



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Lesson 42

Adhaan

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

(I did not create the jinn and the humans except that they may worship Me.)

- Adhaan is a daily reminder of the purpose of creation.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ (4 times):

God is greater (than any description)

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ (twice):

I bear witness that there is no God but Allah

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (twice):

I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah

حَيَّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ (twice):

Hasten to the prayer

حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ (twice):

Hasten to the success

حَيَّ عَلَى خَيْرِ الْعَمَلِ (twice):

Hasten to the best of actions

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ (twice):

God is greater

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ (twice):

There is no God but Allah



- According to Sunni sources, Adhaan was legislated due to a dream witnessed by a companion named Abdullah bin Zaid. The same dream was witnessed by Umar bin Khattab also.
- The Shia scholars believe that the rule of Adhaan was revealed by Allah to the Prophet through angel Jibril, in the first year of Hijrah.

- As per the consensus of the Shia scholars, *Ash'hado Anna Aliyyan Waliyullah* is not a mandatory part of the Adhaan.

However, we have narrations in which the Imams of Ahl al-Bayt (as) have mentioned that whenever someone bears witness that Muhammad (s) is the Messenger of Allah, he should simultaneously bear witness that Ali (as) is the *Wali* of Allah.

Whenever we say '*Ashhadu Anna Aliyyan Waliyullah*' in Adhaan, we don't say it considering it an integral part of Adhaan but with the intention of general recommendation.

- We have historical evidence from both Shia and Sunni sources that *Hayya Ala Khayril Amal* was said in Adhan during the time of the Prophet (s) and the caliphs. It was Umar bin Khattab who omitted this line from the Adhaan to encourage the Muslims to participate in Jihad.
- Imam Malik mentions in his book *Al-Muwatta* that the phrase *As-Salaatu Khayrun Minan Nawm* was added by Umar bin Khattab.