

PROPHET ADAM

- NAME:** Prophet Adam (pbuh)
TITLE: Safiyullah (chosen one of Allah).
Khalifatullah (1st Deputy of Allah).
CHILDREN: Habil, Kabil, Sheeth and others.

Prophet Adam (pbuh) was the first human being created by Allah. Imam Ali (pbuh) describes his creation; Allah gathered together earth having various properties – hard, soft, saline, acidic.... He then added water to this mixture of earth and shaped it into a form. For a period of time this form which we know as the human skeleton was allowed to harden and set. The skeleton was then clothed with muscles and fat and a covering of skin given to it.

Allah then infused into it His spirit and the figure stood up to be a human being.

It is said that as soon as Allah blew His spirit into Prophet Adam (pbuh), he sneezed and opened his eyes saying:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

"All praise is for Allah, the Rabb of the worlds."

Allah teaches Prophet Adam (pbuh) all the names. This means he was taught all knowledge, speech, expression... Even the angels who at first had protested against the creation of a human being were bewildered at the knowledge Prophet Adam (pbuh) had. They conceded saying: "Glory be to You! We have no knowledge but that which You have taught us, surely You are All-Knowing, All-Wise."

An interesting hadith comes to mind; "Jibrail came to Prophet Adam (pbuh) and said: 'O Adam! I have been ordered to let you choose one of three things. Choose one only.'

Prophet Adam asked: 'What are the three things?'

Jibrail replied: 'Reason (aql), modesty and religion (deen).'

Prophet Adam said: 'I choose reason.'

Jibrail ordered modesty and faith to withdraw. But both faith and modesty said: 'O Jibrail! We both have been instructed by Allah to remain with reason wherever it may be.'

Allah then commanded all the angels to do sajda before Adam (pbuh). They all obeyed except Shaytan who was a jinn who lived amongst the angels.

Shaytan was called Azazeel before and he was a Jinn. He used to be a teacher to the angels. When Shaytan was asked why he did not do sajda, he said he was better than Adam (pbuh) as he was made from fire and Adam (pbuh) was made from clay. He was sent out of heaven but was allowed respite until a day chosen by Allah.

Allah then asked Adam (pbuh) and his wife Hawwa (pbuh) to live in the garden of Janna. They were allowed to eat of all the fruits but were advised not to go near one particular tree and not to eat of its fruits.

Shaytan was always angry at Adam (pbuh) at being the cause of his being sent out of heaven so he entered Janna and told Adam (pbuh) that he was their sincere friend and was advising them. He told them to eat of the fruit they were asked not to go near as it would make them be like angels and live forever.

Prophet Adam (pbuh) and Sayyida Hawwa (pbuh) had never heard anyone lie before in their lives and because Shaytan swore by Allah, they believed him. As soon as they tasted the fruit, they realised their mistake and turned to Allah for forgiveness saying:

“Our Rabb! We have been unjust to ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we shall certainly be of the losers.” We too can use this dua mentioned in **Suratul A’raaf, aya 23**, in qunoot to ask for forgiveness for our sins.

Allah forgave them but asked them to leave Janna and live on the earth where as long as they obeyed Allah, Shaytan would not be able to trick them.

It is related that when Prophet Adam (pbuh) was sent to the earth they first arrived at a place called Arafat. At Arafat on the mountain of Jabalul Rahma they cried for forgiveness for their mistake. Allah forgave him. From Arafat, Prophet Adam (pbuh) and Sayyida Hawwa (pbuh) went through Muzdalifa and Mina to Makka. To complete their forgiveness, Allah asked Prophet Adam (pbuh) to do a tawaf round where the Ka'ba was going to be. Jibrail drew a square showing where the Ka'ba was to be and Prophet Adam (pbuh) did tawaf.

Hawwa (pbuh) was asked to go away from Adam's sight and told to sit on the mountain of Marwa. On completion of his tawaaf Adam (pbuh) looked for Hawwa (pbuh) He climbed the mountain nearest to the Ka'ba which was mount Saffa and he saw his wife on the opposite mountain. He went towards her but before meeting her he was asked by Allah to cut his nails and hair which he had not looked after and let grow due to his grief of committing a mistake. He did this and on meeting Hawwa (pbuh) he was asked to perform another tawaf (Tawaaf-un-Nisa) in thanks. This was the first Umra performed.

Prophet Adam (pbuh) and Sayyida Hawwa (pbuh) settled on the Earth and Allah got used to their new home and Allah blessed them with children, They had two sets of twins. Qabil and his sister were born first and then Habil and his sister some years later.

Qabil became a farmer and grew crops whilst Habil kept cattle and sheep. When it came to appoint a successor, Allah told Prophet Adam (pbuh) to appoint Habil, his younger son. This decision made Qabil very angry and he told his father that he should be the one to succeed because he was older than Habil.

Prophet Adam (pbuh) told them to each make a sacrifice to Allah, and the one whose sacrifice was accepted would be the more deserving one. Habil decided to sacrifice the best animal from his herd and he brought a strong, healthy sheep. Qabil thought to himself that since Allah would not eat his crops, he did not have to sacrifice his best

grain. So he brought some spoilt corn to sacrifice.

The sacrifices were placed at the appointed place when suddenly a fire came down from heaven and burnt the sheep to ashes while the corn was left untouched. This meant that Habil's sacrifice had been accepted while Qabil's was rejected.

Qabil became jealous of his brother and he began to hate him. In the Qur'an, in **Suratul Ma'ida, aya 27** Allah says:

“Narrate to them the story of the two sons of Adam. When each of them offered a sacrifice to Allah, but it was accepted from one of them and not accepted from the other. One of them (Qabil) said, "I will murder you", and the other (Habil) replied, "Allah only accepts from those who have taqwa.”

Habil loved his brother and tried his best to calm him down and told him - "O Brother, you have gone astray from the right path and whatever intention you have in your heart is sinful. Seek the forgiveness of Allah and do not seek the punishment of Jahannam."

These words had no effect on Qabil. His jealousy was too much for him to bear and one day he killed Habil. Qabil had no idea what to do with the body of his brother. Allah sent down two crows before Qabil. Qabil watched as one crow killed the other one. It then dug a hole in the ground with its beak and buried the dead crow. After that it leveled the ground with its feet. Qabil realised that this was what he had to do, and he buried the body of Habil.

Prophet Adam (pbuh) and Sayyida Hawwa were grief stricken. Allah granted them a son to succeed Prophet Adam (pbuh) called Prophet Sheeth (pbuh).