

LESSON 17

In this lesson we learn the following :

#(1) *Bâb ?af'ala* (بَابُ أَفْعَلَ) : This is another *bâb* from the *abwâb* of the *mazîd*. In this a *hamzah* is prefixed to the first radical which loses its vowel, e.g., نَزَلَ (nazala) 'he came down' : أَنْزَلَ (?anzala) 'he brought down' -- أَخْرَجَ (kharaja) 'he went out' : أَخْرَجَ (?akhraja) 'he brought out'.

The *mudâri'* : The *mudâri'* should have been يُأَنزِلُ (yu?anzil-u) but the *hamzah* along with its vowel is omitted. So it becomes نُنْزِلُ (yunzil-u)¹. Note that the حَرْفُ الْمُضَارَعَةِ has *dammah* because the verb originally had four letters. يُنْزِلُ is the *mudâri'* of نَزَلَ, and يُنْزِلُ is that of أَنْزَلَ.

The *amr* : Note that the *amr* is formed from the original form of the *mudâri'*, and not from the existing form. So after omitting the حَرْفُ الْمُضَارَعَةِ and the case-ending from تُأَنزِلُ (tu?anzil-u) we get أَنْزِلْ (?anzil).

The *masdar* : The *masdar* of this *bâb* is on the pattern of إِفْعَالٌ (?if'âl-un), e.g., أَنْزَلَ : إِنْزَالٌ (?inzâl-un) 'sending down' -- أَخْرَجَ : إِخْرَاجٌ (?ikhrâj-un) 'bringing out' -- أَسْلَمَ : إِسْلَامٌ (?islâm-un) 'becoming a Muslim'.

The *ism al-fâ'il* : As we have seen in *bâb fa'ala* the حَرْفُ الْمُضَارَعَةِ is replaced with **mu**, e.g., يُسَلِّمُ (yuslim-u) 'he becomes a Muslim' : مُسْلِمٌ (muslim-un) 'Muslim' -- يُمَكِّنُ (yumkin-u) 'it is possible' : مُمَكِّنٌ (mumkin-un) 'possible'.

¹ - yu?anzilu minus ?a = yunzilu.

The *ism al-maf'ûl* : It is just like the *ism al-fâ'il* except that the second radical has *fathah*, e.g., يُرْسِلُ (yursil-u) 'he sends' : مُرْسِلٌ (mursil-un) 'one who sends' : مُرْسَلٌ (mursal-un) 'one who has been sent' -- يُغْلِقُ (yughliq-u) 'he closes' : مُغْلِقٌ (mughliq-un) 'one who closes' : مُغْلَقٌ (mughlaq-un) 'closed'.

The noun of place and time (اسْمَا الْمَكَانِ وَالزَّمَانِ) : It is the same as the *ism al-maf'ûl* , e.g., أَتَحَفُّ يَتَحَفُّ (athafa yuthif-u) 'to present someone with a curio' : مُتَحَفٌ (muthaf-un) 'museum'.

Here are some non-*sâlim* verbs tranferred to this *bâb* :

اسْمُ الْمَفْعُولِ	اسْمُ الْفَاعِلِ	الْمَصْدَرُ	الْمُضَارِعُ	الْمَاضِي
مُقَامٌ	مُقِيمٌ	إِقَامَةٌ	يُقِيمُ	أَقَامَ 'he made (him) stand'.
مُؤْمِنٌ	مُؤْمِنٌ	إِيمَانٌ for إِيمَانٌ	يُؤْمِنُ	آمَنَ 'he believed' for أَّامَنَ
مُوجِبٌ	مُوجِبٌ	إِيجَابٌ for إِوْجَابٌ	يُوجِبُ	أَوْجَبَ 'he made (it) obligatory'.
مُتِمٌّ	مُتِمٌّ	إِتْمَامٌ	يُتِمُّ	أَتَمَّ 'he completed'
مُلْقِي (الْمُلْقَى)	مُلْقٍ (الْمُلْقِي)	إِلْقَاءٌ for إِلْقَائِي	يُلْقِي	أَلْقَى 'he put down'.

#(2) The verb أَعْطَى 'he gave' is from *bâb ?af'ala*. The *mudâri'* is يُعْطِي, the *masdar* is إِعْطَاءٌ , the *amr* is أَعْطِ , the *ism al-fâ'il* is مُعْطٍ , and the *ism al-maf'ûl* is مُعْطًى .

It takes two objects, e.g., أَعْطَيْتُ بِلَالًا سَاعَةً 'I gave Bilal a watch' In the Qur'an : إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ : 'We have indeed given you abundance.'

The objects may be pronouns, e.g., مَنْ أَعْطَاكَهُ؟ 'Who gave it to you?'

أَعْطَانِيهِ الْمَدْرَسُ 'The teacher gave it to me.'

#(3) وَلَوْ means 'even if', e.g.,

اشْتَرِ هَذَا الْمُعْجَمَ وَلَوْ كَانَ غَالِيًا 'Buy this dictionary even if it is expensive.'

أَحْضُرِ الْامْتِحَانَ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ مَرِيضًا 'Attend the examination even if you are sick.'

لَنْ أَسْكُنَ هَذَا الْبَيْتَ وَلَوْ أَعْطَيْتَنِيهِ مَجَانًا 'I will not live in this house even if you give it to me free.'

Note that the verb after وَلَوْ is *madî*.

#(4) لَامُ الْإِبْتِدَاء is a *lâm* with a *fathah* prefixed to the *mubtada'* for the sake of emphasis, e.g., وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ 'And indeed the remembrance of Allah is the greatest' (Qur'an, 29:45).

وَلَأَمَّةٌ مُؤْمِنَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ مُشْرِكَةٍ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ 'And indeed a believing slave girl is better than a *mushrikah* when though she might be pleasing to you' (Qur'an, 2:221).

This *lâm* is not to be confused with the preposition لَ which has a *kasrah*, but takes a *fathah* when prefixed to a pronoun, e.g., لَهِ، لَكَ، لَهَا، لَكُمْ. The لَامُ الْإِبْتِدَاء does not change the ending of the *mubtada'*.

#(5) The verb أَصْبَحَ is a sister of كَانَ. It means 'to become in the morning', e.g., أَصْبَحَ حَامِدٌ مَرِيضًا 'Hamid fell ill in the morning.' Here حَامِدٌ is the *ism* of أَصْبَحَ and مَرِيضًا is its *khavar*. And in أَصْبَحْتُ نَشِيطًا 'I became active in the morning' the pronoun ت is the *ism*.

It is also used in the sense of just 'he became' without reference to the timing, e.g., فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا 'He united your hearts, and you became brothers by His grace' (Qur'an, 3:103).

#(6) أَوْشَكَ is a sister of كَانَ. Its *mudâri'* is يُوشِكُ. It means 'he is about to...', e.g., يُوشِكُ الطُّلَابُ أَنْ يَرْجِعُوا إِلَى بِلَادِهِمْ فِي الْإِجَازَةِ 'The students are about to return to their countries in the holidays.' Here الطُّلَابُ is its *ism*, and the *masdar mu'awwal*¹ (أَنْ يَرْجِعُوا) is the *khavar*. Its *khavar* is always a *masdar*.

¹ - For the *masdar mu'awwal* (الْمَصْدَرُ الْمُؤَوَّلُ) see L 10 in this Book.

mu'awwal, i.e., اُنْ + the *mudâri* '. Here is another example : اَوْشَكَ اَنْ اَتَزَوَّجَ 'I am about to get married.' Here its *ism* is the *damîr mustatir* (hidden pronoun) اَنَا in the verb اَوْشَكَ.

#(7) يُرِيدُهَا لِأَمْرِ مَا Here the word مَا is an adjective meaning 'some' or 'certain'. لِأَمْرِ مَا means 'for some reason.' Here are some more examples : رَأَيْتُهُ فِي مَكَانٍ مَا 'I have seen him somewhere.' -- اَعْطِنِي كِتَابًا مَا 'Give me some book.' -- سَتَفْهَمُ هَذَا يَوْمًا مَا 'You will understand this some day.' This مَا is called مَا التَّكْرَةُ التَّامَّةُ الْمُبْهَمَةُ 'the completely indefinite and vague mā'.

#(8) The *alif* of اِبْن is omitted in writing also if it is between the names of the son and the father, e.g., مُحَمَّدٌ بَنُ وَلِيْمٍ 'Muhammad son of William'. This omission is subject to the following two conditions :

a) the father's name should not be preceded by any title. If it is preceded by a title, the *alif* should be retained, e.g., الْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ 'Hasan son of 'Ali', but الْحَسَنُ ابْنُ الْإِمَامِ عَلِيٍّ.

b) all the three words should be in the same line, g., خَالِدٌ بَنُ الْوَلِيدِ. If they are in different lines, the *alif* is not be omitted, e.g., خَالِدٌ ابْنُ الْوَلِيدِ.

Note that the word preceding اِبْن loses its *tanwîn*, e.g., بِلَالٌ بَنُ حَامِدٍ (Bilâl-u bn-u Hâmid-in), not بِلَالٌ بَنُ حَامِدٍ (Bilâl-un bn-u Hâmid-in).

Exercises

- 1) Answer the following questions.
- 2) Write the *mudâri* ' and the *masdar* of each of the following verbs as shown in the example.
- 3) Write the *amr* of each of the following verbs as shown in the example.

- 4) Write the *ism al-fâ'il* of each of the following verbs.
- 5) Write the *ism al-maf'ûl* of each of the following verbs.
- 6) Underline in the following examples verbs belonging to *bâb ?af'ala*, and their various derivatives.
- 7) Point out the verbs belonging to *bâb ?af'ala* and their derivatives occurring in the main lesson.
- 8) Answer the following questions using pronouns as the two *maf'ûls* as shown in the example.
- 9) Learn the use of وَلَوْ in the following examples.
- 10) Learn the use of *lâm al-ibtidâ'* in the following examples.
- 11) Rewrite the following sentences using أَصْبَحَ.
- 15) Give the plural of each of the following nouns¹.
- 16) Give the *mâdî* of يَأْتِي.
- 17) Use each of the following words and expressions in a sentence of your own.

¹ - 12, 13 & 14 are not questions.