

# Salman



Level: Beginner

Salman al-Farsi was born in the city of Isfahan in Persia. His father was a leader and chief of the village, possessing wealth and power. Salman dedicated himself to the practices of Zoroastrianism, which means worshipping fire. Salman was tasked with maintaining the sacred fire, ensuring it remained properly ablaze.

Salman remained devoted to the rituals of fire worship, and one day, his father asked him to attend to their farm in another town. While on his way, Salman came across a church and heard the voices and melodies coming from within.

The sounds touched his heart deeply, and he sat down to listen attentively. Salman talked to the pastor in church and asked him many questions and the pastor answered all of his questions. Salman knew that the origin of this religion came from Sham, Levant. So he decided to travel there to learn more about Christianity.

Salman returned to his father and told him about the church and his conversation with the pastor. His father became angry and ordered him not to go back to the church or discuss such matters again. Salman's father put him in chains and put him in a cage because he was afraid to lose him.

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Salman sent a message to the priest asking him to inform him about any caravan leaving to Sham. Salman was determined to find the answer for his biggest question, what is the true religion?

After a while Salman was able to get rid of the chains and escape with to a caravan that was heading to Levant. He asked when he got there who is the most pious and knowledgeable man in the Levant. He was referred to a Bishop. Salman stayed with the bishop, converted to Christianity and served in the church. Salman found out that the Bishop was a bad man who was stealing people's donations to keep for himself. When the bad Bishop died, another one succeeded him. The new Bishop was a good man. He was honest and devoted to his religion.

Salman stayed with the new bishop for years serving him and learning from him. Suddenly the Bishop became sick and was dying. Salman asked the Bishop to guide him to a good man to serve and learn from. Salman kept moving from one monk to another and finally, one of the monks said to him, "I do not trust anyone from the current bishops and monks. However, a new Prophet shall rise up soon in the land of the Arabs and will migrate to a city full of palm trees. There are some signs about him: he accepts a gift, refuses to accept charity and that the seal of Prophethood is between his shoulders."

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Upon the death of the monk, Salman decided to travel to the land of the Arabs. He found a caravan heading towards the Arabian Peninsula and asked them to take him along. They agreed, but as they neared Yathrib (Madinah), they betrayed him, captured him, and sold him as a slave.

Salman was bought by a Jewish man who brought him to the Madinah. When Salman saw the palm trees, he recognized it as the place the monk had described to him. He began working for the Jewishman, who owned a date-palm tree. Years passed, one day while Salman was up in a palm tree farm, he heard people talking about the arrival of the Prophet ﷺ in the Madinah. Upon hearing this news, Salman was so overwhelmed with joy that he almost fell from the palm tree.

Unable to contain his excitement, Salman gathered some dates he had because he wanted to test the Prophet ﷺ. The monk had told him that the Prophet does not accept charity. Salman went to the Prophet ﷺ and said to him, "I have heard that you are a righteous man, and you and your companions are strangers here and in need of help. So, here is some food I have collected for you. Take it as charity from me."



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The Prophet ﷺ gave the food to his companions and told them to eat, but he did not eat from it. Salman thought to himself, "He has succeeded in the first test of not accepting charity."

After some time, Salman gathered some food and went to Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. He presented the food as a gift to the Prophet and said, "This is a gift from me." The Prophet accepted the food and ate from it. Salman thought to himself, "He has succeeded in the second test," as the Prophet had accepted the gift.

Then Salman stood behind the Prophet ﷺ looking for the seal of prophethood. When the Prophet realized that, he took off his shirt for Salman to clearly see the seal of the Prophethood between his shoulders. When Salman knew it was the Prophet whom he was looking for. He fell down to the Prophet ﷺ hugging him and crying, then he accepted Islam right away.

# QUIZ



## Vocabulary

1. Define the term "seal of Prophethood" as mentioned in the story.
2. What does the term "caravan" refer to in the context of the story?
3. What is Zoroastrianism, and how is it practiced?



## TRUE OR FALSE

1. Salman al-Farsi was initially a Christian before converting to Islam.
2. The bad bishop stole people's donations for his personal use.
3. Salman recognized Madinah because of its date palms, as described by the monk.
4. The Prophet ﷺ accepted charity from Salman al-Farsi.

## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- 1- Where was Salman al-Farsi born, and what religion did he initially follow?
- 2- What task was Salman responsible for in Zoroastrianism?
- 3- Why did Salman want to travel to Sham (Levant)?

# Choose the Correct Answer

1- What religion did Salman al-Farsi initially follow?

- a. Christianity
- b. Zoroastrianism
- c. Islam
- d. Judaism

2- What was the first test Salman gave to the Prophet ﷺ?

- a. To accept a gift
- b. To not eat from charity
- c. To show the seal of Prophethood
- d. To recite a verse from the Quran

3- Which place was described as the land of the Prophet ﷺ by the monk?

- a. Makkah
- b. Sham
- c. Madinah
- d. Jerusalem

1- Salman tested the Prophet ﷺ by offering him \_\_\_\_\_, which the Prophet ﷺ did not eat.

2- The Prophet ﷺ accepted a \_\_\_\_\_ from Salman, which was the second test.

3- After escaping captivity, Salman joined a caravan heading to the \_\_\_\_\_, where he was betrayed and sold into slavery.

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CARAVAN  
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CHURCH  
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