

The spiritual clinic (17)

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The answered supplications (6)

Prophet's Ibrahim answered supplications (2)

title: A call for hope: be confident, you are not going to be lost.

Insha Allah, today, we will continue to learn

about the answered supplications of Prophet Ibrahim:

Last week we learned his supplications regarding having

the wisdom and the religious knowledge and the

righteous judgement of the affairs and to be joined with

the righteous. Also he called on Allah to make him to have

an honourable mention in late generations. Allah answered

Prophet Ibrahim supplications.

We also learned that: Prophet Ibrahim was the role

model in his pure faith in the unity of Allah. He had

a pure heart. He surrounded himself to his Lord

to tally. He was equal to a nation in his belief in

Allah.

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Today insha Allah we will move on to the second episode ~~that~~ relates to Ibrahim's history. After he was saved from the fire which his people had thrown him in it to kill him, but Allah saved him from it. At that moment, Ibrahim decided to migrate, both mentally and physically i.e. he was abandoning everything, his father, family, home, people and land, leaving them all behind and going to his Lord, free of all concerns.

He thus surrendered himself to his Lord, assured that, He would give him guidance and care, setting him on right path. It is a migration from one state to another ^{on} abandoning all ties and bonds in favour of one bond that remains pure and strong.

Ibrahim said in Surah AL SAFFAT (37) V ⁹⁹

"I will go to my Lord: He is sure to guide me"

His words express complete faith and unqualified surrender. A Proof of the pure - sincere and true faith

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Until this moment, Ibrahim was without children. He had left behind his relations, friends and all that was familiar to him. Needless to say, his relations with those who threw him in the fire suffered a final breakdown. Therefore he went to his Lord, praying to Him to grant him believing offspring.

This is the answered supplication of Prophet Ibrahim (5th) which is mentioned in Surat (37) AL SAFFAT (100).

"Lord, grant me a righteous son"

The answer is V. 101 - Surat (37)

"We gave him the happy news that he will have a forebearing son"

Let's learn lesson in life from this answered supplication so that we always realize

that the only way for success in both worlds is the Quran.

4 Now we will learn the story of Prophet Ibrahim
with his son (the forebearing):-

1. Ibrahim's wife Sarah was sterile. She had been given an Egyptian woman Hagar, as a helper. Sarah offered her ~~servant~~^{husb} Ibrahim, her servant "Sarah" in marriage. Hagar gave birth to Ismail when Ibrahim was 88 years.

Sarah became upset and asked Ibrahim to take Hagar and her son away.

So one day, Ibrahim woke up and asked his wife Hagar to get her son and prepare for a long journey. In few days, Ibrahim started out with his wife Hagar and their son Ismael.

The baby was still nursing and not yet weaned. Ibrahim walked through cultivated land - desert and mountains ~~un~~^{til} he reached the desert of the Arabian Peninsula and came to an uncultivated valley

5 having no fruits, no trees, no food and no water.

The valley had no sign of life. After Ibrahim had helped his wife and child to dismount, He left them with a small amount of food and water which was hardly enough for 2 days. He turned around and walked away. His wife Hagar hurried after him asking: "where are you going Ibrahim, Leaving us in this barren valley?"

Ibrahim didn't answer her but continued walking. She repeated what she said, but he remained silent. Finally, she realized that: Allah has commanded him to do this. She asked him "Did Allah command you to do so? He replied: "Yes". Then the great wife said: "We are not going to be lost, since Allah who has commanded you, is with us. Ibrahim left, and when he was far enough away, where they could not see him, ^{he} he faced the House, raised his hands and

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supplicated his answered supplication (6) - as

he said in Surat Ibrahim (14) - V 37)

"O our Lord! I have made some of my offspring to dwell in an uncultivable valley by your Sacred House, in order, O our Lord, that they may perform As-Salat, So fill some hearts among men with Love towards them and Provide them with fruits so that they may give thanks"
In this supplication Prophet Ibrahim called on

Allah For :

1- Fill some heart among men with Love towards them

2- Provide them with fruits

Let's learn the answer from the rest of the story

Ibn Abbaas' narration continued: Ismail

mother went on suckling him and drinking from the

water, until the water in the water skin had been

used up, she and the baby became thirsty - She

left the baby as she could not endure looking

at him - She found that the Mountain of As-Safa

was the nearest mountain to her, so she stood on it

7 and started looking at the valley to keen - so that she might see somebody, but she could not see anybody.

then she descended from As-Safa - and started running the valley, till she reached the mountain of AL-Marwa.

There again, 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.

Prophet Mohamed ^(S.A.W) said: This is the source of the tradition of the Sa'i (rituals of the Hajj, pilgrimage) the going of the people between (As-Safa and AL-Marwa).

When she reached AL-Marwa (for the last time) she

heard a voice and asked herself to be quiet and

listened with attention. 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?

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And behold! She found the angel at the place of Zam Zam, digging the earth, till water flowed from the place. She started filling her water skin with water so she drank and suckled her baby. The angel said to her "Do not 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."

She lived in that way ^{till} some people from the tribe of Jushum or a family from Jushum passed by her and her child and 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 2 messengers who discovered the source of water and returned

9 to inform them of the water. So they came towards the water, where Ismail's mother was sitting nearby. They asked her, "Do you allow us to stay with you?" she replied "Yes". So they settled there and Bud brought their families and became permanent residents there.

This is the answer to the supplication of prophet Ibrahim to: Fill some hearts of among men with love towards them.

Regarding the second part of the supplication:

• Provide them with fruits

The answer is in Surat Al Qassas 28 - V 57

"Have We not established for them a secure sanctuary (Makkah), to which are brought fruits of all kinds, a provision from Ourselves!"

• This is Makka the sacred town.

You can find all kinds of fruits, An answer to

Prophet Ibrahim's supplication

to his Lord.

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Let's continue the rest of the story of Prophet Ibrahim

with his son Ismail whom is called the "forebearing" by Allah to know the details of the answered supplication (O My

Lad grant me a righteous son).

The story (cont.)

Actually, Ismail lived with his mother Hajar in Makka with the people of "Juhum". As for Ibrahim who was living with his wife Sara in As-sham (syria), Ibrahim used to go every so often to check on his son and his mother. On one of the visits, when Ismail grew up and started to go with his father and walk with him on that visit, a great event happened which ~~was a~~ (cont.) a symbol of true faith and submission to Allah's will with perfect acceptance and reassurance. A proof of the reality of the belief of Prophet Ibrahim and his "fore bearing" son Ismail, whom Allah mentioned him also as true to what he promised in (Surat' Maryam 19-154) 55

We all need to know this story of the father

Ibrahim and the son Ismail in order to live its lessons in our worldly life

is required of them. All that remained was the actual shedding of Ismail's blood and his death. At this moment, Ibrahim was called by Allah: that you have fulfilled the dream.

(i.e. the reality of the dream was to lay down your son to sacrifice him). Thus Allah ransomed this young man who had submitted himself to Allah's will by a great and noble sacrifice. It is reported that the sacrifice was a ram which Ibrahim found ready by Allah's will and that he sacrificed this ram in place of Ismail.

Today, insha Allah, I will stop here regarding the story and the answered supplications

of Prophet Ibrahim, in order to learn the great lessons from these supplications and from this pious family

(Ibrahim - Hagar and their son Ismail) so

that we can realize that: life is created, owned, ruled and controlled only by Allah so having pure faith in his Unity is the only way for the peaceful happy life.

6) Surat As-Safat from (V. 100 → 107)

The meaning: On that visit, it was that:

Ibrahim said to his son Ismail that he saw a dream that he is slaughtering him, so look what you think!!

The young boy (the forebearing) answered calmly, politely and in total obedience to Allah and to his father (as Ismail believed that: this dream is a command from Allah)

so he said to his father to do that which he was

commanded. That forbearing son, wants to reassure

his father that he will accept the slaughtering in a patient way.

So when both of them had pronounced the Shahadah and remembered Allah - Ibrahim because he was about to offer a sacrifice and Ismail because he was about to die. So both of them submitted themselves to Allah, and Ibrahim had laid Ismail with his face down.

At this stage, Ibrahim and Ismail have done all that

Regarding Ibrahim:

The old man 88 years old, who left all his people and migrated to foreign land. being given a baby which he was calling on Allah to have to be following him in the belief in Allah.

On having this precious baby at that very old age and after the hardships of being thrown in the fire.

It was Allah's wisdom to test Ibrahim twice with that son:

The first test was when he left him (Ismail) as a baby with his mother in the barren valley, as a command from Allah. A test which ^{is} will be hard for a father. A mother and baby alone in the dead desert what are the possibilities for their survival? and why? for what purpose? how a father can take his son and mother to the land where

this obedient servant.

When the food and water finished, Hajar started running alone in the desert & looking for water, food, people or any way to save her baby who was crying continuously out of hunger.

An experience which is the most difficult for a mother, to watch her baby dying in a circumstances which looks hopeless. But the belief in Allah made Hajar to keep on searching for the help which she was sure that will be sent by Allah. The one who commanded Ibrahim to put her and her baby in this hardest experience.

Allah sent Gibrah and Zam Zam "the blessed water" was the reward from Allah to Hajar "the believer" in Allah's mercy. She and her son drank that blessed water all the life and she was the one in charge of it, when Allah sent the tribe of Quraysh to live with her

death is closer to them than life according to the evaluation of any man.

But it is the belief in the total submission to Allah's commands'. To Ibrahim, none of these questions were of value. To Ibrahim, the question was one of obedience. Since his Lord wants something so be it without hesitation.

Again, when Ismail turned out to be a model son and his father enjoyed his company and was happy to have him as an assistant and follower in Allah's belief.

It was again the great test: to slaughter the righteous

SON,

Ibrahim was requested to slaughter ^{only} the son whom he had at the age of 88 - to slaughter him by his hand. A task which looks impossible to human being. But he is Ibrahim (the true believer) who accepted Allah's command with all the obedience

and did all that was required from him.

He and his son submitted themselves and

Carried out the order.

Again, he fulfilled all he needed to fulfill to Allah.

Allah ~~to~~ wants nothing from His servants other

than fear; they submit themselves to Him.

Immediately Allah will reward that submission

and give them the reward they deserve.

Allah does not wish to overburden us with the

lest or to put us in hardship All Allah needs is

that Muslims must be ready to obey all

his commands in full obedience Once they

proof their obedience, there will be no

need for pain or sacrifice. He will consider

that they fulfilled their duties and reward

them and honour them as He honored their

father Ibrahim.

Hagar:

A mother of a baby, whom her ^{husband} (old man) took her and her baby who was still nursing and not yet weaned. Ibrahim took them to the desert, to an uncultivated valley, having no fruits, no trees, no food, no water, no people i.e. nothing, just dead desert. where she was left alone with her baby, having food and water for few days only. Suddenly, her husband decided to leave them. || what an unexpected disaster!!

Why? how? where? all these questions came to her mind in this greatest hardship!! This means that: they will be left there to die out of hunger and thirsty.

So, when Ibrahim turned around to walk away she, out of all the above feelings, hurried after him asking: where are you going Ibrahim, leaving us (a mother and a precious baby) in this barren valley?

But Ibrahim did not answer her - but continued walking away. This poor, helpless, worried, lonely, shocked mother repeated her concern about his attitude which has no explanation for her, finally it was Allah's mercy to calm down her feeling and to direct her mind to the truth so she asked him: Did Allah commanded you to do so? As this is to her the only accepted explanation for the behaviour of the righteous believed Ibrahim. At the point, Ibrahim replied by one word: Yes.

This is the answer, which Hagar, the believer was looking for. This is the hope and the rescue.

So long Allah gave that command to Ibrahim so this meant to Hagar that she and her baby will be safe and an outlet will be there. She believed that obeying Allah's commands always leads to good.

And so long Allah commands, so He will help and support

and her son.

Let every mother try to reflect on

① The behaviour of Prophet Ibrahim

② The hardship which Hajar lived.

So that we can all wives and mothers - realize

that: wife is a test - having a lot of hardships, regarding husbands and kids. But we muslims

believers have in our belief in Allah's mercy

all the hope, reassurance, trust and power

that so long we obey Allah's commands

② Fulfill our trusts to our husbands: as

Hajar obeyed Ibrahim and did not run after him when

he said to her that it is Allah's command to leave

them alone in the barren valley "

③ our children: she ran alone in the great desert, forgetting the fear of any harm in the desert, but just looking for water to breast feed her baby. Also she lived away from her husband - just taking care of her son.

Let's learn these lessons which helps to prove our real belief

Regarding Ismail

When Ibrahim said to Ismail (his son) that he had a dream that ["]he is slaughtering him", Ismail replied:

"My father" i.e. the prospect of his death does not cause him to be panic or to forget the manners and love to his father

"Do that which you have commanded"

i.e. Total submission to Allah's command and acceptance and belief in the obedience of Allah and also his father.

Again, Ismail the "forebearing", clarified his limited ability in the face of this great hardship so he sought his Lord's help to overcome his weakness.

He attributed to Allah the mercy of helping him to obey and make the sacrifice as he said

"Allah's willing, you will find me to be the patient in adversity"

He does not give himself any credit in the matter, he simply attributes it all to Allah.

This is an example of perfect humility before Allah, trust in Him, combined with complete obedience and submission to His Will.

Ismail appreciated the pleasure of obeying Allah's orders.

Let's appreciate that forebearing, true believer obedient, well mannered son, who accepts sacrificing his life for the sake of obedience of Allah's command and for his father to be obedient to Allah.

Let's realize that, this is Allah's reward to Prophet Ibrahim, the role model of the pure faith, the believer who sacrifices his family, land and his only son for the sake of total submission to Allah.

Let's realize that Allah rewards Ibrahim with that great son out of his sincere belief and good deeds.

Let's pray to Allah to grant us righteous children
that are a blessing in the worldly life and the
hereafter as Ismail was to his father Ibrahim

Next week Insha Allah we will learn about
Ibrahim and Ismail. who built the Kaba, also
we will learn about their answered supplications
which is a source of mercy to humanity
until the Day of Resurrection.

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