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the answered supplications (5)

the answered supplications of Prophet Ibrahim

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in the Quran

- (1) We are still continuing to learn the answered supplications in Quran. Last week we learned about Prophet Adam and his supplication of forgiveness. Also we learned the 6 answered supplications of Prophet Noah, and we realized that Prophet Noah main character regard to calling to Allah was:
- (a) The long time of calling (950 years)
  - (b) The very poor response to his calling → only 9 or 11 people believed in his message.
  - (c) Prophet Noah tried all the means with his people by calling them to Allah's day and night - in private and secretly - reminding them of the fire and promising them the Paradise, but
  - (d) He was always kind and patient

@ He stopped calling to Allah when

2 Allah informed him that none of his people will believe.

∴ It is the belief in Allah's Oneness, Omnipotence, persistence, kindness and the long hope that makes the characters of his calling to Allah the All Mighty Who makes a Surat of the Quran called (Surat Noah 71) to have this story of the long struggle for the sake of Allah.

Today wisla Allah we will learn  
about the "Prophet Ibrahim" who was sent to  
humanity after Prophet Noah, to call them to

"Worship none but Allah" and is the father of the nation that included all people who surrender themselves totally to Allah  
Story of Prophet Ibrahim: (A Journey to Allah's Oneness)

First Let's learn about <sup>the</sup> main characters of Prophet

Ibrahim belief in Allah, from Surat An-Nahl 16 (V120)  
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"Verily, Ibrahim was an Ummah, obedient to Allah, Hafid and was not one of the disbelievers. He was thankful for Allah's Favours. Allah chose him and guides him to straight Path."<sup>1)</sup>

## The meaning

3 In the verse, Allah is describing Ibrahim as

1- The Perfect follower of Allah's Guidance.

2- Obedient to Allah.

3- Grateful to Him (Allah).

The word (Ummah) means either

a nation

i.e Ibrahim was equal to a whole nation in his faith and true obedience to Allah

a Leader

i.e a leader who leads a whole nation to Right Path so he will receive his reward and a reward like the whole nation

~ "Devoutly obedient to Allah" means seeking to be pure in his devotion

"And true in faith" means that he always

sought the truth and followed it. Since he never

4 associated partners with Allah.

Also Ibrahim showed his gratitude, by word and deed and so Allah chose Ibrahim and guided him to a straight path.

Q How Ibrahim was guided to the Straight Path?

A. In Surat AL-ANAM (cattle) 6 (74-79)

The meaning:-

To Ibrahim, the deity to be worshipped, to whom people turn for help in all situations, and who has created all living things, cannot be an idol made of stone or wood, as these idols cannot create, listen, respond or provide sustenance. Hence they are not worth worshipping.

Accordingly, Ibrahim the best natured of all people, forbearing, tolerant and fine-mannered - clarified these above ecclesiasties.

to his father who was an idol worshipper, clarifying to him that: worshipping idols means going astray.

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Ibrahim rejected falsehood and started to research  
for his Lord. Allah showed him some aspects of the Kingdom of the heavens and earth. Allah let him into some of the secrets of the universe, so that he could reflect on some of the great signs of the truth, with which, the world around us abounds. Thus he would be able to make the correct linkage between his pure nature and the Lord of the True Faith and guidance, as this would then, <sup>enable</sup> help him to move from the stage of rejecting falsehood to the stage of conscious recognition of Allah, the True God.

As his people worshipped the stars, the planets as well as idols  
So first: he hoped to find his Lord in the stars  
So one night, he saw <sup>elevated</sup> a star, having a shining light, so he said, this is my Lord,

but when the star sets, Ibrahim was upset as his nature has no Love for anything that set.

Second: Again, on a particular night, Ibrahim saw the elevated moon, with a light that spreads all over the place, but the moon sets, so Ibrahim at this moment, realises that he needs help from his true Lord, he feels that he will remain astray unless his Lord helps him with His guidance and shows him the way.

1 The third experience of Ibrahim with the stars was with the sun, the largest, the brightest and hottest of visible stars, but the sun is like the moon i.e it rises and sets everyday.

At this moment everything becomes clear. Contact is made between pure nature and Allah, the true Lord. Ibrahim realises that: his Lord is not a bright planet, a rising moon or a shining sun

7 He is not one to be seen with the human eye or felt with the other physical senses. He is the One recognized by man's heart, nature, reason and consciousness all alike. He is the One seen everywhere in the Universe, the Creator of everything.

At this point, Ibrahim decided to turn with  
complete devotion to Allah. He has complete peace of mind as he feels that: Allah has taken him to guide him to the straight path. His people come to him with their arguments about his declared belief in Allah's Oneness and to warn him against what their idols and deities might inflict on him. Ibrahim, who could feel Allah within himself and in the universe around him, confronted them with reassurance. He tells them that Allah Himself has helped him, opened his mind and shown him the right guidance. So, how can they

argue with him about something he feels deep down

8 within himself? He declares that: he fears nothing whatsoever from their deities, since he knows that: nothing befalls him except by Allah's will and with Allah's knowledge.

Since then, Ibrahim was calling his people to worship none but Allah

This is the true belief of Prophet Ibrahim, whose belief is sincere and to the depth of his spirit

So, let us learn the answered supplications of Prophet Ibrahim, the sincere believer in Allah's Oneness

The 1<sup>st</sup> answered supplication

The Supplication

In Surat AL Baqara (2) - V (260)

Ibrahim said "My Lord, Show me how You give life to dead"  
Allah said: Do you not believe? - Ibrahim said: Yes I believe but to be stronger in faith.

The answer

In Surat AL Baqara (2) - V (260)

Allah said: Take four birds, then cause them to

incline towards you (then slaughter them, cut them into pieces) then put a portion of them on every hill and call them, they will come to you in haste.

The meaning:

Ibrahim curiosity to know about "the secret of giving life", was not motivated by the lack of conviction or the demand for proof to confirm one's faith, but it is the natural and spontaneous desire and curiosity to know and learn how the divine will operates. Ibrahim the devoutly believer in Allah's Oneness, was looking to see a hidden mystery unfold before him.

Actually, the proof for Ibrahim's good

intention regarding this request was that Allah the All-Knower answered Ibrahim request and exposed him to a direct personal experience to satisfy his curiosity.

10 giving him the following instructions, which meant that

↳ Ibrahim has to choose four birds and to make sure of having them close to him so that he could identify them at any time. He would then have to kill them and cut them into pieces before placing different parts of their bodies on the surrounding mountains. He would then call them to come over to him, and so their parts will join again, life is breathed into them and they could speedily come to him. All this took place in reality

Thus Ibrahim saw with his eyes the birds <sup>own</sup> he killed and placed portions of their bodies apart, returned to life and moving in full vigour.

Thus Ibrahim was able to witness the secret of breathing life into the dead unfolding before his own eyes.

11 This is the secret and greatest mystery of life, which Ibrahim was able to witness, but not to comprehend its reality because this is beyond the bounds of human knowledge.

∴ In conclusion: Allah, The All Mighty, out of His Mercy answered this special supplication regarding "secret of life" to Ibrahim, a proof of Allah's compassion towards a faithful, sincere and curious believer.

The Second answered supplications of Prophet Ibrahim:

The supplications (3 answered supplications) are

In Surat Ash Shuara (26) - V: (83-84)

we will learn every one and its answer in the Quran.

In verse 83 it was Ibrahim's supplications (2 supplications)

" My lord, Bestow Hukm (religious knowledge, right judgement of the affairs and Prophet hood) on me, and join me with the righteous "

12 This verse contains 2 supplications (Ash-Shuraa<sup>83</sup>)

"To Bestow "Hukum"

~ "religious knowledge and right judgement"

"To join him (Ibrahim)

with the righteous)

Allah answered both supplications  
The answer.

In Surat An-NISA V. 54

In Surat Al-Baqara(2) V (130)

"We had already, given the family of Ibrahim the book and ~~the~~ Hikmah (religious knowledge and right judgement of affairs and Prophethood)

Truly We chose him in this world and Verily in the hereafter he will be among the righteous

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It is not the comfort and pleasures of this world that Ibrahim was looking for, but he asked Allah to grant him wisdom by which he can recognize the truth and distinguish true from false values so that, he will continue to follow the Right Path.

It is the concern and sincerity which makes Ibrahim to fear to fall short of what is expected so he called on Allah to join him with the righteous as it is Allah's Will to bring him into such rank!

13 Both supplications are a proof of the reality of the belief in Allah's Oneness (let us recite them (v. 75-82) -

Accordingly Both were answered by Allah.

In Verse (84) of the same surah (26) - Prophet Ibrahim called on Allah (4<sup>th</sup> answered supplication)  
" And grant me an honourable mention in late generations "

The answer is in Surah As-Saffat 37 (108-111)

"And we left for him (a goodly remembrance) among the later generations. Peace be upon Ibrahim. Thus indeed do We reward the good-doers. Verily he was one of our believing slaves.

In this verse, Ibrahim prays for a true advocate in late generations, who calls on people to follow the path of truth, bringing people to pure faith.

Allah answered this sincere supplication that Ibrahim

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is remembered by one generation after another

The answer is in surat - AL-Imran (3)

V. (164)

" Indeed, Allah conferred a great favour on the believers, when He sent among them a Messenger (Muhammed) <sup>ﷺ</sup> from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (The Quran), and purifying them, and instructing them in the Book and AL-Hikmah, while before that they had been in manifest error. "

Allah has sent Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) the grand, grand

son of Prophet Ismail, the son of Prophet Ibrahim. Prophet

Mohamed was following the same faith of his grand father,

Ibrahim i.e Allah's Oneness. Accordingly all muslims

are considered the Followers of Prophet Mohamed and Ibrahim

until the Day of judgement.

This is the honourable mention of Ibrahim <sup>عليه السلام</sup> in later generations.

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