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Messages of hope (4)

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"make hope your home"
hope may find you"

Prophet Ibrahim and his wife (Hajar).

, Insha Allah ; today we will continue to strengthen
the "Light of hope" in our spirits , as we are doing
over the last 3 weeks.

. Insha Allah, today - we will continue to feel
the "Power of hope" more clear and more
strong in our spirits as we will continue to
learn about its great effects and blessings
from the verses of hope which Allah is
teaching us in His Holy book.

. Insha Allah , today we will learn the story
of a Prophet and his wife , both of them
were believers in Allah's oneness.

Prophet Ibrahim (the father of all the Prophets)
and his wife Hajar!

Let's remember the "rules of hope" which we already learned in the First, second and third "messages of hope".

The First Message of Hope :

"Don't be sad, Verily, Allah is with us" Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

"And never give up hope of Allah's Mercy" Prophet Jacob

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The Second Message of hope

. "No, indeed - My Lord is with me and He will guide me" Prophet Moses

. "Never, My Lord has my Prayer to You remained unanswered." Prophet Zacharia

The Third Message of hope :

The answered supplication of Prophet Yunus while he was in the stomach of the whale :-

"None has the right to be worshipped but You,

Glorified and Exalted are You - Truly - I have been of the wrong doers!"

The hope of Prophet Ibrahim

→ Prophet Ibrahim's migration :-

It was Prophet Ibrahim decision :
Surat 37 - V 99

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

It is again the same words of the Prophets, which Allah is teaching us in the Quran so that we can realize the reality of the hope.

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This is Prophet Ibrahim , Leaving everything behind him and migrating to Allah , i.e having with him only one thing : the true hope of Allah's Guidance which is enough for him to compensate for all that he left in his Land , which he decided to leave .

This is the Power of hope in Allah .

It will make you to belief that
All you need is Only Allah

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So you can migrate to new Land ,
new people - new Language - new life style

But , you will never feel Lonely - because "Allah"
The Hope - The - Power - The Will - and The Mercy
is with you .

This is the blessings of the belief which makes
The belief to realize that : so Long Allah is
pleased with me - then I have every thing - Then
This is enough for me . Even if I decided to
migrate alone .

This is the first lesson of hope in our message (4)

Don't Look around you , to get the hope from
the people , the family , the Land or the
bank account . It is only Allah (Your Lord)
who is must be the source of your hope
as He will give you guidance , care
provision , reassurance , peace , tranquility
and all that you are looking for in
this life and the hereafter

Now we will learn the story of Prophet Ibrahim's wife (Hajar) and their son Ismael:-

1. Ibrahim's wife Sarah was sterile. She had been given an Egyptian woman Hajar, as a helper. Sarah offered her husband Ibrahim, her helper Hajar in marriage. Hajar gave birth to Ismail when Ibrahim was 88 years.

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

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

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

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 Hajar 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 has commanded you, ^{so He} IS with us. Ibrahim left, and when he was far enough away, where they could not see him, ^{he} faced the House, raised his hands and

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supplicated his answered supplication (6) - as

he said in Sunat Ibrahim (4) - V 37)

"O my Lord! I have made some of my offspring to dwell in an uncultivable valley by Your Sacred House, in order, O my 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, hoping that:-

1- Fill some heart among men with Love towards them (for) company 2- Provide them with Fruits (provision)

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

Ibn Abbaas' narration continued: Ismail's 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 do 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.

(S.A.W)

Prophet Mohamed said : This is the source of the tradition of the Say (rituals of the Hajj, pilgrimage) the going of the people between (As-Safa and AL-Marwa).

When she reached AL-Marwa (for the 7th 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 ?

8 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."

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She lived in that way till some people from the tribe of Jurhum or a family from Jurhum 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

to inform them of the water. So they came towards the water, where Ismail's mother was sitting near by. They asked her "Do you allow us to stay with you? She replied: Yes. So they settled there and brought their families and became permanent residents. They became the big family of Hajar and her son.

This is a story of 2 righteous believers

(1) Prophet Ibrahim,

and (S. A'W) Parents.

(2) His wife Hajar, the af

Prophet Ismail who is the father greatest grand of our beloved

Prophet Mohamed (S. A. W).

This is the family of our Prophet

Mohamed (S. A. W). These are the roots

of hope which forms the main

character of our beloved Prophet (S.A.W)

The Hope of Prophet Ibrahim
This is Prophet Ibrahim, the true believer
in the Oneness of Allah, the one who was
thrown in the fire, but he never loses hope
in Allah and never asks except Allah,
as Angel Gibril told him that do you
need my help? Ibrahim replied with full
confidence: Your help, no; but I am
hoping for Allah's Help, so Allah
changed the nature of the fire and
commanded it to be coolness and
safety for Ibrahim

In Surat(21) - (V 66 → V 70),
Allah is teaching us the Power of hope
and the Power of belief that Prophet
Ibrahim was had. And out of these
two powers, he was saved from
the fire even being thrown in it.

Prophet Ibrahim's new hope in Allah

Again, 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 will ^{is} 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
murder

take his son and mother to the Land where

death is closer to them than life.

It is again the confidence and the true hope

in Allah, as he lived this hope before when
he was thrown in the fire.

Prophet Ibrahim has the great belief in
Allah. This belief is the source of the
behaviour.

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It is the belief that: I must submit
totally to Allah's commands and Allah's Decree

Keeping in heart the full hope that
Allah is planning for me the best so

Long I am His obedient servant.

Was proved again

Based on this belief, Prophet Ibrahim

left his beloved family to Allah's

Mercy and not to the death.

So it was the proof that his belief is

correct as Allah saved his family and provided
them with all they need (Surah 28 - V 57)

Hajar:

+ 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 two 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 thirst.

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

But Ibrahim did not answer her - but continued walking away. This poor, helpless, worried, lonely, shamed 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 Hajar , the believer was looking for . This is the hope and the rescue .

So long Allah gave that command to Ibrahim so this meant to Hajar 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 ,

A lesson for every muslim wife :-

We all must learn that life is a test full
of hardships and trials.

and 2) also we must belief that our hope
in Allah's Mercy and support must be
the motivator for our acceptance of Allah's
Decree and our patience regarding all trials.

This is a story of a wife, who was left
in the desert with a small baby and food

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and drink for 2 days. Her husband did not
explain the reason, nor he apologized for this
behaviour, even never inform her about
the trip in advance, but he just left with
no answer for her questions except what
it is Allah's Command for him.

Try to imagine yourself in this situation
what will be your behaviour?

How you
will think of your husband?

Can you believe that you can do the same
as this great believer??

It is the true belief and the true hope
that saved Hajar and her son.

Again Allah rewarded her and she lived
in Makkah, drinking Zam Zam water
all the time and also she was in charge
of Zam Zam water.

She became the grand mother of
our Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W)

So my dearest muslim wife: try to have
this great muslim as a role model regarding

- ① The full hope and trust in Allah.
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only.
② The obedience of the husband.

Looking for pleasing Allah - The Most
Merciful

Always compare your hardship regard
your husband with the hardship of
this great believer Hajar so that you
in Allah can succeed in fulfilling your hope and belief

Make hope your home

- Can hope even become a way of life?
 - Can it be the first place to which you return when challenge presents itself?
 - Yes, we believe it can
 - It may take time for that to happen.
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- Initially it may take more effort than you'd like! but gradually you will start to see life through a particular lens - the lens of hope.
 - You will feel an increasing confidence in your ability to turn to hope when hardships threaten your days.
 - You will allow hope into more and more aspects of your life.
 - You will come, in short, to live from a place of hope. You will come to make hope your home.

When you make hope; your home, you will find yourself frequently thinking of how things might turn out well. Even as you face new and uncertain circumstances (Hajar and Prophet Ibrahim leaving his family alone in the desert found herself alone in the desert with her baby)

You will find yourself asking questions like

these "In my situation, what would a hopeful person do? or "Given what I am facing, what is the best thing that might happen? If the short term future isn't going to be to me liking? what about the long term?

. As you learn to live life in this way, you help hope to become a habit.

. As you acquire and use the hope strategies that work well for you, you will learn to trust your hope in Allah more and more.

Gradually you will trust yourself more and

more too.

As your attitude of hope grows stronger, it

becomes your nature to return to this

attitude when hardships sometimes moves

you away from it.

This is the way (road) of hope which will at

its end, make hope - your home

Although you may not always see

the way ahead clearly, you will continually

be reminded that hope in Allah is real and

it is not far away. When you speak

your voice will carry the tenderness of hope.

When you reach out, it will be with the

touch of hope.

When you act, it will be with the

spirit of hope in Allah, The Lord,

The Most Merciful.

Qur'an 20