

## Q &amp; A

## لَامُ التَّعْلِيلِ

## Question

السلام عليكم

Respected Shaykh

In *suurah al-Zumar* aayah 12:

﴿وَأْمُرْتُ لِأَنَّ أَكُونَ أَوَّلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ﴾

I understand *laam* is لَامُ التَّعْلِيلِ.

And after it أَنْ has come.

Is there a special reason for it, if it is *laam al-ta'lil* as I think, or it is some other *laam*?

## Answer

Our Shaykh Dr. Abdur Rahim, **حفظه الله** replied (quote):

Dear Brother Adil

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لَامُ التَّغْلِيلِ is a *Harf jarr*.

A *Harf jarr* is used with a noun. It cannot be followed by a verb.

When we say:

جَلَسْتُ لِأَكْتُبَ

There is an **أَنَّ** after the *laam* which may be omitted and may be mentioned as in this *ayah*.

This **أَنَّ** with the verb constitute a *maSdar mu'awwal*. As a *maSdar mu'awwal* has the function of a noun, it can be preceded by the *laam* which is a *Harf jarr*.

So جَلَسْتُ لِأَكْتُبَ is really:

جَلَسْتُ لِأَنَّ أَكْتُبَ

which is like:

جَلَسْتُ لِلْكِتَابَةِ

where a real *maSdar* is used.

Hope this is clear.

والسلام

abdur rahim