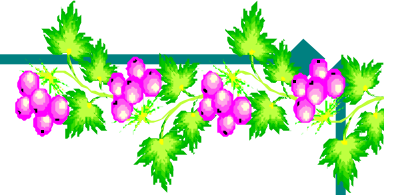




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The Story Of Allaah's Prophet Ibraaheem

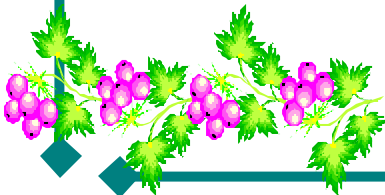
Khaleel-lullaah

'alayhis-salaatu was-salaam

This is the story of Allaah's noble Prophet Ibraaheem
Whom Allaah chose as a guide to *Tawheed*...

...a guide to the One with the Right to all worship...

...a guide to the Gateways of Paradise...





A long, long time ago, a young Muslim boy named Ibraaheem, *'alayhis-salaatu was-salaam*,¹ lived in a time when people did not love and obey Allaah. These people were very bad because they prayed to statues or to the stars in the sky! And they did not pray to Allaah.

But young Ibraaheem, *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam*, was not like his people. He was a gentle and kind-hearted Muslim boy. He knew Allaah – his Lord, and he prayed only to Him. He loved Allaah and worshipped Him alone, and thanked Him for His Kindness and blessings.

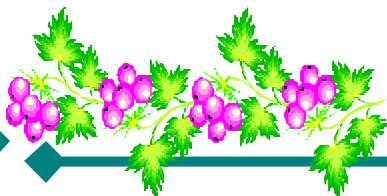
¹ This is a supplication which roughly means: May the praise, security, protection, mercy and blessings of Allaah be upon him.





Allaah our Lord, became pleased with young I braaheem, *'alayhis-salaatu was-salaam*. He guided him and gave him Islaamic knowledge and wisdom while still young. Allaah was preparing him to one day become His chosen Prophet...

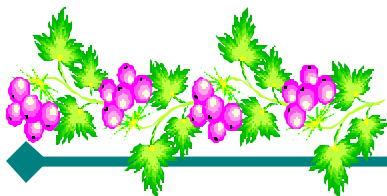
So with this Islaamic knowledge and wisdom, young I braaheem *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* questioned the bad actions of his people. Why, he wondered, did they turn away from Allaah when they knew Allaah created them and feeds them? And why did they turn away from praying to Allaah alone when Allaah gives them each good thing and protects them?...





So I braaheem, *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* began to guide his people. **“Your Lord is the Lord of the heavens and earth Who created them. (Your Lord is Allaah)...” [Soorah al-Anbiyaa 21:56]** I braaheem would say to them. But his people did not listen to the truth. During the day, they would still continue praying to worthless statues. They would talk to them and ask them for things. But the statues and idols could not help or hurt anyone. They could not even hear the prayers of these foolish people...

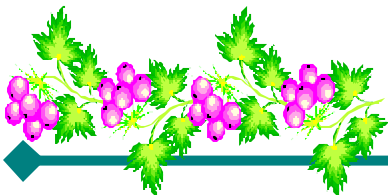
To prove this, I braaheem, *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* had an idea. He would prove to his people that to worship and pray to any besides Allaah, was something very wrong...

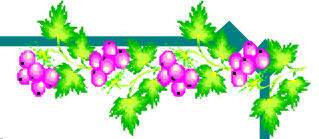




One day when the people were away from their places of worship, I braaheem, *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* decided to visit their temple. As he entered, he saw the worthless statues propped up inside. He looked at them. But of course they could not see. And if he spoke, he knew they could not hear. They were just idols, useless and dumb. If he were to pick them up and throw them down, they would just smash into pieces. So how could his people think that idols could save and help them?! These things could not even help themselves!

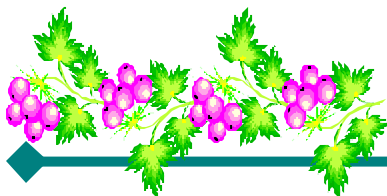
Knowing these truths because Allaah had guided him, I braaheem took an axe and broke all the idols except the biggest. He left one to show his people how wrong they were...





The people returned and saw what had happened. They became furious! Had I braaheem done this? They demanded to know. But I braaheem *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* replied, **“If they can speak, then ask them (instead)” [Soorah al-Anbiyaa 21:63]** His people knew they could not ask the idols because they could not speak, hear or move! They felt disgraced. They realised they were wrong. But they hated to admit it...

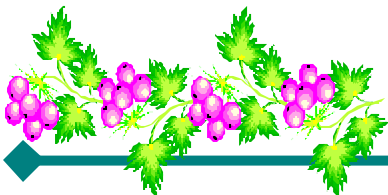
They hated to admit that Allaah is their Perfect Lord Who deserves all worship. And they saw Allaah’s Mercy and blessings in their lives. Their eyes could see that. But their hearts did not accept it. So their hearts became dark and blind...





So their anger increased and they decided to kill I braaheem! They designed an evil plan and carried it out. They built a big fire with flames rising high! But Allaah saved I braaheem completely from the fire! Allaah always protects His true slaves...

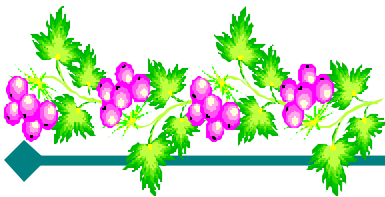
The father of I braaheem named Aazar also had a heart that was dark and blind. I braaheem *'alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* would see his own father praying to statues and idols. I t greatly upset I braaheem to see his own father disgracing himself and disobeying Allaah. Hoping to guide his father, he asked him one day: **"O my father! Why do you pray to and worship what cannot hear, or see, or help you in any way?" [Soorah Maryam 19:42]**





He wanted his father to become a Muslim. So he continued to advise him and say: **"O my father! Indeed, there has come to me religious knowledge from Allaah, which did not come to you. So follow me and I will guide you to the good and Straight Path of Allaah."** [Soorah Maryam 19:43]

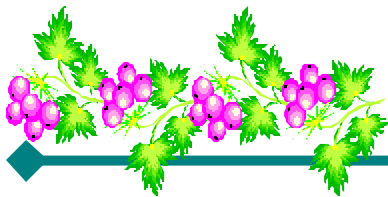
Aazar was not happy to hear this. So Ibraaheem had to warn him: **"O my father! I feel scared that a punishment from Allaah the Most Gracious will reach you, then you will be with *Shaytaan* in the Hell-Fire (because you were an idol-worshipper and not a worshipper of Allaah alone)."** [Soorah Maryam 19:45] Aazar could not bear to hear anymore.






He became furious and threatened to punish I braaheem! **“If you do not stop this,”** his father burst out, **“I will indeed stone you. So get away from me before I punish you”.** [Soorah Maryam 19:46].

“Peace be upon you” I braaheem calmly replied. [Soorah Maryam 19:47] He had tried to guide his father and was patient with his harm. But now it was clear that his own father never wanted to obey Allaah. Hurt and saddened, young I braaheem, *'alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* was forced to leave. He knew he could not live with a man who hated to please Allaah. Nor was Aazar afraid of Allaah's punishments.

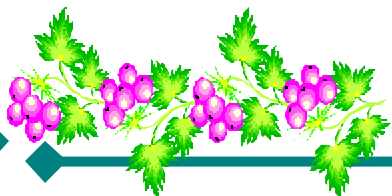


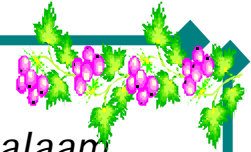


So Ibraaheem *'alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* picked up his belongings and left his family and his home.

Then he fled from the enemies of Allaah in his land! He cut off from all the evil people of *shirk* – those who refused Allaah's Guidance, denied Allaah's blessings and betrayed His Right to be worshipped alone!

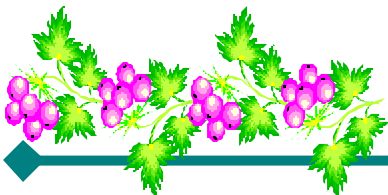
Away from *shirk* and its people, Ibraaheem *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* began a new life in a new land. This Prophet of Allaah was always protected and helped by Allaah. As he began a new stage to his life, Allaah made his faith and heart even stronger. Ibraaheem's heart was so clean and pure because he always obeyed Allaah!

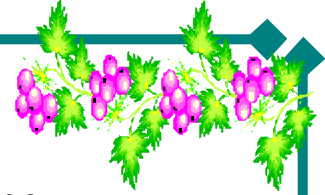




Amongst new people, Ibraaheem's *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* could obey Allaah more peacefully and continued worshipping Him alone. Whenever he wanted something, he would ask Allaah. He asked Allaah one day in prayer: **"My Lord! Give me from the righteous, (good Muslim children)."** [Soorah as-Saafaat 37:100]. So Allaah answered his prayer. He gave him two righteous sons named Ismaa'eel and Ishaq, *alayhimus-salaatu was-salaam*, who also became Prophets and guides.

Prophet Ibraaheem *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam* is the father of all Prophets. Allaah took him as a beloved friend – *Khaleel-lullaah*. He lived the rest of his life on Allaah's earth as a true Muslim, a believer and worshipper of Allaah alone. And he continued to share Allaah's Guidance with others.

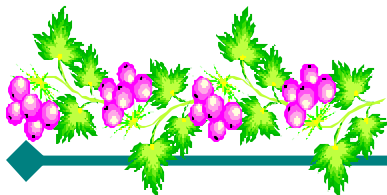


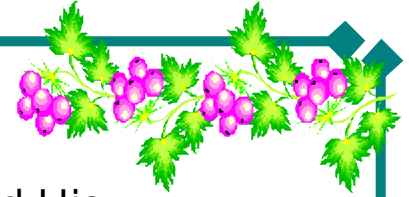


And he continued to ask Allaah for His blessings and favours. And he asked that he and his children become firmer in faith. In a pure and beautiful *du'aa* to Allaah, Ibraaheem prayed:

“O our Lord! Make us Muslims! Submitting, obeying and worshipping You Alone. And from our children and their children, make them Muslims, submitting, obeying and worshipping You Alone.” [Soorah al-Baqarah 2:128]

That was his *du'aa* and message to his people. His invitation to people was to accept Islaam. He invited them to become Muslims. And if they lived and died as worshippers of Allaah alone, then he gave them Allaah's promise of being blessed and happy. And in the next life, they would be honoured...





And indeed, our Lord Allaah blessed and protected His Prophet Ibraaheem, *alayhis-salaatu was-salaam*. And He rewarded him with the good and happy rewards of this life. And in the next life, Allaah will honour and reward Prophet Ibraaheem with magnificent rewards. And He will take him to a place promised to all His true worshippers: Allaah's Gardens of Paradise!

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