

## The Verse of Mubahila

### *Learning Objectives:*

- To provide an overview of the verse of Mubahila
- To memorise verses 3:61

### THE VERSE OF MUBAHILA [3:61]

فَمَنْ حَاجَّكَ فِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ فَقُلْ تَعَالَوْا نَدْعُ أَبْنَاءَنَا  
وَأَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَنِسَاءَنَا وَنِسَاءَكُمْ وَأَنْفُسَنَا وَأَنْفُسَكُمْ ثُمَّ نَبْتَهِلْ فَنَجْعَل لَّعْنَتَ اللَّهِ  
عَلَى الْكَاذِبِينَ

*Should anyone argue with you concerning him, after the knowledge that has come to you, say, 'Come! Let us call our sons and your sons, our women and your women, our souls and your souls, then let us pray earnestly, and call down Allah's curse upon the liars.'* [3:61]

“MUBAHILA” is a Spiritual Contest by invoking the curse of Allah on the liars.

The holy Prophet (SAW) sent invitations to all to accept the true religion of Islam. Tribes after tribes and regions after regions were coming into the fold of Islam. One invitation was sent to the Christians of Najran - a town in Yemen in the 9<sup>th</sup> year after Hijrah. The Christians sent a delegation of 60 Scholars to discuss the matter with the holy Prophet (SAW). They discussed about Prophet Isa (A) and that they believed he was the son of God. Verse 3:59 was revealed:

إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَىٰ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ آدَمَ ۖ خَلَقَهُ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

*Indeed the case of Jesus with Allah is like the case of Adam: He created him from dust, then said to him, 'Be,' and he was.*

They discussed so many other matters, but the Christians did not agree with the Prophet (SAW) and finally, verse 3:61, the verse of Mubahila, was revealed.

The Christians agreed to Mubahila. The holy Prophet (SAW) did not come with hundreds of Muslims. Instead, he only brought his close family members. He came with Imam Husayn (AS) in his arms, Imam Hassan (AS) holding his index finger while walking beside him, Sayyida Fatema (AS) close to his heels and Imam Ali (AS) just behind her. They represented his sons, women and selves, as per the verse revealed. When the Christians saw this, they became afraid that if these people were to pray to Allah (SWT), even mountains could be moved. They immediately requested a settlement, instead of participating in the Mubahila, fearing that otherwise the whole Christian world would be wiped out from this planet.

Then the holy Prophet (SAW) raised his hands to the heaven and said:

*“O my Lord! These are the people of my house.”*

Many Muslim scholars, commentators and traditionalists, have given the details of this event with the following conclusions:

1. The seriousness of the occasion demanded that only those with spiritual purity could take part in the fateful event.
2. Only the best of Allah’s creations (the Ahlul Bayt) were selected by the Holy Prophet (SAW) under Allah’s guidance.
3. It, beyond all doubts, established the purity, the truthfulness and the sublime holiness of the Ahlul Bayt (A).
4. It also unquestionably confirmed as to who the members of the family of the Holy Prophet (SAW) were.

**Why did the Holy Prophet (SAW) take these 4 personalities for Mubahila?**

This is because they were partners in the claim of the Messenger of Allah and his mission. It is one of the most excellent virtues which were given exclusively to these family members of the Prophet.

Another exclusive distinction of the Ahlul Bait: Allah (SWT) gave them the names ‘selves’, ‘women’ and ‘sons’ of the Prophet to the exclusion of all the men, women and children of the