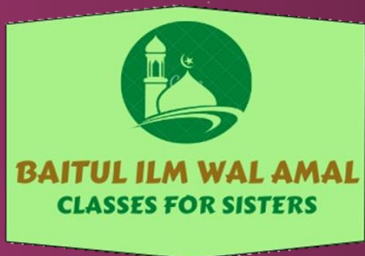


# Prophet Ibrahim

peace and blessing be upon him

**A FAMILY OF STRENGTH PERSEVERENCE  
SACRIFICE AND OBEDIENCE**

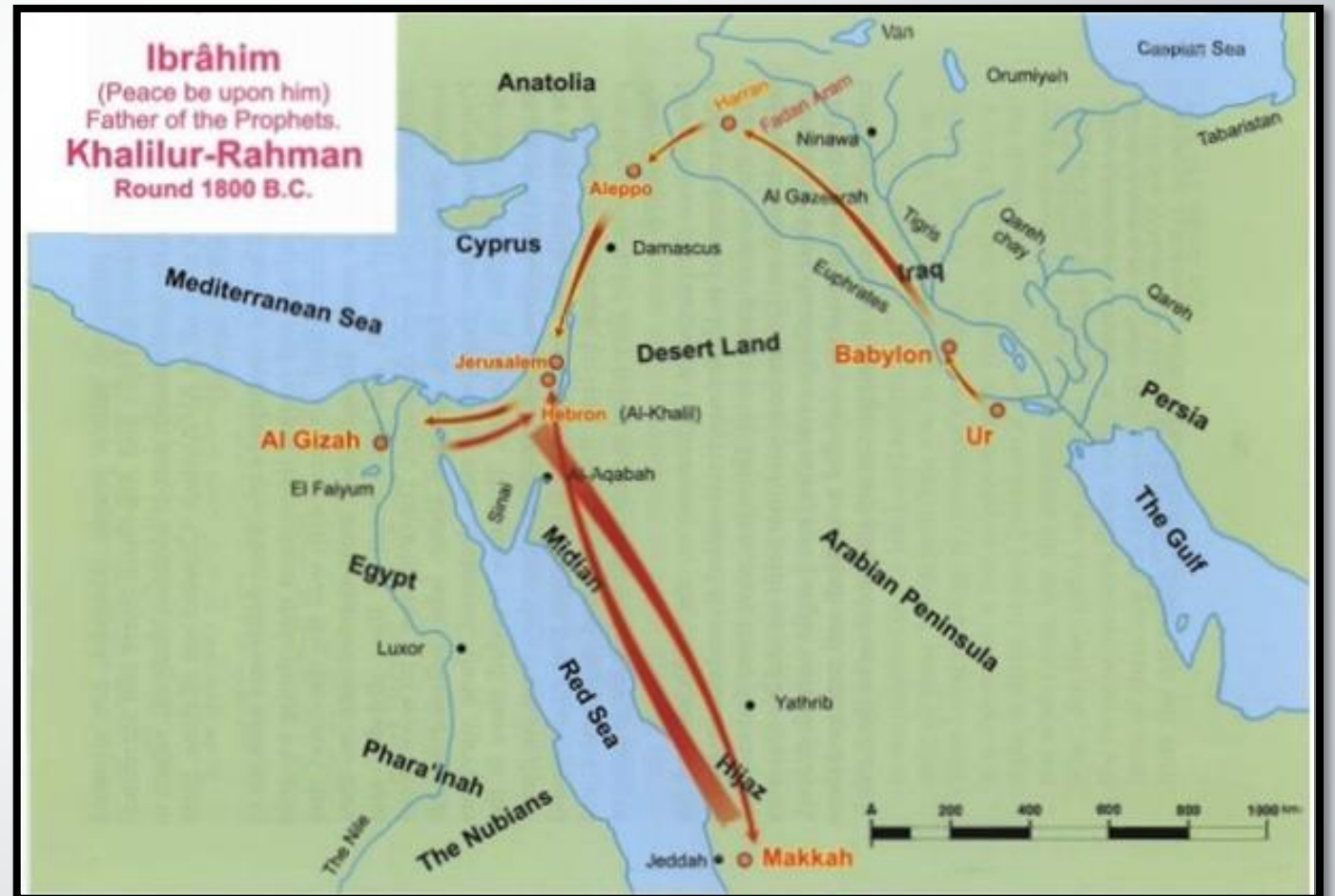


قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

**Say O Prophet: 'Surely my Prayer, and my sacrifice, and my living and my dying are for Allah alone, the Lord of the whole universe.' [Surah An'am, 6:162]**

# WHO WAS PROPHET IBRAHIM?

- He was a Prophet, born in Babylonia, in the city of Ur near Kuffa, which is modern- day Iraq.



# WHO WAS PROPHET IBRAHIM?

- He was born to a father who made idols that his people worshipped.
- He was the father of nations, and from his lineage, came the Prophets of the monotheistic religions.
- He, along with his son Ismail, built the Kaaba which is also called 'Bayt ullah', the house of Allah
- He was given the title ' خليل الله ' Khalilullah', which means 'the intimate friend of Allah'.

# WHO WAS PROPHET IBRAHIM?

- He is mentioned 69 Times in the Quran.
- He is the only person other than the Prophet Muhammad who has been presented to us as an example in the Quran to follow.

قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ

There has already been for you an excellent example in Ibrahim and those  
with him [60:4]



# TESTS AND TRIALS

- Prophet Ibrahīm (peace be on him) taught us that without **utter obedience and sacrifice**, without **strength and perseverance**, we cannot attain the pleasure of Allāh Ta‘ālā.
- **Absolute obedience, sacrifice and trust in Allāh become huge tests for us as believers.**
- Tests and trials are the doorway to feel the presence of our Creator. The faster we realize His presence, the more secure we feel from what we dread.

# TESTS AND TRIALS

- Allāh Ta'ālā has put humans into this world to test them.

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا

[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in  
deeds [67:2]

# TESTS AND TRIALS

- We will endure many trials throughout our lives.

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ۗ وَبَشِّرِ  
الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to the patient ones (2:155)



# ALLĀH CHOSE IBRAHĪM

وَلَقَدْ اصْطَفَيْنَاهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ لَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

**And We had chosen him in this world, and indeed he, in the Hereafter, will be among the righteous ones. [2:130]**

# WHO WAS PROPHET IBRAHIM?

- He immediately and willingly submitted himself.

إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ أَسْلِمْ قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

**When his Lord said to him, "Submit", he said "I have submitted [in Islam] to the Lord of the worlds."**

[Surah Baqarah: 2:131]

# WHO WAS PROPHET IBRAHIM?

- Allah took Prophet Ibrahīm (peace be upon him) as a Khaleel (an intimate friend)

وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

**And Allah took Ibrahīm as an intimate friend.**

[Sura Nisaa: 4:125]

# WHO WAS PROPHET IBRAHIM?

- Allah commends Prophet Ibrāhīm's untiring obedience in the Holy Quran and calls him "a nation unto himself"

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا ۖ وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

**‘Surely, Ibrāhīm was an Ummah (a whole community in himself), devoted to Allah, a man of pure faith; and he was not among the Mushriks (i.e., those who associate partners with Allah.)’** [Surah an-Nahl, 16:121]

# BE LOYAL TO ALLAH AND ALLAH WILL ASSIST YOU

- He was born with a contemplative nature and did not follow trends just because other people were following them.
- Prophet Ibrahim (AS)'s life inspires us to stand by what Allah considers to be right.
- He simply desired Allah to be pleased with him.

Hasbunallāhu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel

Allah (ﷻ) is sufficient for us, and He is the best guardian, the excellent protector, and the excellent helper. Yet again, he chose Allah over his own self.



# BE LOYAL TO ALLAH AND ALLAH WILL ASSIST YOU

- Ibrahim (peace be upon him) proved his point that this king was nothing more than a mortal human being, just like the rest of us.
- Both these incidents highlight Prophet Ibrahim's (peace be upon him) **confidence and faith.**
- But he never **compromised on his virtue of forgiveness.**
- He repeatedly tried to help his people, even though they were blinded by tradition and stigma.
- His love, faith, and dedication to Allah ﷻ meant that he did not just accept things without thinking.
- To remain steadfast on the path of truth, Allah.

# DU‘A IS VERY POWERFUL

- At an old age, he made du‘a for a son.
- Allah answered his prayer and blessed him with two sons. Ismaīl & Ishāq
- He praised and thanked Allah and said:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ ۖ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعٌ  
الدُّعَاءِ ﴿٣٩﴾

Praise to Allāh, who has granted to me in old age Ismaīl and Ishāq.  
indeed, my lord is the hearer of supplications (14:39)

# TRUST IN ALLAH

وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَتَوَكَّلُوا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ [5:23]

And place your reliance and trust in Allah if you are true believers.

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ ۗ [65:2-3]

And whoever fears Allah, He will make for him a way out

And will provide for him from where he does not expect.

And whoever places his trust in Allah, then He is sufficient for him.

- Entry into Jannah without reckoning

# TRUST IN ALLAH

- He was commanded by Allah to leave his wife and baby child in a barren land, with no food or water in sight.
- A Very exhausting journey with a suckling child
- She accepted his leave wholeheartedly and said the most beautiful words “**Then Allah would not neglect us**”

- He makes a supplication:

Our Lord, I have settled some of my descendants in an uncultivated valley near Your sacred House, our Lord, that they may establish prayer. So, make hearts among the people incline toward them and provide for them from the fruits that they might be grateful. (Surah Ibrahim-14:37)

# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

- **She is one of the greatest women in Islam**
- **She is an example of a woman who is very clever, humble and very strong who submitted herself to Allah**
- **A woman with trust tawakkul in Allah**
- **A woman who went against her desires and feelings for the sake of Allah**
- **Her life lessons are most needed in this era that we are living in**
- **Submission to Allah and His Prophet even if it goes against our intellect**
- **And due to this, Allah created an entire civilization through her**



# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

## Optimism –Thinking Good of Allah

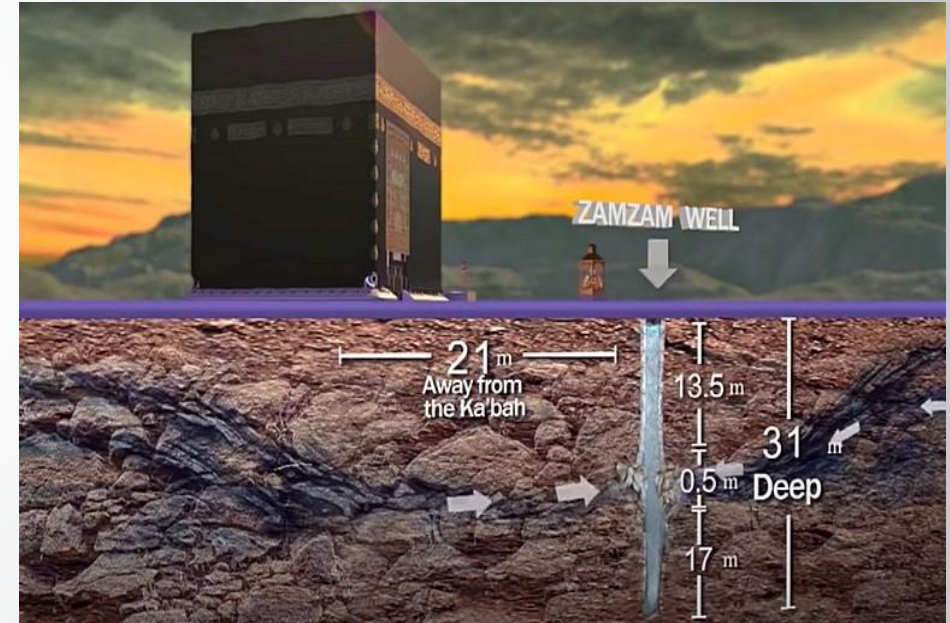
- Hajar thought good of her husband.
- Hajar responded with, “Then He will not neglect us.” [Al Bukhari]
- Her faith was very strong

# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

## Tawakkul (Reliance on Allah)

- She come to a understood the full concept of having reliance in Allah.
- She made an effort and had reliance in Allah.
- She didn't stand still and lose all hope and despair.
- She found a way forward to carry on for the sake of Allah

# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM



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## Sabr (Patience) and Resilience.

- The theme of Sabr is maintained throughout the trial of Hajar.
- Overcoming her struggles displayed her resilience, strength and faith in Allah.
- This is the fruitful and ongoing benefit of patience, and Hajar demonstrates this very well.
- A lesson of resilience not to give up.
- Allah is always there; you are never ever alone.



# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

## Taqwa (Allah consciousness)

- Hajar's responses to her trial is enveloped with taqwa.
- Every part of Hajar's struggle shows how alert she was of the presence of Allah.
- She was vigilant towards the Pleasure and Mercy of Allah, and this worked as a foundation, keeping her strong and optimistic throughout her trial.



# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

## Detachment from the World and its People

- Hajar's quality of detachment was best shown when she understood why Prophet Ibrahim had to leave her and her baby alone.
- Hajar was alert that emotional attachment to her husband will not do her any good, and that the real attachment should be to the all-Wise, Allah.
- She was aware that the trial came from Allah and only He will bring her out of it.

# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

## Selflessness

- We are like one body, the ummah is like one body if one part of the body is hurting is as though all parts of the body are hurting, likewise if our one part of the ummah is suffering it is like we're all suffering.
- Bring others before our own selves
- It needs to be manifest more in our day-to-day lives
- We should give more than what we take
- Whatever we have it's never enough
- You have to choose the people that you let into your life whether it be in the virtual world or in the physical

# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

## Acceptance of our Fate

- Allah has written your story for you, and you must accept what Allah has got in store for you of this wordily life
- Continuously except the state that you're in, there's a beautiful du‘a for this:

اللَّهُمَّ قَنِّعْنِي بِمَا رَزَقْتَنِي وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ وَاخْلُفْ عَلَيَّ كُلَّ غَائِبَةٍ لِي بِخَيْرٍ

“O Allah, make me content with what You have provided for me, bless me in it, and appoint good for me in everything I do not have.”

# HAJAR, THE WIFE OF IBRAHĪM

- Overall, Hajar's character is truly inspiring. Her test was great, yet her actions exhibit that she was a true woman of faith.
- She got such a remarkable and honourable position in Islam.
- She becomes the wife of a prophet, the mother of a prophet and the founder of the Sa'ee between Safa and Marwa and the one that held the space of the well of Zamzam.
- She attained this by submitting to Allah's command even though many would think it was irrational.
- Because Islam means submission. If we want Jannah we must submit and not succumb to the western feminist ideologies.

# THE GREAT SACRIFICE

- Allah instructs him to sacrifice Ismail ('alyhis salam)
- Without any question or hesitation, he Prophet Ibrahim ('alyhis salam) was on his way to sacrifice his son at the command of Allah
- Shaitaan came to him at three different places with whispers to turn him away from the task.
- Ibrahim ('alyhis salam) picked up 7 stones and threw them at the shaitaan while saying 'Bismillah' and 'Allahu Akbar'.



# THE GREAT SACRIFICE

- Allah loved this action of pelting the shaitan in this manner that this event is embedded into the rights of Hajj, it is known as the Rami throwing stones at the 3 pillars in Mina



# THE TRUE SPIRIT OF QURBĀNI

- In this worldly life, we have been blessed with many different relationships.
- The greatest relationship is our relationship with Allah. Therefore, Allah commands us to partake in Qurbani annually to renew our relationship with Him.
- The spirit of Qurbani is to reflect upon the life and overall sacrifices of Ibrahim (Alayhi Salam). Thereafter, strive to emulate him by sacrificing sins and evil for the sake of Allah.

# ALWAYS SEEK ALLAH'S ACCEPTANCE

When we do good actions:

- **One third of the action** is to do with following the order or command of Allah.
- **The second third** is to perform the action in the way that it was taught to us by the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)
- **The final third** of our actions is to do the action for the sake of seeking Allah's pleasure alone.
- In this way, our action is now considered complete in the court of Allah.



# IBRAHĪM (‘ALYHIS SALAM) BUILDS THE KA‘BAH

- Ibrahim (‘alyhis salam) building the Kaaba brick-by-brick, along with his son Ismail, made dua to Allah to accept this from them.
- It was such an amazing feat, yet he was focused on seeking Allah’s acceptance.

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

(Surah Baqarah: 127)

‘As Ibrahim and Ismail built up the foundations of the House [they prayed], "Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed, You are the all Hearing, the all Knowing.”

# A FAMILY OF FAITH PERSEVERANCE AND OBEDIENCE

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ ﴿٤٠﴾

My lord, make me an establisher of prayer, and [many] from my descendants. O our lord and accept my supplication. (14:40)

- Ibrahim('alyhis salam) started off alone. However, by the end of his life. Allah rewarded his sincerity by making his two sons prophets, and then his grandson and great grandson. All subsequent prophets were from his descendants.
- Ibrahim('alyhis salam) dedicated his family to serving Allah and they dedicated their lives to Him.



# SUMMARY OF THE LESSONS

- 1) Always have your trust in Allah. Have full reliance and trust in him
- 2) Always be good to your parents and never disrespect them.
- 3) Be patient in all situations and have optimism and faith in Allah.
- 4) Selflessness, Sacrifice the things that are dearest to us for Allah.
- 5) Strengthen your connection with Allah, be loyal to Him, and gain immense rewards through Patience
- 6) Have taqwa and be vigilant towards the Pleasure and Mercy of Allah in all situations
- 7) Detachment from the world and whatever it contains, and attachment to Allah
- 8) Be sincere and only seek acceptance from Allah, not people.
- 9) Acceptance of our Fate
- 10) Dua is our lifeline, our weapon as a believer.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

“The strong believer is better and more beloved to Allah than the weak believer, although both are good. Strive to do that which will benefit you and seek the help of Allah..” (Muslim 2664)

May Allah Ta‘ālā grant us the wisdom He instilled in Ibrahim, his wife Hajar and his son Ismail, and may he place us and keep us steadfast upon the path that brings us closer to Him.

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