



COURSE OBJECTIVE:

DERIVE ETHICAL LESSONS through:

- 1) Reciting & pondering over select passages
- 2) About stories of past prophets & people
- 3) Referring to renown *tafaseer* (commentaries)
- 4) Discussing related Hadith from Ma'sumin (a)
- 5) Relating personal experiences

Nabi Ayyub (a): Introduction

Ayyub(a) in the Qur'an, Hadith & Christian literature

Verses in the Holy Qur'an that talk about Ayyub:
4:163; 6:84; 21: 83-84; 38: 41-44

Hadith: Since the Holy Qur'an is brief about his life event, Hadith and Tafseer literature provide details

In Christian Literature, he is referred to as Job

Nabi Ayyub received revelation

إِنَّا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ كَمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى نُوحٍ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَعِيسَى وَأَيُّوبَ
يُونُسَ وَهَارُونَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ وَآتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زَبُورًا

4:163 *We have indeed revealed to you as We have to Nuh and the prophets after him, and [as] We have revealed to Ibrahim and Isma'il, Is.haq, Ya'qub, and the Tribes, 'Isa and Ayyub, Yunus, Harun and Sulayman; and We gave Zabur to Dawud (the Psalms).*

Tabataba'i: Nuh was the first to come with the Book and a *shari'ah*...We have not given you [O Muhammad] any new thing, new claim or new aspect which was not found with the previous prophets. Some prophets were sent without any Book but received prophetic revelations. (*Al-Mizan*, 9:187)

Nabi Ayyub (a) was guided

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَ يَعْقُوبَ كُلًّا هَدَيْنَا وَنُوحًا هَدَيْنَا مِنْ
قَبْلُ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِهِ دَاوُدَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ وَأَيُّوبَ وَيُوسُفَ وَمُوسَى
وَهَارُونَ وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ

6:84 *And We gave him Is.haq and Ya'qub and guided each of them. Nuh We guided before, and from his offspring, Dawud and Sulayman, Ayyub, Yusuf, Musa and Harun – thus do We reward the virtuous*

- Ayyub was from the offspring of Nabi Ibrahim
- All these prophets had rank and position on account of their virtue and good deeds

Story of Ayyub from Hadith

Once a person asked Imam Sadiq (a) the reason for which Ayyub faced the calamity. Imam answered him in detail; the shortened of which is that the calamity of Ayyub was not for the sake that he was unthankful of the divine blessings, on the contrary, it was for the thankfulness of the divine blessings to which Iblis envied and said to the presence of Allah: “If Ayyub thanked You so much it would be for the vast and comfortable life You have bestowed on him, and if You take the material merits of this world from him, he will never be gratitude to You. Let me dominate over him concerning his affairs of this world so that it may be known that the matter is the same.”

Nabi Ayyub's Du'a in 21:83-84

وَأَيُّوبَ إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ *
فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ فَكَشَفْنَا مَا بِهِ مِنْ ضُرٍّ ۖ وَآتَيْنَاهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُمْ
مَعَهُمْ رَحْمَةً مِنَّا وَعِندَنَا وَذِكْرًا لِّلْعَابِدِينَ

21: 83 And Ayyub, when he called out to his Lord, 'Indeed distress has befallen me, and You are the most merciful.' 21:84 So We answered to him and removed his distress, and We gave him [back] his family along with others like them, as a mercy from Us, and an admonition for the devout.

Reflections on vv. 21:83-84

- Nabi Ayyub was in distress, pain, sickness & misery
- O' Muslims & Mu'minin, you will be rescued

Durr = calamity that visits the man's spirit or body, as well as mutilation, loss of wealth, the death of dear persons, spoiling of prestige, etc.

Ayyub's Du'a: أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Memorize and pray it regularly during difficulty

- Simple and humble supplication
- Power of Divine Mercy

Ayyub (a) cured; 38:41 - 42

وَإِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الشَّيْطَانُ بِنُصْبٍ
وَعَذَابٍ * اِرْكُضْ بِرِجْلِكَ ۖ هَذَا مُغْتَسَلٌ بَارِدٌ وَشَرَابٌ

And remember Our servant Ayyub: when he called out to his Lord, 'The devil has visited on me hardship and torment,' 42. [We told him:] 'Stamp your foot on the ground; this [ensuing spring] is a cooling bath and drink.'

Reflections vv. 38:41 -42

- Holy Prophet instructed to remember Ayyub
- This will help HP (s) and Muslims of all times
- Ayyub referred by Allah as: *Our servant*
- Ayyub's calling & complain to his Lord
- He was aware that Shaytan was source of problem
- Hadith: afflicted on account of being thankful
- HQ very brief on what transpired
- Simple solution from Allah: *stamp your foot*
- benefit of using cold water for bathing
- Cured thru bath and drinking of water

Ayyub Patient & Excellent 38:43-44

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُمْ مَعَهُمْ رَحْمَةً مِنَّا وَذِكْرًا لِأُولِي
الْأَلْبَابِ * وَخُذْ بِيَدِكَ ضِغْثًا فَاضْرِبْ بِهِ وَلَا تَحْنَطْ ۖ إِنََّّا
وَجَدْنَاهُ صَابِرًا ۖ نِعْمَ الْعَبْدُ ۖ إِنَّهُ أَوَّابٌ

And We gave [back] his family to him along with others like them, as a mercy from Us and an admonition for those who possess intellect. 44. [We told him:] ‘Take a faggot in your hand and then strike [your wife] with it, but do not break [your] oath.’ Indeed We found him to be patient. What an excellent servant! Indeed he was a patient [soul].

Reflections on vv. 38: 43 -44

Allah granted him back his family, after health

Allah gives more than what a servant expects

On account of Mercy from Allah

Remembrance/admonition for people of intellect

A way out of his oath to whip his wife

Nabi Ayyub's patience has become an old proverb

Praise for Ayyub: *what an excellent servant!*

Anwab – always turning to Allah

People scorn Nabi Ayyub (a)

It happened that a group of monks came to visit him. They asked him what kind of great sin he had committed that he was in too much calamity. Thus, the scorn of people began and this tormented him a lot. He answered them: “By my Lord! There has not been any wrong, and I have always been studious in obeying Allah. Whenever I ate a little food, there was always an orphan or an indigent present at my table.”

When the trial was over, Ayyub was asked what was the most difficult part? He said, “the taunt of the enemies.”

Ayyub in Ramadan Du'a

This Du'a is recommended in the last ten nights of the holy month

يَا مُلَيِّنَ الْحَدِيدِ لِدَاوُدَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، يَا كَاشِفَ الضُّرِّ وَالْكَرْبِ الْعِظَامِ
عَنْ أَيُّوبَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، أَيُّ مُفَرِّجِ هَمٍّ يَعْقُوبَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، أَيُّ
مُنْفِسِ غَمِّ يُوسُفَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا
أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَافْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ، وَلَا
تَفْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنَا أَهْلُهُ

O the softener of iron for Dawood - peace be on him.

O the remover of harm and distress from Ayyub - peace be on him. O the reliever of the grief of Ya'qub - peace be on him. O the comforter of the sorrow of Yusuf- peace be on him. Bless Muhammad and his family, the way it befits You to bless them all, and deal with me in a manner which befits You, not in a manner which befits me.