

# القرآن الكريم

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﴿وَإِذَا أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ لَا تَسْفِكُونَ دِمَاءَكُمْ﴾ (البقرة: ٨٤)



## Question

I am curious about the verb forms in *Al-Baqarah* āyāt 83-84.

The 'amr verbs are normal (i.e. *mabniyy*) e.g.:

﴿وَقُولُوا﴾ ﴿وَأَقِيمُوا﴾

but the *nahy* verbs are all *marfū'* e.g.:

﴿لَا تَعْبُدُونَ﴾ ﴿لَا تَسْفِكُونَ﴾

Why are they not *majzūm*?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



Dear Br Yazen,

السلام عليكم

The expression:

﴿أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ﴾ (We made a covenant with Banī Isrā'īl)

has the force of an oath (قَسَم).

And the statement:

﴿لَا تَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ﴾

is جَوَابُ الْقَسَم , and as it is negative, it is not emphasized.

As a جَوَابُ الْقَسَم , it has the force of a command like saying,

*'You should not worship anyone other than Allāh.'*

The statement:

﴿لَا تَسْفِكُونَ دِمَاءَكُمْ...﴾

is جَوَابُ الْقَسَم with the force of a command like saying:

*'You should not shed the blood of your people.'*

I hope this has helped you.

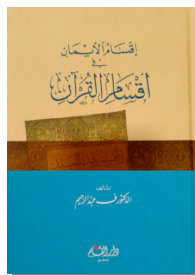
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Admin's note:

See our Shaykh's:



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فِي  
أَقْسَامِ الْقُرْآنِ