

CLASS 8

PROPHET YUNUS عليه صلعم

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Description of Yunus's People

Prophet Yunus (Jonah) عليه صلعم also known as Dhan-Nun. About his people Almighty Allah said: *"Was there any town community that believed after seeing the punishment, and its Faith at that moment, saved it from the punishment? (the answer is none)--except the people of Yunus; when they believed, We removed from them the torment of disgrace in the life of the present world, and permitted them to enjoy for a while. (10:98)*

The inhabitants of the town of Nineveh were idolaters who did not pay heed to Yunus's teachings, so they argued. "We and our forefathers have worshipped these gods for many years and no harm has come to us."

Yunus Leaves His People

He warned them that if they kept on with their foolishness, Allah's punishment would soon follow. They told Yunus that they were not afraid of his threats. "Let it happen," they told him. Yunus was disheartened. "in that case, I will leave you to your misery!" so saying, he left Nineveh, fearing that Allah's anger would soon follow.

The People are Forgiven

Hardly had he left the city when the skies began to change color and looked as if they were on fire. The people were filled with fear by this sight. They recalled the destruction of the people of 'Ad, Thamud and Noah. Was theirs to be a similar fate? Slowly faith penetrated their hearts. They all gathered on the mountain and started to beseech Allah for His mercy and forgiveness. The mountains echoed with their cries. It was a momentous hour, filled with sincere repentance.

Allah removed His wrath and showered His blessings upon them once again. When the threatening storm was lifted, they prayed for the return of Yunus so that he could guide them.

The Storm at Sea

Meanwhile, Yunus had boarded a small. When night came, a horrible storm started. Allah commanded a whale to start following the ship.

The storm continued and they had to lighten the ship's heavy load. They threw their baggage overboard, but this was not enough, so they decided among themselves to lighten their load by removing at least one person.

Yunus Jumps into the Sea

They made lots which names of all passengers. The one whose name is drawn will be thrown into the sea." The lot was drawn and "Yunus" appeared. Since he was a honourable man, they decided to draw a second lot. Again Yunus's name was drawn. They gave him a final chance and drew a third lot. Unfortunately for Yunus, his name came up again.

Yunus realized that Allah's hand was in all this, for he had abandoned his mission without Allah's consent. The matter was over, and it was decided that Yunus should throw himself into the water.

The Whale Swallows Yunus

The whale found Yunus floating on the waves before it. It swallowed Yunus into its furious Stomach. His heart was moved by remembering Allah. His tongue released soon after saying:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

La ilaha illa anta subhanaka innee kuntu mina alththalimeen

"La ilaha illa Anta [none has the right to be worshipped but You (O Allah)],
Glorified (and Exalted) are You [above all that (evil) they associate with You].

Truly, I have been of the wrong-doers."

Al-Qur'an, 021.087 (Al-Anbiya [The Prophets])

Allah Forgives Yunus

Allah Almighty saw the sincere repentance of Yunus and heard his invocation in the whale's stomach. Allah commanded the whale to surface and eject Yunus onto an island. Allah told Yunus that if it had not been for his praying to Him, he would have stayed in the whale's stomach till the Day of Judgment.

Yunus's People - Changed

When he returned, he was pleasantly surprised to notice the change that had taken place there. The entire population turned out to welcome him. They informed him that they had turned to believe in Allah. Together they led a prayer of thanksgiving to their Merciful Lord.

LESSONS

- There is Allah's wisdom behind every problem so do not hasten for the results.
- Repentance will change our circumstances and fate.
- Allah grants hidaya to those he wills so do not give up on the cause of calling people towards Allah.

Note : Memorize the Dua of Yunus for the Exam.

Urdu Lecture : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPPRr3rA_Cw&list=PL2B6955D353274642&index=11



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