

## **Race To Jannah-5**

### **Group B: Grade 1 to 3**

#### **Quran & Tafsir: Surah Al-Baqarah (285-286)**

### **Introduction**

Surah al-Baqarah is the second and longest chapter (Surah) of the Quran. Baqarah means cow. Surah Baqarah is a Medinan Surah (which means, revealed to Muhammad (PBUH) after his migration to Medina).

### **Number of Verses**

The chapter comprises 286 verses (Ayat) and includes the single longest verse in the Quran (2:282).

### **Virtues and Benefits of Surah Al Baqarah**

- It is narrated that When the Messenger of Allah went on the Isra journey, he ascended to the Sidrat Al-Muntaha in the sixth heaven, The Messenger of Allah was then given three things: the five prayers, the last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah and forgiveness for whoever did not associate anything or anyone with Allah from his Ummah. This Hadith was collected by Muslim and An-Nasa'i,
- Interesting fact: The whole Quran was revealed to prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) through Jibreel except these two verses of Quran. The Messenger received them directly from Allah SWT.
- Abu Mas'ud reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Whoever recites in the night the last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah will be enough for them." Sahih Bukhari 4723

### ***[Good to know, not for quiz-***

- *Please read the great story of Al Isra' wal Miraj to know more about the last two verses of Surah al-Baqarah.*
- *Ibn `Abbas which stated, "While the Messenger of Allah was with Jibril, he heard a noise from above. Jibril lifted his sight to the sky and said, 'This is a door that was opened just now in heaven, and it was never opened before.' An angel came down through the door to the Prophet and said, 'Receive the good news of two lights that you have been given and which no Prophet before you was given: the Opener of the Book (Al-Fatihah) and the last Ayat in Surah Al-Baqarah. You will not read a letter of them, but you will be granted its benefit.'" – Sahih Muslim Vol 2, Book 4, Hadith 1760*

- It is recorded that Abu Hurayrah said that the Prophet said, 'Do not turn your houses into graves. Verily, Shaytan does not enter the house where Surah Al-Baqarah is recited.' Sahih Muslim Hadith 780; Musnad Ahmad, At-Tirmidhi and An-Nasa'i.
- Abdullah bin Masud said, "Shaytan flees from the house where Surah Al-Baqarah is heard." This Hadith was collected by An-Nasa'i in Al-Yawm wal-Laylah, and Al-Hakim recorded it in his Mustadrak.
- Abdullah bin Masud said, "Whoever recites ten Ayat from Surah Al-Baqarah in a night, then Shaytan will not enter his house that night. These ten Ayat are four from the beginning, Ayat Al-Kursi (255), the following two Ayat (256-257) and the last three Ayat." In another narration, Ibn Mas'ud said, "Then Shaytan will not come near him or his family, nor will he be touched by anything that he dislikes. Also, if these Ayat were to be recited over a senile person, they would wake him up." Musnad, Ad-Darimi ]

## Translation, Tafsiir and Key Lessons

### AYAH 285

ءَامَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ ۚ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلُّ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ ۚ وَكُتُبِهِ ۚ  
وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ ۚ وَقَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا ۚ غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا  
وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٢٨٥﴾

### Translation

The Messenger has believed in what was revealed to him from his Lord, and so have the believers. All of them have believed in Allah and His angels and His books and His messengers, [saying], "We make no distinction between any of His messengers." And they say, "We hear and we obey. We seek Your forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the return."

### Key Lesson from the Ayah 285

1. As a believer we have to believe in Allah, His angels, His books and His Messengers as mentioned in this Ayah.
2. A believer does not differentiate between any of the Prophets, such as, believing in some of them and rejecting others. We respect all the Prophets, but we also believe that Muhammad, (peace be upon him), was the last and final of those Prophets and messengers who has delivered the final, complete and universal version of Islam, which will remain valid for the rest of time.
3. A believer is a person who says "We hear, and we obey" when he/ she learns anything from Allah or His prophets. We may not understand everything, still we have to believe and follow what is in Islam. Because Allah knows what is best for us.

4. A believer always asks Allah for forgiveness. We make mistakes, but Allah is the most forgiving. So never give up hope and try to go back to Allah's mercy.

5. "To You we shall all return." This statement implies belief in the hereafter, which, from the Islamic point of view, is another essential aspect of faith in Allah. We will not stay in this world forever.

## AYAH 286

لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَعَلَيْهَا مَا اكْتَسَبَتْ رَبَّنَا لَا  
تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إَصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى  
الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ ۗ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَارْحَمْنَا  
أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٨٦﴾

### Translation

Allah does not charge a soul except its capacity. It will have [the consequence of] what [good] it has gained, and it will bear [the consequence of] what [evil] it has earned. "Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred. Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear. And pardon us; and forgive us; and have mercy upon us. You are our protector, so give us victory over the disbelieving people."

### Key Lesson from Ayah 286

#### 1. Allah is kind and does not create any burden

Allah does not ask a soul what is beyond its ability. This demonstrates Allah's kindness, compassion and generosity towards His creation. In addition this motivates them to strengthen their faith in Allah and inspires them to get closer to Allah by increasing their devotion and *Ibaadah*.

#### 2. Allah rewards and punishes according to action

Every individual is accountable for his own actions. A person is rewarded for their own action and he is punished for that which he has earned of evil. There is no way we can blame others for what we will achieve on Day of Judgement.

#### 3. Allah teaches us supplication/dua

Allah directs his servants to supplicate to Him and promises that He will answer the supplication. Let's learn the duas:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا

Our Lord! Push us not if we forget or fall into error.

رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إِصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِنَا

Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which You did lay on those before us (Jews and Christian).

رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ

Our Lord! Put not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear.

وَاعْفُ عَنَّا

Pardon us.

وَارْحَمْنَا

Have mercy on us.

أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

You are our Guardian. And give us victory over the disbelieving people.

The Surah closes with a statement asserting that believers put their full trust in Allah to come to their help in establishing His order on earth and defending it against His enemies.

The main lesson from the final verse (supplications) of this Surah is that as believers we must seek help from only Allah during all circumstances of our life and Allah is the Most Powerful and Merciful.

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