Prophet Ayyub (Job)

LEVEL: BEGINNER

Prophet Ayyub, peace be upon him, was one of Allah's prophets. He was a descendant of Prophet Ibrahim, peace be upon him, and lived in the region of Hauran in the Levant. Allah blessed Ayyub with many blessings, including wealth, children, good health, property, and a respected position among his people. He was known for his righteousness, generosity, and concern for the poor and needy.

However, Allah tested Ayyub with a great trial. Through his suffering, Ayyub became an example of patience, faith, and acceptance of Allah's decree. His story teaches believers that hardships do not mean that Allah has abandoned them and that a believer should never lose hope in Allah's mercy.

1. Allah's Blessings upon Ayyub

Ayyub, peace be upon him, was a righteous and grateful servant of Allah. He possessed considerable wealth, livestock, and vast lands. Allah had also blessed him with many children and good health.

Despite having these blessings, Ayyub never allowed his wealth or status to make him arrogant. He was generous toward others and cared especially for the poor and needy. He understood that everything he possessed was a blessing from Allah.

Ayyub's life reminds us that having wealth and blessings is not a problem when a person recognizes that they come from Allah and uses them in ways that please Him.



2. The Great Trial of Ayyub

Ayyub's trial began when Allah tested him with severe hardships. According to the traditional account, Satan was permitted to afflict Ayyub through the loss of his wealth, children, and health. One trial followed another.

Loss of Wealth and Property

Ayyub suffered a tremendous loss of his wealth and property. His livestock were lost, and much of what he possessed was taken away.

The man who had once possessed great wealth was now living in poverty.

Loss of His Children

Then Ayyub suffered an even greater tragedy. His children died in a devastating incident, leaving him and his wife in deep sorrow. For a parent, losing a child is among the most painful experiences imaginable. Ayyub therefore experienced not only financial hardship but also tremendous personal grief.

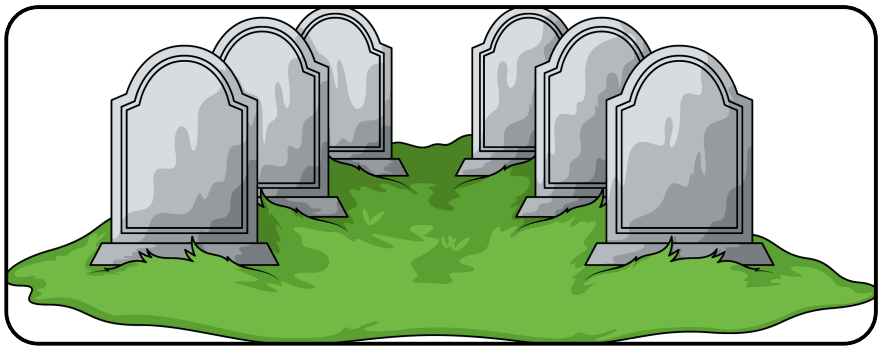
Severe Illness

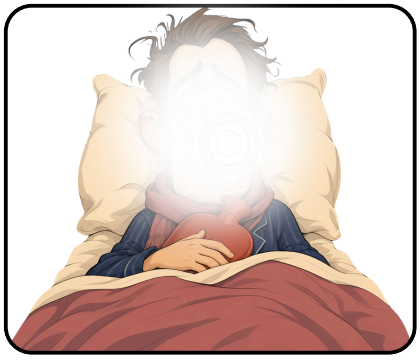
Ayyub was then afflicted with a severe and painful illness. His suffering continued for a long period of time, affecting his body and making his life extremely difficult.

Yet despite all of these hardships, Ayyub did not turn away from Allah.

His wealth was gone. His children were gone.

His health was gone. But his faith remained.





3. Ayyub's Patience

Ayyub, peace be upon him, responded to his trials with remarkable patience. He remained faithful to Allah and continued to worship Him despite everything he had suffered.

He did not allow his hardship to make him despair of Allah's mercy. He remained content with Allah's decree and continued to place his trust in his Lord.

Ayyub's wife also remained beside him throughout his difficult circumstances. According to the traditional account, she cared for him during his illness and worked to provide food for them when their circumstances became extremely difficult. She remained loyal to her husband when others had abandoned him.

The traditional narrations mention that Ayyub endured this trial for many years. Throughout that period, however, he continued to show patience and remained connected to Allah.

Ayyub's patience does not mean that he did not experience pain or sadness. Rather, his patience meant that his suffering did not cause him to lose his faith or turn away from Allah.

This is an important lesson for every believer:

Being patient does not mean that you never feel pain. It means that your pain does not cause you to lose your trust in Allah.

4. Ayyub's Supplication

After Ayyub's illness continued for a long time, he turned to Allah with a humble and heartfelt supplication. Allah tells us:

"And [mention] Job, when he called to his Lord, 'Indeed, adversity has touched me, and You are the Most Merciful of the merciful.'"

Qur'an 21:83

Look carefully at Ayyub's words.

He did not complain about Allah's decree. He simply acknowledged his suffering and then praised Allah's mercy.

He knew that Allah was able to remove his hardship whenever He willed.

This short supplication teaches us how a believer should turn to Allah during difficult times. We can tell Allah about our pain, our worries, and our difficulties while remaining certain that Allah is the Most Merciful.
Ayyub had suffered greatly, but he never lost hope.

5. Allah Responds to Ayyub's Supplication

Allah answered Ayyub's supplication and removed his suffering.
Allah commanded him to strike the ground with his foot. A spring of water came forth, and Allah instructed Ayyub to wash with the water and drink from it. Allah then restored Ayyub's health and removed his illness. Allah says:

فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ فَكَشَفْنَا مَا بِهِ مِن ضُرٍّ وَآتَيْنَاهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُم مَّعَهُمْ رَحْمَةً مِّنْ عِندِنَا وَذِكْرَىٰ لِلْعَابِدِينَ

"So We responded to him and removed what afflicted him of adversity. And We gave him his family and the like thereof with them as mercy from Us and a reminder for the worshippers."
Qur'an 21:84

Notice that Allah describes His response as a mercy and a reminder for the worshippers.
Ayyub's story is therefore not only about one prophet who suffered. It is a lesson for every believer who faces hardship.
Allah hears the supplication of His servants, and He knows the right time and manner in which to bring relief.

6. The Restoration of Ayyub's Blessings

After Ayyub's long period of suffering, Allah restored his health and returned blessings to his life.

Allah gave him back his family and blessed him with even more than he had before. The Qur'an describes Allah giving him his family and the like thereof with them as a mercy from Him. Allah also says:

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُم مَّعَهُمْ

"And We gave him his family and the like thereof with them."

Qur'an 38:43

The blessings that Ayyub received after his trial demonstrated Allah's mercy and power.

Ayyub had experienced loss, but Allah was able to replace his loss.

He had experienced illness, but Allah restored his health.

He had experienced hardship, but Allah brought him relief.

His story reminds us that our circumstances can change. A hardship that seems impossible today may be followed by relief tomorrow.

We should therefore never assume that our present difficulty will last forever.



7. Lessons from the Story of Ayyub

The story of Prophet Ayyub, peace be upon him, contains many important lessons for every believer.

Patience During Hardship

Ayyub teaches us the meaning of true patience. When difficulties come, we should remain firm in our faith and continue doing what pleases Allah.

Trust in Allah

Ayyub knew that Allah was in control of his situation. Even when he could not understand why he was suffering, he continued to trust his Lord.

Never Lose Hope

A believer should never think that a hardship is too great for Allah to remove. Allah has power over everything.

Turn to Allah Through Supplication

When Ayyub needed help, he turned directly to Allah. His example teaches us that difficult times should bring us closer to Allah rather than further away from Him.

Accept Allah's Decree

Life will contain both blessings and difficulties. A believer accepts that Allah's wisdom is greater than our own understanding. We may not always know why something happens, but we know that Allah is Wise and Merciful.

Hardship Does Not Mean Allah Has Abandoned You

Ayyub was one of Allah's beloved prophets, yet he experienced tremendous suffering. His story shows that hardship is not necessarily a sign that Allah is displeased with a person.

Sometimes a trial is a means through which Allah raises a person's status, teaches patience, removes sins, or brings the person closer to Him.

Relief Comes from Allah

Ayyub remained patient until Allah brought him relief. His story teaches us that no matter how difficult a situation becomes, Allah can change it in an instant.

The Great Lesson of Ayyub

The story of Prophet Ayyub is ultimately a story of faith during hardship.

Ayyub lost his wealth.

He lost his children.

He lost his health.

He experienced poverty and suffering.

Yet he did not lose the most important thing:

His faith in Allah.

When he finally called upon his Lord, he did so with humility and hope:

"Indeed, adversity has touched me, and You are the Most Merciful of the merciful."

Allah answered him, removed his suffering, and restored his blessings.

This is why Allah praised Ayyub in the Qur'an:

إِنَّا وَجَدْنَاهُ صَابِرًا ۚ نِّعْمَ الْعَبْدُ إِنَّهُ أَوَّابٌ

"Indeed, We found him patient. What an excellent servant! Indeed, he was one repeatedly turning back [to Allah]." Qur'an 38:44

Ayyub was praised not because he never experienced hardship, but because of how he responded to it.

When life was easy, he was grateful.

When life became difficult, he was patient.

When he needed help, he turned to Allah.

And when Allah brought relief, he remained grateful to his Lord.

Activities

Fill in the Blanks

patience — mercy — wealth — illness — Allah — blessings — relief

1. Ayyub was blessed with _____, children, property, and good health.
2. Ayyub was tested with severe _____ and suffering.
3. Despite his hardship, Ayyub remained _____.
4. Ayyub turned to _____ when he needed help.
5. Allah eventually removed Ayyub's affliction and brought him _____.
6. Ayyub's story teaches us that hardships can be tests, while Allah's _____ remains with His servants.

Multiple Choice

1. What was Prophet Ayyub, peace be upon him, especially known for?

A. His wealth
B. His patience and faith
C. His military strength
D. His ability to build houses

2. Which of the following was NOT mentioned as one of Ayyub's blessings before his trial?

A. Wealth B. Children
C. Good health D. A large army

3. What happened to Ayyub's wealth during his trial?

A. He gave it all to his children.
B. He lost much of his wealth and property.
C. He became richer than before.
D. He gave it to the king.

4. How did Ayyub respond to his suffering?

A. He abandoned his worship.
B. He became angry with Allah.
C. He remained patient and continued turning to Allah.
D. He refused to speak to anyone.

5. What did Ayyub ask Allah for in his supplication?

A. Wealth
B. Revenge against those who had harmed him
C. Allah's mercy and relief from his affliction
D. A position of authority

6. What did Allah command Ayyub to do when He answered his supplication?

A. Travel to another land
B. Strike the ground with his foot
C. Build a house

Activities

Who Am I?

Read each description and identify the person being described.

1. I was a prophet of Allah who became an example of patience during hardship.
Who am I? _____
2. I remained beside Ayyub during his difficult circumstances and cared for him.
Who am I? _____
3. I am the One whom Ayyub called upon when he was suffering.
Who am I? _____

True or False

1. Ayyub was a prophet of Allah.
2. Ayyub became arrogant because of his wealth.
3. Ayyub experienced severe losses during his trial.
4. Ayyub stopped believing in Allah when he became ill.
5. Ayyub continued to have hope in Allah's mercy.
6. Allah eventually removed Ayyub's suffering.
7. The Qur'an describes Ayyub as patient.
8. Ayyub's story teaches that every hardship means Allah has abandoned a person.

Put the Events in Order

Number the following events from 1–6 in the correct order.

___ Allah restored Ayyub's health and blessings.
___ Ayyub was blessed with wealth, children, and good health.
___ Ayyub suffered severe illness.
___ Ayyub called upon Allah for mercy.
___ Ayyub experienced the loss of his wealth and children.
___ Allah answered Ayyub's supplication.