

Belief in Allah's Knowledge (18)

Trusts of Kids (3)

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stories of the Quran: children who are enemies to their Parents.

Today inshaAllah, we will continue learning about children in the Quran and then in the Sunna of our beloved Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

We inshaAllah will continue today to know about

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V. the children who are a trial and are enemies to their parents as Allah said in Surat (64)

V. 14:

"O you who believe! verily among your wives and your children, there are enemies for you, therefore be aware of them"

Let's Learn ^{an} two examples of these children, which were mentioned in the Quran and the way which Allah used to save their parents from their enmity.

It is the first example about children as enemies

is the "disbelieving son of Prophet Nuh"

Allah the Almighty said in Surat Hud (11) (V. 25
to V. 49.

Allah the Almighty in these verses of the
Quran is teaching humanity many beneficial lessons
which are very helpful rules for our worldly life.

Prophet Mohamed said: "The period between

Adam and Nuh was 10 centuries."

Ibn Jarir narrated: "There were righteous people
who lived in the period between Adam and Noah and
who had followers who held them as models. After
their death, their friends said: if we make statues
of them, it will be more pleasing to us in our
worship and will remind us of them. So they built
statues of them, and after they had died, and
others came after them, Iblis crept into
their minds saying: 'your forefathers used to

worship them, and through that worship, they got rain. So they worshipped them. So for many generations

Noah's people had been worshipping statues that they

called gods. Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: "those are

the people who build places of worship on the grave of every

righteous dead man and make therein those pictures

Those are the worst of creation to Allah "

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Allah the Allmighty sent His messenger

Noah to guide his people. Noah was an excellent

speaker and a very patient man. He pointed to his

people the mysteries of life and the wonders of the

Universe and how they are accurately created and

controlled in a very delicate harmony, a proof

of the unity of the Power, which is controlling the

wholly universe i.e the Only God: Allah The Allmighty

Noah spoke to them of Allah's glorification to man,

how he had created him and provided him with

and the blessings of a mind. and he warned them of Allah's punishment if they insist to worship their idols. Noah people were divided into two groups. His

words touched the hearts of the weak, the poor and the miserable and soothed their wounds with its mercy. As for the rich, the strong and the leaders, they decided to start a war against Noah.

First: They accused Noah being only a human

x like themselves, so Noah clarified that: Allah had sent a human messenger because the earth was inhabited by humans. If it had been inhabited by no angels, then Allah would have sent an angelic messenger.

They replied: Also, we don't see anyone following you except the lowliest people among us, whom they are not known for their wealth, position or intelligence.

Also we don't see that you and your followers have any virtuous status above us in your physical

appearance, your character or your provisions.

Their last accusation is that: they think that prophet Noah and his followers are liars. Prophet Noah addressed his people with kindness: My people, I have a relationship with my Lord, which is absolutely clear to me and firmly established in my conscience.

This is something that you have not been granted

↳ What if God has bestowed on me His Grace, selecting me to carry his message? This is indeed a great mercy He has shown me. Yet what if you remain blind to these facts, it is not for me to force you to accept it. I don't seek any financial gain for my call to One God ^(my reward is only from my God) and as such, I can't favour the rich over the poor.

Prophet Noah also clarified that: he will not drive away from the poor people as he fears God.

At the end of the conversation, Prophet Noah

introduced himself and his message in a very simple form that: I don't claim that I am rich or that I know the unseen, nor do I say: I am an angel - I am just following my God command to me.

Noah continued to call his people to believe in Allah for 950 years. It happens that every passing generation admonished the succeeding one not to believe Noah and to wage war against him. Noah saw that the number of the disbelievers is increasing, while the number of believers is not. He was so sad but he never reached the point of despair.

There came one day, when Allah revealed to Noah that: "no others would believe." At the point, Noah prayed that the disbelievers be destroyed. He said "My Lord! Leave not one of the disbelievers on the earth. If you leave them, they will mislead Your slaves and they will beget none but wicked disbelievers."

Allah accepted Noah's prayer. The case was closed,

Allah passed His punishment on the disbelievers in the form of a Flood. Allah ordered Noah to build an ark

with Allah's knowledge and inspiration. So Noah

chose a place outside the city and worked day and

night to build the ark. The disbelievers kept

on joking "O Noah, Does carpentry appeal to you

more than Prophet hood? Noah replied "you will ^{come} know

to know who will be put to shame and suffer.

The ship was constructed and Allah revealed to him (Noah)

that when the water ^{will} gush forth from the oven in

his house, that will be the sign for Noah to act because

it is the sign of the Flood to start,

The terrible day arrived when the oven at Noah's house

over flowed. Noah hurried to open the ark and summon

the believers. He also took with him a pair, male

and female of every type of animal, bird and insect,

seeing him taking these creatures to the ark, the people laughed loudly. Noah must have gone out of his head! what is he going to do with the animals.

Noah's wife was not a believer, so she didn't join him, neither did one of his sons, and the believers with him were eleven.

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of the fact that: there were no clouds in the sky, rain poured in quantities never seen before on the earth.

Also water rose from the cracks in the earth. There was not a crack from which water did not rise.

The water invaded the land and the earth for the first time was submerged.

In the name of Allah, the ark sailed with them amid

waves towering like mountains, moving away from the unbelievers.

A rebellious
son :

At this terrible, decisive moment, Noah looks in a certain direction and sees ^{one} of his sons who

has not joined them in the ark, Paternal

9 emotions in Noah called the son to embark quickly and not to stay with the unbelievers as it was clear to Noah that everything out of the ark will disappear very soon. Disobedient as he is, the son does not respond to his loving father. An immature youth, he doesn't realize the extent of the terrible event which is taking place, as he replied to his father that he (the son) shall seek refuge in a mountain, which will afford him a protection from the water. For the last time to have a conversation together, Prophet Noah replied: today there is no protection for anyone from God's judgement except those who shall enjoy His mercy. Unfortunately in an instant, the scene changed and the towering waves swallowed everything up and the son was among those who were drowned.

Then the earth and the heavens (sky) were addressed: the earth to swallow up its water and the sky to stop

raining. Furthermore, the earth's surface was soon dry as excess waters penetrated deep underground.

The ark rested on Mountain Judi. Allah's Decree was fulfilled i.e. the evil doers disappeared completely and now on the earth are only the believers.

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Now that the storm has subsided and the ark has come to rest, the Paternal Love of a distressed father was once again felt by Noah. He made his appeal to Allah. Noah makes clear that he has absolutely no doubt that Allah is just and wise. Nothing He (Allah) does, is without reason. Yet he had been promised that his family will be safe and now he was requesting that Allah fulfill the promise to spare his family. ^{Allah} God answered that: according to Allah's Standards and according to His Principles one's family are not necessarily one's blood relations. The true relationship is that of faith.

in lessons

Allah answers: This son was not a believer, ^{he was an unrighteous conduct} and as much he was,

x (not a member of the family of Noah, the Prophet.)

So Noah realized that he must ask Allah for forgiveness for that which he had no knowledge. Allah had mercy on Noah, and he was reassured.

Noah ^{released} the birds and the beasts which

scattered over the earth. After that the believers disembarked

Noah put his head ^{fore} to the ground in prostration.

Then the Quran draws the curtain on Noah's story.

Abdullah Ibn Amr Ibn Al-As narrated that Prophet

Mohamed (S.A.W) said: when the death of the Messengers

of Allah Noah approached, he admonished his sons: Indeed

I would give you far reaching advice, commanding you

to do two things, and warning you against doing two

as well. I charge you (to believe) that there is no God but

Allah and that if the seven ^{heavens} earths and seven

earths were put on one side of a scale and the words

'There is no God but Allah' were put on the other, the latter would weigh the former. And I warn you against associating partners with Allah and against Pridd (Sahib Bukhari).

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• This is the story of a prophet who called his people to "worship none but Allah", the religion of Islam, "total submission to Allah." Prophet Noah the second father of mankind after Prophet Adam, who called on his people for 950 years, but only 14 believed in his message.

Actually, we learned his story in order to clarify many facts which are of importance to our topic "Trusts of children", but yet there are many lessons which we will mention so that we can get the benefit of the whole story:-

Lessons of the story of Prophet Noah and his sons:-

- 1- The true faith has always been the same, ever since Noah.
- 2- The objections and accusations which are made

by those who denied the message of the Prophets are always the same i.e. the followers are mainly the poor people and also that the Prophet and followers are liars, and no benefit of the message.

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4. Allah answered the prayer of prophet Noah who asked Allah to destroy all the disbelievers.

5. To call to Allah is not an easy job, there must be always people whom they try to joke, Laugh and to give you hard time, but at the end, Allah destroys the unbelievers.

6- According to God's Standards and Principles, one's family are not necessarily one's blood relations.

The true relationship is that of Faith. This son was not a believer and as such he was not a member of the family of Noah, the Prophet.

6- The Unbeliever son never listened to his father's warning and trials to save him as it was

decreed by Allah that he will die with the unbelievers whom he was one of them.

7- Regarding Allah's Promise to Prophet Noah, it was fulfilled, as Allah already saved the believers sons of Noah.

8- Faith is the most important quality in the sight of Allah and it must be the same in the sight of the human beings.

9- Allah's decree is the real mercy, but we mankind know not.

10- Life is run only by Allah's Command i.e the earth and the heavens are subservient to His Commands to gush water or to rain and again to hold on.

11- Allah the Most Powerful is sending glad tidings to those who believe in Him, that they will always be saved in this life and will enjoy a magnificent reward. But for those who prefer the enjoyment

of the worldly life, however, will have it for a while but will then be overtaken by severe punishment.

Again at the end, let's remember the story

of Prophet Noah so that ① The most important priority

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regarding our kids is to teach them the ^{Isl} belief in Allah's Unity and to teach them "how to live

Islam as a way of life". ② There are children

who may be enemies to their parents, i.e. not righteous ones as the son of Prophet Noah was.

③ The tie of Faith, the Islamic faith is the tie which holds the believers together.

④ Always to accept Allah's Decree, ^{as} and regarding the children death, as only Allah knows the good for us, and it is up to His Wisdom to plan for us regarding the life or the death of our children, even to have them from the beginning.

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