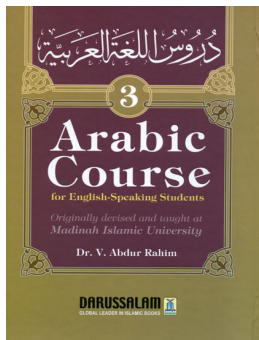


Q & A

Maf'ūl bihī of a Maṣdar

Question



Madinah Book 3, Page 86:

« كَتَابْتُمْ نَصْفَ صَفْحَةٍ بِخَطِّ جَمِيلٍ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ ... »

Why is *نَصْفَ* *manṣūb*?

Is it a *maf'ūlun bihī* of the *maṣdar* كَتَابْتُمْ?

If yes then can we make its *taqdīr* like:

« أَنْ تَكْتُبُوا نَصْفَ صَفْحَةٍ بِخَطِّ جَمِيلٍ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ ... »؟

Our Shaykh Dr. Abdur Rahim, حفظه الله replies:

Dear Br Hassan,

وعليكم السلام

« كَتَابْتُكُمْ نَصْفَ صَفْحَةٍ بِخَطِّ جَمِيلٍ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ ... »

You are right. It is the *maf'ūl bihī* of the *maṣdar*.

Your reconstruction of the *taqdīr* is also correct.

This reconstructed *maṣdar mu'awwal* « أَنْ تَكْتُبُوا » is the *mubtada'*, and its *khbar* is « أَحَبُّ ».

I highly commend you for your understanding of Arabic grammar. *Mā shā' Allāh!*

والسلام

abdur rahim