



ALI 707: Quranic Arabic & Knowledge, Level 2

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Description: Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (a) has said: *Learn Arabic, for it is the word of Allah with which He speaks to His creation* [in the Holy Quran]. In this online course, specially tailored for past and present Madrasah teachers, we will discuss simple Quranic vocabulary and grammar. To make it interesting, occasionally we will cover short stories and historical events in the Quran and their application in our daily lives. In this level, we will identify nouns and their different forms, a few verbs, and particles from Surahs Numbers 108 to 114 of the Quran.

Today's agenda: 1. a brief *tafsir* of Sūrat al-Kawthar (# 108). 2. Quick revision of Lessons 3 – 5 on Pronouns from the Textbook. 3. identifying the attached and detached pronouns in the first 20 verses of al-Baqarah. 4. Lesson 6 from the Textbook on joining the attached pronouns to verbs.

Brief tafsīr of Sūrat al-Kawthar (#108)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ﴿١﴾ فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحَرْ ﴿٢﴾ إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ ﴿٣﴾

Bismillāh. Indeed, We have given you abundance. (1) So, [in gratitude] pray to your Lord, and sacrifice. (2) Indeed, it is your enemy who is without posterity. (3)

Revealed in Makkah, it is the shortest sūrah of the Quran, having 3 succinct verses and ten words; **six** of which are only found in this sūrah. Allah ﷻ assures the Prophet that his enemies would have their lineage cut-off (*abtar*) and he (i.e., Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) has been granted a great favor and abundance of goodness (*al-Kawthar*). Imam al-Sādiq عليه السلام : whoever recites this sūrah in his wājib or recommended prayers, Allah will quench his thirst from [the pool of] al-Kawthar on the Day of Judgement and will converse with Rasūlullāh at the tree of Tuba. Per Hadith, *Kawthar* refers to several things: a river in Paradise, a drinking fountain belonging to the Prophet on the DoJ, the offspring of the Prophet, the great status of the Prophetic mission, and the great miracle given to the Prophet, namely the Quran. Kawthar is an allusion to the abundance in the lineage of the Prophet from Bibi Fatimah, and through her and Imam Ali, the rest of the Imams of the Ahlul Bayt, and their descendants. There is no family in the world that has spread with this abundance. Jibra'īl informed the Prophet that the sacrifice in the sūrah refers to raising of hands in prayer.

Detached and attached pronouns

Bismillāh. Please note the differences and similarities between the two.

plural	dual	singular	quantity/ person
هُمَ هُمْ	هُمَا هُمَا	هُوَ هُ	3 rd m
هُنَّ هُنَّ	هُمَا هُمَا	هِيَ هَا	3 rd f
أَنْتُمْ كُمْ	أَنْتُمَا كُمَا	أَنْتَ كَ	2 nd m
أَنْتُنَّ كُنَّ	أَنْتُمَا كُمَا	أَنْتِ كِ	2 nd f
نَحْنُ نَا		أَنَا ي، يَني	1 st

Attached pronoun with noun بَيْتٌ

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
بَيْتُهُمْ Their house	بَيْتُهُمَا Their (m, d) house	بَيْتُهُ His house	3 rd , masculine
بَيْتُهُنَّ Their house	بَيْتُهُمَا Their (f, d) house	بَيْتُهَا Her house	3 rd , feminine
بَيْتُكُمْ your house	بَيْتُكُمَا Your house	بَيْتُكَ Your house	2 nd , masculine
بَيْتُكُنَّ Your house	بَيْتُكُمَا Your house	بَيْتُكِ Your house	2 nd , feminine
بَيْتُنَا Our house	بَيْتُنَا Our house	بَيْتِي My house	1 st . M & F

Al-Baqarah verses 1 - 20

Bismillāh. Highlighting the attached & detached pronouns.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. ﴿١﴾ ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢﴾ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ
الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٣﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ مِن قَبْلِكَ وَبِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٤﴾
أُولَئِكَ عَلَى هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٥﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ أُنذَرْتَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تُنذِرْهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ
﴿٦﴾ خَتَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَعَلَى سَمْعِهِمْ وَعَلَى أَبْصَارِهِمْ غِشَاوَةٌ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧﴾ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ
آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَبِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨﴾ يُخَادِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَمَا يَخْدَعُونَ إِلَّا أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٩﴾
فِي قُلُوبِهِم مَّرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا
إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ ﴿١١﴾ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْمُفْسِدُونَ وَلَكِن لَّا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ آمِنُوا كَمَا آمَنَ النَّاسُ قَالُوا
أَنُؤْمِنُ كَمَا آمَنَ السُّفَهَاءُ ۚ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ السُّفَهَاءُ وَلَكِن لَّا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَإِذَا لَقُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا
إِلَىٰ شِيَاطِينِهِمْ قَالُوا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُسْتَهْزِئُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ اللَّهُ يَسْتَهْزِئُ بِهِمْ وَيَمُدُّهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿١٥﴾
أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ اشْتَرَوُا الضَّلَالَةَ بِالْهُدَىٰ فَمَا رَبَحَتْ بِجَارَتِهِمْ وَمَا كَانُوا مُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٦﴾ مَثَلُهُمْ كَمَثَلِ الَّذِي اسْتَوْقَدَ نَارًا فَلَمَّا
أُضَاءَتْ مَا حَوْلَهُ ذَهَبَ اللَّهُ بِنُورِهِمْ وَتَرَكَهُمْ فِي ظُلُمَاتٍ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ صُمُّ بُكْمٌ عُمِّي فُهِمٌ لَا يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿١٨﴾
أَوْ كَصَيْبٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ فِيهِ ظُلُمَاتٌ وَرَعْدٌ وَبَرْقٌ يَجْعَلُونَ أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِي آذَانِهِم مِّنَ الصَّوَاعِقِ حَذَرَ الْمَوْتِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ مُحِيطٌ
بِالْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٩﴾ يَكَادُ الْبَرْقُ يَخْطَفُ أَبْصَارَهُمْ ۖ كُلَّمَا أَضَاءَ لَهُمْ مَشَوْا فِيهِ وَإِذَا أَظْلَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ قَامُوا ۗ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَذَهَبَ
بِسَمْعِهِمْ وَأَبْصَارِهِمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٠﴾

Attached pronoun with noun رَبُّ

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
رَبُّهُمْ Their lord	رَبُّهُمَا Their lord	رَبُّهُ His lord	3 rd , masculine
رَبُّهُنَّ Their lord	رَبُّهُمَا Their lord	رَبُّهَا Her lord	3 rd , feminine
رَبُّكُمْ your lord	رَبُّكُمَا Your lord	رَبُّكَ Your lord	2 nd , masculine
رَبُّكُنَّ Your lord	رَبُّكُمَا Your lord	رَبُّكِ Your lord	2 nd , feminine
رَبُّنَا Our lord	رَبُّنَا Our lord	رَبِّي My lord	1 st . M & F

Attached pronoun with noun عَبْدٌ

Note the word ‘abd can also be rendered as servant.

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
عَبْدُهُمْ Their slave	عَبْدُهُمَا Their slave	عَبْدُهُ His slave	3 rd , masculine
عَبْدُهُنَّ Their slave	عَبْدُهُمَا Their slave	عَبْدُهَا Her slave	3 rd , feminine
عَبْدُكُمْ Your slave	عَبْدُكُمَا Your slave	عَبْدُكَ Your slave	2 nd , masculine
عَبْدُكُنَّ Your slave	عَبْدُكُمَا Your slave	عَبْدُكِ Your slave	2 nd , feminine
عَبْدُنَا Our slave	عَبْدُنَا Our slave	عَبْدِي My slave	1 st . M & F

Attached pronoun with verb تَرَكَ

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
تَرَكَهُمْ He left men	تَرَكَهُمَا He left two males	تَرَكَهُ He left him	3 rd , masculine
تَرَكَهُنَّ He left women	تَرَكَهُمَا He left two females	تَرَكَهَا He left her	3 rd , feminine
تَرَكَكُمْ He left you (O men)	تَرَكَكُمَا He left you (o two males)	تَرَكَكَ He left you (o male)	2 nd , masculine
تَرَكَكُنَّ He left you (O women)	تَرَكَكُمَا He left you (o two females)	تَرَكَكِ He left you (o female)	2 nd , feminine
تَرَكَنَا He left us (two or more)		تَرَكَنِي He left me	1 st . M & F

Attached pronoun with verb قَتَلَ

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
قَتَلَهُمْ He killed men	قَتَلَهُمَا He killed two males	قَتَلَهُ He killed him	3 rd , masculine
قَتَلَهُنَّ He killed women	قَتَلَهُمَا He killed two females	قَتَلَهَا He killed her	3 rd , feminine
قَتَلَكُمُ He killed you (o men)	قَتَلَكُمَا He killed you (o two males)	قَتَلَكَ He killed you (o male)	2 nd , masculine
قَتَلَكُنَّ He killed you (O women)	قَتَلَكُمَا He killed you (o two females)	قَتَلَكِ He killed you (o female)	2 nd , feminine
قَتَلَنَا He killed us (two or more)		قَتَلَنِي He killed me	1 st . M & F

Homework for session 3

Bismillāh. After answering your questions, share it with your classmate for his/her comments.

Question 1, find seven verses each containing at least five pronouns

Question 2, How come the descendants of Rasulullah are numerically huge?

Question 6, tabulate the verb *razaqa* (رَزَقَ) attaching to pronouns