

## **NABI EBRAHIM (ABRAHAM) AS\* Part 2**

\*(We must always say Alayhis Salaam when we mention the name of a Prophet. It means, "May ALLAH -Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala's blessing and mercy be on him")

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My Dear Children

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh

In part 1 of the lesson on Nabie Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) we read how he continually reminded his people to pray to the ONE and Only ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala). Even after showing his people how useless their idols were they continued to worship their idols. When he destroyed their idols they tried to kill him by throwing him into the fire. ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) is AL-QUAYYUM – the sustainer of life (another of the 99 beautiful names of ALLAH - Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) commanded the fire to be cool. The King called him and foolishly showed his power by killing a slave and saving another one. Even today, Muslims are continuously reminded to believe only in AL-QUAYYUM as HE provides and sustains us.

We continue with part two of the excellent example of Nabie Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam).

As Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) loved his father he went to him and pleaded with him to change his ways and start worshipping the One and Only ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala).

Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) told his father that ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) had chosen him as a Messenger to deliver the message to the people. Azar became very angry with his son and warned him, "Don't talk like this about our gods, I will punish you if you do not stop with this nonsense."

As Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) was very obedient to his father he kept quiet and said, "Assalamu Alaikum I am now leaving home and this place to live in another area where people will listen to my message to worship only ONE LORD."

### **THEY LEAVE HOME**

Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) left with his wife, Sarah, and traveled by foot to Palestine. When he reached there he found that they had a severe drought and the people were starving. He then decided to go to Egypt where he lived for a few years. When the drought was broken he returned to Palestine.

Dear Children you will now realise how the whole life of Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) was filled with hardships and trials to test his Iman (faith). He was so steadfast that he did not stop worshipping the One and Only LORD. Wherever he went ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) tested him or put him through a difficult trial. When you read his life story you can pick up all the hardships and the difficult tasks he had to perform to prove to ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) that he was firm in his belief and convinced of the message that he to deliver to his people.

Lets continue with the story. Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) was now 86 years old and did not have any children. He married a second wife by the name of Hajirah, who was a servant to Sarah. He prayed to ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) to give him a good son.

### **HAJIRA AND ISMAIL ARE LEFT IN THE DESERT**

One day he left his home in Palestine and set off, on foot, in the direction of Mecca with his second wife, Hajirah (Hagar). While on their long journey to Mecca, Hajirah gave birth to a son. They called him, Ismail. When they reached Becca (known as Mecca today) they found that it was a barren place with no vegetation or water but only with sand and sand dunes. There were no people living here or anywhere near this place.

When they reached the site where our Kaaba is today, Hajirah put Ismail down on the sand to rest. Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) left a bag containing some dates and a water skin bag containing a little water and turned around and started walking away from his wife and his only son. He kept on walking without turning around until Hajirah called out to him to stop. "Where are you going to, my husband? Are you going to leave us here alone with no people, no food or water?"

