



In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

## Lajna Ta'lim Lesson Plan Outline

**Month:** January 2018

### Learning Objectives:

- To have an understanding of the message given to Israelites in the 5th Ruku of Surah Al-Baqarah  
To understand why a cheat cannot be considered a true Muslim
- To understand the key messages given by the Promised Messiah as in the Book "Victory of Islam".

Time	Activity and Comments	Resource
15 minutes	<p>Key points: Verse 41</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In this verse God addressed the Israelites to prove the fact that the revelation has not been confined to the beginning of the world but has been sent down repeatedly, as and when required. A reason why the Israelites have been mentioned here is that, being the last people to receive the favours of God before Islam, they are more answerable to him than any other people.</li> <li>- The favours spoken in this verse include both spiritual and temporal favours, which were bestowed on the Israelites; the highest spiritual favour is prophethood and the highest temporal favour is kingship.</li> <li>- The text 'fulfil your covenant with Me, I will fulfil My covenant with you, simply means that 'fulfil My commandments, I will fulfil the promise I made to you'. It is reminder for them because even the Israelites have now lost God's favour by failing to fulfil his covenant.</li> <li>- The concluding words 'and Me alone should you fear' indicates that it is the last chance for Israelites so let them fear the Lord even now and accept the new Prophet. These words are not used to signify that God is something to be feared instead the emphasis is rather on that nothing except God should be feared.</li> </ul> <p>Verse 42</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God, the Almighty, calls upon the Israelites to accept the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) of Islam in whom the prophecies contained in their scriptures have been fulfilled.</li> <li>- The words 'and be not the first to disbelieve therein' is to tell the Israelites to ponder over the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and not to be hasty in rejecting it. They have been cautioned against being hasty in</li> </ul>	Surah Al Baqarah Ruku 5



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rejecting the truth, for once a man rejects the truth without giving it calm and dispassionate consideration, it becomes very difficult for him to accept it afterwards.

- ‘And barter not My Signs for a paltry price’ interprets as ‘Do not forsake the truth for worldly gains’. People who reject the truth may secure only temporary gains, but eventually, even in this life, the tide very often turns, bringing the righteous ones in ascendance.

#### Verse 43

- In this verse the Jews are forbidden from following two things:
  1. To mingle the truth with the false, by quoting verses from their scriptures and putting wrong interpretations on them
  2. To suppress or hide the truth i.e. suppress such prophecies in their scriptures as refer to the Promised Prophet.

#### Verse 44

- In this verse the Jews are called upon to undergo a complete transformation and identify themselves with Islam not only in belief but also in practice.
- The expression ‘bow down with those who bow’ does not mean that the Jews should only bow down as in daily prayers. The expression therefore means that they should completely submit to God.

#### Verse 45

- The Quran questions the Jews in this verse by saying; Do you enjoin men to practice extensive beneficence, to deal kindly with one another, to be truthful, to act righteously and to serve and obey God, yet you neglect your own selves, while you claim to read the Book sent by God?
- ‘While you read the Book’ which contains prophecies concerning the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) of Islam, yet you do not accept him. You break great commandments of the Lord but bid others to observe lesser commandments.
- The word ‘Book’ in this verse refers to the Bible.

#### Verse 46

- This verse and the next one may be taken to be addressed either to the Jews or to the Muslims.



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<p>5 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Israelites should not be hasty in rejecting the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) but should seek to find out the truth with patience and prayer.</li> <li>- The verse ends with an expression of the fear that, as seeking to find out the truth in the aforesaid manner is difficult, the Jews perhaps will not resort to the method which only the humble adopt.</li> <li>- This verse can also address Muslims to act with patience and observe prayer and they need to have no fear. In other words, if they abstain from evils. And practise virtue and be steadfast and observe patience and constantly pray to God for help, He will certainly send them his help, and they will conquer all opposition.</li> </ul> <p>Verse 47</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This verse explains the word ‘The humble’ mentioned in the previous verse. God says that in his sight the humble are those people who have complete faith in Him and are sure of meeting Him one day.</li> <li>- The words ‘they will meet their Lord’ refer to the meeting with God which holy men enjoy in this life, while the words, ‘to Him will they return’ refer to the complete nearness to God which such men will attain in the life to come.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hadith number 25</b>  <b>A Cheat Cannot Be Considered A True Muslim (Muslim)</b></p> <p>Narrated by Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah, Allāh be pleased with him: Said the Prophet of Allāh (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him): “Whoso cheats in business and in transactions, and is not at heart what he appears to be, is not of me.” (Muslim)</p> <p>The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) made this observation when, on inserting his hand in a heap of grain belonging to a grain merchant, he discovered that it was wet inside, with a thick covering of dry grains on top. An attempt had been made to cover this defect. At that time his face was suffused with anger and in extreme displeasure. He told the grain merchant that cheating was not permissible in Islām, and the Muslim who practiced deceit and wanted to sell rotten goods by making them up as good commodity, had no lot or part with him. He then commanded that if goods were defective in any way, their defect should be made public and then offered for sale so that the buyer may be able to evaluate them, keeping their defect in mind. The effect of this extremely forceful exhortation was evidenced sometime in the very charming difference of opinion that occurred among his companions, when, for</p>	<p>"Forty Gems of Beauty", Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, MA</p>
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<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>instance, the vendor would ask two hundred coins for his commodity but the buyer would insist that it was worth three hundred coins. But it is painful to note that many so-called Muslims of today cheat in trade without the least scruples and back their lies with oaths and indulge in excessive adulteration, so much so that even Satan, perhaps, feels outdone. Some Muslims perform Hajj (pilgrimage) also for the sole consideration of promoting their trade with their newly-won epithet of Ḥājī. I do not say that all of them are of this type. But when a substantial number of community is involved in moral degradation of this kind, the entire mass of its people cannot get away from the stigma of ill-repute. And, in any case, the true follower of our Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) is one who obeys his command, and shuns every form of deceit and fraud, as he cannot otherwise escape the operation of the warning, “that whoso cheats and commits fraud in trade and other transactions has nothing to do with me.” (“Forty Gems of Beauty”, Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, MA, 2007, Islam International Publications Ltd, Tilford, UK)</p> <p><b>Question &amp; Answers</b></p> <p><b>Q1) The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> says that until my task is accomplished, angels will continue to descend. What is meant by that? (P. 10)</b> Huzur says: “.....Until my task is accomplished, God will continue to assign these angels to descend on every consenting heart indeed they are already descending. Even if I remain silent or my pen refrains from writing, those angels who have descended in my company will not stop the task assigned to them. They have been provided with powerful maces which they hold in their hands in order to break the Cross and smash the false images of human-worship. The ignorant might question the meaning of the descent of angels. Let it be known that it is the established custom of God that whenever a Messenger, a Prophet or an appointed recipient of Divine revelation is sent for the reformation of mankind, it becomes imperative that he is accompanied by such angels who instil guidance in all loving hearts. They induce the hearts towards goodness. They continue to descend until the darkness of profanity and corruption gives way to the break of the dawn of faith and truthfulness.....”</p> <p><b>Q2) What is the result of the influence of angels? (P.11)</b> As a result of the noble influence of the angels, the hearts of such people are voluntarily inclined towards virtuous thoughts and are thus charmed by the concept of the Unity of God. Upright hearts are charged with the inclination towards the search of truth. The</p>	<p>Victory of Islam</p>
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spiritually frail are granted fortitude. Everywhere a breeze begins to blow which is supportive to the objectives of the Reformer. An invisible hand is beckoning humanity so that they of themselves are hastening towards that reform which will bring out the best of their talents. Mankind is in a state of agitation and stir in anticipation of what is to come.

**Q3) what should one do when one witnesses the fulfilment of signs? (P.11-12)**

That time is not far, indeed it is at hand, when you will observe armies of angels descend from heaven into the heart of Asians, Europeans and Americans. You are already aware of the testimony of the Holy Quran that with the appearance of any Vicegerent of God, the appearance of angels is essential in order to incline hearts towards the truth. Therefore, you should await the fulfilment of this sign. If you do not notice the appearance of the angels or a clear evidence of their influence or an extraordinary fervour in the hearts of humanity, then you are justified to contend that no-one has appeared from the heaven. But if all these signs do come to pass, then you should refrain from rejecting the truth, lest you should be counted in the sight of God amongst the rebellious.

**Q4) What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> sign that God has bestowed upon the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>? (P.12)**

The second sign is that God has blessed me with such spiritual proofs as are reserved for His divines and which cannot be matched by other people. Therefore, if you have any misgivings, come and confront me, but rest assured that you do not possess the capacity to challenge me. You have the tongue but not the heart; you have the body but no life; you have the pupil in your eyes but it is without spiritual insight. May God bestow upon you spiritual light so that you may see.

**Q5) What is the third sign that God Almighty has bestowed upon the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>? (P.12)**

The third sign is that, that Noble Prophet (The Holy Prophet Muhammad) whom you claim to follow has spoken about me; this has been recorded in the siha-i-sitta (Six Authentic books of Hadith) but you have never pondered over it.

**Q6) The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> quotes a revelation from God as a proof of his truthfulness. What is this revelation? (P. 13)**

“A warner came into the world but the world accepted him not but God will accept him and establish his truth by mighty assaults.”



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**Q7) What does the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> mean when he says that, “God gave me the glad tidings that He would grant me a new Life? (P.13)**

Huzur says:

“..... God gave me the glad tidings that he would grant me a new life after my death. He said that His trusted and favourites come back to life after their deaths. He said:

I will reveal my splendour and show my power by raising you.

Therefore, my new life here also means the revival of my objectives. But there are few who understand such mysteries.

**Q8) What does the word Dajjal mean? (P.14)**

Everyone who obscures the truth, resembling the great one-eyed ‘Dajjal’ (anti -Christ) who, having lost the spiritual eye, views the world only with the eye of materialism.

**Q9) What will happen to Dajjal? (P.14)**

Dajjal will be slaughtered with the sword of irrefutable arguments. And Truth will triumph.

**Q10) The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> says that the revival of Islam demands a ransom from us. What is this ransom? (P.14)**

The revival of Islam demands ransom from us. What is that ransom? That ransom is to die in this pursuit. This is the death on which depends the revival of Islam, the revival of Muslims and the manifestation of the living God. This is the sacrifice which in other words is known as ‘Islam’. This is ‘Islam’ which God now intends to resuscitate.

**Q11) In order for Islam to Triumph, God has established a dispensation. What does this mean? (P.14-15)**

To bring about this great transformation, it was necessary that God Himself should establish a Dispensation, adequate and efficient in all respects. So as a consequence, He who is the Most Wise, the Most Powerful, sent this humble self for the reformation of mankind. In order to attract the attention of humanity towards this Divine Dispensation, He distributed its sphere of activities into several branches, each devoted to the dissemination of Truth and the propagation of Islam.

**Q12) What are the different branches of this dispensation? (P.15)**

“..... one such branch is the writing and publication of books which has been assigned to this humble self. To undertake this task, I have been gifted with the essence of knowledge with profound



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insight into the nature of things and their subtleties, which is beyond human reach alone but can only be attained with the power of Allah. It is through the tutorship of the Holy Spirit that all difficulties were dispelled.

The second branch of this Dispensation is the publication of leaflets, which under Divine command is being undertaken to comply with the natural obligation we owe to all. Until now, more than twenty thousand leaflets have been published to establish the truth of the Islamic belief over other creeds. This process will continue according to the need of the time.

The third branch of the Dispensation relates to the visitors, ‘seekers after truth’ and people with diverse motives who, after hearing the news of this Heavenly Dispensation, come to visit me.

**Q13) What does the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> say regarding the lectures and speeches delivered by the prophets of God? (P.16)**

Huzur says:

“..... All Prophets have utilised this method. Apart from the Word of God that was written with the pen and preserved in publications, all other dissertations of the Prophets were spread by speeches of the Prophets has been that, like judicious lecturers, they would deliver speeches which were sustained by the strength of the soul, befitting the requirements of the situation. They did not speak like the speakers of today, whose only objective is to display their knowledge, or to overwhelm the simplistic public into accepting their false logic and misleading argumentation thereby making their entry into hell even more deserving.

Contrary to this, the Prophets spoke without any embellishment and whatever sprung forth from their hearts, they poured into the hearts of others. Their divinely purified sayings were timed according to the requirement of the situation. They never spoke just for the sake of entertaining in the style of story telling.

**Q14) What does the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> say about his speeches in particular? (P. 16-17)**

Huzur says:

Therefore, this has been the pattern of the speeches of this humble self. My speeches are always tailored towards the spiritual prowess, the particular needs and spiritual ailments of my addressees.