

Lesson 19

Surah al-Masad: Ayahs 4-5

Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



- Describe the wife of Abu Lahab
- Explain how Allah defended His beloved Prophet ﷺ
- Connect Allah's name **al-Mawla** to this Surah

Key Words

Woman/wife - اِمْرَأَةٌ
Rope - حَبْلٌ
The Protector - الْمَوْلَى

T Thinking Starter

If someone said something mean or nasty to you, how would you respond?

IT'S STORY TIME!

Abu Lahab's Wicked Wife

Abu Lahab had a wife who was known as Umm Jamil. She was rich and beautiful, however, she was a very nasty woman. She used to spread terrible rumours about the Prophet ﷺ and would talk bad about him to others in the community. She would purposefully leave sharp thorns and firewood in the path of the Prophet ﷺ in order to harm him.

Not only that, she promised to **sell her necklace and use the money from it to harm the Muslims**, and damage the reputation of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ did not respond by saying horrible things back to her, and remained calm and patient.

However, Allah always protects His special people. He sent down a **special Surah to defend the Prophet ﷺ**.

Upon hearing the Surah, Umm Jamil was furious. She came out of her house with a sharp stone in her hand, looking for the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and ready to hurt him but Allah had another plan. The Prophet ﷺ was sitting near the Ka'bah with his best friend, Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه. As she approached them, Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه became worried, but the Prophet told him not to worry. A miracle occurred. Even though the Prophet was seated right next to Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه, she did not notice him. She only saw Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه and said horrible and rude things to him before leaving.





أَلْحَاطَبْ

حَمَالَةَ

وَأُمَّرَأَتُهُ وَ

(4)

(of) firewood

(the) carrier

and his wife

And so will his wife - the carrier of firewood. (4)

Abu Lahab's wife will also enter the Hell-fire because she also did evil things to the Prophet ﷺ. She would harm the Prophet ﷺ by putting thorns in his way. We learn that helping others to do bad things will make us burn in the Hellfire like them.



مَسَدِ

مِنْ

حَبْلٌ

جِيدِهَا

فِي

(5)

twisted palm-fibre

of

(will be) a rope

her neck

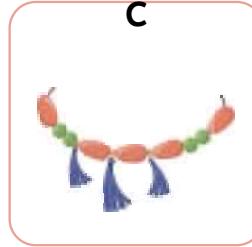
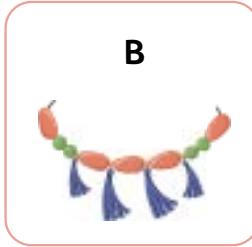
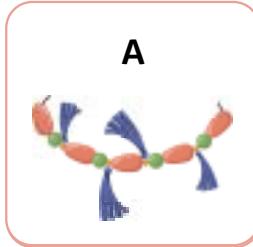
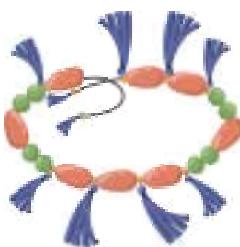
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Around her neck will be a rope made of twisted palm-fibre. (5)

Abu Lahab's wife had a very expensive necklace. She threatened to sell it and use the money to harm the Prophet. Because she wanted to use her necklace for evil, Allah will punish her with a rope around her neck made from fire.

Task 1

Umm Jamil was very beautiful and she owned a very expensive necklace. Choose the correct string that would be needed to make this necklace:



Instead of a necklace, what will be found around Umm Jamil's neck in the next life?

Why? _____

Al-Mawla

The Protector

Allah is aware of everything that happens. He always protects and defends His special servants.

الْمَوْلَى



Task 2

Defending the Prophet ﷺ

It must have been very difficult for the family and friends of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to see him and the religion of Islam being insulted.

Write some positive words in English or Arabic to describe and defend our beloved Prophet ﷺ.

One example has been done for you.

Trustworthy



I love my Prophet

صلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
مُحَمَّدٌ



Task 3

Write the answer to the following questions:

- How did the Prophet ﷺ respond to Umm Jamil's nasty words and actions?

- How did Allah defend His Beloved Messenger ﷺ?

- Complete the sentence.

This surah teaches me that Allah is al-Mawla because He...

I Act On What I Learn

When I am worried and scared, I will call upon Allah, al-Mawla. He will always take care of me and protect me from all evil.



Progress Check



- Who was Abu Lahab's wife and what did she do?



- How did Allah defend the Prophet ﷺ?



- How does this Surah show us that Allah is al-Mawla?

