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THE STORY of HADHRAT IBRAHEEM (Alayhis Salaam)

Hadhrat Ibraheem ؑ was a great Nabi of Allah Ta'ala. He was called 'Khalilullah' (The close friend of Allah Ta'ala). He really loved Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala wanted to test him as He always tests those whom He loves so that they may become more beloved to Him.

THE FIRST TEST

Hadhrat Ibraheem ؑ was a little boy who lived with his father Aazar. Aazar used to make idols and sell them. Ibraheem ؑ tried to explain to his father that worshipping idols are wrong. "Why do you worship such things that cannot benefit you or harm you?" he asked. "Worship Allah Ta'ala, who is the Lord of the heavens and the Earth." His father became very angry and threatened to punish him for speaking against his gods.

One day, when the people were all gone out to a fair, Hadhrat Ibraheem ؑ destroyed all the idols in the temple with an axe. He then took the

axe and hung it on the neck of the biggest idol. When the people returned, they became very angry when they saw their beloved gods destroyed. They questioned Ibraheem ؑ regarding their idols as he was the only one left alone at home.

He replied, "Ask the big idol as he has the axe around his neck." The people were shocked and also ashamed as they knew that idols can neither speak nor hear. They decided to take revenge and punish Ibraheem ؑ. They made a huge fire and said, "Burn Ibraheem and help our idols!" When Ibraheem ؑ was about to be thrown into this fire, the angels came to his rescue and offered to help him.

Hadhrat Ibraheem ؑ asked them, "Have you been sent by Allah Ta'ala or have you come on your own."

They replied, "We have come on our own." Ibraheem ؑ then said, "I do not need your help as Allah Ta'ala will take care of me." He placed all

his trust in Allah Ta'ala and knew that there was no one else to save him but Allah Ta'ala. When Ibraheem ؑ was thrown in to the fire, Allah Ta'ala ordered the huge fire to become cool and a place of safety for Hadhrat Ibraheem ؑ. Not even one hair on his body burnt whilst he was in the fire. Hadhrat Ibraheem ؑ passed his first test successfully.

THE SECOND TEST

Hadhrat Ibraheem ؑ migrated to Palestine and continued calling people to the oneness and greatness of Allah Ta'ala. He did not have any children for many years and continued making dua to Allah Ta'ala to bless him with a child. At the age of 86, Allah Ta'ala blessed him with a beautiful son, Hadhrat Ismaeel ؑ. He really loved his son dearly. Allah Ta'ala wanted to test him again.

Allah Ta'ala ordered him to leave his wife and his baby son in the hot desert land of Arabia with no food

and water. Ismaeel ﷺ began crying out of hunger and thirst. His mother Haajira (Radi Allahu Anha) began running between the hills of Safa and Marwa searching for someone to help her and her baby son. Those who go for Haj and Umrah are required to run between these two hills following the example of Haajira (Radi Allahu Anha). Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ made dua to Allah Ta'ala to take care of his wife and child in this barren land. Allah Ta'ala took pity on them and caused the sweet, tasty water of Zam Zam to gush out of the ground. Both of them quenched their thirst and satisfied their hunger with this special water. The special water of Zam Zam attracted other thirsty travellers to come and settle in this desert. Soon the city of Makkah Mukkaramah came into existence. Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ passed his second test successfully.

THE THIRD TEST

Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ often visited his wife and child. He loved his son very much. When Ismaeel ﷺ grew up into a handsome young boy, Ibraheem ﷺ saw in a dream that he was slaughtering his beloved son. The dreams of the Ambiyaa ﷺ are always true and is an indication of a command of Allah Ta'ala. Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ mentioned this dream to Ismaeel ﷺ, who replied, "O my beloved father, do as you have been commanded. If Allah Ta'ala wills, you will find me to be from the patient ones."

They both left for Mina. Shaytaan, our enemy, tried to mislead them on the way. When Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ saw him he said, "Allahu Akbar" and pelted shaytaan with seven stones. Shaytaan sank into the ground. He tried this trick another two times but each time Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ threw stones at him and

chased him away. Those who go for Haj also pelt stones in Mina at three pillars which represent the shaytaan.

When they finally reached the place of slaughter, Ismaeel ﷺ was laid down facing the Qiblah. Ibraheem ﷺ sharpened his knife. With all his strength he tried slaughtering his son but the knife would not cut the throat of Ismaeel ﷺ. A voice from the skies echoed, "O Ibraheem, you have fulfilled the command in your dream. Verily we reward those who do good." When father and son realised this was yet another test from Allah Ta'ala which they had passed successfully, they were overjoyed. A sheep from Jannah was sent by Allah Ta'ala and slaughtered by Ibraheem ﷺ. To remember this great event, we have been commanded by Allah Ta'ala to sacrifice an animal every year on the day of Eidul Adha. Being obedient to Allah Ta'ala made Ibraheem ﷺ the Khalillullah (The true friend of Allah Ta'ala).

LESSONS LEARNT FROM THIS STORY

- We must love Allah Ta'ala more than our family and children.
 - If we see any of our family doing something wrong we should guide them to the straight path with wisdom.
 - We should not follow the ways of our forefathers if it is against the laws of Allah Ta'ala. Every thing is in the control of Allah Ta'ala. He can make a hot fire cool and in a dry desert cause a spring of cool water to flow. A sharp knife will not cut if Allah Ta'ala does not want it to cut.
 - Everything has been created by Allah Ta'ala and can only work with the order of Allah Ta'ala.
 - We must fulfil all the commands of Allah Ta'ala.
 - If we trust Allah Ta'ala and make sincere dua, He will help us even if everything is against us.
- We must also pass the test of life by fulfilling all the orders of Allah Ta'ala. If Shaytaan tries to mislead us we must disobey him. In this way we can also become the Khalilullah and gain entry into Jannah. Insha Allah.



TEN GREAT NIGHTS

The first ten days of Zul Hijjah are very great and sacred in the sight of Allah Ta'ala.

It is reported in one Hadith that Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has mentioned,

"No good action is loved more by Allah Ta'ala than those good actions that are performed on the first ten days of Zul Hijjah", whether it be Nafal Salaah, Zikr, Charity, recitation of the Quraan Shareef, etc.

In another Hadith it is mentioned that if one fasts on any one of these ten days (excluding the tenth of Zul Hijjah as this is the day of Eid), he will receive the reward of fasting for an entire year. Likewise if a person makes Ibaadah on one of these nights, he will receive the reward of making Ibaadah on Laylatul Qadr.

• One should read "Subhanallah, Alhamdulillah, La Ilaha Illallah and Allahu Akbar" in abundance.

THE VIRTUES OF QURBAANI

1. Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said: "There is no deed that is more beloved to Allah Ta'ala on Eid ul Adha than spilling the blood of an animal. (i.e. making Qurbani). Verily the qurbaani animal will come on the day of Qiyaamah with its horns, hooves and its hair."

2. In another Hadith it is mentioned, "The one who makes Qurbaani will receive a reward for every hair on the animal." The Sahaabah (RA) asked, "What if the animal has wool?" Rasulullah ﷺ said, "For every fibre of wool on its body he will receive a good deed."

3. Once Nabi ﷺ told his beloved daughter Hadhrat Faatima (RA), "Stand by your animal when it is being slaughtered, for verily all your past sins will be forgiven when the first drop of blood falls."

TAKBEER-E-TASHREEK

It is necessary to recite the Takbeer-e-Tashreek once on the days of Qurbaani after every Fardh Salaah, beginning on the Fajar of the 9th Zul Hijjah and ending at Asr of the 13th Zul Hijjah. This equals 23 Salaah. Men should recite it loudly and women should recite it softly. The takbeer is as follows.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

SUNNATS ON THE DAY OF EID

1. To take a bath
2. To use a miswaak
3. To put on ones best clothes
4. To apply Itr
5. To perform Eid Salaah at the Eid Gaah
6. To go to the Eid Gaah by foot
7. To go by one route to the Eid Gaah and return by another.
8. Not to perform any Nafil Salaah at the Eid Gaah.
9. To eat the liver of ones own animal after the Eid Salaah.
10. To say the Takbeer aloud whilst going for Eid Salaah

THE MONTH OF HADHRAT EBRAHIM Alayhis Salaam

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QUIZ

Answer all Questions and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R50-00 cash.

1. What was Hadhrat Ibraheem's ﷺ father's name?
2. What happened to the fire when Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ was thrown into it?
3. Where did Hadhrat Ibraheem ﷺ migrate to?
4. Between which hills did Haajirah (RA) run?
5. Name the special water that Allah Ta'ala sent for Ismaeel ﷺ and Haajirah (RA).
6. What did Ismaeel ﷺ say to his father when he told him about the dream?
7. Who tried to mislead them?
8. What happened when Ibraheem ﷺ started slaughtering Ismaeel ﷺ?
9. How can you also become "Khalilullah"?
10. Mention 10 sunnats to practice on the day of Eid.
11. What should you read in abundance in these days?
12. What is the virtue of fasting on the first 9 days of Zul Hijjah?
13. What is the meaning of Khalilullah?

PROJECT

Do a project on any of the following.

1. The Virtues of Qurbaani
2. The Virtues of Hajj

All entries must be handed in before the 18 October 2014. Winners in each grade will receive a R100.00 cash prize.

Grades 1-2 (1 Page A4).

Grades 3-7 (3-5 pages A4).

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah, the area you live in and your grade on your project in big bold writing.



Most beloved Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

Al-hamdulillah! Our practical and sunnats exams are now over and we all eagerly await the last term of the year.

The season of Qurbaani is now here and everyone is excited about buying their animals. Let us also live the spirit of Qurbaani by taking an active part in looking after the animals, slaughtering it, skinning it, distributing the meat to the poor and needy and of course eating the meat of Qurbaani thereafter. Rasulullah [sallallahu alyahi wasallam] himself would be very active in the days of Qurbaani. On one occasion, he had slaughtered 63 camels himself. He would also skin the animals himself. Let us all try to revive these mubaarak sunnats of Rasulullah [sallallahu alyahi wasallam]. Eid Mubaarak to one and all. We hope you all enjoy your Eidul Adha as well as your holidays and hope to see everyone again in the new term.

Our last theme was "Ramadhaan" Masha Allah to all those who participated. May Allah Ta'ala accept your efforts and reward you abundantly. Aameen.

Masha Allah to all those who took part in the quiz and project competition:

The first 5 correct entries drawn for the last quiz were:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Ishaq Peer	Madrasah Tun Noor	Grade: 4
2. Musabbihah Amod	Danhauser	Grade: 5
3. Aamena Bibi Khan	Ashrafiyya	Grade: 3a
4. Tauhir Desai	Bergville	Grade: 4
5. Taahir Aameen	Reservoir hills	Grade: 6

The winners for the best projects for each grade are as follows:

Name	Grade	Maktab
Nahiza Moosa	Grade: 1	Baitil Ilm
M Luqmaan Jamal	Grade: 2	Madrasah Tun Noor
Riyaadh Ramjan	Grade: 3	Silverglen
Zahara Mohamed	Grade: 4	Lotus Park
Sabeelah Munir	Grade: 5	Eastview
Uthmaan Kuseker	Grade: 6	Abu Bakr Siddeeq
Sumaya Padia	Grade: 7	Park Rynie

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