

PROPHET IBRAHIM (A.S.)

Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) is one of the greatest Prophets of Allah (S.W.T). He was born in an ancient city in Iraq.

He lived among people who made idols and worshipped them. Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) never worshipped or believed in the idols. He was a wise young man who always spoke about the Oneness of Allah (S.W.T).

One day, when no one was around his village, Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) chopped down all the small idols with an axe and left the axe on the shoulder of the biggest idol. When the people returned to the village and saw what had happened, they questioned Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.). He told them to ask the biggest idol because it had the axe. The people told him that he knows the idols cannot talk. So, he asked the people why they worshipped these idols when they know they cannot benefit them? This angered the people of his village, and their king Namrud decided to throw him into a fire as punishment. Just as they threw Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) into the fire, Allah (S.W.T) ordered the fire to be cool and safe showing the love Allah (S.W.T) had for him. This history is told in the Holy Qur'an in Surah Al-Anbiya (Chapter 21).

Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) was first married to Sayyidah Sarah (A.S.). She supported him and travelled with him to spread the message about the Oneness of Allah (S.W.T). Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) then married Sayyidah Hajra (A.S.) from whom he had his first son, Sayyidina Ismail (A.S.) who was later appointed as a Prophet by Allah (S.W.T). They all loved and believed in Allah (S.W.T)

Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) went through many tests in life. When Sayyidina Ismail (A.S.) was still a baby, Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) was commanded by Allah (S.W.T) to travel to the desert lands of Makkah and leave his wife Sayyidah Hajra (A.S.) and son Sayyidina Ismail (A.S.) there. When Sayyidina Ismail (A.S.) was thirsty, Sayyidah Hajra (A.S.) ran between the hills of Safa and Marwah seven times searching for water. When she came back to her son, she saw water gushing from the sands under his feet. This is the miracle of Zamzam water in Makkah which we drink to this day.

Through a dream, Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) was ordered by Allah (S.W.T) to sacrifice his son, Sayyidina Ismail (A.S.). Sayyidina Ismail (A.S.) was very brave and told Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) to obey the Command of Allah (S.W.T). Right before he was ready to sacrifice his son, Angel Jibril (A.S) brought a lamb and told Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) to sacrifice it instead. Allah (S.W.T) had fulfilled his dream. This is why every Eid Al Adha we sacrifice a goat or lamb to show our love to Prophet Ibrahim (A.S) and Sayyidina Ismail (A.S.).

Prophet Ibrahim (A.S) and Sayyidina Ismail (A.S) then built the Ka'bah. They had built it to show their love for Allah (S.W.T). When they finished building the Ka'bah, Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) stood right in front of the Ka'ba and made many Dua's. He had also made Du'a' for there to be another Prophet from his lineage, and eventually we got our beloved Prophet

Muhammad (S.A.W). Today, when we go for Hajj or Umrah, we see a pillar right next to the Ka'bah called Maqam Ibrahim. It has the footprints of Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.). It is recommended by our Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) to pray 2 Rak'a Sunnah near it. We also recite As-Salat Ibrahim in our Salah which is asking Allah (S.W.T) to bless our Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W) just like how he blessed our Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.).

In conclusion, Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) is known as the father of the Prophets (A.S.) as many of the Prophets' lineage is through him. We also honor and remember him through many of the rituals of Hajj as most of them were performed by him and his family.

Allah (S.W.T) has blessed Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) and his family. May Allah (S.W.T) continue to guide us to learn and follow the Qur'an and the Hadith in worshipping and obeying Allah (S.W.T). Ameen.

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