

The Great Messengers

HAZRAT IDREES عليه السلام



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Nabi Idrees عليه السلام is mentioned twice in the Quran. The Qur'an makes mention of his prophethood, high qualities and high rank.

Description of Hazrat Idrees عليه السلام

He was brown in complexion and tall, with thin hair and a full beard. He was broad-shouldered, had powerful limbs, smoky eyes and though an eloquent speaker, he preferred silence. He was a forthright person who looked down when walking and was always deep in thought.

He lived upto an age of 82 years and had an inscription on his ring, which read, "Success is earned through patience and Iman in Allah".

Birth and Da'wah

Idrees عليه السلام was born in the town of Babylon. He acquired knowledge from Nabi Sheeth عليه السلام the son of Adam عليه السلام and when he reached the age of wisdom, Allah endowed him with prophethood.

He then started spreading the message of Islam among the people, but they opposed him and did not take heed. Only a small group accepted his message.

When Nabi Idrees عليه السلام saw this, he decided to migrate to Egypt and he told his followers also to migrate.

There he continued preaching the message of Allah, commanding good and forbidding evil.

Allah Ta'ala gave him a unique gift; he was able to converse in any language. At the time, the people in Egypt spoke 72 languages and lived in 200 towns. Allah granted Hazrat Idrees عليه السلام the ability to speak all these languages and he thus managed to propagate the message of Allah to all the tribes there.

Nabi Idrees عليه السلام was the first person to use the pen. He was also the first to wear sewn clothing when others were still wearing animal skins.

Nabi عليه السلام met Hazrat Idrees عليه السلام on the fourth heaven when he went on the journey of Miraj.

Mention in the Noble Qur'an

The Qura'nic Verses 56 & 57 of Surah Maryam state:

Mention Idrees عليه السلام in the scripture (the Qur'an). He was certainly a Siddeeq (true in his Imaan), a Nabi. We elevated him to a high rank (of excellent attributes).

Allah states in verses 85 & 86 of Surah Ambiya:

And (remember also) Ismail عليه السلام, Idrees عليه السلام and Dhul Kifl عليه السلام. They were all from the patient ones. We admitted them all into Our mercy. They were indeed from the righteous.

The Khilafat of Nabi Idrees عليه السلام

When Nabi Idrees عليه السلام was made the ruler of this earth he divided the inhabitants into 3 categories:

The priests - the highest rank, they were responsible to Allah regarding the affairs of the kings and the subjects.

The kings - next in rank, they were responsible for the affairs of the subjects.

The subjects - only responsible for themselves.

Special Qualities

Together with conveying the message of Allah, Nabi Idrees عليه السلام also thought people the civilised manner how to run their civil affairs in their towns and villages.

He also thought philosophy and astronomy as Allah had given him the knowledge of the heavenly bodies and their movements, the stars, their coming together and their separation together with their magnetic pull.

Allah also made him a scholar of mathematics, if these arts were not discovered then mankind would have had great difficulty in acquiring this knowledge.

He is also responsible for promulgating various laws for various groups of people according to their various situations. He divided the earth into 4 sections and appointed a ruler for each section on condition that the Divine law brought to them be the uppermost in their legal system.

Synopsis of his Teachings

- Tawheed (Oneness) of Allah, only He is worthy of worship
- One should do good deeds in order to be successful in the hereafter
- In all matters justice should prevail
- Zakah should be given to the poor
- Special attention should be paid to cleanliness
- Ignore the temptation of this world
- Place justice at the forefront in all affairs
- Fast during the 13th, 14th and 15th of every month
- Continue with Jihad

- Abstain from all intoxicants
- Take only the name of Allah when making vows and sacrificing animals
- Always give the first fruits and flowers of the season in charity.

Future Prophets

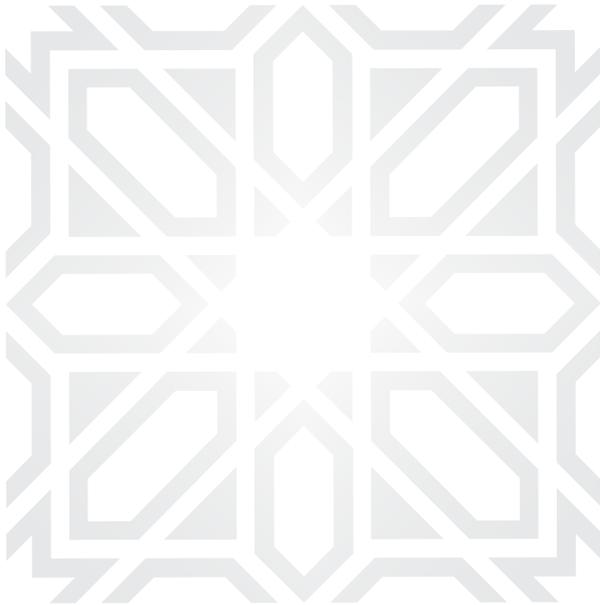
He informed his people that many other prophets would appear in the future for the worldly and spiritual guidance of Man. Their outstanding qualities will be:

They will be free from Evil. They will be praiseworthy with high virtues. The summary of their message will be the reform and rectification of the world.

The wise sayings of Hazrat Idrees عليه السلام

- Man is incapable of thanking Allah for all His favours
- When you are striving to attain perfection in knowledge and righteousness, then never even approach anything linked to ignorance and bad character. Don't you see that someone that wishes to sew something takes a needle in his hand and not a drill. Keep this principle in mind at all times.
- Sincerity of intention is required in the remembrance of Allah as well as in all good deeds
- Never take false oaths, never use the name of Allah for practice and never force a liar take an oath because you will then share in the sin
- Never adopt an occupation that is humiliating
- Obey your leaders and remain humble before your elders
- Always keep your tongue moist with the zikr of Allah
- Wisdom is the life of the soul

- Never envy the good life of people because it is fleeting
- The one who desires more than the necessities of life will never be content
- Happy is he who looks at his own deeds and appoints them as pleaders to his Lord.
- None can show better gratitude for Allah's Favors than he who shares them with others.



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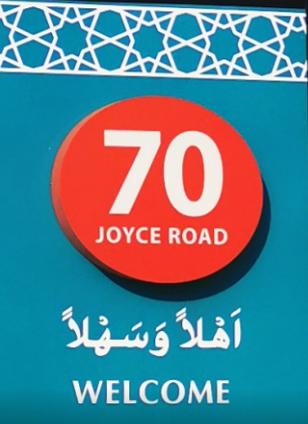
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Founding Philosophy

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is a multi-purpose, humanitarian-services providing organisation. 'Ihsan' means compassion towards mankind and to act with excellence. The Centre was established in the year 2000 with the primary objective of serving humanity and alleviating poverty and hardship locally and abroad. Since its inception, it has developed and established many humanitarian projects and provides a variety of free services to the community.

Key Objectives

One of the key objectives of the Centre is to promote a better understanding of humanity and peace, thereby serving as a bridge-builder between faiths and communities. Through guidance, Ubuntu and empowerment, the organisation hopes to train and develop the youth to become torch bearers of hope, peace and compassion to humanity.

