

Prophet Ibrahim - 2

LEVEL: BEGINNER

When Ibrahim's message against idol worship spread, it reached King Namrud (Nimrod), a proud king who considered himself all-powerful. Namrud challenged Ibrahim, claiming he could control life and death. To prove his point, he ordered two prisoners brought before him—he set one free to “give life” and executed the other to “take life.”

Ibrahim calmly replied by pointing to Allah's true power: "Allah causes the sun to rise from the east; can you make it rise from the west?" Namrud was stunned and had no answer. Despite this, he continued in his arrogance, and many people still did not believe. However, Ibrahim continued to call people to worship Allah alone.

Ibrahim's Journey and Building of the Kaaba

Ibrahim left his homeland and traveled to different lands to spread the message of Allah. He married Sarah, who supported him in his mission. Allah later blessed him with two sons, Ismail and Ishaq (Isaac), both of whom would also become prophets. One of the most significant events in Ibrahim's life was when Allah commanded him to build a sacred house, the Kaaba, in the desert of Makkah. He and his son Ismail raised the walls of the Kaaba together, making it a place dedicated solely to Allah's worship. Ibrahim prayed that Makkah would be a blessed land and that people would come from all over to worship Allah there.

The Test of Sacrifice

Prophet Ibrahim had always placed his complete trust in Allah. He had waited many years to have a child, and Allah finally blessed him with a son, Ismail, through his wife Hajar. Ibrahim loved Ismail deeply and was very grateful for this blessing.

One night, Ibrahim had a dream in which Allah commanded him to sacrifice his beloved son, Ismail. At first, Ibrahim wasn't sure what the dream meant, but when it happened a second and a third time, he understood that this was a command from Allah, a test of his faith and obedience.

Telling Ismail

Even though this command was difficult, Ibrahim trusted Allah and wanted to obey Him. Ibrahim approached Ismail gently and told him about the dream and Allah's command. Despite the enormity of what was being asked, Ismail—who was also a prophet—showed remarkable faith. He told his father, "O my father, do as you are commanded. You will find me, if Allah wills, among the patient."

Ismail's willingness to accept Allah's command and support his father showed his own deep faith and submission.

The Sacrifice and Allah's Mercy

As Ibrahim prepared to carry out the sacrifice, he and Ismail showed their complete obedience to Allah. Ibrahim tied a blindfold around his eyes, as he couldn't bear to look at his son while doing it. When he made the motion to sacrifice, Allah intervened. Allah, in His mercy, sent a ram to replace Ismail at the last moment, and Ismail was spared.

Allah praised both Ibrahim and Ismail for their devotion and obedience, and He announced that this event would be remembered by generations to come. Instead of sacrificing his son, Ibrahim sacrificed the ram that Allah had provided.

The End of Ibrahim's Life

Ibrahim spent the rest of his life calling people to monotheism and guiding them to Allah. Known as the "Friend of Allah" (Khalilullah), he is honored for his unwavering faith and dedication. His legacy continued through his descendants, many of whom became prophets, and he is respected as a patriarch in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Ibrahim passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of devotion and trust in Allah. His life serves as a timeless example of faith, patience, and obedience to Allah, and he remains a beloved figure in Islam. Muslims remember him today by visiting the Kaaba during Hajj and by celebrating his story in prayers and traditions.

Activities

True or False:

- 1- Prophet Ibrahim's people worshipped the stars and the moon.
- 2- King Namrud claimed he could control life and death.
- 3- Prophet Ibrahim was afraid to question King Namrud about Allah.
- 4- Prophet Ibrahim didn't want to follow Allah's command to sacrifice his son.
- 5- Prophet Ismail accepted Allah's command and was willing to be patient.

Multiple Choice

1- What did the people in Prophet Ibrahim's town worship?

- A) The sun and the moon
- B) Idols made of stone
- C) Rivers and trees
- D) Birds and animals

2- How did King Namrud try to show his power to Prophet Ibrahim?

- A) By controlling the weather
- B) By ordering people to bow to him
- C) By claiming he could control life and death
- D) By making the sun rise from the west

3- What question did Prophet Ibrahim ask King Namrud?

- A) Can you create mountains?
- B) Can you bring rain?
- C) Can you make the sun rise from the west?
- D) Can you make a river flow backward?

4- What did Prophet Ibrahim see in his dream?

- A) He would build the Kaaba
- B) He should sacrifice a ram
- C) He should sacrifice his son, Ismail
- D) He should travel to a new land

5- What animal did Allah send to replace Ismail at the last moment?

- A) A cow
- B) A horse
- C) A sheep
- D) A ram

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Answer the Questions

- 1- What did Prophet Ibrahim see in his dream that made him feel Allah was testing him?

- 2- How did Prophet Ibrahim feel about sacrificing his son, and what did he decide to do?

- 3- What did Prophet Ibrahim tell Prophet Ismail about his dream, and how did Ismail respond?

- 4- Why did Prophet Ibrahim blindfold himself before the sacrifice?

- 5- What did Allah do when He saw Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Ismail's obedience?

- 6- What animal did Allah send to be sacrificed in place of Ismail?

- 7- How do Muslims remember this story of sacrifice every year?