

Lajna Ta'leem Lesson Plan

Month: October 2016

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the tafseer of first Ruku of Surah Al Baqarah.
- To explain the hadith discussing the responsibilities of a pious lady towards her husband.

Time	Activities and Comments	Resource
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tafseer Surah Al Baqarah Ruku 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Verse 2: Abbreviations like الم (Alif Lam Mim) are known as (<i>Al-Muqa a'at</i>) i.e. letters used and pronounced separately. -Thus Alif Lam Mim placed in the beginning of <i>Al-Baqarah</i> indicate that the central theme of this chapter is divine knowledge. God proclaims, as it were, that Muslims, weak in the beginning, will soon become strong and attain to knowledge, wisdom and power. -Verse 3: The clause (this is the perfect Book) placed in the beginning of the verse, is capable of several interpretations, the following two being more in harmony with the Qur'anic text: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a complete and perfect Book, a Book which possesses all the excellences that a complete and perfect Book should possess. 2. This is that Book or this is the Book. -It may seem strange, but is nevertheless true, that religious Books, such as the Vedas, the Zend-Avests, the Old and New Testament, ascribe to God imperfections of one kind or another. The Qur'an, on the contrary, declares Him free of all defects, the Most Perfect in Power, Majesty and Holiness. The Qur'an exonerates the revealed Books of different religions from the charge that they are not the spoken word 	Syllabus page 12-19

<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>of God but only a reflection of peculiarly sensitive individuals' own thoughts. The Qur'an accepts the divine origin of the Books of other religions.</p> <p>-Verse 5: This verse describes three more qualities of a righteous person. In the previous verse men on was made of faith in general. But as a true believer seeks to know the details of تقوى (righteousness) in order to perfect his faith, he is told here that for its consummation he must believe in the Holy Prophet^{pbuh} and through him in the previous Prophets, and must at the same me believe in "what is yet to come".</p> <p>-Verse 7: The verse refers to the disbelievers mentioned in the last verse and explains how they have reached their present woeful condition. It is common observation that organs which remain unused for a long me become dead and useless. The Qur'an states clearly that it is the disbelievers themselves who seal their fates and God's seal follows only as a result of their action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HADITH NUMBER 18 A Pious Lady is One Who does Her Duty to Her Husband <p>-While on the one hand, the Holy Prophet (peace of Allāh be on him and His blessings) has commanded husbands to treat their wives with kindness, he has, on the other hand, enjoined on wives to do their duty to their husbands.</p> <p>-The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) was so particular in regard to this sacred obligation of the wife, that, in another Hadīth, he observed that if the husband of a Muslim wife died pleased with her, she would, by the grace of God, enter Paradise.</p> <p>-The wife who did not do her duty to her husband, did not do her duty to God is twofold: Firstly in spite of the difference in degree, the two obligations partake of the same nature. For instance, as God loves His creatures with extreme love so does the husband cherish a special kind of love for his wife and again as, with all His love, Allāh is</p>	<p>Taleem Syllabus page 20-21. Taken from Forty gems of Beauty</p>
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the Ruler and Guardian over His servants, likewise is the husband the superintendent and maintainer of the house.

-Another wisdom underlying it is that the rights of man in Islām have been assigned by God and the law lays extreme stress on these rights.

-As to the obligations of a wife, according to the Holy Qur'ān and the Ḥadīth, she owes her husband that she be obedient to him, should show him proper respect, should love him, should be faithful to him, should bring up his children well, should look after his property and serve him to the best of her capacity.

Homework:

Revise the Tafseer and Hadith from the Syllabus.