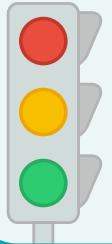


Allah's Decree



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



- Outline the key beliefs of al-Qadar
- Describe some of the benefits of belief in al-Qadar
- Explain ridha bil-qadha



Key Words

To decree - قَدَّرَ
Comprehensive
Being pleased with
Allah's Decree - الرِّضَا بِالْقَضَاءِ

T Thinking Starter

Think of a time when something happened which made you really upset. What did you do?



Iman in al-Qadar

Belief in al-Qadar (Allah's Decree) is the 6th pillar of iman. We firmly believe that:

1. **Everything that happens, both good and bad, happens by the will of Allah**, who does whatever He wishes.
2. Allah's knowledge is **comprehensive**: Allah knows the past, present, and future.
3. Before creating mankind, Allah told the Pen, "Write!" The Pen asked, "What should I write?" Allah instructed it to write the decree of everything until the Day of Judgement. Allah has recorded all of this in 'the Preserved Tablet'. Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِّن قَبْلِ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ

"No calamity (or blessing) occurs on earth or in yourselves without being (written) in a Record before We bring it into being. This is certainly easy for Allah." (Surah al-Hadid:22)

4. Allah is the Creator of all things.



Task 1

Trace and memorise.

The Prophet ﷺ advised us to say the following when something that we don't like happens:

قَدَرَ اللَّهُ وَمَا شَاءَ فَعَلَ

“Allah has decreed and He does whatever He wills.” (Muslim)



The Benefits of Belief in al-Qadar

1 Closeness to Allah:

A person who believes in al-Qadar attaches their heart to Allah and places their trust in Him.



2 Patience:

They remain patient in the face of difficulties, without moaning and groaning, or asking ‘Why me, O Allah?’



3 Peace and contentment:

They know that only what Allah has decreed will happen, and nothing can change this. This makes them feel content.



4 Bravery:

Knowing that everything that will happen is decreed by Allah will make you fearless of any creation. You will be brave and always do the right thing.



Being Pleased With Allah's Decree

In this life, everyone will face tests and difficulties. A true believer is patient and accepts the decree of Allah. Some believers are so special and close to Allah that they are content and pleased with the decree of Allah. This is called 'ridha bil-qadha' (الرِّضَا بِالْقَضَاءِ).

One of the greatest secrets to happiness is to be pleased with Allah and everything He decrees.



IT'S STORY TIME!

A Woman of Paradise on Earth

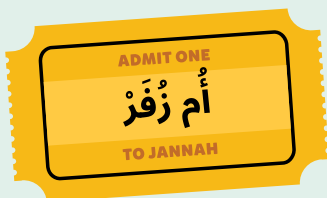
One day, the great Companion and cousin of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas رضي الله عنه asked his student, 'Ata ibn Abi Rabah, "Shall I show you a woman of Jannah?"

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"Yes, of course!" replied 'Ata, eager to know who this special woman was, and how 'Abdullah was so sure that she was destined for Jannah.

'Abdullah رضي الله عنه then told him about this special woman. Her name was Umm Zufar. She was a tall, black woman who suffered from a disease called epilepsy. One day, Umm Zufar رضي الله عنها went to Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم, asking him to pray for her and request that Allah stop her seizures.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم told her, "If you wish, you can be patient and you will receive Jannah in return! Or, if you wish, I can ask Allah to cure you."



The remarkable woman replied, "I will be patient." She then added, "But, my body becomes exposed during the fits, so ask Allah that this does not happen." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم then prayed for her.



What does this story teach you about patience and being pleased with Allah's Decree?



Task 2

How does a person who believes in al-Qadar act differently from someone who does not? Fill in the table.

Scenario	If they believe in al-Qadar...	If they do not believe in al-Qadar...
Layla was sure she would win at least the 'Best Athlete' award, along with other awards, at the end-of-year ceremony. But when all the awards were given, Layla's name wasn't called even once!	FEEL SAY DO	FEEL SAY DO
Bilal and his family lost their home and most of their belongings in an earthquake. They now live in a tent, and life is very tough for them.	FEEL SAY DO	FEEL SAY DO



Task 3

Choose one of the scenarios above and prepare a role play with your classmates.



I Act On What I Learn

I will be content and happy with Allah's decree.

P Progress Check



1. What does belief in al-Qadar include?



2. What are the benefits of belief in al-Qadar?



3. What is ridha bil-qadha?

