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LUQMĀN (AS)

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Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Be introduced to Luqmān (as) as a wise man introduced to us in the Qur'an
- Discuss some of the advice Luqmān gave to his son

FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

JUNIOR LEVEL

Luqmān (as)

We have previously learnt many valuable lessons from the lives of the Prophets and Imams. We will now look at what we can learn from a wise man introduced to us in the Holy Qur'an.

LUQMĀN (AS)

Luqmān (as) was a wise man who lived many years ago. He has a very high status in the sight of Allah (SWT), and a whole Surah (number 31) is named after him in the Holy Qur'an. His wisdom was granted to him by Allah, and he taught his son many great lessons which Allah has related in the Holy Qur'an in order that we too benefit from this wisdom.

GRATEFULNESS TO PARENTS



In Surah Luqmān, Allah (SWT) says:

"And We have enjoined man to be good to his parents— his mother bears him with weakness upon weakness and his weaning takes two years— saying: Be grateful to Me and to both your parents; to Me is the eventual coming."
(31:14)

This is a very important lesson that we must learn: our parents go through immense hardships for our sake and we should appreciate them and be very much grateful to

them, similar to the way that we should be grateful to Allah.

ESTABLISHING DAILY PRAYERS

“O my son! Establish ṣalāt and enjoin the good and forbid the evil, and bear patiently that which befalls you; surely these acts require courage” (31:17)



A very important piece of advice that Luqmān (as) gave his son was that he should ‘establish’ the daily prayers. Sometimes we think that we should rush our prayers and quickly get them over and done with – but this is not *establishing* prayer, it is simply performing it. To establish prayer means that we should take a lot of care while praying, knowing that we are speaking to Allah (SWT). We must stand humbly, praying without any rush and not worrying about what we will be doing after we finish the prayers.

PATIENCE

In the above āyah, Luqmān (as) also warns his son to be patient during hardship, letting him know that being patient is a great act which requires courage. Imagine that we are hungry and the food isn’t ready yet. A lot of us would become quite grumpy and start upsetting those around us, especially our mothers. Or imagine that somebody hits us or says something bad to us. A lot of us would become quite angry and hurt the person back. In both these cases, as well as other such situations, we are taught in Islam to bravely remain patient, and to repel evil with goodness.

ARROGANCE AND RUDENESS

“And do not turn your face away from people in disrespect, nor go about in the land exulting overmuch; surely Allah does not love any arrogant boaster.” (31:18)

This is another valuable lesson which Luqmān (as) gives his son. Imagine that we have been blessed with certain talents by Allah (SWT). For example, we could be better than our class mates at soccer or netball, or smarter

than them in maths. Does this mean that we should be rude and make fun of others, and boast that we are better than everyone else? No, certainly not. As we have previously learnt, Islam teaches us to be humble, and to thank Allah (SWT) for our blessings, and try to share them with others.

EVERY BIT COUNTS

“O my son! Surely if it is the very weight of the grain of a mustard-seed, even though it is in (the heart of) rock, or (high above) in the heaven or (deep down) in the earth, Allah will bring it (to light); surely Allah is Knower of subtleties, Aware!” (31: 16)

This verse mentions another valuable lesson which Luqmān (as) gives his son. It means that Allah (SWT) sees every single thing and is aware of even the tiniest of details. Imagine that you only have a 5 cents coin with you (at the time) and the charity basket is going around. Some people might think that 5 cents is too little and may be too embarrassed to donate it. However, even donating a 5 cent coin sincerely for the sake of Allah (SWT) is a beautiful deed and Allah (SWT) will see it and be pleased with you.



NONE OTHER THAN ALLAH (SWT)

“And when Luqmān said to his son while he admonished him: O my son! do not associate anything with Allah; most surely polytheism is a grievous iniquity.” (31: 13)

The final lesson we will look at from Luqmān’s instructions to his son is regarding polytheism. Luqmān warns his son to make sure that he does not worship anyone other than Allah (SWT) or think that Allah (SWT) has any partners. This is important because a lot of people, especially in the olden days, would take statues and animals as God and worship them. Islam teaches us that there is only one unique God, Allah (SWT), who alone we worship and rely upon.

Review Questions

Q1. Who was Luqmān (as)?

- a. A wise man introduced to us in the Qur'an.
- b. A prophet of Allah (SWT).
- c. An angel of Allah (SWT).

Q2. Luqmān's wisdom was granted to him:

- a. By himself through deep thinking.
- b. By himself through prolonged studying.
- c. By Allah (SWT)

Q3. In the Quran, Luqmān advises his son to:

- a. Establish ṣalāt, be patient during afflictions, be humble and polite, and associate nothing with Allah (SWT).
- b. Establish ṣalāt, be patient during afflictions, be arrogant and rude, and associate others with Allah (SWT).
- c. Perform ṣalāt, be patient during afflictions, be humble and polite, and associate nothing with Allah (SWT).