

The Great Messengers

HAZRAT ISMAEEL عليه السلام



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Hazrat Ismaeel ﷺ is mentioned is also mentioned exclusively in 12 verses of the Noble Qur'an.

When Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ was rescued from the fire and he started his emigration with his wife Hajar and settled in Palestine. They had no child up to that point and so He made dua to Allah, saying, "O my Rabb! Grant me a son from among the pious". Allah accepted his dua and informed Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ that he would soon get a son, whose name would be Ismaeel ﷺ.

A Valley of no Vegetation

One day, Ibraheem ﷺ woke up and asked his wife Hajar to prepare for a long journey. In a few days Ibraheem ﷺ started out with his wife Hajar and their son Ismaeel ﷺ. The child was still nursing and not yet weaned. Ibraheem ﷺ walked through cultivated land, desert, and mountains until he reached the desert of the Arabian Peninsula and came to an uncultivated valley having no fruit, no trees, no food, no water. The valley had no sign of life. After Ibraheem ﷺ had helped his wife and child to dismount, he left them with a small amount of food and water hardly enough for two days. He turned around and began walking away. He wife hurried after him asking: "Where are you going Ibraheem, leaving us in this barren valley?"

Ibraheem ﷺ did not answer her, but continued walking. She repeated what she had said, but he remained silent. Finally, she understood that he was not acting on his own initiative. She realised that Allah had commanded him to do this. She asked him: "Did Allah command you to do so?" He replied: "Yes." Then his wife said: "We are not going to be lost, since Allah Who has commanded you is with us."

When he reached a point known as Quday, from where his wife could no longer see him, he turned to the direction of the Ka'bah and made the following dua:

"O Our Lord! I have made some of my offspring to dwell in a valley with no cultivation, by Your Sacred House (the Ka'ba); in order, O our Rabb! (I have left them here) So that they establish salah perfectly, so cause the hearts of some people to be inclined towards them (so that people may love them and settle with them)., and (O Allah) provide them with fruits (referring to all types of provisions) so that they may give thanks. O our Lord! Certainly, you know what we conceal and what we reveal. Nothing on the earth or in the heavens is hidden from Allah." (14:37-38)

Hazrat Hajar (Radiyallahu Anha) continued to suckle her child while drinking from the waterbag and eating from the dates. When the water was exhausted, she and her infant grew thirsty. Seeing her child in a restless condition, she ascended the mount of Safa to see whether any people were approaching. When she could not see anyone, she hastened to Marwah, running through the valley in between to reach the top as soon as possible so as to keep an eye on her child as well. She repeated that running between Safa and Marwa seven times.

Hajar sees Zam-Zam

When she reached Al Marwa (for the last time) she heard a voice and she tried to remain calm and listened attentively. She heard the voice again and said: "O whoever you maybe! You have made me hear your voice; have you got something to help me?" And behold! She witnessed an angel at the place of Zam Zam, digging the earth with his heel (or his wing) till water flowed from that place. She started to make a sand wall around it and started filling her water skin. The water continued to gush forth. Nabi ﷺ added, "May Allah bestow mercy on Ismaeel ؑ mother! Had she let the Zamzam (flow without trying to control it) (or had she not scooped from that water) (to fill her water-skin), Zamzam would have been a stream flowing on the surface of the earth."

Makkah becomes Inhabited

She continued to drink from the well and to feed her child. The angels would reassure her not to fear since Allah would not allow them to be destroyed because this child and his father will construct the house of Allah in this place. They added that Allah would never destroy His own, the faithful.

It was not long thereafter that people from the Jurhum tribe passed by and noticed birds. Knowing that it was a sure sign of water, they approached the place and sought permission from Hazrat Hajar to settle there. She told them that they were free to settle, but that they would not become shareholders of the well. They accepted her condition and started to live there.

The Jurhum people then sent some of their men to call the others and people gradually started to settle and build there. Hazrat Ismaeel عليه السلام also learnt their language and played with their children. His virtues caused them to love and admire him as he grew up. When he grew up, the Jurhum people loved him for his good looks and intelligence and got him married to a woman from amongst them.

Advice to change his 'Doorstep'

Ibraheem عليه السلام came after Ismaeel's عليه السلام marriage in order to see his family that he had left before but he did not find Ismaeel عليه السلام there. To ascertain the personality of his daughter-in-law, he asked her about their way of living and their condition, she complained that they were struggling and having a hard time. He said: "When your husband returns, convey my salutations to him and tell him to change his doorstep."

When Ismaeel عليه السلام returned home, he sensed the earlier presence of his father and asked his wife if anyone had visited. She related the incident to him and gave him the message from Hazrat Ibraheem عليه السلام. Hazrat Ismaeel عليه السلام informed her that the man was his father Hazrat Ibraheem عليه السلام and the advice was to be separated from her. He then

did as his father bade him. So, Ismaeel ﷺ divorced her and married another woman from among them (Jurhum).

The Great Sacrifice

Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ saw a dream for three consecutive nights. Allah had commanded him in this dream to slaughter his son Hazrat Ismaeel ﷺ. The dreams of the messengers are revelation. Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ was immediately ready to comply with this command.

As difficult as it was, he prepared himself for the task. However, since he was not the only one involved in this command, he had to explain the matter to his son Hazrat Ismaeel ﷺ. Like his father, Hazrat Ismaeel ﷺ did not hesitate to fulfil the command of Allah and the two soon left to do that which pleased Allah.

Father and son proceeded towards where they were to fulfil the command. When they reached the place of sacrifice, Hazrat Ismaeel ﷺ was tied up just as is done with a sacrificial animal. Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ then turned Hazrat Ismaeel ﷺ on his side, with the side of the forehead upon the ground and started to slaughter when he was then stopped and told, “O Ibraheem! You have certainly brought the dream to a realisation (fulfilled the command). In this manner (as We shall reward you) do We reward those who do good. This (command to slaughter your son) is definitely a decisive test (of Iman)”.

Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ immediately stopped and looked up to Hazrat Jibrail ﷺ approaching with a large ram. It was this ram that Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ slaughtered in place of his son.

Erection of the Ka’bah

Allah Ta’ala commanded Hazrat Ibraheem ﷺ to build ‘The House of Allah’. He informed his son Ismaeel ﷺ about the command and they started building the Ka’bah. This was the first house erected solely for the worship of Allah Ta’ala.

Then they raised the foundations of the House (the Ka'bah). Ismaeel عليه السلام brought the stones while Ibraheem عليه السلام built and when the walls became high, Ismaeel عليه السلام brought a stone on which Ibraheem عليه السلام stood and it would move up and down as required. Then the Hajre Aswad was placed in its spot which came from paradise.

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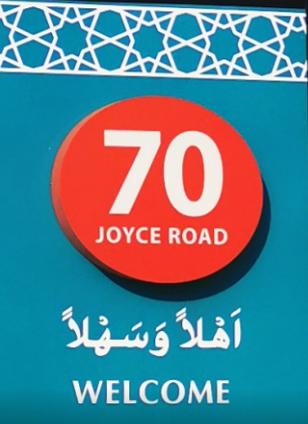
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