

A Promise Fulfilled!

Learning objectives:

- To learn about a promise made by Allah (SWT) to the mother of Prophet Musa (A) and how it was fulfilled.
- To learn that the outcome of always placing one's trust in Allah (SWT) has the best outcome.

Surah Qasas : Verses 7-13

وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ أُمِّ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَرْضِعِيهِ ۖ فَإِذَا خِفْتِ عَلَيْهِ فَأَلْقِيهِ فِي الْيَمِّ وَلَا تَخَافِي
وَلَا تَحْزَنِي ۖ إِنَّا رَادُّوهُ إِلَيْكِ وَجَاعِلُوهُ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

And We revealed to Moses' mother, [saying] 'Nurse him; then, when you fear for him, cast him into the river, and do not fear or grieve, for We will restore him to you and make him one of the messengers.'

As discussed last week, the mother of Prophet Musa (A) was informed that her son would become a Prophet in the future. She was also a woman who had great faith in Allah (SWT) and hence, when it was revealed to her to place Prophet Musa (A) in the river, she did exactly that.

As one can understand the love of a mother for her child, she became fearful and Allah (SWT) **promised** her that Prophet Musa (A) would be returned back to her very soon. The mother of Prophet Musa (A) showed great 'tawakkul' – reliance in Allah (SWT) by placing her son in the river.

Reflection:

Are we able to put our trust and reliance in the Hands of Allah (SWT) when we face difficulties in our lives?

فَالْتَقَطَهُ آلُ فِرْعَوْنَ لِيَكُونَ لَهُمْ عَدُوًّا وَحَزَنًا ۖ إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ وَهَامَانَ وَجُنُودَهُمَا
كَانُوا خَاطِئِينَ

And Firon's family picked him up (from the river): (it was intended) that he might become an enemy and a source of grief for them; surely Firon and Haman and their hosts were wrongdoers.

وَقَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ فِرْعَوْنَ قُرَّتُ عَيْنِي لِي وَلَكَ ۖ لَا تَقْتُلُوهُ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَنْفَعَنَا أَوْ
نَتَّخِذَهُ وَلَدًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ

And Firon's wife said: (This infant will be) a (source of) comfort to me and to you; do not slay him; maybe he will be useful to us, or we may take him for a son; and they did not perceive.

The box Prophet Musa (A) was placed in floated down the river and reached the shores of the palace of Pharaoh where the guards found the box. They opened the box and found a baby boy and immediately wanted to kill him. However, Lady Asiya, the wife of Pharaoh saw the baby and stopped the guards from killing Prophet Musa (A). Lady Asiya was one of Pharaoh's favorite wives, she did not have any of her own

children and hence when she saw Prophet Musa (A), she immediately wanted to adopt him. When Pharaoh was informed about the baby in the box and he saw Prophet Musa (A), he too could not order for the baby to be killed due to the love Allah (SWT) (ref. Surah Taha: 39) had placed for Prophet Musa (A). Also the insistence of Lady Asiya on keeping Prophet Musa (A) made Pharaoh adopt him. Prophet Musa (A) now became Musa ibn Fir'aun instead of Musa ibn Imran.

Reflection:

Were it not for Lady Asiya being by the shores and finding the box in which Prophet Musa (A) was kept, the guards would have killed him. This shows how precise the plan of Allah (SWT) is. Lady Asiya was at the right place at the right time! How can someone not put their faith and reliance in Allah (SWT)?

وَأَصْبَحَ فُؤَادُ أُمِّ مُوسَىٰ فَارِعًا ۗ إِن كَادَتْ لَتُبْدِي بِهِ لَوْلَا أَن رَّبَطْنَا عَلَىٰ
قَلْبِهَا لِتَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

The heart of Moses' mother became desolate, and indeed she was about to disclose (his case) had We not fortified her heart so that she might have faith (in Allah's promise).

After the mother of Prophet Musa (A) placed Prophet Musa (A) into the river, she began to panic and become anxious. She was very close to telling the people of Goshin that she had put her son in the river and to send someone to bring Prophet Musa (A) back. However, Allah (SWT) strengthened her heart so that she becomes one of the *Mu'mineen* – believing servants of Allah (SWT).

Reflection:

Again, when a person puts their trust in Allah (SWT), no matter how hard the situation is, Allah (SWT) will strengthen the hearts of the believers. Furthermore, the outcome of placing one's trust in Allah (SWT) will always be the best of outcomes.

وَقَالَتْ لِأُخْتِهِ قُصِّيهِ ۗ فَبَصُرَتْ بِهِ عَن جُنُبٍ وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ

And she said to his sister: 'Follow him.' So she watched him from a distance while they did not perceive,

The mother of Prophet Musa (A) then sent the sister of Prophet Musa (A) to follow the box in which he was kept. His sister ran by the coast of the river until she reached the point where he was picked up by the guards. She watched them until she was sure they were not going to kill him and then she happily returned to her mother to inform her that Prophet Musa (A) was safe.

Question:

Now that Prophet Musa (A) has been adopted by Pharaoh, how will he go back to his mother? How will the Promise of Allah (SWT) be fulfilled?

وَحَرَّمْنَا عَلَيْهِ الْمَرَاضِعَ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَقَالَتْ هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ بَيْتٍ يَكْفُلُونَهُ
لَكُمْ وَهُمْ لَهُ نَاصِحُونَ

And We ordained that he refused to suck any foster mother before, so she said: Shall I point out to you the people of a house who will take care of him for you, and they will be benevolent to him?

When the time came to give Prophet Musa (A) milk, he would not accept the milk from the wet nurses in Pharaoh's palace. Biologically, Prophet Musa (A) could not accept the milk from these women, every time they tried, he would vomit the milk out.

Lady Asiya became worried that this baby will die of hunger if he does not accept the milk from the wet nurses. This is when the sister of Prophet Musa (A) approached Lady Asiya and asked her, 'Shall I point out to you the people of a house...'

Lady Asiya immediately understood that the person being referred to by the girl is his real mother. However, she was reluctant to hire someone from Banu Isra'il to take care of him and feed him. Nonetheless, she had no choice since he would not accept milk from anyone else. So Lady Asiya ordered for the mother of Prophet Musa (A) to be brought to the palace with honour and respect. As soon as Prophet Musa (A) was fed by his mother, he immediately began to take her milk and was satiated.

There were now two options for nursing Prophet Musa (A) - either the mother of Prophet Musa (A) would require to stay in the palace or she could take him with her to Goshin and keep him with her until the period of nursing ends. The second option was agreed on.

فَرَدَدْنَاهُ إِلَىٰ أُمِّهِ كَيْ تَقَرَّ عَيْنُهَا وَلَا تَحْزَنَ ۚ وَلِتَعْلَمَ أَنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَلَكِنَّ
أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

So We gave him back to his mother that her eye might be refreshed, and that she might not grieve, and that she might know that the promise of Allah is true, but most of them do not know.

This was the way Prophet Musa (A) was returned back to his mother, just like Allah (SWT) promised – 'We will restore him to you'.

Such is the outcome when one places their trust in Allah (SWT). The mother of Prophet Musa (A) placed her faith and trust in the guidance given to her by Allah (SWT) and her son was returned back to him safely. However, if she had taken matters in her hands by not placing him in the river or telling someone about him, then Prophet Musa (A) would not have survived.

Reflection:

Today's lesson should show us that placing one's trust in Allah (SWT) will lead to the best of outcomes. Allah (SWT) has control over everything. Therefore, when things don't go the way we plan for them to go, then we should know that Allah (SWT) has a better plan than we could have ever imagined. As the verse explains:

...وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ، وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ ۗ وَمَنْ

and whoever is careful of (his duty to) Allah, He will make for him an outlet, and provide for him from whence he does not count upon. And whoever puts his trust in Allah, He will suffice him. Indeed Allah carries through His commands. Certainly, Allah has ordained a measure [and extent] for everything. [65:2-3]