الْعَجَلِ	فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ	وَأَشْرَبُوا	وَعَصَيْنَا ^ط		
because of their disbelief.	(love of) the calf	in their hearts	And they were made to drink	and we disobeyed."		
93	إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ	إِيمَانُكُمْ	يَأْمُرُكُمْ بِهِ	بِئْسَمَا	قُلْ	
if you are believers."	your faith,	orders you (to do) it	"Evil (is) that	Say,		

Brief Explanation

- ...وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ...: Bani Israel were reluctant in accepting the Tawrah. Allah raised a mountain above them to threaten them. Was it to force Iman on them? No. They had already believed in Musa. Now out of care, Allah showed His power so that they would be reminded of their commitments.
- Raising of the mountain over them shows how serious Allah is about His Book.
- ...خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَاكُمْ: Hold what We gave you with firmness! They were asked to hold on to the Tawrah firmly, i.e., fulfill its rights such as recitation, understanding, implementing, and spreading it. The same is true today for the Qur'an!
- ...قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَعَصَيْنَا...: Close your eyes for a second and just imagine how horrifying the situation must be. Even then Bani Israel replied: We hear, and we disobey! How disobedient and rebellious people were they! It was Allah's mercy that He didn't crush them.
- Another meaning is: They said سَمِعْنَا on tongues but عَصَيْنَا was in their hearts and this is what their actions showed. Are we doing the same? We claim to believe in the Qur'an. How are our financial dealings and social customs such as weddings? Do we practice Islam there too?
- ...وَأَشْرَبُوا: "They were made to drink". Who made them drink? Allah. But here, we are taught to not ascribe this punishment directly to Allah as a respect to Allah.
- When a person drinks water, it runs in the blood streams of a person. They were made to 'drink' the love of the calf, i.e. they were so much attached to it that even after seeing miracles of Allah, they worshipped the calf.
- Bani Israel were punished and left to love the calf because of their Kufr. Here is an important lesson: A sin may lead to another sin as a punishment from Allah.

Hadith: Zaid bin Arqam رضي الله عنه reported that One day Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم stood up to deliver sermon at a watering place known as Khumm situated between Mecca and Medina. He praised Allah, extolled Him and delivered the sermon and. exhorted (us) and said: O people, I am a human being. I am about to receive a messenger (the angel of death) from my Lord and I, in response to Allah's call, (would bid good-bye to you), but I am leaving among you two weighty things: the one being the Book of Allah in which there is right guidance and light, so hold fast to the Book of Allah and adhere to it. He exhorted (us) (to hold fast) to the Book of Allah. (Muslim: 2408)

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

- Allah is very serious about our fulfilling the rights of His Book.
- A sin, if not followed by repentance, may lead to another sin.
- Listening is the first step before action. Therefore, we should attentively listen to Qur'an & its meaning so that we learn and obey the commands.

Du'a: May Allah give us Tawfeeq to obey Him always.

Plan: InshaAllah I will always try to stick to the Qur'an and fulfill all its rights.

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 raise	رَفَعَ	مَرْفُوعٌ	رَافِعٌ	ارْفَعْ	يَرْفَعُ	رَفَعَ	ر ف ع	28
to listen	سَمِعَ	مَسْمُوعٌ	سَامِعٌ	اسْمَعْ	يَسْمَعُ	سَمِعَ	س م ع	147
to disbelieve	كَفَرَ	مَكْفُورٌ	كَافِرٌ	اُكْفُرْ	يَكْفُرُ	كَفَرَ	ك ف ر	465
to take	أَخَذَ	مَأْخُودٌ	أَخِذْ	خُذْ	يَأْخُذُ	أَخَذَ	أ خ ذ	135
to be firm	قَوَّةٌ	مَقْوِي بِهِ	قَوِيٌّ	اقْوِ	يَقْوِي	قَوِيَ	ق و ي	40
to say	قَوْلٌ	مَقُولٌ	قَائِلٌ	قُلْ	يَقُولُ	قَالَ	ق و ل	1719
to disobey	مَعْصِيَةٌ	مَعْصِيٌّ	عَاصٍ	اغْصِ	يَغْصِي	عَصَى	ع ص ي	32
to order	أَمْرٌ	مَأْمُورٌ	أَمِرٌ	مُرْ	يَأْمُرُ	أَمَرَ	أ م ر	231
to give	إِيْتَاءٌ	مُؤْتَى	مُؤْتٍ	اتِ	يُؤْتِي	أَتَى	أ ت ي	274
to make drink	إِشْرَابٌ	مُشْرَبٌ	مُشْرِبٌ	أَشْرِبْ	يُشْرِبُ	أَشْرَبَ	ش ر ب	1
to believe in	إِيْمَانٌ	مُؤْمِنٌ	مُؤْمِنٌ	أَمِنْ	يُؤْمِنُ	أَمِنَ	أ م ن	818

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
covenant	مَوَاقِيقُ	مِيثَاقٌ
heart	قُلُوبٌ	قَلْبٌ
calf	عُجُولٌ	عِجْلٌ