

## Lesson 16

# Surah an-Nas: Ayahs 1-3



## Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



State the meaning of 'Malik'

Explain Allah's Name **ar-Rabb**

Explain why Allah is the only Ilah



## Key Words

People - **نَاسٌ**

King - **مَلِكٌ**

God - **إِلَهٌ**



## Thinking Starter

Imagine you had to choose your own bodyguard.  
What kind of bodyguard would you choose?



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

		<b>النَّاسُ</b>	<b>بِرَبِّ</b>	<b>أَعُوذُ</b>	<b>قُلْ</b>
(1)	(of) the humans	with the Caring Lord	I seek protection	say	
<b>Say: I seek protection with the Caring Lord of the humans. (1)</b>					
Allah is the 'Rabb' of the humans. This means He is their Caring Lord. He creates everyone, takes care of them and protects them.					

		<b>النَّاسُ</b>	<b>إِلَهٌ</b>	
(3)	(of) the humans	(The) God		
<b>The God of the humans. (3)</b>				
It only makes sense that if Allah is the Caring Lord and King of everyone – then He is the Only One who should be worshipped. That is why, in this 3rd ayah, Allah describes Himself as the 'Ilah (God)': The Only One Worthy of Worship.				

  

		<b>النَّاسُ</b>	<b>مَلِكٌ</b>	
(2)	(of) the humans	(The) King		
<b>The King of the humans. (2)</b>				
Allah is the King of all humans. He is even the King of all the kings we have in the world. He is fully in charge, and has total control over everything.				

IT'S STORY TIME!

## Shaytan Rages With Jealousy

When Allah created Adam عليه السلام, He told the angels to prostrate to him. The angels obeyed Allah, but Shaytan was proud and thought he was better than Adam. He refused to prostrate. So Allah threw him out of Jannah.

Shaytan was now furious! He was determined that just as he had to leave Jannah, Adam and his wife must also leave! So Shaytan 'whispered' to Adam and Hawwa عليهما السلام, and tricked them – and soon they had to leave Jannah too.

But unlike Shaytan, Adam and Hawwa عليهما السلام were not proud, and felt very bad about what they had done. They said sorry to Allah, and Allah accepted their forgiveness.

However, Shaytan was still not happy. *There is no way I am going to let all of Adam's Children enter Paradise*, he thought. So he promised that he was going to try his best to lead the Children of Adam away from the Straight Path.



What did Shaytan whisper to Adam and Hawwa عليهما السلام?

In this Surah, we seek protection with Allah who describes Himself to us with some of His special Names. We ask Allah to protect us from Shaytan.



### Task 1

Match the Arabic Name of Allah with its meaning.

The King

الْأَلَّهُ

The God

الْمَلِكُ

The Caring Lord

الرَّبُّ



## Did You Know?

Seeking protection with Allah (isti'adhah) is a type of du'a. And Allah loves it when we make du'a to Him with His Beautiful Names.



Allah is my Rabb and I am His servant.



## Task 2

Tick the sentences which correctly describe Rabb.

**Allah is my Rabb. This means:**

- He feeds me.
- He wants the best for me.
- He protects me.
- He takes care of me.
- He is my Master.
- He can't see me.
- He forgets about me.
- He is the One who gives me lots of blessings.

## Allah Is Our Ilah

اللَّهُ أَكْلَمَهُ is the kalimah of tawhid. It means there is no 'ilah' except Allah. 'Ilah' is the One who deserves to be worshipped. We learn from Surah an-Nas that Allah is the One True God.

**Tawhid** means to believe in the Oneness of Allah and that Allah is Unique.



Why does it make sense to only seek protection in Allah?





### Task 3

Discuss the answers to the following questions with your classmates, and then write down your answers.

How many names of Allah can you spot in this Surah?

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Do you know the name of a famous king (dead or alive)? What is the difference between him and Allah who is the King of all kings?

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Why do we ask Allah for protection?

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### I Act On What I Learn

Every time I feel worried or scared, I will ask Allah to protect me because He is the real Protector.

### P Progress Check



1. What does 'Malik' mean?

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2. State three things that Allah **ar-Rabb** does.

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3. Why is Allah the only Ilah?

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