

# Lesson 5a

## Adhaan

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn 57 new words, which occur 19,471 times in the Qur'an.



**Introduction:** In this lesson, we will study the words and message of Adhaan.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

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Allah is the Greatest	Allah is the Greatest
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(greatest) أَكْبَرُ<sup>23</sup> (great) كَبِيرُ<sup>39</sup> <

(smallest) أَصْغَرُ (small) صَغِيرُ <

(most) أَكْثَرُ<sup>88</sup> (more) كَثِيرُ<sup>63</sup> <

- Allah can't be compared with anyone because He is the Creator and the rest are His creations!
- Allah is the Greatest in power, majesty, glory, kindness and all other good attributes.
- Study of our own creation, the signs within us, around us such as the earth, the moon, the sun, the stars, the galaxies, etc. can help us realize Allah's greatness to some extent.
- The more you realize Allah's greatness the more you can praise Allah from depth of heart. You will say: O Allah! How great and magnificent are You! You will comprehend that Allah is far greater than our imagination.
- At the call of Fajr Salah, if I hear the call and still keep sleeping, whom did I obey? Whom did I accept as the greatest? Allah or my desires? In a similar way, you can check other things too.
- O Allah! Guide me to accept You as the greatest in my life. In other words, help me obey You instead of my desires, family, false leaders, or traditions. In the light of this du'aa, we must evaluate our past and draw a plan for the future.

(2 times) إِلَّا اللَّهُ	إِلَهَ	لَا	أَنْ <sup>571</sup>	أَشْهَدُ <sup>1</sup>
except Allah	god	(there is) no	That	I bear witness
	الهة <sup>+</sup> Gods	مَا: no, what		

The word إِلَهَ has different meanings: (1) the one who is worshipped; (2) the one who fulfills our needs; and (3) the one who is obeyed. There is no God other than Allah in all the three meanings.

I bear witness means that my talks and my actions, in my house or outside, at my office or in market, show that I:

- Love Allah more than anyone else.
- Accept Allah as my Creator, Master, Sustainer, Cherisher, and the Ruler of the entire universe. I worship and obey Him alone in all matters of my life. I seek His help alone and trust Him alone.
- I follow and obey His orders in all matters of my life and not my desires or others' directions.
- In the Qur'an, Allah ordered us to be a witness over the people, i.e., explain to them what is Islam and who is Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. This task is very important and therefore we are reminded to carry out this task in every Adhaan and Iqamah. Alas! Despite these repeated reminders we are not paying due attention to this. Let us ask Allah that He gives us Tawfeeq to be a true witness of Islam, i.e., be good callers of Islam.

(2 times) رَسُولُ اللَّهِ	مُحَمَّدًا <sup>4</sup>	أَنَّ <sup>359</sup>	أَشْهَدُ
is the Messenger of Allah.	Muhammad ﷺ	That	I bear witness
رَسُول: messenger رُسُل: messengers	مُحَمَّد: one who is praised a lot	أَنَّ: that; أَنَّ: that	

I bear witness means that my talks and my actions, in the house or outside, at the office or in market, show that:

- I love Allah and His messenger ﷺ more than anyone else;
- I accept and obey the teachings of the prophet ﷺ without questioning. I consider the Qur'an and the Sunnah as the criterion between right and wrong;
- I don't need any other evidence to follow the teachings of the Prophet ﷺ. My likes and dislikes are guided by the Prophet's likes and dislikes.

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(2 times) الْفَلَاحُ	حَيَّ عَلَى	(2 times) الصَّلَاةُ	حَيَّ عَلَى
<b>the prosperity</b>	<b>Come to</b>	<b>the Salah.</b>	<b>Come to</b>

- The words are “Come to Salah” and not “Offer Salah wherever you are,” i.e., come to Masjid. The Qur'an asks us to establish Salah by praying it with Imam and other Muslims in Jama'ah.
- If we establish Salah, then Allah will give us all types of success and prosperity. Some of them are:
  - Benefits for heart and mind: Salah is a comprehensive form of Allah's Dhikr. It will provide peace to the heart and mind. Pondering on the Qur'an read in Salah will increase our Imaan, intellect, and wisdom. Thinking about Aakhirah will free our heart and mind from the worldly worries.
  - Physical benefits: Cleanliness through Wudoo, exercise for the body such as going for and coming from Salah, bowing, bending, prostrating, sitting, etc.
  - Time management: Sleeping early to get up early for Fajr and developing a habit of punctuality for attending every Salah. Planning daily tasks according to the Salah schedule.
  - Social benefits: Salah helps us bind together as friends, neighbours, and relatives. For example, every day we will be meeting with our neighbors, getting information about them and if required, a chance to help and assist them. This will help us to develop a better and a united society.
  - Most important benefit: We will achieve eternal success in the Hereafter, InshaAllah.

One of the reasons for this reminder of success is that a person avoids coming to Salah because he thinks that he will lose worldly gains associated with work if he comes to Salah. He sometimes behaves like a foolish person who is running in a direction opposite to the real one.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ.	اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
<b>(There is) no god except Allah</b>	<b>Allah is the Greatest. Allah is the Greatest.</b>

- Adhaan ends with its starting words. The starting message was: Come towards Salah keeping in mind Allah's Greatness.
- The message at the end is: If you don't come to Salah, you will be the loser. Allah will still be the Greatest and the one truly worthy of worship. If you come, then you will please the one who is the Greatest and the true God, thereby achieving the real success.