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The Book of Prophets

Ahadith 163

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

The creation of Adam and his offspring

Allah Almighty says this in Surah Al-Baqarah:

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً

Behold, thy Lord said to the angels: "I will create a vicegerent on earth."

Hadith # 3326

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Allah created Adam, making him 60 cubits tall. When He created him, He said to him, "Go and greet that group of angels, and listen to their reply, for it will be your greeting (salutation) and the greeting (salutations of your offspring."

So, Adam said (to the angels), As-Salamu Alaikum (i.e. Peace be upon you). The angels said, "As-salamu Alaika wa Rahmatu-l-lahi" (i.e. Peace and Allah's Mercy be upon you). Thus the angels added to Adam's salutation the expression, 'Wa Rahmatu-l-lahi,'

Any person who will enter Paradise will resemble Adam (in appearance and figure). People have been decreasing in stature since Adam's creation.

Hadith # 3327

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

- "The first group of people who will enter Paradise, will be glittering like the full moon and those who will follow them, will glitter like the most brilliant star in the sky.
- They will not urinate, relieve nature, spit, or have any nasal secretions.
- Their combs will be of gold, and their sweat will smell like musk. The aloes-wood will be used in their centers.
- Their wives will be houris.
- All of them will look alike and will resemble their father Adam (in stature), sixty cubits tall."

Hadith # 3328

Narrated Zainab bint Abi Salama:

Um Salama quoted that, "Um Sulaim said, 'O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Allah does not refrain from saying the truth! Is it obligatory for a woman to take a bath after she gets nocturnal discharge?'

He said, 'Yes, if she notices the water (i.e. discharge).'

Um Salama smiled and said, 'Does a woman get discharge?'

Allah's Apostle said. 'Then why does a child resemble (its mother)?'

Hadith # 3329

Narrated Anas:

When `Abdullah bin Salam heard the arrival of the Prophet (ﷺ) at Medina, he came to him and said, "I am going to ask you about three things which nobody knows except a prophet:

What is the first portent of the Hour?

What will be the first meal taken by the people of Paradise?

Why does a child resemble its father, and why does it resemble its maternal uncle"

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Gabriel has just now told me of their answers." `Abdullah said, "He (i.e. Gabriel), from amongst all the angels, is the enemy of the Jews." Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"The first portent of the Hour will be a fire that will bring together the people from the east to the west;

- the first meal of the people of Paradise will be Extra-lobe (caudate lobe) of fish-liver.

- As for the resemblance of the child to its parents: If a man has sexual intercourse with his wife and gets discharge first, the child will resemble the father, and if the woman gets discharge first, the child will resemble her."

On that `Abdullah bin Salam said, "I testify that you are the Messenger of Allah."

`Abdullah bin Salam further said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! The Jews are liars, and if they should come to know about my conversion to Islam before you ask them (about me), they would tell a lie about me."

The Jews came to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) and `Abdullah went inside the house. Allah's Apostle asked (the Jews), "What kind of man is `Abdullah bin Salam amongst you?" They replied, "He is the most learned person amongst us, and the best amongst us, and the son of the best amongst us."

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "What do you think if he embraces Islam (will you do as he does)?" The Jews said, "May Allah save him from it."

Then `Abdullah bin Salam came out in front of them saying, "I testify that None has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that Muhammad is the Apostle of Allah."

Thereupon they said, "He is the vilest among us, and the son of the vilest amongst us," and continued talking badly of him.

Hadith # 3330

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

If the nation of Bani Israel had not existed, the meat would not have rotted, and if there had not been Eve, the woman would not have cheated on her husband."

Hadith # 3331

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah 's Apostle said,

"Treat women nicely, for a woman is created from a rib, and the most curved portion of the rib is its upper portion, so, if you should try to straighten it, it will break, but if you leave it as it is, it will remain crooked. So treat women nicely."

Hadith # 3332

Narrated `Abdullah:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ), the true and truly inspired said,

"as regards your creation,

- every one of you is collected in the womb of his mother for the first forty days,
 - and then he becomes a clot for another forty days,
 - and then a piece of flesh for another forty days.
 - Then Allah sends an angel to write four items:
 - He writes his deeds,
 - time of his death,
 - means of his livelihood, and whether he will be wretched or blessed (in religion).
- Then the soul is breathed into his body.

So a man may do deeds characteristic of the people of the (Hell) Fire, so much so that there is only the distance of a cubit between him and it, and then what has been written (by the angel) surpasses, and so he starts doing deeds characteristic of the people of Paradise and enters Paradise.

Similarly, a person may do deeds characteristic of the people of Paradise, so much so that there is only the distance of a cubit between him and it, and then what has been written (by the angel) surpasses, and he starts doing deeds of the people of the (Hell) Fire and enters the (Hell) Fire."

Hadith # 3333

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Allah has appointed an angel in the womb, and the angel says,

'O Lord! A drop of discharge (i.e. of semen), O Lord! a clot, O Lord! a piece of flesh.'

And then, if Allah wishes to complete the child's creation, the angel will say. 'O Lord! A male or a female? O Lord! wretched or blessed (in religion)? What will his livelihood be? What will his age be?'

The angel writes all this while the child is in the womb of its mother."

Hadith # 3334

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Allah will say to that person of the (Hell) Fire who will receive the least punishment,

'If you had everything on the earth, would you give it as a ransom to free yourself (i.e. save yourself from this Fire)?' He will say, 'Yes.'

Then Allah will say, 'While you were in the backbone of Adam, I asked you much less than this, i.e. not to worship others besides Me, but you insisted on worshipping others besides me.' "

Hadith # 3335

Narrated `Abdullah:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Whenever a person is murdered unjustly, there is a share from the burden of the crime on the first son of Adam for he was the first to start the tradition of murdering."

Souls are like recruited troops

Hadith # 3336

Narrated Aishah:

I heard the Prophet (ﷺ),

"Souls are like recruited troops: Those who are like qualities are inclined to each other, but those who have dissimilar qualities, differ."

"And indeed, We sent Nuh to his people..."

Allah's saying:

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ

"And indeed, We sent Nuh to his people..." (11:25)

Allah's saying:

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ أَنْ أَنْذِرْ قَوْمَكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ...

We sent Noah to his People (with the Command): "Do thou warn thy people before there comes to them a grievous Penalty." (71:1) Full Surah

Hadith # 3337

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Once Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) stood amongst the people, glorified and praised Allah as He deserved and then mentioned the Dajjal saying,

"I warn you against him (i.e. the Dajjal) and there was no prophet but warned his

nation against him. No doubt, Noah warned his nation against him but I tell you about him something of which no prophet told his nation before me. You should know that he is one-eyed, and Allah is not one-eyed."

Hadith # 3338

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Shall I not tell you about the Dajjal a story of which no prophet told his nation? The Dajjal is one-eyed and will bring with him what will resemble Hell and Paradise, and what he will call Paradise will be actually Hell; so I warn you (against him) as Noah warned his nation against him."

Hadith # 3339

Narrated Abu Sa'id:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Noah and his nation will come (on the Day of Resurrection and Allah will ask (Noah), "Did you convey (the Message)?" He will reply, "Yes, O my Lord!"

Then Allah will ask Noah's nation, 'Did Noah convey My Message to you?' They will reply, 'No, no prophet came to us.'

Then Allah will ask Noah, 'Who will stand a witness for you?' He will reply, 'Muhammad and his followers (will stand witness for me).' So, I and my followers will stand as witnesses for him (that he conveyed Allah's Message)."

That is, (the interpretation) of the Statement of Allah:

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ

"Thus we have made you a just and the best nation that you might be witnesses Over mankind .." (2.143)

Hadith # 3340

Narrated Abu Huraira:

We were in the company of the Prophet (ﷺ) at a banquet and a cooked (mutton) forearm was set before him, and he used to like it. He ate a morsel of it and said, "I will be the chief of all the people on the Day of Resurrection. Do you know how Allah will gather all the first and the last (people) in one level place where an observer will be able to see (all) of them and they will be able to hear the announcer, and the sun will come near to them.

Some People will say: Don't you see, in what condition you are and the state to which you have reached? Why don't you look for a person who can intercede for you

with your Lord?

Some people will say: Appeal to your father, Adam.' They will go to him and say: 'O Adam! You are the father of all mankind, and Allah created you with His Own Hands, and ordered the angels to prostrate for you, and made you live in Paradise. Will you not intercede for us with your Lord? Don't you see in what (miserable) state we are, and to what condition we have reached?' On that Adam will reply, 'My Lord is so angry as He has never been before and will never be in the future; (besides), He forbade me (to eat from) the tree, but I disobeyed (Him), (I am worried about) myself! Myself!

Go to somebody else; go to Noah.' They will go to Noah and say; 'O Noah! You are the first amongst the messengers of Allah to the people of the earth, and Allah named you a thankful slave. Don't you see in what a (miserable) state we are and to what condition we have reached? Will you not intercede for us with your Lord? Noah will reply: 'Today my Lord has become so angry as he had never been before and will never be in the future Myself! Myself! Go to the Prophet (Muhammad).

The people will come to me, and I will prostrate myself underneath Allah's Throne. Then I will be addressed: 'O Muhammad! Raise your head; intercede, for your intercession will be accepted, and ask (for anything). for you will be given. "

Hadith # 3341

Narrated `Abdullah:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) recited the following Verse) in the usual tone:

فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ

then is there any that will receive admonition? (54.15)

The reference to Idris

Allah's statement in Surah As-Safat

وَإِنَّ إِلْيَاسَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ ... وَتَرَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِينَ

So also, was Elias among those sent (by us). Behold, he said to his people,

"Will ye not fear (Allah)?

"Will ye call upon Baal and forsake the Best of Creators -- "

Allah, your Lord and Cherisher and the Lord and Cherisher of your?"

But they rejected him, and they will certainly be called up (for punishment) --

Except the sincere and devoted Servants of Allah (among them).

And We left (this blessing) for him among generations (to come) in later times: (37:123-129)

Hadith # 3342

Narrated Ibn 'Abbas

He said that he will be remembered with kindness. Peace be upon Ilyasin, verily thus do We reward the faithful. Indeed, he was one of our sincere servants.

It is narrated from Ibn Abbas and Ibn Masoud that Ilyas was the name of Idris (peace be upon him).

The statement of Idris and the decree of Allah

وَرَفَعْنَاهُ مَكَانًا عَلِيًّا

And We raised him to a lofty station. (19:57)

Abu Dhar used to say that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"While I was at Makkah, the roof of my house was opened and Jibril descended, opened my chest, and washed it with Zamzam water. Then he brought a golden tray full of wisdom and faith, and having poured its contents into my chest, he closed it. Then he took my hand and ascended with me to the heaven.

When Jibril reached the nearest heaven, he said to the gatekeeper of the heaven, 'Open (the gate).' The gatekeeper asked, 'who is it?' Jibril answered, 'Jibril'. He asked, 'Is there anyone with you?' Jibril replied, 'Muhammad (ﷺ) is with me.' He asked, 'Has he been called?', Jibril said, 'Yes'. So, the gate was opened and we went over the nearest heaven, and there we saw a man sitting with Aswida (a large number of people) of his right and Aswida on his left. When he looked towards his right, he laughed and when he looked towards his left he wept. He said (to me), 'Welcome, O pious Prophet and pious son'. I said, 'Who is this man O Jibril?' Jibril replied, 'He is Adam, and the people on his right and left are the souls of his offspring. Those on the right are the people of Paradise, and those on the left are the people of the (Hell) Fire. So, when he looks to the right, he laughs, and when he looks to the left, he weeps.'

Then Jibril ascended with me till he reached the second heaven and said to the gatekeeper, 'Open (the gate).' The gatekeeper said to him the same as the gatekeeper of the first heaven has said, and he opened the gate."

Anas added: Abu Dhar mentioned that Prophet (ﷺ) met Idris, Musa (Moses), 'Isa (Jesus) and Ibrahim (Abraham) over the heavens, but he did not specify their places (i.e., on which heavens each of them was), but he mentioned that he (the Prophet (ﷺ)) had met Adam on the nearest heaven, and Ibrahim on the sixth.

Anas said, "When Jibril and the Prophet (ﷺ) passed by Idris, the latter said, 'Welcome, O pious Prophet and pious brother!' the Prophet (ﷺ) asked, 'Who is he?' Jibril said, 'He is Idris.' "

The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "Then I passed by Musa who said, 'Welcome, O pious Prophet and pious brother!' I said, 'Who is he?' Jibril said, 'He is Musa.'

Then I passed by 'Isa who said, 'Welcome, O pious Prophet and pious brother!' I said, 'Who is he?' He replied, 'He is 'Isa.'

Then I passed by the Prophet (ﷺ) Ibrahim who said, 'Welcome, O pious Prophet and pious son!' I said, 'Who is he?' Jibril replied, 'He is Ibrahim'."

Narrated Ibn 'Abbas and Abu Haiyya Al-Ansari:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Then Jibril ascended with me to a place where I heard the creaking of pens."

Ibn Hazm and Anas bin Malik state the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Allah enjoined fifty Salat (prayers) on me. When I returned with this order of Allah, I passed by Musa who asked me, 'What has Allah enjoined on your followers?' I replied, 'He has enjoined fifty Salat (prayers) on them.' On the Musa said to me, 'Go back to your Lord (and appeal for reduction), for your followers will not be able to bear it.' So, I returned to my Lord and asked for some reduction, and He reduced it to half. When I passed by Musa again and informed him about it, he once more said to me, 'Go back to your Lord, for your followers will not be able to bear it.' So, I returned to my Lord similarly as before, and half of it was reduced. I again passed by Musa and he said to me, 'Go back to your Lord, for your followers will not be able to bear it.'

I again returned to my Lord and He said, 'These are five (Salat-prayers) and they are all (equal to) fifty (in reward), for My Word does not change.'

I returned to Musa, he again told me to return to my Lord (for further reduction) but I said to him 'I feel shy of asking my Lord now.'

Then Jibril took me till we reached Sidrat-ul-Muntaha (i.e., lote tree of utmost boundary) which was shrouded in colors indescribable. Then I was admitted into Paradise where I found small tents (made) of pearls and its earth was musk."

Allah says:

وَالِىٰ عَادِ اٰحَاہُمْ هُوْدًا قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللّٰهَ

To the Ad people, (We sent) Hud, one of their (own) brethren: He said: "O my people! worship Allah! (7:65)

Allah says:

اِذْ اَنْذَرَ قَوْمَهُ بِالْاَحْقَافِ

Mention (Hud) one of 'Ad's (own) brethren: behold, he warned his people

about the winding Sand-tracts: (46:21)

Allah says:

...كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْقَوْمَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ

...Thus do We recompense those given to sin! (47:21-25)

"And to 'Ad (people, We sent), their brother Hud."

Allah Almighty said in Surah Al-Haqqah.

وَأَمَّا عَادٌ فَأُهْلِكُوا بِرِيحٍ صَرْصَرٍ شَدِيدَةٍ

And the 'Ad -- they were destroyed by a furious wind, exceedingly violent;
(69:6)

Hadith # 3343

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"I have been made victorious with As-Saba (i.e. an easterly wind) and the people of 'Ad were destroyed by Ad-Dabur (i.e. a westerly wind)."

Hadith # 3344

Narrated Abu Sa`id:

`Ali sent a piece of gold to the Prophet (ﷺ) who distributed it among four persons:

- Al-Aqra' bin H'Abis Al-Hanzali from the tribe of Mujashi,
- 'Uyaina bin Badr Al-Fazari,
- Zaid at-Ta'i who belonged to (the tribe of) Bani Nahban, and
- 'Alqama bin Ulatha Al-'Amir who belonged to (the tribe of) Bani Kilab.

So, the Quraish and the Ansar became angry and said, "He (i.e., the Prophet,) gives the chief of Najd and does not give us."

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "I give them) so as to attract their hearts (to Islam)."

Then a man with sunken eyes, prominent checks, a raised forehead, a thick beard and a shaven head, came (in front of the Prophet (ﷺ)) and said, "Be afraid of Allah, O Muhammad!" The Prophet (ﷺ) ' said "Who would obey Allah if I disobeyed Him? (Is it fair that) Allah has trusted all the people of the earth to me while, you do not trust me?"

Somebody who, I think was Khalid bin Al-Walid, requested the Prophet (ﷺ) to let him chop that man's head off, but he prevented him. When the man left, the Prophet (ﷺ)

said,

"Among the off-spring of this man will be some who will recite the Qur'an but the Qur'an will not reach beyond their throats (i.e., they will recite like parrots and will not understand it nor act on it), and they will renegade from the religion as an arrow goes through the game's body. They will kill the Muslims but will not disturb the idolaters. If I should live up to their time' I will kill them as the people of 'Ad were killed (i.e., I will kill all of them)."

Hadith # 3345

Narrated `Abdullah:

I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) reciting: "فَهْلٌ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ (Fahal Min Muddakir.)"

The story of Gog and Magog

Hadith # 3346

Narrated Zainab bint Jahsh:

That the Prophet (ﷺ) once came to her in a state of fear and said,

"None has the right to be worshipped but Allah. Woe unto the Arabs from a danger that has come near. An opening has been made in the wall of Gog and Magog like this," making a circle with his thumb and index finger.

Zainab bint Jahsh said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Shall we be destroyed even though there are pious persons among us?" He said, "Yes, when the evil person will increase."

Hadith # 3347

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Allah has made an opening in the wall of the Gog and Magog (people) like this, and he made with his hand (with the help of his fingers)."

Hadith # 3348

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Allah will say (on the Day of Resurrection), 'O Adam.' Adam will reply, 'Labbaik wa Sa`daik', and all the good is in Your Hand.'

Allah will say: 'Bring out the people of the fire.' Adam will say: 'O Allah! How many are the people of the Fire?' Allah will reply: 'From every one thousand, take out nine-hundred-and ninety-nine.' At that time children will become hoary headed, every pregnant female will have a miscarriage, and one will see mankind as drunken, yet

they will not be drunken, but dreadful will be the Wrath of Allah."

The companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) asked, "O Allah's Apostle! Who is that (excepted) one?" He said, "Rejoice with glad tidings; one person will be from you and one-thousand will be from Gog and Magog."

The Prophet (ﷺ) further said, "By Him in Whose Hands my life is, hope that you will be one-fourth of the people of Paradise." We shouted, "Allahu Akbar!"

He added, "I hope that you will be one-third of the people of Paradise." We shouted, "Allahu Akbar!" He said, "I hope that you will be half of the people of Paradise." We shouted, "Allahu Akbar!"

He further said, "You (Muslims) (compared with non Muslims) are like a black hair in the skin of a white ox or like a white hair in the skin of a black ox (i.e. your number is very small as compared with theirs).

The Statement of Allah about Ibrahim as a Khalil.

Allah Almighty says in Surah Nisa:

وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

For Allah did take Abraham for a friend. (4:125)

And the saying of Allah in Surah Nahl:

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا

Abraham was indeed a model, devoutly obedient to Allah, (16:120)

And in Surat al-Tawba, Allah says:

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَأَوَّاهٌ حَلِيمٌ

for Abraham was most tender-hearted, forbearing. (9:114)

Hadith # 3349

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "You will be gathered (on the Day of Judgment), bare-footed, naked and not circumcised." He then recited: --

كَمَا بَدَأْنَا أَوَّلَ خَلْقٍ نُعِيدُهُ ۖ وَعَدَّا عَلَيْنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا فَاعِلِينَ

'As We began the first creation, We, shall repeat it:

A Promise We have undertaken: Truly we shall do it.' (21.104)

He added, "The first to be dressed on the Day of Resurrection, will be Abraham, and some of my companions will be taken towards the left side (i.e. to the (Hell) Fire),

and I will say: 'My companions! My companions!' It will be said: 'They renegade from Islam after you left them.'

Then I will say as the Pious slave of Allah (i.e. Jesus) said.

وَكُنْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ... وَإِنْ تَعَفَّرَ لَهُمْ فَأِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

'And I was a witness Over them while I dwelt amongst them.

When You took me up You were the Watcher over them,

And You are a witness to all things. If You punish them. They are Your slaves

And if You forgive them, Verily you, only You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise." (5.117,118)

Hadith # 3350

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "On the Day of Resurrection Abraham will meet his father Azar whose face will be dark and covered with dust. The Prophet (ﷺ) Abraham will say to him): 'Didn't I tell you not to disobey me?' His father will reply: 'Today I will not disobey you.'

'Abraham will say: 'O Lord! You promised me not to disgrace me on the Day of Resurrection; and what will be more disgraceful to me than cursing and dishonoring my father?'

Then Allah will say (to him): 'I have forbidden Paradise for the disbelievers.'

Then he will be addressed, 'O Abraham! Look! What is underneath your feet?'

He will look and there he will see a Dhabh (an animal,) blood-stained, which will be caught by the legs and thrown in the (Hell) Fire."

Hadith # 3351

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) entered the Ka`ba and found in it the pictures of (Prophet) Abraham and Mary. On that he said'

"What is the matter with them (i.e. Quraish)? They have already heard that angels do not enter a house in which there are pictures; yet this is the picture of Abraham. And why is he depicted as practicing divination by arrows?"

Hadith # 3352

Narrated Ibn `Abbas

When the Prophet (ﷺ) saw pictures in the Ka`ba, he did not enter it till he ordered them to be erased. When he saw (the pictures of Abraham and Ishmael carrying the

arrows of divination, he said,

"May Allah curse them (i.e. the Quraish)! By Allah, neither Abraham nor Ishmael practiced divination by arrows."

Hadith # 3353

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The people said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who is the most honorable amongst the people (in Allah's Sight)?"

He said, "The most righteous amongst them." They said, "We do not ask you, about this. "

He said, "Then Joseph, Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Prophet, The son of Allah's Prophet the son of Allah's Khalil (i.e. Abraham)."

They said, "We do not want to ask about this,"

He said' "Then you want to ask about the descent of the Arabs. Those who were the best in the pre-Islamic period of ignorance will be the best in Islam provided they comprehend the religious knowledge."

Hadith # 3354

Narrated Samura:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Two persons came to me at night (in dream) (and took me along with them). We passed by a tall man who was so tall that I was not able to see his head and that person was Abraham."

Hadith # 3355

Narrated Mujahid:

That when the people mentioned before Ibn `Abbas that the Dajjal would have the word Kafir, (i.e. unbeliever) or the letters Kafir (the root of the Arabic verb 'disbelieve') written on his forehead, I heard Ibn `Abbas saying, "I did not hear this,

but the Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'If you want to see Abraham, then look at your companion (i.e. the Prophet) but Moses was a curly-haired, brown man (who used to ride) a red camel, the reins of which was made of fires of date-palms. As if I were now looking down a valley."

Hadith # 3356

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Abraham did his circumcision with an adze* at the age of eighty."

Narrated Abu Az-Zinad:

as above) With an adze. (a type of cured blade axe)

Hadith # 3357

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Abraham did not tell a lie except on three occasions."

Hadith # 3358

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Abraham did not tell a lie except on three occasions. Twice for the Sake of Allah when he said, "I am sick," and he said, "(I have not done this but) the big idol has done it."

The (third was) that while Abraham and Sarah (his wife) were going (on a journey) they passed by (the territory of) a tyrant. Someone said to the tyrant, "This man (i.e. Abraham) is accompanied by a very charming lady." So, he sent for Abraham and asked him about Sarah saying, "Who is this lady?" Abraham said, "She is my sister."

Abraham went to Sarah and said, "O Sarah! There are no believers on the surface of the earth except you and I. This man asked me about you and I have told him that you are my sister, so don't contradict my statement."

The tyrant then called Sarah and when she went to him, he tried to take hold of her with his hand, but (his hand got stiff and) he was confounded. He asked Sarah. "Pray to Allah for me, and I shall not harm you." So Sarah asked Allah to cure him and he got cured. He tried to take hold of her for the second time, but (his hand got as stiff as or stiffer than before and) was more confounded. He again requested Sarah, "Pray to Allah for me, and I will not harm you." Sarah asked Allah again and he became alright.

He then called one of his guards (who had brought her) and said, "You have not brought me a human being but have brought me a devil."

The tyrant then gave Hajar as a girl-servant to Sarah. Sarah came back (to Abraham) while he was praying. Abraham, gesturing with his hand, asked, "What has happened?" She replied, "Allah has spoiled the evil plot of the infidel (or immoral person) and gave me Hajar for service."

Abu Huraira then addressed his listeners saying, "That (Hajar) was your mother, O Bani Ma-is-Sama (i.e. the Arabs, the descendants of Ishmael, Hajar's son).

Hadith # 3359

Narrated Um Sharik:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) ordered that the salamander should be killed and said, "It (i.e. the salamander) blew (the fire) on Abraham."

Allah's saying (in Surah Nisa) that "And Allah made Ibrahim Khalil."

وَأَتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

For Allah did take Abraham for a friend. (4:125)

Hadith # 3360

Narrated `Abdullah:

When the Verse: --

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ

"It is those who believe and do not confuse their belief with wrong (6:83)

was revealed, we said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who is there amongst us who has not done wrong to himself?"

He replied, "It is not as you say, for 'wrong' in the Verse and 'do not confuse their belief, with wrong means 'SHIRK' (i.e. joining others in worship with Allah). Haven't you heard Luqman's saying to his son,

يَبْنَىٰ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

'O my son! Join not others in worship with Allah, verily joining others in worship with Allah is a great wrong indeed." (31:13)

The word "يَرْفُونَ" in Surah Safat means to run.

Hadith # 3361

Narrated Abu Huraira:

One day some meat was given to the Prophet (ﷺ) and he said,

"On the Day of Resurrection Allah will gather all the first and the last (people) in one plain, and the voice of the announcer will reach all of them, and one will be able to see them all, and the sun will come closer to them."

"The people will go to Abraham and say: 'You are Allah's Prophet and His Khalil on the earth. Will you intercede for us with your Lord?' Abraham will then remember his lies and say: 'Myself! Myself! Go to Moses.'"

Hadith # 3362, 3363

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"May Allah bestow His Mercy on the mother of Ishmael! Had she not hastened (to fill her water-skin with water from the Zamzam well). Zamzam would have been a stream flowing on the surface of the earth."

Ibn `Abbas further added, "(The Prophet) Abraham brought Ishmael and his mother (to Mecca) and she was suckling Ishmael and she had a water-skin with her.'

Hadith # 3364

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The first lady to use a girdle was the mother of Ishmael. She used a girdle so that she might hide her tracks from Sarah. Abraham brought her and her son Ishmael while she was suckling him, to a place near the Ka`ba under a tree on the spot of Zamzam, at the highest place in the mosque.

During those days there was nobody in Mecca, nor was there any water So he made them sit over there and placed near them a leather bag containing some dates, and a small water-skin containing some water, and set out homeward.

Ishmael's mother followed him saying, "O Abraham! Where are you going, leaving us in this valley where there is no person whose company we may enjoy, nor is there anything (to enjoy)?" She repeated that to him many times, but he did not look back at her Then she asked him, "Has Allah ordered you to do so?" He said, "Yes." She said, "Then He will not neglect us," and returned while Abraham proceeded onwards, and on reaching the Thaniya where they could not see him, he faced the Ka`ba, and raising both hands, invoked Allah saying the following prayers:

رَبَّنَا إِنِّي أَسْكَنْتُ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ... لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْكُرُونَ

'O our Lord!

I have made some of my offspring dwell in a valley without cultivation,
by Your Sacred House (Ka`ba at Mecca) in order, O our Lord, that they may
offer prayer perfectly.

So fill some hearts among men with love towards them,
and (O Allah) provide them with fruits, so that they may give thanks.' (14.37)

Ishmael's mother went on suckling Ishmael and drinking from the water (she had). When the water in the water-skin had all been used up, she became thirsty and her child also became thirsty. She started looking at him (i.e. Ishmael) tossing in agony;

She left him, for she could not endure looking at him, and found that the mountain of Safa was the nearest mountain to her on that land. She stood on it and started looking at the valley keenly so that she might see somebody, but she could not see anybody. Then she descended from Safa and when she reached the valley, she tucked up her robe and ran in the valley like a person in distress and trouble, till she crossed the valley and reached the Marwa Mountain where she stood and started looking, expecting to see somebody, but she could not see anybody. She repeated that (running between Safa and Marwa) seven times."

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "This is the source of the tradition of the walking of people between them (i.e., Safa and Marwa). When she reached the Marwa (for the last time) she heard a voice and she asked herself to be quiet and listened attentively. She heard the voice again and said, 'O, (whoever you may be)! You have made me hear your voice; have you got something to help me?' And behold! She saw an angel at the place of Zamzam, digging the earth with his heel (or his wing), till water flowed from that place. She started to make something like a basin around it, using her hand in this way, and started filling her water-skin with water with her hands, and the water was flowing out after she had scooped some of it."

The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "May Allah bestow Mercy on Ishmael's 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."

The Prophet (ﷺ) further added, "Then she drank (water) and suckled her child. The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid of being neglected, for this is the House of Allah which will be built by this boy and his father, and Allah never neglects His people.'

The House (i.e. Ka`ba) at that time was on a high place resembling a hillock, and when torrents came, they flowed to its right and left.

She lived in that way till some people from the tribe of Jurhum or a family from Jurhum passed by her and her child, as they (i.e. the Jurhum people) were coming through the way of Kada'. They landed in the lower part of Mecca where they saw a bird that had the habit of flying around water and not leaving it. They said, 'This bird must be flying around water, though we know that there is no water in this valley.' They sent one or two messengers who discovered the source of water, and returned to inform them of the water. So, they all came (towards the water)."

The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "Ishmael's mother was sitting near the water. They asked her, 'Do you allow us to stay with you?' She replied, 'Yes, but you will have no right to possess the water.' They agreed to that."

The Prophet (ﷺ) further said, "Ishmael's mother was pleased with the whole situation as she used to love to enjoy the company of the people. So, they settled there, and later on they sent for their families who came and settled with them so that some

families became permanent residents there. The child (i.e. Ishmael) grew up and learnt Arabic from them and (his virtues) caused them to love and admire him as he grew up, and when he reached the age of puberty they made him marry a woman from amongst them.

After Ishmael's mother had died, Abraham came after Ishmael's marriage in order to see his family that he had left before, but he did not find Ishmael there. When he asked Ishmael's wife about him, she replied, 'He has gone in search of our livelihood.' Then he asked her about their way of living and their condition, and she replied, 'We are living in misery; we are living in hardship and destitution,' complaining to him. He said, 'When your husband returns, convey my salutation to him and tell him to change the threshold of the gate (of his house).' When Ishmael came, he seemed to have felt something unusual, so he asked his wife, 'Has anyone visited you?' She replied, 'Yes, an old man of so-and-so description came and asked me about you and I informed him, and he asked about our state of living, and I told him that we were living in a hardship and poverty.' On that Ishmael said, 'Did he advise you anything?' She replied, 'Yes, he told me to convey his salutation to you and to tell you to change the threshold of your gate.' Ishmael said, 'It was my father, and he has ordered me to divorce you. Go back to your family.'

So, Ishmael divorced her and married another woman from amongst them (i.e. Jurhum). Then Abraham stayed away from them for a period as long as Allah wished and called on them again but did not find Ishmael. So he came to Ishmael's wife and asked her about Ishmael. She said, 'He has gone in search of our livelihood.' Abraham asked her, 'How are you getting on?' asking her about their sustenance and living. She replied, 'We are prosperous and well-off (i.e. we have everything in abundance).' Then she thanked Allah' Abraham said, 'What kind of food do you eat?' She said, 'Meat.' He said, 'What do you drink?' She said, 'Water.'" He said, "O Allah! Bless their meat and water."

The Prophet added, "At that time they did not have grain, and if they had grain, he would have also invoked Allah to bless it."

The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "If somebody has only these two things as his sustenance, his health and disposition will be badly affected, unless he lives in Mecca."

The Prophet (ﷺ) added," Then Abraham said Ishmael's wife, "When your husband comes, give my regards to him and tell him that he should keep firm the threshold of his gate.' When Ishmael came back, he asked his wife, 'Did anyone call on you?' She replied, 'Yes, a good-looking old man came to me,' so she praised him and added. 'He asked about you, and I informed him, and he asked about our livelihood and I told him that we were in a good condition.' Ishmael asked her, 'Did he give you any piece of advice?' She said, 'Yes, he told me to give his regards to you and ordered that you should keep firm the threshold of your gate.' On that Ishmael said, 'It was my father, and you are the threshold (of the gate). He has ordered me to keep

you with me.'

Then Abraham stayed away from them for a period as long as Allah wished, and called on them afterwards. He saw Ishmael under a tree near Zamzam, sharpening his arrows. When he saw Abraham, he rose up to welcome him (and they greeted each other as a father does with his son or a son does with his father).

Abraham said, 'O Ishmael! Allah has given me an order.' Ishmael said, 'Do what your Lord has ordered you to do.' Abraham asked, 'Will you help me?' Ishmael said, 'I will help you.' Abraham said, Allah has ordered me to build a house here,' pointing to a hillock higher than the land surrounding it." The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "Then they raised the foundations of the House (i.e. the Ka`ba). Ishmael brought the stones and Abraham was building, and when the walls became high, Ishmael brought this stone and put it for Abraham who stood over it and carried on building, while Ishmael was handing him the stones, and both of them were saying, 'O our Lord! Accept (this service) from us, Verily, You are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.'

The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "Then both of them went on building and going round the Ka`ba saying:

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

O our Lord! Accept (this service) from us,

Verily, You are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing." (2.127)

Hadith # 3365

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

When Abraham had differences with his wife), (because of her jealousy of Hajar, Ishmael's mother), he took Ishmael and his mother and went away. They had a water-skin with them containing some water, Ishmael's mother used to drink water from the water-skin so that her milk would increase for her child. When Abraham reached Mecca, he made her sit under a tree and afterwards returned home. Ishmael's mother followed him, and when they reached Kada', she called him from behind, 'O Abraham! To whom are you leaving us?' He replied, '(I am leaving you) to Allah's (Care).' She said, 'I am satisfied to be with Allah.' She returned to her place and started drinking water from the water-skin, and her milk increased for her child. When the water had all been used up, she said to herself, 'I'd better go and look so that I may see somebody.'

She ascended the Safa Mountain and looked, hoping to see somebody, but in vain. When she came down to the valley, she ran till she reached the Marwa Mountain. She ran to and fro (between the two mountains) many times. Then she said to herself, 'I'd better go and see the state of the child,' she went and found it in a state of one on the point of dying. She could not endure to watch it dying and said (to

herself), 'If I go and look, I may find somebody.' She went and ascended the Safa Mountain and looked for a long while but could not find anybody. Thus, she completed seven rounds (of running) between Safa and Marwa.

Again, she said (to herself), 'I'd better go back and see the state of the child.' But suddenly she heard a voice, and she said to that strange voice, 'Help us if you can offer any help.' Lo! It was Gabriel (who had made the voice). Gabriel hit the earth with his heel like this (Ibn `Abbas hit the earth with his heel to illustrate it), and so the water gushed out. Ishmael's mother was astonished and started digging.

Abu Al-Qasim (i.e., the Prophet) said, "If she had left the water, (flow naturally without her intervention), it would have been flowing on the surface of the earth."

Ishmael's mother started drinking from the water and her milk increased for her child. Afterwards some people of the tribe of Jurhum, while passing through the bottom of the valley, saw some birds, and that astonished them, and they said, 'Birds can only be found at a place where there is water.' They sent a messenger who searched the place and found the water, and returned to inform them about it. Then they all went to her and said, 'O Ishmael's mother! Will you allow us to be with you (or dwell with you)?' And thus they stayed there.

Later on her boy reached the age of puberty and married a lady from them. Then an idea occurred to Abraham which he disclosed to his wife (Sarah), 'I want to call on my dependents I left (at Mecca).' When he went there, he greeted (Ishmael's wife) and said, 'Where is Ishmael?' She replied, 'He has gone out hunting.' Abraham said (to her), 'When he comes, tell him to change the threshold of his gate.' When he came, she told him the same whereupon Ishmael said to her, 'You are the threshold, so go to your family (i.e. you are divorced).'

Again Abraham thought of visiting his dependents whom he had left (at Mecca), and he told his wife (Sarah) of his intentions. Abraham came to Ishmael's house and asked. "Where is Ishmael?" Ishmael's wife replied, "He has gone out hunting," and added, "Will you stay (for some time) and have something to eat and drink?" Abraham asked, 'What is your food and what is your drink?' She replied, 'Our food is meat and our drink is water.' He said, 'O Allah! Bless their meals and their drink.'

Abu Al-Qa-sim (i.e. Prophet) said, "Because of Abraham's invocation there are blessings (in Mecca)."

Once more Abraham thought of visiting his family he had left (at Mecca), so he told his wife (Sarah) of his decision. He went and found Ishmael behind the Zamzam well, mending his arrows. He said, "O Ishmael, Your Lord has ordered me to build a house for Him." Ishmael said, "Obey (the order of) your Lord." Abraham said, "Allah has also ordered me that you should help me therein." Ishmael said, "Then I will do."

So, both of them rose and Abraham started building (the Ka`ba) while Ishmael went

on handing him the stones, and both of them were saying,

"O our Lord ! Accept (this service) from us, Verily, You are the All-Hearing,
the All-Knowing." (2.127).

When the building became high and the old man (i.e. Abraham) could no longer lift the stones (to such a high position), he stood over the stone of Al- Maqam and Ishmael carried on handing him the stones, and both of them were saying,

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

'O our Lord! Accept (this service) from us, Verily You are All-Hearing, All-Knowing." (2.127)

Hadith # 3366

Narrated Abu Dhar:

I said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Which mosque was first built on the surface of the earth?" He said, "Al- Masjid-ul-,Haram (in Mecca)."

I said, "Which was built next?" He replied "The mosque of Al-Aqsa (in Jerusalem) ."

I said, "What was the period of construction between the two?" He said, "Forty years."

He added, "Wherever the prayer time becomes due, perform the prayer there, for the best thing is to do so.

Hadith # 3367

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

When the mountain of Uhud came in the sight of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) he said.

"This is a mountain that loves us and is loved by us. O Allah! Abraham made Mecca a sanctuary, and I make (the area) in between these two mountains (of Medina) a sanctuary."

Hadith # 3368

Narrated `Aisha:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said (to her). "Don't you see that when your folk built the Ka`ba, they did not build it on all the foundations built by Abraham?" I

said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Why don't we rebuild it on the foundations of Abraham?"

He said. "But for the fact that your folk have recently given up infidelity (I would have done so).

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Aisha must have heard this from Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) for I see that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) used not to touch the two corners facing Al-Hijr only because the House had not been built on the foundations of Abraham."

Hadith # 3369

Narrated Abu Humaid As-Sa`idi:

The people asked, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! How shall we (ask Allah to) send blessings on you?"

Allah's Apostle replied,

اللهم صل على محمد وأزواجه وذريته كما صليت على آل إبراهيم

"Say: O Allah! Send Your Mercy on Muhammad and on his wives and on his off spring,

as You sent Your Mercy on Abraham's family;

وبارك على محمد وأزواجه وذريته كما باركت على آل إبراهيم إنك حميد مجيد

and send Your Blessings on Muhammad and on his offspring, as You sent Your Blessings on Abraham's family,

for You are the Most Praiseworthy, the Most Glorious."

Hadith # 3370

Narrated `Abdur-Rahman bin Abi Laila:

Ka`b bin Ujrah met me and said, "Shall I not give you a present I got from the Prophet?" `Abdur- Rahman said, "Yes, give it to me."

I said, "We asked Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, 'O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! How should one (ask Allah to) send blessings on you, the members of the family, for Allah has taught us how to salute you (in the prayer)?' He said, 'Say:

اللهم صل على محمد وعلى آل محمد كما صليت على إبراهيم وعلى آل إبراهيم
إنك حميد مجيد

O Allah! Send Your Mercy on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your Mercy on Abraham and on the family of Abraham, for You are the Most Praise-worthy,

اللهم بارك على محمد وعلى آل محمد كما باركت على إبراهيم وعلى آل إبراهيم
إنك حميد مجيد

the Most Glorious. O Allah! Send Your Blessings on Muhammad and the

family of Muhammad, as You sent your Blessings on Abraham and on the family of Abraham, for You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious.' "

Hadith # 3371

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) used to seek Refuge with Allah for Al-Hasan and Al-Husain and say: "Your forefather (i.e. Abraham) used to seek Refuge with Allah for Ishmael and Isaac by reciting the following:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ وَهَامَةٍ وَمِنْ كُلِّ عَيْنٍ لَامَةٍ

'O Allah! I seek Refuge with Your Perfect Words from every devil and from poisonous pests and from every evil, harmful, envious eye.' "

And the saying of Allah:

وَنَبِّئُهُمْ عَنْ ضَيْفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Tell them about the guests of Abraham. (15:51)

And the saying of Allah:

وَلَكِنْ لِيُطْمَئِنَّ قَلْبِي

but to satisfy my own understanding." (2:260)

Hadith # 3372

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"We are more liable to be in doubt than Abraham when he said, 'My Lord! Show me how You give life to the dead.' .

He (i.e. Allah) said: 'Don't you believe then?'

He (i.e. Abraham) said: "Yes, but (I ask) in order to be stronger in Faith." (2:260)

And may Allah send His Mercy on Lot! He wished to have a powerful support. If I were to stay in prison for such a long time as Joseph did I would have accepted the offer (of freedom without insisting on having my guiltless less declared).

And mention in the Book Isma'il.

And the saying of Allah:

وَأَذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا

Also mention in the Book (the story of) Isma'il:

He was (strictly) true to what he promised, and he was a Messenger (and) a Prophet. (19:54)

Hadith # 3373

Narrated Salama bin Al-Akwa`:

The Prophet (ﷺ) passed by some persons of the tribe of Aslam practicing archery (i.e. the throwing of arrows) Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "O offspring of Ishmael! Practice archery (i.e. arrow throwing) as your father was a great archer (i.e. arrow-thrower). I am with (on the side of) the son of so-and-so-."

Hearing that, one of the two teams stopped throwing. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked them, ' Why are you not throwing?'

They replied, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! How shall we throw when you are with the opposite team?"

He said, "Throw, for I am with you all."

The story of Ishaq (Isaac)

Ibn Omar and Abu Hurairah referred on the authority of the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace.

The statement of Yaqub (peace be upon him) and the saying of Allah in Surah Al-Baqarah:

أَمْ كُنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ... إِلَيْهَا وَأَجِدًا وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

Were ye witnesses when death appeared before Jacob?

Behold, he said to his sons: "What will ye worship after me?"

They said: "We shall worship thy God and the God of thy fathers, of Abraham, Isma'il, and Isaac, the one (true) God, to Him we bow (in Islam)." (2:133)

Hadith # 3374

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Some people asked the Prophet: "Who is the most honorable amongst the people?"

He replied, "The most honorable among them is the one who is the most Allah-fearing."

They said, "O Allah's Prophet! We do not ask about this."

He said, "Then the most honorable person is Joseph, Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Khalil."

They said, "We do not ask about this." He said, "Then you want to ask me about the Arabs' descent?" They said, "Yes."

He said, "Those who were best in the pre-Islamic period, are the best in Islam, if they comprehend (the religious knowledge).

"And (remember) Lout (Lot)!"

Allah Almighty says in Surat al-Namal:

وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ أَتَأْتُونَ الْفَلْحِشَةَ ... فَسَاءَ مَطَرُ الْمُنْذَرِينَ

We also sent Lut (as a messenger): behold, he said to his people,

"Do ye do what is shameful though ye see (its iniquity)?"

Would ye really approach men in your lusts rather than women?

Nay, ye are a people (grossly) ignorant!"

But his people gave no other answer but this:

they said, "Drive out the followers of Lut from your city:

these are indeed men who want to be clean and pure!"

But We saved him and his family, except his wife:

her We destined to be of those who lagged behind.

And We rained down on them a shower (of brimstone):

and evil was the shower on those who were admonished (but heeded not)!

(27:54-58)

Hadith # 3375

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "May Allah forgive Lot: He wanted to have a powerful support."

When the messengers came to the family of Lout..."

In Surah Al-Hijr, Allah Almighty said:

فَلَمَّا جَاءَ آلَ لُوطٍ الْمُرْسَلُونَ . قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ قَوْمٌ مُنْكَرُونَ

At length when the messengers arrived among the adherents of Lut,

He said: "Ye appear to be uncommon folk." (15:61,62)

Hadith # 3376

Narrated `Abdullah Bin Masood:

The Prophet (ﷺ) recited: -- فهل من مذكر 'Hal-min-Muddakir' (54.15) Is there any that will remember and avoid evil.

Allah's saying in Surah Al-A'raf

وَإِلَى تَمُودَ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا

To the Thamud people (We sent) Salih, one of their own brethren: (7:73)

Hadith # 3377

Narrated `Abdullah bin Zam`a:

I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) while referring to the person who had cut the legs of the she-camel of the Prophet Salih, saying,

"The man who was appointed for doing this job, was a man of honor and power in his nation like Abu Zam`a."

Hadith # 3378

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

When Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) landed at Al-Hijr during the Ghazwa of Tabuk, he ordered his companions not to drink water from its well or reserve water from it.

They said, "We have already kneaded the dough with its water. and also filled our bags with its water." On that, the Prophet (ﷺ) ordered them to throw away the dough and pour out the water.

Hadith # 3379

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

The people landed at the land of Thamud called Al-Hijr along with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) and they took water from its well for drinking and kneading the dough with it as well. (When Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) heard about it) he ordered them to pour out the water they had taken from its wells and feed the camels with the dough, and ordered them to take water from the well whence the she-camel (of Prophet Salih) used to drink.

Hadith # 3380

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

When the Prophet (ﷺ) passed by (a place called) Al Hijr, he said,

"Do not enter the house of those who were unjust to themselves, unless (you enter) weeping, lest you should suffer the same punishment as was inflicted upon them."

After that he covered his face with his sheet cloth while he was on the camel-saddle.

Hadith # 3381

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Do not enter the ruined dwellings of those who were unjust to themselves unless (you enter) weeping, lest you should suffer the same punishment as was inflicted upon them."

أَمْ كُنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ

Were ye witnesses when death appeared before Jacob? (2:133)

Hadith # 3382

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"The honorable is the son of the honorable, the son the honorable, i.e. Joseph, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham.

Allah Almighty said:

لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي يُوسُفَ وَإِخْوَتِهِ آيَاتٌ لِلْسَّائِلِينَ

Verily in Joseph and his brethren are Signs (or Symbols) for Seekers (after Truth). (12:7)

Hadith # 3383

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) was asked, "Who is the most honorable amongst the people?"

He replied, "The most Allah fearing."

The people said, "We do not want to ask you about this."

He said, "The most honorable person is Joseph, Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Khalil"

The people said, "We do not want to ask you about this."

He said," Then you want to ask me about the origins of the Arabs? People are of various origins. The best in the pre-Islamic period are the best in Islam, provided they comprehend (the religious knowledge).

Hadith # 3384

Narrated `Aisha:

That the Prophet (ﷺ) said (to her). "Order Abu Bakr to lead the people in prayer." She replied," Abu Bakr is a soft-hearted person and when he stands at your place, he will weep (so he will not be able to lead the prayer)."

The Prophet (ﷺ) repeated the same order and she gave the same reply.

The narrator, Shuba said that the Prophet (ﷺ) said on the third or fourth time.

"You are (like) the female companions of Joseph. Order Abu Bakr to lead the prayer."

Hadith # 3385

Narrated Abu Musa:

When the Prophet (ﷺ) fell ill, he said, "Order Abu Bakr to lead the people in prayer." `Aisha said, "Abu Bakr is a soft-hearted person. The Prophet (ﷺ) gave the same order again and she again gave the same reply. He again said, "Order Abu Bakr (to lead the prayer)!"

You are (like) the female companions of Joseph."

Consequently, Abu Bakr led the people in prayer in the life-time of the Prophet.

Hadith # 3386

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

اللهم أنج عياش بن أبي ربيعة اللهم أنج سلمة بن هشام اللهم أنج الوليد بن الوليد

"O Allah!, save `Aiyash bin Abi Rabi`a. O Allah, save Salama bin Hisham. O Allah, save Al-Waleed bin Al-Waleed

اللهم أنج المستضعفين من المؤمنين اللهم اشدد وطأتك على مضر اللهم اجعلها سنين كسني يوسف

O Allah, save the weak among the believers. O Allah, Send your Punishment

on Mudar.

O Allah! Let them suffer from years (of drought) similar to that inflicted during the life-time of Joseph."

Hadith # 3387

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"May Allah bestow His Mercy on Lot. He wanted to have a powerful support. If I were to stay in prison (for a period equal to) the stay of Joseph (prison) and then the offer of freedom came to me, then I would have accepted it."

Hadith # 3388

Narrated Masruq:

I asked Um Ruman, `Aisha's mother about the accusation forged against `Aisha. She said, "While I was sitting with `Aisha, an Ansari woman came to us and said, 'Let Allah condemn such-and-such person.' I asked her, 'Why do you say so?' She replied, 'For he has spread the (slandorous) story.' "

Aisha said, 'What story?' The woman then told her the story. `Aisha asked, 'Have Abu Bakr and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) heard about it?' She said, 'Yes.' `Aisha fell down senseless (on hearing that), and when she came to her senses, she got fever and shaking of the body.

The Prophet (ﷺ) came and asked, 'What is wrong with her?' I said, 'She has got fever because of a story which has been rumored.' `Aisha got up and said, 'By Allah! Even if I took an oath, you would not believe me, and if I put forward an excuse, You would not excuse me. My example and your example is just like that example of Jacob and his sons. Against that which you assert, it is Allah (Alone) Whose Help can be sought.' (12.18)

The Prophet (ﷺ) left and then Allah revealed the Verses (concerning the matter), and on that `Aisha said, 'Thanks to Allah (only) and not to anybody else.'

Hadith # 3389

Narrated `Urwa:

I asked `Aisha the wife of the Prophet (ﷺ) about the meaning of the following Verse: --

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا اسْتَيْسَسَ الرُّسُلُ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ قَدْ كُذِّبُوا جَاءَهُمْ نَصْرُنَا

(Respite will be granted) until, when the apostles give up hope (of their people)

and (come to) think that they were treated as liars, there reaches them Our help. (12.110)

`Aisha replied, "Really, their nations did not believe them." I said, "By Allah! They were definite that their nations treated them as liars and it was not a matter of suspecting."

`Aisha said, "O 'Uraiya (i.e. `Urwa)! No doubt, they were quite sure about it."

I said, "May the Verse be read in such a way as to mean that the apostles thought that Allah did not help them?"

Aisha said, "Allah forbid! (Impossible) The Apostles did not suspect their Lord of such a thing. But this Verse is concerned with the Apostles' followers who had faith in their Lord and believed in their apostles and their period of trials was long and Allah's Help was delayed till the apostles gave up hope for the conversion of the disbelievers amongst their nation and suspected that even their followers were shaken in their belief, Allah's Help then came to them."

Hadith # 3390

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"The honorable, the son of the honorable, the son of the honorable, (was) Joseph, the son of Jacob! the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham."

Allah's saying:

وَأَيُّوبَ إِذْ نَادَى رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

And (remember) Job when he cried to his Lord, "Truly distress has seized me, but Thou art the Most Merciful of those that are merciful." (21:83)

Hadith # 3391

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "While Job was naked, taking a bath, a swarm of gold locusts fell on him and he started collecting them in his garment.

His Lord called him, 'O Job! Have I not made you rich enough to need what you see?

He said, 'Yes, O Lord! But I cannot dispense with your Blessing.'"

In Surah Maryam, Allah Almighty said:

وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ مُوسَى إِنَّهُ كَانَ مُخْلِصًا وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا ... وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ مِنْ

رَحْمَتِنَا أَخَاهُ هَارُونَ نَبِيًّا

Also mention in the Book (the story of) Moses:

for he was specially chosen, and he was a Messenger (and) a Prophet.

And We called him from the right side of Mount (Sinai), and made him draw near to Us, for mystic (converse).

And, out of Our Mercy, We gave him his brother Aaron, (also) a prophet.
(19:51-53)

Allah Almighty said:

وَقَالَ رَجُلٌ مُؤْمِنٌ مِّنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ ... إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ مُسْرِفٌ كَذَّابٌ

A believer, a man from among the people of Pharaoh, who had concealed his faith, said:

"Will ye slay a man because he says, 'My Lord is Allah'? --

when he has indeed come to you with Clear (Signs) from your Lord?

And if he be a liar on him is (the sin of) his lie:

but, if he is telling the Truth, then will fall on you something of the (calamity) of which he warns you:

truly Allah guides not one who transgresses and lies! (40:28)

Hadith # 3392

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (ﷺ) returned to Khadija while his heart was beating rapidly. She took him to Waraqa bin Naufal who was a Christian convert and used to read the Gospels in Arabic Waraqa asked (the Prophet),

"What do you see?" When he told him, Waraqa said, "That is the same angel whom Allah sent to the Prophet) Moses. Should I live till you receive the Divine Message, I will support you strongly."

"And has there come to you the story of Musa..."

Allah Almighty says in Surah Taha:

وَهَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ مُوسَى ... إِنَّكَ بِالْوَادِ الْمُقَدَّسِ طُوًى

Has the story of Moses reached thee?

Behold, he saw a fire: so he said to his family, "Tarry ye; I perceive a fire; perhaps I can bring you some burning brand therefrom or find some guidance at the fire.

"But when he came to the fire, a voice was heard: "O Moses! "Verily I am thy Lord!

Therefore (in My presence) put off thy shoes:thou art in the sacred valley Tuwa. (20:9-12)

Hadith # 3393

Narrated Malik bin Sasaa:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) talked to his companions about his Night Journey to the Heavens.

When he reached the fifth Heaven, he met Aaron. (Gabriel said to the Prophet), "This is Aaron." The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Gabriel greeted and so did I, and he returned the greeting saying, 'Welcome, O Pious Brother and Pious Prophet.'"

"And to Moses Allah spoke directly."

Allah says in Surah TaHa:

وَهَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ مُوسَىٰ

Has the story of Moses reached thee? (20:9)

And says in Surah Nisa:

وَكَلَّمَ اللَّهُ مُوسَىٰ تَكْلِيمًا

and to Moses Allah spoke direct.

Hadith # 3394

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"On the night of my Ascension to Heaven, I saw (the prophet) Moses who was a thin person with lank hair, looking like one of the men of the tribe of Shanua; and I saw Jesus who was of average height with red face as if he had just come out of a bathroom. And I resemble prophet Abraham more than any of his offspring does.

Then I was given two cups, one containing milk and the other wine. Gabriel said,

'Drink whichever you like.' I took the milk and drank it.

Gabriel said, 'You have accepted what is natural, (True Religion i.e. Islam) and if you had taken the wine, your followers would have gone astray.' "

Hadith # 3395, 3396

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "One should not say that I am better than Jonah (i.e., Yunus) bin Matta." So, he mentioned his father Matta.

The Prophet (ﷺ) mentioned the night of his Ascension and said,

"The prophet Moses was brown, a tall person as if from the people of the tribe of Shanu'a. Jesus was a curly-haired man of moderate height."

He also mentioned Malik, the gate-keeper of the (Hell) Fire, and Ad-Dajjal.

Hadith # 3397

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

When the Prophet (ﷺ) came to Medina, he found (the Jews) fasting on the day of 'Ashura' (i.e. 10th of Muharram). They used to say: "This is a great day on which Allah saved Moses and drowned the folk of Pharaoh. Moses observed the fast on this day, as a sign of gratitude to Allah."

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "I am closer to Moses than they." So, he observed the fast (on that day) and ordered the Muslims to fast on it.

The Statement of Allah Almighty: "And We appointed for Musa thirty nights..."

Allah's saying:

وَوَاعَدْنَا مُوسَى ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً وَأَتَمَمْنَا بِعِشْرِينَ ... نُبِئْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

We appointed for Moses thirty nights, and completed (the period) with ten (more):

thus was completed the term (of communion) with his Lord, forty nights.

And Moses had charged his brother Aaron (before he went up):

"Act for me amongst my people: do right, and follow not the way of those who do mischief."

When Moses came to the place appointed by Us, and his Lord addressed him,

He said: "O my Lord! show (Thyself) to me, that I may look upon thee."

Allah said: "By no means canst thou see Me (direct); but look upon the mount; if it abide in its place then shalt thou see Me."

When his Lord manifested his glory on the mount, He made it as dust and Moses fell down in a swoon.

When he recovered his senses, he said:

"Glory be to Thee! to Thee I turn in repentance, and I am the first to believe."

(7:142,143)

Hadith # 3398

Narrated Abu Sa`id:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

'People will be struck unconscious on the Day of Resurrection and I will be the first to regain consciousness, and behold! There I will see Moses holding one of the pillars of Allah's Throne. I will wonder whether he has become conscious before me or he has been exempted, because of his unconsciousness at the Tur (mountain) which he received (on the earth).'

Hadith # 3399

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Were it not for Bani Israel, meat would not decay; and were it not for Eve, no woman would ever betray her husband."

Torrential flood

In Surah Al-A'raf Storm refers to flood storm

فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الطُّوفَانَ

Then We afflicted them with a great flood

Allah says:

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ فِي الْفُلِّ وَأَغْرَقْنَا الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا

But they rejected him and We delivered him, and those with him, in the ark:
But We overwhelmed in the flood those who rejected our signs.

Mass deaths are also called storms.

The story of Al-Khidr with Musa (Moses)

Hadith # 3400

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

That he differed with Al-Hur bin Qais Al-Fazari regarding the companion of Moses. Ibn `Abbas said that he was Al-Khadir. Meanwhile Ubai bin Ka`b passed by them and Ibn `Abbas called him saying, "My friend and I have differed regarding Moses' companion whom Moses asked the way to meet. Have you heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) mentioning something about him?"

He said, "Yes, I heard Allah's Apostle saying, 'While Moses was sitting in the company of some Israelites, a man came and asked (him), 'Do you know anyone who is more learned than you?' Moses replied, 'No.'

So, Allah sent the Divine Inspiration to Moses: 'Yes, Our slave, Khadir (is more learned than you).' Moses asked how to meet him (i.e. Khadir). So, the fish, was made, as a sign for him, and he was told that when the fish was lost, he should return and there he would meet him.

So, Moses went on looking for the sign of the fish in the sea. The servant boy of Moses said to him, 'Do you know that when we were sitting by the side of the rock, I forgot the fish, and it was only Satan who made me forget to tell (you) about it.'

Moses said, 'That was what we were seeking after,' and both of them returned, following their footmarks and found Khadir; and what happened further to them, is mentioned in Allah's Book."

Hadith # 3401

Narrated Sa`id bin Jubair:

I said to Ibn `Abbas, "Nauf Al-Bukah claims that Moses, the companion of Al-Khadir was not Moses (the prophet) of the children of Israel, but some other Moses."

Ibn `Abbas said, "Allah's enemy (i.e. Nauf) has told a lie. Ubai bin Ka`b told us that the Prophet (ﷺ) said,

'Once Moses stood up and addressed Bani Israel. He was asked who was the most learned man amongst the people. He said, 'I.' Allah admonished him as he did not attribute absolute knowledge to Him (Allah).

So, Allah said to him, 'Yes, at the junction of the two seas there is a Slave of Mine who is more learned than you.'

Moses said, 'O my Lord! How can I meet him?' Allah said, 'Take a fish and put it in a large basket and you will find him at the place where you will lose the fish.' Moses

took a fish and put it in a basket and proceeded along with his (servant) boy, Yusha` bin Noon, till they reached the rock where they laid their heads (i.e. lay down). Moses slept, and the fish, moving out of the basket, fell into the sea. It took its way into the sea (straight) as in a tunnel. Allah stopped the flow of water over the fish and it became like an arch (the Prophet (ﷺ) pointed out this arch with his hands).

They travelled the rest of the night, and the next day Moses said to his boy (servant), 'Give us our food, for indeed, we have suffered much fatigue in this journey of ours.' Moses did not feel tired till he crossed that place which Allah had ordered him to seek after. His boy (servant) said to him, 'Do you know that when we were sitting near that rock, I forgot the fish, and none but Satan caused me to forget to tell (you) about it, and it took its course into the sea in an amazing way?.' So there was a path for the fish and that astonished them. Moses said, 'That was what we were seeking after.'

So, both of them retraced their footsteps till they reached the rock. There they saw a man Lying covered with a garment. Moses greeted him and he replied saying, 'How do people greet each other in your land?' Moses said, 'I am Moses.' The man asked, 'Moses of Bani Israel?' Moses said, 'Yes, I have come to you so that you may teach me from those things which Allah has taught you.'

He said, 'O Moses! I have some of the Knowledge of Allah which Allah has taught me, and which you do not know, while you have some of the Knowledge of Allah which Allah has taught you and which I do not know.'

Moses asked, 'May I follow you?' He said, 'But you will not be able to remain patient with me for how can you be patient about things which you will not be able to understand?' Moses said, 'You will find me, if Allah so will, truly patient, and I will not disobey you in aught.'

So, both of them set out walking along the sea-shore, a boat passed by them and they asked the crew of the boat to take them on board. The crew recognized Al-Khadir and so they took them on board without fare.

When they were on board the boat, a sparrow came and stood on the edge of the boat and dipped its beak once or twice into the sea. Al-Khadir said to Moses, 'O Moses! My knowledge and your knowledge have not decreased Allah's Knowledge except as much as this sparrow has decreased the water of the sea with its beak.'

Then suddenly Al-Khadir took an adze and plucked a plank, and Moses did not notice it till he had plucked a plank with the adze. Moses said to him, 'What have you done? They took us on board charging us nothing; yet you I have intentionally made a hole in their boat so as to drown its passengers. Verily, you have done a dreadful thing.' Al-Khadir replied, 'Did I not tell you that you would not be able to remain patient with me?' Moses replied, 'Do not blame me for what I have forgotten, and do not be hard upon me for my fault.' So the first excuse of Moses was that he had

forgotten.

When they had left the sea, they passed by a boy playing with other boys. Al-Khadir took hold of the boy's head and plucked it with his hand like this. Moses said to him, "Have you killed an innocent person who has not killed any person? You have really done a horrible thing." Al-Khadir said, "Did I not tell you that you could not remain patient with me?" Moses said "If I ask you about anything after this, don't accompany me. You have received an excuse from me."

Then both of them went on till they came to some people of a village, and they asked its inhabitant for food but they refused to entertain them as guests. Then they saw therein a wall which was just going to collapse (and Al Khadir repaired it just by touching it with his hands). Moses said, "These are the people whom we have called on, but they neither gave us food, nor entertained us as guests, yet you have repaired their wall. If you had wished, you could have taken wages for it."

Al-Khadir said, "This is the parting between you and me, and I shall tell you the explanation of those things on which you could not remain patient."

The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "We wished that Moses could have remained patient by virtue of which Allah might have told us more about their story."

Hadith # 3402

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Al-Khadir was named so because he sat over a barren white land, it turned green with plantation after his sitting over it."

Hadith # 3403

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"It was said to Bani Israel, Enter the gate (of the town) with humility (prostrating yourselves) and saying: "Repentance", but they changed the word and entered the town crawling on their buttocks and saying: " حبة في شعرة (A wheat grain in the hair.)"

Hadith # 3404

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Moses was a shy person and used to cover his body completely because of his extensive shyness. One of the children of Israel hurt him by saying, 'He covers his body in this way only because of some defect in his skin, either leprosy or scrotal hernia, or he has some other defect.'

Allah wished to clear Moses of what they said about him, so one day while Moses was in seclusion, he took off his clothes and put them on a stone and started taking a bath. When he had finished the bath, he moved towards his clothes so as to take them, but the stone took his clothes and fled;

Moses picked up his stick and ran after the stone saying, 'O stone! Give me my garment!' Till he reached a group of Bani Israel who saw him naked then, and found him the best of what Allah had created, and Allah cleared him of what they had accused him of.

The stone stopped there and Moses took and put his garment on and started hitting the stone with his stick. By Allah, the stone still has some traces of the hitting, three, four or five marks. This was what Allah refers to in His Saying:--

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ ءَادَوْا مُوسَىٰ فَبَرَّاهُ اللَّهُ مِمَّا قَالُوا وَكَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَجِيهًا

"O you who believe! Be you not like those Who annoyed Moses, But Allah proved his innocence of that which they alleged, And he was honorable In Allah's Sight." (33.69)

Hadith # 3405

Narrated `Abdullah:

Once the Prophet (ﷺ) distributed something (among his followers. A man said, "This distribution has not been done (with justice) seeking Allah's Countenance."

I went to the Prophet (ﷺ) and told him (of that). He became so angry that I saw the signs of anger oh his face. Then he said,

"May Allah bestow His Mercy on Moses, for he was harmed more (in a worse manner) than this; yet he endured patiently."

Allah's Statement:

فَأْتَوْا عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ يَعْكُفُونَ عَلَىٰ أَصْنَانٍ لَهُمْ

... And they came upon a people devoted to some of their idols... (7:138)

Hadith # 3406

Narrated Jabir bin `Abdullah:

We were with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) picking the fruits of the 'Arak trees, and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Pick the black fruit, for it is the best."

The companions asked, "Were you a shepherd?"

He replied, "There was no prophet who was not a shepherd."

The death of Musa (Moses)

Allah Almighty's saying in Surah Al-Baqarah

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ --- قَالَ أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنَ الْجَاهِلِينَ

And remember Moses said to his people:

"Allah commands that ye sacrifice a heifer."

They said: "Makest thou a laughing-stock of us?"

He said: "Allah save me from being an ignorant (fool)!" (2:67)

Hadith # 3407

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Angel of Death was sent to Moses when he came to Moses, Moses slapped him on the eye.

The angel returned to his Lord and said, "You have sent me to a Slave who does not want to die."

Allah said, "Return to him and tell him to put his hand on the back of an ox and for every hair that will come under it, he will be granted one year of life."

Moses said, "O Lord! What will happen after that?"

Allah replied, "Then death."

Moses said, "Let it come now."

Moses then requested Allah to let him die close to the Sacred Land so much so that he would be at a distance of a stone's throw from it."

Abu Huraira added, "Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

'If I were there, I would show you his grave below the red sand hill on the side of the road.'

Hadith # 3408

Narrated Abu Huraira:

A Muslim and a Jew quarreled. The Muslim taking an oath, said, "By Him Who has preferred Muhammad over all people...!" The Jew said, "By Him Who has preferred Moses, over all people." The Muslim raised his hand and slapped the Jew who came to the Prophet (ﷺ) to tell him what had happened between him and the Muslim.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Don't give me superiority over Moses, for the people will become unconscious (on the Day of Resurrection) and I will be the first to gain consciousness to see Moses standing and holding a side of Allah's Throne. I will not know if he has been among those people who have become unconscious; and that he has gained consciousness before me, or he has been amongst those whom Allah has exempted."

Hadith # 3409

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Adam and Moses argued with each other. Moses said to Adam. 'You are Adam whose mistake expelled you from Paradise.'

Adam said to him, 'You are Moses whom Allah selected as His Messenger and as the one to whom He spoke directly; yet you blame me for a thing which had already been written in my fate before my creation?'"

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said twice, "So, Adam overpowered Moses."

Hadith # 3410

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) once came to us and said,

"All the nations were displayed in front of me, and I saw a large multitude of people covering the horizon. Somebody said, 'This is Moses and his followers.' "

Allah has set forth an example for those who believe

Allah Almighty said:

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَمْرَاتٍ فِرْعَوْنَ ... وَصَدَقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّهَا
وَكُتُبِهِ وَكَانَتْ مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ

And Allah sets forth, as an example to those who believe, the wife of Pharaoh:
Behold, she said: "O my Lord! build for me, in nearness to Thee, a mansion in
the Garden,

and save me from Pharaoh and his doings, and save me from those that do
wrong;"

And Mary the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity;
and We breathed into her (body) of Our spirit; and she testified to the truth of
the words of her Lord

and of His Revelations, and was one of the devout (Servants) (66:11,12)

Hadith # 3411

Narrated Abu Musa:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Many amongst men reached (the level of) perfection but none amongst the women reached this level except Asia, Pharaoh's wife, and Mary, the daughter of `Imran.

And no doubt, the superiority of `Aisha to other women is like the superiority of Tharid (i.e. a meat and bread dish) to other meals."

Qarun's statement

Allah says:

إِنَّ قَارُونَ كَانَ مِنْ قَوْمِ مُوسَى فَبَغَى عَلَيْهِمْ... إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفَرِحِينَ

Qarun was doubtless, of the people of Moses; but he acted insolently towards them:

such were the treasures We had bestowed on him, that their very keys would have been a burden to a body of strong men:

Behold, his people said to him: "Exult not, for Allah loveth not those who exult (in riches). (28:76)

Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him, said in his commentary on (أُولَى الْقُوَّةِ) Awli al-Quwat that even a powerful group of people could not lift its keys. (28:76)

اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ ۗ

Allah doth enlarge, or grant by (strict) measure the Sustenance (which He giveth) to whom so He pleaseth. (13:26)

The people of Madin are meant because Madin was a city on the Sea of Qalizm

The Statement of Allah Almighty:

وَإِلَى مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا

"And to (the people of) Madyan, (We sent) their brother Shu'aib..." (29:36)

An example of this is as said in Surat Yusuf

وَسَلِّ الْفَرِيَّةَ الَّتِي كُنَّا فِيهَا وَالْعَيْرَ الَّتِي أَقْبَلْنَا فِيهَا ۗ

Ask at the town where we have been and the caravan in which we returned,
(12:82)

The Statement of Allah Almighty: "And verily, Yunus was one of the Messengers..."

Explanation of this saying of Allah in Surat al-Safat

وَإِنَّ يُونُسَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ... فَأَمَّنُوا فَمَتَّعْنَاهُمْ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ

Verily, ye pass by their (sites), by day -- And by night: will ye not understand?...

And they believed; so We permitted them to enjoy (their life) for a while.
(37:137,148)

فَلَوْلَا أَنَّهُ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُسِيحِينَ

Had it not been that he (repented and) glorified Allah, (37:143)

وَأَرْسَلْنَاهُ إِلَىٰ مِائَةِ أَلْفٍ أَوْ يَزِيدُونَ - فَأَمَّنُوا فَمَتَّعْنَاهُمْ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ

And We sent him (on a mission) to a hundred thousand (men) or more.

And they believed; so We permitted them to enjoy (their life) for a while.
(37:147,148)

Hadith # 3412

Narrated `Abdullah:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "None of you should say that I am better than Yunus (i.e. Jonah)."

Musadded added, "Jonah bin Matta."

Hadith # 3413

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"No slave (of Allah) should say that I am better than Yunus bin Matta."

So, the Prophet mentioned his father's name with his name.

None should say that I am better than Yunus bin

Matta

Hadith # 3414, 3415

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Once while a Jew was selling something, he was offered a price that he was not pleased with. So, he said, "No, by Him Who gave Moses superiority over all human beings!" Hearing him, an Ansari man got up and slapped him on the face and said, "You say: By Him Who Gave Moses superiority over all human beings although the Prophet (Muhammad) is present amongst us!"

The Jew went to the Prophet and said, "O Abu-l-Qasim! I am under the assurance and contract of security, so what right does so-and-so have to slap me?"

The Prophet (ﷺ) asked the other, "Why have you slapped". He told him the whole story. The Prophet (ﷺ) became angry, till anger appeared on his face, and said,

"Don't give superiority to any prophet amongst Allah's Prophets, for when the trumpet will be blown, everyone on the earth and in the heavens will become unconscious except those whom Allah will exempt. The trumpet will be blown for the second time and I will be the first to be resurrected to see Moses holding Allah's Throne. I will not know whether the unconsciousness which Moses received on the Day of Tur has been sufficient for him, or has he got up before me.

And I do not say that there is anybody who is better than Yunus bin Matta."

Hadith # 3416

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"None should say that I am better than Yunus bin Matta."

And ask them about the town that was by the sea

Allah Ta'ala says this in Surah Al-A'raf:

وَسَأَلَهُمْ عَنِ الْفَرِیَةِ الَّتِی كَانَتْ حَاضِرَةَ الْبَحْرِ إِذْ یَعْدُونَ فِی السَّبْتِ ... قُلْنَا لَهُمْ
كُونُوا قِرَدَةً خَاسِیْنَ

Ask them concerning the town standing close by the sea.

Behold! they transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath.

For on the day of their Sabbath their fish did come to them, openly holding up their heads,

but on the day they had no Sabbath, they came not:
thus did We make a trial of them, for they were given to transgression.

When some of them said:

"Why do ye preach to a people whom Allah will destroy or visit with a terrible punishment?"

Said the preachers: "To discharge our duty to your Lord and perchance they may fear Him."

When they disregarded the warnings that had been given them, We rescued those who forbade evil;

but We visited the wrongdoers with a grievous punishment, because they were given to transgression.

When in their insolence they transgressed (all) prohibition, We said to them:

"Be ye apes, despised and rejected." (7:163-166)

About David

Allah says:

وَأَتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زُبُورًا

and to David We gave the Psalms. (4:163)

Allah says in Surah Saba':

وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ مِنَّا فَضْلًا ۖ يٰجِبَالُ اُوبِى مَعَهُ ۗ وَالطَّيْرُ

We bestowed Grace aforetime on David from Ourselves:

"O ye Mountains! sing ye back the Praises of Allah with him! and ye birds (also)!

وَالنَّا لَهُ الْحَدِيدَ

and We made the iron soft for Him --

اَنْ اَعْمَلَ سَلْبَعَاتٍ وَقَدَّرَ فِى السَّرْدِوُ اَعْمَلُوْا صٰلِحًا اِنِّىۤ اِبْمَا تَعْمَلُوْنَ بَصِيْرٌ

(Commanding),

"Make thou coats of mail, balancing well the rings of chain armor, and work ye righteousness; for be sure I see all that ye do." (34:10, 11)

Hadith # 3417

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"The reciting of the Zabur (i.e. Psalms) was made easy for David. He used to order that his riding animals be saddled, and would finish reciting the Zabur before they were saddled.

And he would never eat except from the earnings of his manual work."

Hadith # 3418

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Amr:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) was informed that I have said: "By Allah, I will fast all the days and pray all the nights as long as I live."

On that, Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked me. "Are you the one who says: 'I will fast all the days and pray all the nights as long as I live?' " I said, "Yes, I have said it."

He said, "You cannot do that. So fast (sometimes) and do not fast (sometimes). Pray and sleep. Fast for three days a month, for the reward of a good deed is multiplied by ten time, and so the fasting of three days a month equals the fasting of a year."

I said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! I can do (fast) more than this."

He said, "Fast on every third day. I said: I can do (fast) more than that,

He said: "Fast on alternate days and this was the fasting of David which is the most moderate sort of fasting."

I said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! I can do (fast) more than that."

He said, "There is nothing better than that."

Hadith # 3419

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Amr bin Al-As:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said to me, "I have been informed that you pray all the nights and observe fast all the days; is this true?" I replied, "Yes."

He said, "If you do so, your eyes will become weak and you will get bored. So fast three days a month, for this will be the fasting of a whole year, or equal to the fasting of a whole year."

I said, "I find myself able to fast more."

He said, "Then fast like the fasting of (the Prophet) David who used to fast on alternate days and would not flee on facing the enemy."

The most beloved Salat and Saum before Allah were of Dawud

Hadith # 3420

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Amr:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said to me,

"The most beloved fasting to Allah was the fasting of (the Prophet) David who used to fast on alternate days. And the most beloved prayer to Allah was the prayer of David who used to sleep for (the first) half of the night and pray for 1/3 of it and (again) sleep for a sixth of it."

Remember Our slave Dawud, endued with power

Allah's saying:

إِنَّا سَخَّرْنَا الْجِبَالَ مَعَهُ يُسَبِّحْنَ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِشْرَاقِ

It was We that made the hills declare, in unison with him, Our Praises, at eventide and at break of day.

وَالطَّيْرَ مَحْشُورَةً ۖ كُلُّ لَّهُ ۖ وَأَوَابٌ

And the birds gathered (in assemblies): all with him did turn (to Allah).

وَشَدَدْنَا مُلْكَهُ ۖ وَءَاتَيْنَاهُ الْحِكْمَةَ وَفَصَّلَ الْخِطَابِ

We strengthened his kingdom, and gave him wisdom and sound judgement in speech and decision. (38:18-20)

Allah's saying:

قَالَ لَقَدْ ظَلَمَكَ بِسُؤَالِ نَعَجَتِكَ إِلَىٰ نِعَاجِهِ ۖ ... وَظَنَّ دَاوُدُ أَنَّمَا فَتَنَّاهُ

(David) said:

"He has undoubtedly wronged thee in demanding thy (single) ewe to be added to his (flock of) ewes:

truly many are the Partners (in business) who wrong each other:

not so do those who believe and work deeds of righteousness, and how few are they?"...

And David gathered that We had tried him: (38:24)

فَاسْتَعْفَرَ رَبَّهُ ۖ وَخَرَّ رَاكِعًا وَأَنَابَ

he asked forgiveness of his Lord, fell down, bowing (in prostration), and

turned (to Allah in repentance) (38:24)

Hadith # 3421

Narrated Mujahid:

I asked Ibn `Abbas, "Should we perform a prostration on reciting Surat-Sa`d?"

He recited (the Sura) including:

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ ۗ ... أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ هَدَى اللَّهُ ۗ فَبِهِدَاهِهِمْ آفَقَدَهُ ۗ

We gave him Isaac and Jacob: all (three) We guided: ... Those were the (prophets) who received Allah's guidance: copy the guidance they received; (6.84-90)

And then he said, "Your Prophet is amongst those people who have been ordered to follow them (i.e. the preceding apostles).

Hadith # 3422

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The prostration in Sura-Sa`d is not amongst the compulsory prostrations, though I saw the Prophet (ﷺ) prostrating on reciting it.

The Statement of Allah Almighty:

Explanation of this saying of Allah Ta'ala:

وَوَهَبْنَا لِدَاوُدَ سُلَيْمَانَ ۗ نِعَمَ الْعَبْدِ ۗ إِنَّهُ ۗ أَوَّابٌ

"And to Dawud, We gave Sulaiman (for a son). How excellent (a) slave he was ever off-returning in repentance (to us)" (38.30)

This is what Solomon said

وَهَبْ لِي مَلَكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي

and grant me a Kingdom, which, (it may be), suits not another after me:
(38:35)

Allah's saying:

وَاتَّبَعُوا مَا تَتْلُوا الشَّيَاطِينُ عَلَىٰ مُلْكِ سُلَيْمَانَ ۗ

They followed what the evil ones gave out (falsely) against the power of Solomon; (2:102)

And He said in Surah Saba:

وَلِسُلَيْمَانَ الرِّيحَ غُدُوها شَهْرٌ وَرَوَاحُها شَهْرٌ ۗ

And to Solomon (We made) the Wind (obedient): its early morning (stride) was a month's (journey), and its evening (stride) was a month's (journey);
(34:12)

(We) subjected the wind to Sulaiman (peace be upon him) so that its morning destination would have been a full month and its evening destination would have been a full month.

And,

وَأَسَلْنَا لَهُ عَيْنَ القِطْرِ

and We made a Font of molten brass to flow for him; (34:12)

وَمِنَ الْجِنِّ مَن يَعْمَلُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ ... يَعْمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ مِنْ مَّحْرِبٍ

and there were Jinns that worked in front of him, by the leave of his Lord, and if any of them turned aside from Our command, We made Him taste of the Penalty of the Blazing Fire.

They worked for him as he desired, (making) Arches, (34:12,13)

And,

وَتَمَثَّلِ وَجْفَانٍ كَالْجَوَابِ وَقُدُورٍ رَّاسِيَتٍ أَعْمَلُوا ءَالَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِي الشُّكُورِ

Images, Basins as large as Reservoirs, and (cooking) Cauldrons fixed (in their places):

"Work ye, sons of David, with thanks! But few of My servants are grateful!"
(34:13)

Allah's saying:

فَلَمَّا قَضَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ الْمَوْتَ مَا دَلَّهُمْ عَلَى مَوْتِهِ ... فِي الْعَذَابِ الْمُهِينِ

Then, when We decreed (Solomon's) death, nothing showed them his death except a little worm of the earth, which kept (slowly) gnawing away at his staff:

so when he fell down, the Jinns saw plainly that if they had known the unseen,

they would not have tarried in the humiliating Penalty (of their Task). (34:14)

Allah's saying:

فَقَالَ إِنِّي أَحْبَبْتُ حُبَّ الْخَيْرِ عَن ذِكْرِ رَبِّي حَتَّى تَوَارَتْ بِالْحِجَابِ

And he said,

"Truly do I love the love of Good, with a view to the glory of my Lord,"
until (the sun) was hidden in the veil (of Night) :(38:32)

رُدُّوْهَا عَلَيَّ ۖ فَطَفِقَ مَسْحًا بِالسُّوقِ وَالْأَعْنَاقِ

"Bring them back to me."

Then began he to pass his hand over (their) legs and their necks. (38:33)

And His Statement:

وَهَبْ لِي مَلَكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي

-- He said: My Lord Forgive me and grant me a kingdom such as shall not belong to any other after me.' (38.35)

And His Statement: --

'And they followed what the Devils gave out (falsely), of magic in the life-time of Solomon.' (2.102)

Hadith # 3423

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "A strong demon from the Jinns came to me yesterday suddenly, so as to spoil my prayer, but Allah enabled me to overpower him, and so I caught him and intended to tie him to one of the pillars of the Mosque so that all of you might see him, but I remembered the invocation of my brother Solomon:

وَهَبْ لِي مَلَكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي

grant me a kingdom such as shall not belong to any other after me.' (38.35)

so I let him go cursed."

Hadith # 3424

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Solomon (the son of) David said, 'Tonight I will sleep with seventy ladies each of whom will conceive a child who will be a knight fighting for "Allah's Cause.'

His companion said, 'If Allah will.'

But Solomon did not say so; therefore none of those women got pregnant except one who gave birth to a half child."

The Prophet (ﷺ) further said,

"If the Prophet (ﷺ) Solomon had said it (i.e. 'If Allah will') he would have begotten

children who would have fought in Allah's Cause."

Shuaib and Ibn Abi Az-Zinad said, "Ninety (women) is more correct (than seventy).

Hadith # 3425

Narrated Abu Dhaar:

I said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Which mosque was built first?"

He replied, "Al-Masjid-ul-Haram."

I asked, "Which (was built) next?" He replied, "Al-Masjid-ul-Aqs-a (i.e. Jerusalem)."

I asked, "What was the period in between them?" He replied, "Forty (years)."

He then added, "Wherever the time for the prayer comes upon you, perform the prayer, for all the earth is a place of worshipping for you."

Hadith # 3426, 3427

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"My example and the example of the people is like that of a person who lit a fire and let the moths, butterflies and these insects fall in it."

He also said,

"There were two women, each of whom had a child with her. A wolf came and took away the child of one of them, whereupon the other said, 'It has taken your child.' The first said, 'But it has taken your child.' So they both carried the case before David who judged that the living child be given to the elder lady. So both of them went to Solomon bin David and informed him (of the case). He said, 'Bring me a knife so as to cut the child into two pieces and distribute it between them.' The younger lady said, 'May Allah be merciful to you! Don't do that, for it is her (i.e. the other lady's) child.' So he gave the child to the younger lady."

Indeed, We bestowed upon Luqman Al-Hikmah

Explanation of this saying of Allah Almighty:

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا لُقْمَانَ الْحِكْمَةَ أَنْ اشْكُرْ لِلَّهِ ... إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ

We bestowed (in the past) wisdom on Luqman:

"Show (thy) gratitude to Allah." Any who is (so) grateful does so to the profit

of his own soul:

but if any is ungrateful, verily Allah is free of all wants, worthy of all praise.

Behold, Luqman said to his son by way of instruction:

"O my son! Join not in worship (others) with Allah: for false worship is indeed the highest wrongdoing."

And We have enjoined on man (to be good) to his parents:

in travail upon travail did his mother bear him, and in years twain was his weaning:

(hear the command), "Show gratitude to Me and to thy parents: to Me is (thy final) Goal."

But if they strive to make thee join in worship with Me things of which thou hast no knowledge, obey them not;

yet bear them company in this life with justice (and consideration), and follow the way of those who turn to Me (in love):

in the End the return of you all is to Me, and I will tell you the truth (and meaning) of all that ye did." "

O my son!" (said Luqman),

"If there be (but) the weight of a mustard-seed and it were (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens or on earth, Allah will bring it forth:

for Allah understands the finest mysteries, (and) is well-acquainted (with them).

"O my son!

- establish regular prayer,

- enjoin what is just, and forbid what is wrong:

- and bear with patient constancy whatever betide thee; for this is firmness (of purpose) in (the conduct of) affairs.

- "And swell not thy cheek (for pride) at men, nor walk in insolence through the earth;

for Allah loveth not any arrogant boaster. (31:12-18)

Hadith # 3428

Narrated `Abdullah:

When the Verse: --

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ

"Those who believe and mix not their belief with wrong." (6:83)

was revealed, the companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Who amongst us has not mixed his belief with wrong?" Then Allah revealed:

لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

"Join none in worship with Allah,

Verily joining others in worship with Allah is a great wrong indeed." (31:13)

Hadith # 3429

Narrated `Abdullah:

When the Verse: --

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ

"Those who believe and mix not their belief with wrong." (6:83)

was revealed, the Muslims felt it very hard on them and said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who amongst us does not do wrong to himself?"

He replied, "The Verse does not mean this. But that (wrong) means to associate others in worship to Allah: Don't you listen to what Luqman said to his son when he was advising him,"

يَا بُنَيَّ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

O my son! Join not others in worship with Allah.

Verily joining others in worship with Allah is a great wrong indeed." (31.13)

The (story of the) Dwellers of the Town

Allah says in Surah Yasin:

وَأَضْرَبَ لَهُمْ مَثَلًا أَصْحَابَ الْقَرْيَةِ

Set forth to them, by way of a parable, the (story of) the Companions of the City. (36:13)

Mujahid said in the meaning of *ثَزَّرْنَا* that We gave them strength. (36:13)

Abdullah bin Abbas (RA) said, "*طَبْرُكُمْ*" means your troubles (19:36).

Mercy of your Lord to His slave Zakariya

Allah Almighty said in Surah Maryam:

ذَكَرُ رَحْمَتِ رَبِّكَ عَبْدَهُ زَكَرِيَّا ... لَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ سَمِيًّا

(This is) a recital of the Mercy of thy Lord to His Servant Zakariya.

Behold! he cried to his Lord in secret, Praying:

"O my Lord! infirm indeed are my bones, and the hair of my head doth glisten with grey:

but never am I unblest, O my Lord, in my prayer to Thee!

"Now I fear (what) my relatives (and colleagues) (will do) after me:

but my wife is barren: so give me an heir as from Thyself --

"(One that) will (truly) represent me, and represent the posterity of Jacob; and make him, O my Lord! one with whom Thou art well-pleased!"

(His prayer was answered):

"O Zakariya! We give thee good news of a son: his name shall be Yahya: on none by that name have We conferred distinction before." (19:2-7)

Zakaria said:

قَالَ رَبِّ أَنَّى يَكُونُ لِي غُلَامٌ وَكَانَتِ امْرَأَتِي عَاقِرًا ... أَلَا تُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ ثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ سَوِيًّا

He said: "O my Lord!

how shall I have a son, when my wife is barren and I have grown quite decrepit from old age?"

He said: "So (it will be): thy Lord saith, "That is easy for Me:

I did indeed create thee before, when thou hadst been nothing!" "

(Zakariya) said "O my Lord! give me a Sign." "Thy Sign," was the answer,

"shall be that thou shalt speak to no man for three nights, although thou art not dumb." (19:8-10)

فَخَرَجَ عَلَى قَوْمِهِ مِنَ الْمِحْرَابِ فَأَوْحَى إِلَيْهِمْ أَنْ سَبِّحُوا بُكْرَةً وَعَشِيًّا

So Zakariya came out to his people from his chamber:

he told them by signs to celebrate Allah's praises in the morning and in the evening. (19:11)

يَلْحَقِي خُذِ الْكِتَابَ بِقُوَّةٍ ... يَوْمَ وُلِدَ وَيَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ يُبْعَثُ حَيًّا

(To his son came the command): "O Yahya! take hold of the Book with might":

and We gave him wisdom even as a youth.

And pity (for all creatures) as from Us, and purity: he was devout,
And kind to his parents, and he was not overbearing or rebellious.

So Peace on him the day he was born, the day that he dies,
and the day that he will be raised up to life (again)! (19:12-15)

Hadith # 3430

Narrated Malik bin Sasaa:

That the Prophet (ﷺ) talked to them about the night of his Ascension to the Heavens. He said, "(Then Gabriel took me) and ascended up till he reached the second heaven where he asked for the gate to be opened, but it was asked, 'Who is it?' Gabriel replied, 'I am Gabriel.' It was asked, 'Who is accompanying you?' He replied, 'Muhammad.' It was asked, 'Has he been called?' He said, 'Yes.'

When we reached over the second heaven, I saw Yahya (i.e. John) and Jesus who were cousins. Gabriel said, 'These are John (Yahya) and Jesus, so greet them.' I greeted them and they returned the greeting saying, 'Welcome, O Pious Brother and Pious Prophet!'

And mention in the Book, Maryam

And Allah Almighty said in Surah Maryam:

وَأَذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَرْيَمَ إِذِ اتَّيَبَتْ مِنْ أَهْلِهَا مَكَانًا شَرْقِيًّا

Relate in the Book (the story of) Mary,

when she withdrew from her family to a place in the East. (19:16)

Allah Almighty said:

إِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ يَا مَرْيَمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ

Behold! the angels said "O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: (3:45)

Allah Almighty said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ آدَمَ وَنُوحًا وَآلَ إِبْرٰهٖمَ ... إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

Allah did choose Adam and Noah, the family of Abraham and the family of Imran above all people.

Offspring, one of the other; and Allah heareth and knoweth all things.

Behold! a woman of Imran said: "O my Lord!
I do dedicate unto thee what is in my womb for Thy special service, so accept
this of me,
for Thou hearest and knowest all things."

When she was delivered, she said: "O my Lord! behold! I am delivered of a
female child!"

And Allah knew best what she brought forth --

"And nowise is the male like the female.

I have named her Mary, and I commend her and her offspring to Thy
protection from the Evil One, the Rejected."

Right graciously did her Lord accept her:

He made her grow in purity and beauty; to the care of Zakariya was she
assigned.

Every time that he entered (her) chamber to see her, he found her supplied
with sustenance.

He said: "O Mary! whence (comes) this to you?" She said: "From Allah:
for Allah provides sustenance to whom He pleases, without measure." (3:33-
37)

Abdullah bin Abbas said:

"The family of Imran means the faithful people who are among the descendants of
Imran, such as the family of Ibrahim and the family of Yaseen, and the family of
Muhammad, peace and blessings of God be upon them, means those who are
believers."

Ibn Abbas says:

Allah the Exalted said: Those who are close to Ibrahim (peace be upon him) are
those who follow his path, i.e. those who are united believers.

Hadith # 3431

Narrated Sa`id bin Al-Musaiyab:

Abu Huraira said,

"I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, 'There is none born among the off-spring of
Adam, but Satan touches it. A child therefore, cries loudly at the time of birth
because of the touch of Satan, except Mary and her child.'"

Then Abu Huraira recited:

وَإِنِّي أَعِيذُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

"And I seek refuge with You for her and for her offspring from the outcast Satan" (3.36)

"And when the angels said: 'O Maryam! Verily, Allah has chosen you...'"

Allah Almighty said:

وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَأِكَةُ يَمْرِيْمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاكِ ... وَمَا كُنْتَ لَدَيْهِمْ إِذْ يَخْتَصِمُونَ

Behold! the angels said: "O Mary!

Allah hath chosen thee and purified thee; chosen thee above the women of all nations.

"O Mary! worship thy Lord devoutly;

prostrate thyself, and bow down (in prayer) with those who bow down."

This is part of the tidings of the things unseen, which We reveal unto thee (O Prophet!) by inspiration;

thou wast not with them when they cast lots with arrows, as to which of them should be charged with the care of Mary;

nor wast thou with them when they disputed (the point). (3:42-44)

Hadith # 3432

Narrated `Ali:

I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) saying,

"Mary, the daughter of `Imran, was the best among the women (of the world of her time) and Khadija is the best amongst the women. (of this nation).

When the angels said: O Maryam! Verily, Allah gives you glad tidings of a Word..."

Allah Ta'ala says in Surah Al-Imran:

إِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَأِكَةُ يَمْرِيْمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنْهَا ... فَأَنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

Behold! the angels said

"O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him:

his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary,
held in honor in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those
nearest to Allah."

"He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity,
and he shall be (of the company) of the righteous."

She said: "O my Lord! how shall I have a son when no man hath touched me?"

He said: "Even so: Allah createth what He willeth;
when He hath decreed a plan, He but saith to it 'Be', and it is! (3:45-47)

Hadith # 3433

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"The superiority of `Aisha to other ladies is like the superiority of Tharid (i.e. meat and bread dish) to other meals. Many men reached the level of perfection, but no woman reached such a level except Mary, the daughter of `Imran and Asia, the wife of Pharaoh."

Hadith # 3434

Narrated Abu Huraira:

I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying,

"Amongst all those women who ride camels (i.e. Arabs), the ladies of Quraish are the best. They are merciful and kind to their off-spring and the best guardians of their husbands' properties.'

Abu Huraira added, "Mary the daughter of `Imran never rode a camel."

**"O people of the Scriptures! Do not exceed the
limits in your religion..."**

Allah Almighty says in Surat al-Nisa:

يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ ... ۞ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا

O People of the Book!

commit no excesses in your religion: nor say of Allah aught but truth.

Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a Messenger of Allah,
and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a Spirit proceeding from

Him:

so believe in Allah and His Messengers.

Say not "Trinity": desist: it will be better for you:

for Allah is One Allah: glory be to Him: (for Exalted is He) above having a son.

To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs. (4:171)

Hadith # 3435

Narrated 'Ubada:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"If anyone testifies that None has the right to be worshipped but Allah Alone Who has no partners, and that Muhammad is His Slave and His Apostle, and that Jesus is Allah's Slave and His Apostle and His Word which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit created by Him, and that Paradise is true, and Hell is true, Allah will admit him into Paradise with the deeds which he had done even if those deeds were few."

'Ubada added, 'Such a person can enter Paradise through any of its eight gates he likes.'

And mention in the Book, the story of Maryam

Allah Almighty said in Surah Maryam:

وَأَذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَرْيَمَ إِذِ اتَّيَبَتْ مِنْ أَهْلِهَا مَكَانًا شَرَفِيًّا

Relate in the Book (the story of) Mary,

when she withdrew from her family to a place in the East. (19:16)

Abu Wail said that Mary understood that the pious is the one who is wise. When he said (seeing Jibrael (as) in the form of a young man), if you are pious, you fear Allah.

Hadith # 3436

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"None spoke in cradle but three:

- The first was) Jesus,

- the second was, there a man from Bani Israel called Juraij. While he was offering his prayers, his mother came and called him. He said (to himself), 'Shall I answer her

or keep on praying?" (He went on praying) and did not answer her, his mother said, "O Allah! Do not let him die till he sees the faces of prostitutes." So while he was in his hermitage, a lady came and sought to seduce him, but he refused. So she went to a shepherd and presented herself to him to commit illegal sexual intercourse with her and then later she gave birth to a child and claimed that it belonged to Juraij. The people, therefore, came to him and dismantled his hermitage and expelled him out of it and abused him. Juraij performed the ablution and offered prayer, and then came to the child and said, 'O child! Who is your father?' The child replied, 'The shepherd.' (After hearing this) the people said, 'We shall rebuild your hermitage of gold,' but he said, 'No, of nothing but mud.'

- The third was the hero of the following story. A lady from Bani Israel was nursing her child at her breast when a handsome rider passed by her. She said, 'O Allah ! Make my child like him.' On that the child left her breast, and facing the rider said, 'O Allah! Do not make me like him.' The child then started to suck her breast again. After a while the people passed by, with a lady slave and she (i.e. the child's mother) said, 'O Allah! Do not make my child like this (slave girl)!', On that the child left her breast and said, 'O Allah! Make me like her.'

When she asked why, the child replied, 'The rider is one of the tyrants while this slave girl is falsely accused of theft and illegal sexual intercourse.'

Hadith # 3437

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"I met Moses on the night of my Ascension to heaven."

The Prophet (ﷺ) then described him saying, as I think, "He was a tall person with lank hair as if he belonged to the people of the tribe of Shanu's.'

The Prophet (ﷺ) further said, "I met Jesus." The Prophet (ﷺ) described him saying, "He was one of moderate height and was red-faced as if he had just come out of a bathroom. I saw Abraham whom I resembled more than any of his children did."

The Prophet (ﷺ) further said, "(That night) I was given two cups; one full of milk and the other full of wine. I was asked to take either of them which I liked, and I took the milk and drank it. On that it was said to me, 'You have taken the right path (religion). If you had taken the wine, your (Muslim) nation would have gone astray.'

Hadith # 3438

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"I saw Moses, Jesus and Abraham (on the night of my Ascension to the heavens).

Jesus was of red complexion, curly hair and a broad chest. Moses was of brown complexion, straight hair and tall stature as if he was from the people of Az-Zutt."

Hadith # 3439, 3440

Narrated `Abdullah:

The Prophet (ﷺ) mentioned the Masih Ad-Dajjal in front of the people saying, Allah is not one-eyed while Masih Ad-Dajjal is blind in the right eye and his eye looks like a bulging out grape.

While sleeping near the Ka`ba last night, I saw in my dream a man of brown color the best one can see amongst brown color and his hair was long that it fell between his shoulders. His hair was lank and water was dribbling from his head and he was placing his hands on the shoulders of two men while circumambulating the Ka`ba. I asked, 'Who is this?' They replied, 'This is Jesus, son of Mary.'

Behind him I saw a man who had very curly hair and was blind in the right eye, resembling Ibn Qatan (i.e. an infidel) in appearance. He was placing his hands on the shoulders of a person while performing Tawaf around the Ka`ba. I asked, 'Who is this?' They replied, 'The Masih, Ad-Dajjal.' "

Hadith # 3441

Narrated Salim from his father:

No, By Allah, the Prophet (ﷺ) did not tell that Jesus was of red complexion but said, "While I was asleep circumambulating the Ka`ba (in dream), suddenly I saw a man of brown complexion and lank hair walking between two men, and water was dropping from his head. I asked, 'Who is this?' The people said, 'He is the son of Mary.'

Then I looked behind and I saw a red-complexioned, fat, curly-haired man, blind in the right eye which looked like a bulging out grape. I asked, 'Who is this?' They replied, 'He is Ad-Dajjal.' The one who resembled to him among the people, was Ibn Qatar."

Az-Zuhri said, "He (i.e. Ibn Qatan) was a man from the tribe Khuza`a who died in the pre-Islamic period."

Hadith # 3442

Narrated Abu Huraira:

I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying,

"I am the nearest of all the people to the son of Mary, and all the prophets are paternal brothers, and there has been no prophet between me and him (i.e. Jesus)."

Hadith # 3443

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Both in this world and in the Hereafter, I am the nearest of all the people to Jesus, the son of Mary. The prophets are paternal brothers; their mothers are different, but their religion is one."

Hadith # 3444

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Jesus, seeing a man stealing, asked him, 'Did you steal?', He said, 'No, by Allah, besides Whom there is none who has the right to be worshipped' Jesus said, 'I believe in Allah and suspect my eyes.'"

Hadith # 3445

Narrated `Umar:

I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) saying,

"Do not exaggerate in praising me as the Christians praised the son of Mary, for I am only a Slave. So, call me the Slave of Allah and His Apostle."

Hadith # 3446

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "If a person teaches his slave girl good manners properly, educates her properly, and then manumits and marries her, he will get a double reward.

And if a man believes in Jesus and then believes in me, he will get a double reward. And if a slave fears his Lord (i.e. Allah) and obeys his masters, he too will get a double reward."

Hadith # 3447

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"You will be resurrected (and assembled) bare-footed, naked and uncircumcised."
The Prophet (ﷺ) then recited the Divine Verse:--

مَا بَدَأْنَا أَوَّلَ خَلْقٍ نُعِيدُهُ ۖ وَعَدَّا عَلَيْنَا ۖ إِنَّا كُنَّا فَاعِلِينَ

"As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it:

A promise We have undertaken. Truly we shall do it." (21.104)

He added,

"The first to be dressed will be Abraham.

Then some of my companions will take to the right and to the left. I will say: 'My companions! 'It will be said, 'They had been renegades since you left them.'

I will then say what the Pious Slave Jesus, the son of Mary said:

وَكُنْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ ۗ -- وَإِن تَعَفَّرَ لَهُمْ فَأِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

'And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them;
when You did take me up, You were the Watcher over them, and You are a
Witness to all things.

If You punish them, they are Your slaves,
and if you forgive them, You, only You are the All-Mighty the All-Wise.' "
(5.117-118)

Narrated Quaggas,

"Those were the apostates who renegade from Islam during the Caliphate of Abu Bakr who fought them".

The descent of 'Isa (Jesus), son of Maryam

Hadith # 3448

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, surely (Jesus,) the son of Mary will soon descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly (as a Just Ruler); he will break the Cross and kill the pigs and there will be no Jizya (i.e. taxation taken from non-Muslims). Money will be in abundance so that nobody will accept it, and a single prostration to Allah (in prayer) will be better than the whole world and whatever is in it."

Abu Huraira added "If you wish, you can recite (this verse of the Holy Book): --

وَإِن مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لِيُؤْمِنَنَّ بِهِ ۚ قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ ۗ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا

'And there is none Of the people of the Scriptures (Jews and Christians)
But must believe in him (i.e Jesus as an Apostle of Allah and a human being)

Before his death.

And on the Day of Judgment He will be a witness Against them." (4.159)

Hadith # 3449

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said

"How will you be when the son of Mary (i.e. Jesus) descends amongst you and your imam is among you."

What has been said about Bani Israel

Hadith # 3450, 3451, 3452

Narrated Rabi bin Hirash:

`Uqba bin `Amr said to Hudhaifa, "Won't you relate to us of what you have heard from Allah's Apostle ?" He said, "I heard him saying,

"When Al-Dajjal appears, he will have fire and water along with him. What the people will consider as cold water, will be fire that will burn (things). So, if anyone of you comes across this, he should fall in the thing which will appear to him as fire, for in reality, it will be fresh cold water."

Hudhaifa added, "I also heard him saying,

'From among the people preceding your generation, there was a man whom the angel of death visited to capture his soul. (So his soul was captured) and he was asked if he had done any good deed.' He replied, 'I don't remember any good deed.' He was asked to think it over. He said, 'I do not remember, except that I used to trade with the people in the world and I used to give a respite to the rich and forgive the poor (among my debtors). So Allah made him enter Paradise."

Hudhaifa further said, "I also heard him saying,

'Once there was a man on his death-bed, who, losing every hope of surviving said to his family: When I die, gather for me a large heap of wood and make a fire (to burn me). When the fire eats my meat and reaches my bones, and when the bones burn, take and crush them into powder and wait for a windy day to throw it (i.e. the powder) over the sea. They did so, but Allah collected his particles and asked him: Why did you do so? He replied: For fear of You. So Allah forgave him."

`Uqba bin `Amr said, "I heard him saying that the Israeli used to dig the grave of the dead (to steal their shrouds).

Hadith # 3453, 3454

Narrated `Aisha and Ibn `Abbas:

On his death-bed Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) put a sheet over his-face and when he felt hot, he would remove it from his face. When in that state (of putting and removing the sheet) he said,

"May Allah's Curse be on the Jews and the Christians for they build places of worship at the graves of their prophets."

By that he intended to warn (the Muslim) from what they had done.

Hadith # 3455

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"The Israelis used to be ruled and guided by prophets: Whenever a prophet died, another would take over his place. There will be no prophet after me, but there will be Caliphs who will increase in number."

The people asked, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! What do you order us (to do)?"

He said, "Obey the one who will be given the pledge of allegiance first. Fulfil their (i.e. the Caliphs) rights, for Allah will ask them about (any shortcoming) in ruling those Allah has put under their guardianship."

Hadith # 3456

Narrated Abu Sa`id:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"You will follow the wrong ways, of your predecessors so completely and literally that if they should go into the hole of a mastigure, you too will go there."

We said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Do you mean the Jews and the Christians?"

He replied, "Whom else?" (Meaning, of course, the Jews and the Christians.)

Hadith # 3457

Narrated Anas:

The people mentioned the fire and the bell (as means proposed for announcing the time of prayer) and by such a suggestion they referred to the Jews and the Christians. But Bilal was ordered,

"Pronounce the words of the Adhan (i.e. call for the prayer) twice and the Iqama once only."

Hadith # 3458

Narrated `Aisha:

That she used to hate that one should keep his hands on his flanks while praying. She said that the Jew used to do so.

Hadith # 3459

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Your period (i.e. the Muslims' period) in comparison to the periods of the previous nations, is like the period between the `Asr prayer and sunset.

And your example in comparison to the Jews and the Christians is like the example of a person who employed some laborers and asked them, 'Who will work for me till midday for one Qirat each?' The Jews worked for half a day for one Qirat each.

The person asked, 'Who will do the work for me from midday to the time of the `Asr (prayer) for one Qirat each?' The Christians worked from midday till the `Asr prayer for one Qirat.

Then the person asked, 'Who will do the work for me from the `Asr till sunset for two Qirats each?' "

The Prophet (ﷺ) added,

"It is you (i.e. Muslims) who are doing the work from the `Asr till sunset, so you will have a double reward.

The Jews and the Christians got angry and said, 'We have done more work but got less wages.' Allah said, 'Have I been unjust to you as regards your rights?' They said, 'No.'

So Allah said, 'Then it is My Blessing which I bestow on whomever I like. "

Hadith # 3460

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

I heard `Umar saying, "May Allah Curse so-and-so! Doesn't he know that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'May Allah curse the Jews for, though they were forbidden (to eat) fat, they liquefied it and sold it. "

Hadith # 3461

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Amr:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence, and tell others the stories of Bani Israel (which have been taught to you), for it is not sinful to do so.

And whoever tells a lie on me intentionally, will surely take his place in the (Hell) Fire."

Hadith # 3462

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"The Jews and the Christians do not dye (their grey hair), so you shall do the opposite of what they do (i.e. dye your grey hair and beards).

Hadith # 3463

Narrated Jundub:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Amongst the nations before you there was a man who got a wound, and growing impatient (with its pain), he took a knife and cut his hand with it and the blood did not stop till he died. Allah said, 'My Slave hurried to bring death upon himself so I have forbidden him (to enter) Paradise.' "

Tale of three Israelites, a leper, a bald, a blind man

Hadith # 3464

Narrated Abu Huraira:

He heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, "Allah willed to test three Israelis who were a Leper, a blind man and a bald-headed man.

So, he sent them an angel who came to the leper and said, 'What thing do you like most?' He replied, 'Good color and good skin, for the people have a strong aversion to me.' The angel touched him and his illness was cured, and he was given a good color and beautiful skin. The angel asked him, 'What kind of property do you like best?' He replied, 'Camels (or cows).' So he (i.e. the leper) was given a pregnant she-camel, and the angel said (to him), 'May Allah bless you in it.'

The angel then went to the bald-headed man and said, 'What thing do you like most?' He said, 'I like good hair and wish to be cured of this disease, for the people feel repulsion for me.' The angel touched him and his illness was cured, and he was given good hair. The angel asked (him), 'What kind of property do you like best?' He replied, 'Cows,' The angel gave him a pregnant cow and said, 'May Allah bless you

in it.'

The angel went to the blind man and asked, 'What thing do you like best?' He said, '(I like) that Allah may restore my eye-sight to me so that I may see the people.' The angel touched his eyes and Allah gave him back his eye-sight. The angel asked him, 'What kind of property do you like best?' He replied, 'Sheep.' The angel gave him a pregnant sheep.

Afterwards, all the three pregnant animals gave birth to young ones, and multiplied and brought forth so much that one of the (three) men had a herd of camels filling a valley, and one had a herd of cows filling a valley, and one had a flock of sheep filling a valley.

Then the angel, disguised in the shape and appearance of a leper, went to the leper and said, I am a poor man, who has lost all means of livelihood while on a journey. So none will satisfy my need except Allah and then you. In the Name of Him Who has given you such nice color and beautiful skin, and so much property, I ask you to give me a camel so that I may reach my destination. The man replied, 'I have many obligations (so I cannot give you).' The angel said, 'I think I know you; were you not a leper to whom the people had a strong aversion? Weren't you a poor man, and then Allah gave you (all this property).' He replied, '(This is all wrong), I got this property through inheritance from my fore-fathers.' The angel said, 'If you are telling a lie, then let Allah make you as you were before. '

Then the angel, disguised in the shape and appearance of a bald man, went to the bald man and said to him the same as he told the first one, and he too answered the same as the first one did. The angel said, 'If you are telling a lie, then let Allah make you as you were before.'

The angel, disguised in the shape of a blind man, went to the blind man and said, 'I am a poor man and a traveler, whose means of livelihood have been exhausted while on a journey. I have nobody to help me except Allah, and after Him, you yourself. I ask you in the Name of Him Who has given you back your eye-sight to give me a sheep, so that with its help, I may complete my journey.' The man said, 'No doubt, I was blind and Allah gave me back my eye-sight; I was poor and Allah made me rich; so take anything you wish from my property. By Allah, I will not stop you for taking anything (you need) of my property which you may take for Allah's sake.'

The angel replied, 'Keep your property with you. You (i.e the three men) have been tested, and Allah is pleased with you and is angry with your two companions.'

The tale of the Cave

In Surah Al-Kahf, Allah Almighty has said:

أَمْ حَسِبْتَ أَنَّ أَصْحَابَ الْكَهْفِ وَالرَّقِيمِ كَانُوا مِنْ آيَاتِنَا عَجَبًا

Or dost thou reflect that the Companions of the Cave
and of the Inscription were wonders among Our Signs? (18:9)

Hadith # 3465

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Once three persons (from the previous nations) were traveling, and suddenly it started raining and they took shelter in a cave. The entrance of the cave got closed while they were inside. They said to each other, 'O you! Nothing can save you except the truth, so each of you should ask Allah's Help by referring to such a deed as he thinks he did sincerely (i.e. just for gaining Allah's Pleasure).'

So one of them said, 'O Allah! You know that I had a laborer who worked for me for one Faraq (i.e. three Sas) of rice, but he departed, leaving it (i.e. his wages). I sowed that Faraq of rice and with its yield I bought cows (for him). Later on when he came to me asking for his wages, I said (to him), 'Go to those cows and drive them away.' He said to me, 'But you have to pay me only a Faraq of rice,' I said to him, 'Go to those cows and take them, for they are the product of that Faraq (of rice).' So he drove them. O Allah! If you consider that I did that for fear of You, then please remove the rock.' The rock shifted a bit from the mouth of the cave.

The second one said, 'O Allah, You know that I had old parents whom I used to provide with the milk of my sheep every night. One night I was delayed and when I came, they had slept, while my wife and children were crying with hunger. I used not to let them (i.e. my family) drink unless my parents had drunk first. So I disliked to wake them up and also disliked that they should sleep without drinking it, I kept on waiting (for them to wake) till it dawned. O Allah! If You consider that I did that for fear of you, then please remove the rock.' So the rock shifted and they could see the sky through it.

The (third) one said, 'O Allah! You know that I had a cousin (i.e. my paternal uncle's daughter) who was most beloved to me and I sought to seduce her, but she refused, unless I paid her one-hundred Dinars (i.e. gold pieces). So I collected the amount and brought it to her, and she allowed me to sleep with her. But when I sat between her legs, she said, 'Be afraid of Allah, and do not deflower me but legally. 'I got up and left the hundred Dinars (for her). O Allah! If You consider that I did that for fear of you than please remove the rock. So Allah saved them and they came out (of the cave)."

Hadith # 3466

Narrated Abu Huraira:

That he heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying,

"While a lady was nursing her child, a rider passed by and she said, 'O Allah! Don't let my child die till he becomes like this (rider).' The child said, 'O Allah! Don't make me like him,' and then returned to her breast (sucking it).

After a while they passed by a lady who was being pulled and teased (by the people). The child's mother said, 'O Allah! Do not make my child like her.' The child said, 'O Allah! Make me like her.'

Then he said, 'As for the rider, he is an infidel, while the lady is accused of illegal sexual intercourse (falsely) and she says: Allah is sufficient for me (He knows the truth).

Hadith # 3467

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"While a dog was going round a well and was about to die of thirst, an Israeli prostitute saw it and took off her shoe and watered it. So Allah forgave her because of that good deed."

Hadith # 3468

Narrated Humaid bin `Abdur-Rahman:

That he heard Muawiya bin Abi Sufyan (talking) on the pulpit in the year when he performed the Hajj. He took a tuft of hair that was in the hand of an orderly and said, "O people of Medina! Where are your learned men? I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) forbidden such a thing as this and he used to say, 'The Israelis were destroyed when their ladies practiced this habit of using false hair to lengthen their locks.

Hadith # 3469

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Amongst the people preceding you there used to be 'Muhaddithun' (i.e. persons who can guess things that come true later on, as if those persons have been inspired by a divine power), and if there are any such persons amongst my followers, it is `Umar bin Al-Khattab."

Hadith # 3470

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Amongst the men of Bani Israel there was a man who had murdered ninety-nine persons. Then he set out asking (whether his repentance could be accepted or not). He came upon a monk and asked him if his repentance could be accepted. The monk replied in the negative and so the man killed him. He kept on asking till a man advised to go to such and such village. So he left for it but death overtook him on the way.

While dying, he turned his chest towards that village (where he had hoped his repentance would be accepted), and so the angels of mercy and the angels of punishment quarreled amongst themselves regarding him. Allah ordered the village (towards which he was going) to come closer to him, and ordered the village (whence he had come), to go far away, and then He ordered the angels to measure the distances between his body and the two villages. So he was found to be one span closer to the village (he was going to). So he was forgiven."

Hadith # 3471

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Once Allah's Messenger (ﷺ); offered the morning prayer and then faced the people and said,

"While a man was driving a cow, he suddenly rode over it and beat it. The cow said, "We have not been created for this, but we have been created for sloughing."

On that the people said astonishingly, "Glorified be Allah! A cow speaks!"

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "I believe this, and Abu Bakr and `Umar too, believe it, although neither of them was present there.

While a person was amongst his sheep, a wolf attacked and took one of the sheep. The man chased the wolf till he saved it from the wolf, where upon the wolf said, 'You have saved it from me; but who will guard it on the day of the wild beasts when there will be no shepherd to guard them except me (because of riots and afflictions)?

The people said surprisingly, "Glorified be Allah! A wolf speaks!"

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "But I believe this, and Abu Bakr and `Umar too, believe this, although neither of them was present there."

Hadith # 3472

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"A man bought a piece of land from another man, and the buyer found an earthenware jar filled with gold in the land. The buyer said to the seller. 'Take your gold, as I have bought only the land from you, but I have not bought the gold from you.'

The (former) owner of the land said, "I have sold you the land with everything in it."

So both of them took their case before a man who asked, 'Do you have children?' One of them said, "I have a boy." The other said, "I have a girl." The man said, 'Marry the girl to the boy and spend the money on both of them and give the rest of it in charity.'

Hadith # 3473

Narrated Usama bin Zaid:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"Plague was a means of torture sent on a group of Israelis (or on some people before you). So if you hear of its spread in a land, don't approach it, and if a plague should appear in a land where you are present, then don't leave that land in order to run away from it (i.e. plague)."

Hadith # 3474

Narrated `Aisha:

I asked Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) about the plague.

He told me that it was a Punishment sent by Allah on whom he wished, and Allah made it a source of mercy for the believers, for if one in the time of an epidemic plague stays in his country patiently hoping for Allah's Reward and believing that nothing will befall him except what Allah has written for him, he will get the reward of a martyr."

Hadith # 3475

Narrated `Aisha:

The people of Quraish worried about the lady from Bani Makhzum who had committed theft. They asked, "Who will intercede for her with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)?" Some said, "No one dare to do so except Usama bin Zaid the beloved one to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)."

When Usama spoke about that to Allah's Apostle Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, (to him), "Do you try to intercede for somebody in a case connected with Allah's Prescribed Punishments?"

Then he got up and delivered a sermon saying,

"What destroyed the nations preceding you, was that if a noble amongst them stole, they would forgive him, and if a poor person amongst them stole, they would inflict Allah's Legal punishment on him. By Allah, if Fatima, the daughter of Muhammad stole, I would cut off her hand."

Hadith # 3476

Narrated Ibn Mas`ud:

I heard a person reciting a (Qur'anic) Verse in a certain way, and I had heard the Prophet (ﷺ) reciting the same Verse in a different way. So I took him to the Prophet (ﷺ) and informed him of that but I noticed the sign of disapproval on his face, and then he said, "Both of you are correct, so don't differ, for the nations before you differed, so they were destroyed."

Hadith # 3477

Narrated `Abdullah:

As if I saw the Prophet (ﷺ) talking about one of the prophets whose nation had beaten him and caused him to bleed, while he was cleaning the blood off his face and saying, "O Allah! Forgive my nation, for they have no knowledge."

Hadith # 3478

Narrated Abu Sa`id:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Amongst the people preceding your age, there was a man whom Allah had given a lot of money. While he was in his death-bed, he called his sons and said, 'What type of father have I been to you? They replied, 'You have been a good father.' He said, 'I have never done a single good deed; so when I die, burn me, crush my body, and scatter the resulting ashes on a windy day.' His sons did accordingly, but Allah gathered his particles and asked (him),

'What made you do so?' He replied, "Fear of you.' So Allah bestowed His Mercy upon him. (forgave him).

Hadith # 3479

Narrated Rabi` bin Hirash:

`Uqba said to Hudhaifa, "Won't you narrate to us what you heard from Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)?"

Hudhaifa said, "I heard him saying,

'Death approached a man and when he had no hope of surviving, he said to his family, 'When I die, gather for me much wood and build a fire (to burn me),. When the fire has eaten my flesh and reached my bones, take the bones and grind them and scatter the resulting powder in the sea on a hot (or windy) day.' That was done.

But Allah collected his particles and asked (him), 'Why did you do so?' He replied, 'For fear of You.' So Allah forgave him."

Narrated `Abdu Malik:

As above, saying, "On a windy day."

Hadith # 3480

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"A man used to give loans to the people and used to say to his servant, 'If the debtor is poor, forgive him, so that Allah may forgive us.' So when he met Allah (after his death), Allah forgave him."

Hadith # 3481

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "A man used to do sinful deeds, and when death came to him, he said to his sons, 'After my death, burn me and then crush me, and scatter the powder in the air, for by Allah, if Allah has control over me, He will give me such a punishment as He has never given to anyone else.'

When he died, his sons did accordingly. Allah ordered the earth saying, 'Collect what you hold of his particles.' It did so, and behold! There he was (the man) standing.

Allah asked (him), 'What made you do what you did?' He replied, 'O my Lord! I was afraid of You.' So Allah forgave him. "

Another narrator said "The man said, Fear of You, O Lord!"

Hadith # 3482

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"A lady was punished because of a cat which she had imprisoned till it died. She entered the (Hell) Fire because of it, for she neither gave it food nor water as she had imprisoned it, nor set it free to eat from the vermin of the earth."

Hadith # 3483

Narrated Abu Masud `Uqba:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "One of the sayings of the prophets which the people have got, is.

"If you do not feel ashamed, then do whatever you like."

Hadith # 3484

Narrated Abu Mus'ud:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"One of the sayings of the prophets which the people have got is, 'If you do not feel ashamed, then do whatever you like.'"

Hadith # 3485

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"While a man was walking, dragging his dress with pride, he was caused to be swallowed by the earth and will go on sinking in it till the Day of Resurrection."

Hadith # 3486, 3487

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"We are the last (to come) but we will be the foremost on the Day of Resurrection, nations were given the Book (i.e. Scripture) before us, and we were given the Holy Book after them. This (i.e. Friday) is the day about which they differed. So the next day (i.e. Saturday) was prescribed for the Jews and the day after it (i.e. Sunday) for the Christians.

It is incumbent on every Muslim to wash his head and body on a Day (i.e. Friday) (at least) in every seven days."

Hadith # 3488

Narrated Sa`id bin Al-Musaiyab:

When Muawiya bin Abu Sufyan came to Medina for the last time, he delivered a sermon before us.

He took out a tuft of hair and said, "I never thought that someone other than the Jews would do such a thing (i.e. use false hair). The Prophet (ﷺ) named such a practice, 'Az-Zur' (i.e. falsehood)," meaning the use of false hair.



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