Mind Map

The purpose of the mind map is to facilitate the pondering of the Quran and to recall the meaning and flow of the ayat. We do not want to say memorize, since we want to imprint this in our hearts. May Allah make it an opening for all of us. Ameen.

Topics of Surah Al Baqarah

- Categories of the People (اصناف الناس) – Ayat 1 - 20
- Worship and its Importance (العبوديه و حقيقته العبوديه) – Ayat 21 – 29
- Story of Adam (as) (قصة آدم عليه السلام) – Ayat 30 – 39
  - Failure Example – Banu Israel (مثال سلبی - بنو اسرائيل)
  - Successful Example – Ibrahim (as) (مثال امانتی - ابراهیم عليه السلام)
- People’s Response and Reality of those who Worship (الاستجابه و حقيقة العبوديه) – Ayat 40 - 152
- General Aspects of Worship Encompassing Entire Life (شمول العبوديه جميع نواحي الحياة) – Ayat 153 – 253
- Magnification of Allah is the Foundation of Worship (التعظيم اساس العبوديه) – Ayat 254 - 286

#02 Surah Al Baqarah– The Cow (سورة البقرة) – Ayat 30-32

أعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم

And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels: "Verily, I am going to place (mankind) generations after generations on earth." They said: "Will You place therein those who will make mischief therein and shed blood, - while we glorify You with praises and thanks and sanctify You." He (Allâh) said: "I know that which you do not know." (30) And He taught Adam all the names (of everything) [], then He showed them to the angels and said, "Tell Me the names of these if you are truthful." (31) They (angels) said: "Glory be to You, we have no knowledge except what you have taught us. Verily, it is You, the All-Knower, the All-Wise." (32)

Introduction

The first story in the Quran is to show you how to be a true slave of Allah (swt), there is the story of the obedient angels, and the story of Adam (as) and disobedience of Iblis. Also in ayah 29, we see that Allah is All-Knowing of everything, and then the story of Adam (as) begins with honoring the human being with knowledge, because Allah swt knows who can handle this knowledge and who cannot. Subhan Allah.
1. **Dialogue between Allah and the angels** – Ayah 30
   
   ▪ And remember when your Lord said to the angels (وَإِذ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلۡمَلَـ ٰٓٮ ِكَةِ) → What did Allah swt say? You see the name of Allah Ar Rabb, and the actions of Allah that are related to Allah Ar Rabb.
   
   ▪ Verily I am going to place on the earth a successor (إِنِّى جَاعِلٌ فِي الۡۡرۡضِ خَلِيفَةً) → What did the angels respond?
   
   1. **They said** (قَالُوا) → Angels do not have desires, but they do have intellect. So what they are saying is not out of jealousy, simply out of intellectual curiosity.
   
   1. **Will you make in it who** (يَُقُسِّمُ فِيّا مِن) → Will you make in it who
   
   a. **Will be spread mischief** (يَسۡفِدُ فِيّا) → Though murder is part of mischief, it is the most common. And that is that is why the first crime committed on earth is murder. It is said that before human, the dwellers of the earth used to shed blood, so the angels say this based on experience.
   
   2. **And we** (وَنَحۡنو) →
   
   a. **Glorify Your praises** (نَوسَبُ بِحَمۡدِكَ) → They free Allah (swt) from all imperfections. Whatever Allah (swt) decides is the best, and our minds are limited. And they praise Allah (swt), whatever Allah does it is praiseworthy. This is worship, when you attribute all good to Allah swt.
   
   b. **And we exalt You** (وَنَفۡقِدَنُ لَنَّكِ) → To make Allah magnified and holy. Whatever Allah (swt) says it is the highest, nothing goes above it.

   ▪ **He said verily I know what you do not know** (قَالَ إِنِّىٰٓ أَعۡلَمو مَا ََ َََۡلَموونَ) → This shows you how great a Rabb that we have that we can speak to anytime. Though we cannot hear Him, we have to believe it. If we heard Allah’s voice, we would probably die out of happiness and excitement. Subhan Allah. So it is out of His mercy to be hidden from us. The action of Allah is ‘to know’ and Allah (swt) knows constantly while we do not.

2. **Favoring of Adam (as)** – Ayah 31-32
   
   ▪ **What is the favor?** (ما هو الفضل؟)
   
   ▪ **And (Allah) taught Adam all the names** (وَعَلَّمَ ََادَمَ ٱلَۡۡسۡمَآََٰ كولَّهَا) → Allah (swt) taught Adam (as) the knowledge of everything – of all languages, different sciences, everything, subhan Allah.

   ▪ **Favor of Adam over the angels** (فضل آدم على الملائكة)
Then He displayed them to the angels (ثُمَّ عَرَضََو مۡ عَلَى ٱلۡمَلَـ ٰٓٮ ِكَةِ) → This means that Allah (swt) displayed everything, living and non-living. So it shows you that Allah (swt) is teaching us through nurturing.

i. So He said, inform Me the names of these (فَََالَ أَنۢبِـ وونِى بِأَسۡمَآَِٰ هَـ ٰٓؤوَََِٰٓ)
   1. If you are truthful (إِن كُنْتُمْ صَـ دِقِينَ) → This is a condition, because if you say something, then Allah (swt) will put you in a test. For example, if you say if you are patient, then Allah (swt) will test you if you are truthful that you are patient, subhan Allah.

ii. They said (قَالوۡا)
   1. Glory to You (سُبۡحۡنَكَ) → They free Allah (swt) from all imperfections, again we see them glorifying Allah (swt). Because they feel they made a mistake. But when angels make a mistake, it is different from humans because angles do not have desire.
   2. We have no knowledge (لَا عَلَّمۡ لَنَا) → They attribute ignorance to themselves, and attribute all that they know to Allah (swt).
   3. Except what You have taught us (ۖ إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمََۡنَا) → Affirmation of what they have been taught. And this shows you (ۖ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اَللۡهُ). Negation and affirmation, no one taught you except Allah. To live under the shade of. Look at how we complain and question things, why is the weather like this, why did she do this, etc. and humans are quick to angry and hard to please. Unlike Allah (swt) Who is easy to please and slow to angry because Allah’s mercy precedes His anger. Subhan Allah. May Allah forgive us. Ameen. Alhamd Allah we have Allah (swt) as our Rabb, and this make us long to see Him. Ameen ya Rabb.

iii. Verily only You is the All-Knower, the All-Wise (إِنَّكَ أَنََ ٱلََۡلِيمو ٱلۡحَکِيمو) → And it shows how quickly they want to amend their mistake. You cannot have any other names except these, these are the only names that suit this ayah, subhan Allah. Allah is the All-Knower of everything and He know whom He will choose for this knowledge, because He is Al Hakeem, He is the All-Wise. It is out of Allah’s wisdom to make Adam at this time and to teach him at this time. The angels only worship, and that is why there are angels seeking humans who seek the knowledge, and they lower their wings. Subhan Allah.

- Adam and Eve in paradise (آدم و حواء في الجنة)
- Conclusion (الخاتمة)
Ayat Outline – 30 to 32

Story of Adam (as) – Ayat 30 - 32

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       i. They said (قَالُوا)
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             a. Will be spread mischief (يَُفۡسِدو فِيََا)
             b. And shed blood (وَيَسۡفِكَآََٰٱلدِّمَآََٰ)
       2. And we (وَنَحۡنو)
          a. Glorify Your praises (نوسَبُِّو بِحَمۡدِكَ)
          b. And we exalt You (وَنوََدُِّ و لَكَ)
   - He said verily I know what you do not know (قَالَ إِنِّىٰٓ أَعۡلَمو مَا ََََۡلَموونَ)

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             i. They said (قَالُوا)
                1. Glory to You (سُبۡحَـ نَكَ)
                2. We have no knowledge (ۖ لَآ عَلَمَ لَنَا)
                3. Except what You have taught us (ۖ لَآ مَا عَلِمْتُنَا)
           ii. Verily only You is the All-Knower, the All-Wise (إِنَّكَ أَنتَ آلِعَبِيمُ ٱلۡحَكِيمُ)

We ask Allah (swt) to make the Quran our companion. Ameen.