

Friday Class – Session Eight

Trivia Question

(Pair up with a partner and answer)



How many mountains
(or caves) do you know
that played an
important role in
Islamic history?

Sura Nahl

Verses 15-16

Please read and ponder.



Beginning Activity

List five adjectives of a mountain. What does Allah says about mountains in verse 15? What other things are linked to the mountain in the verses?



The Mountains

Mountains affect temperature and rain in surrounding areas.

Mountains protect the area around them from extreme weather.

Mountains act as natural barriers between countries and peoples. They effect agriculture, travel, politics . . .

Be like a mountain

الْمُؤْمِنُ كَالْجَبَلِ الرَّاسِخِ لَا تُحَرِّكُهُ الْعَوَاصِفُ

A believer is like a firm mountain,
storms do not move him.

Imam as-Sadiq (a)



- Mountains are upright and firm, strong and steady. A believer should also have similar qualities.
- A mountain is not moved by strong winds and rain. A believer is not moved by trends around him.
- A mountain stabilizes the earth, and is the anchor of the earth. A believer is the anchor of society.
- A mountain is often a mine of precious stones. A believer also is a mine of beautiful and valuable qualities.

Roads

Roads are important for reaching the correct destination. The spiritual life of the human being also has roads and destination.

Without the correct path it is not possible to reach the intended destination.



Stars

The stars for guidance
are the Divine leaders.



Hadith

The Holy Prophet (s) is the star, and the Imams
are the landmarks.

From Imam as-Sadiq (a)

The Holy Prophet told Imam Ali (a)
You are one of the landmarks.