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In the beginning, Allah tala created the heavens and the earth. He made everything that we see in the world. Last, He made Hazrat Adam (alayhi salaam) and his wife Howa (alayhi salaam). He placed them in a beautiful garden and gave them authority over everything in the garden. But He gave them one command. He said, "Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Gen 2:17).

But what did Hazrat Adam (alayhi salaam) and his wife do? They ate from the tree and broke God's command. Because of this one act of disobedience, this one sin, their relationship with God was broken. If we have even one sin inside of us, we cannot go into the presence of God. Just like Hazrat Adam (alayhi salaam), we are also sinners. This includes each one of us. Every person has the same problem - they are sinners and cannot go into God's presence because of their sin.

For example, look at a bottle of water, can we drink it? Yes, this water is clean. However, imagine that someone comes and puts in just one drop of alcohol. Can we drink it then? No! Why not? One drop of alcohol makes the whole impure. The water was pure, but just one drop of the impure makes the entire thing impure. In the same way, if we are pure, just one sin makes us impure. Can that which is impure enter heaven? Of course not! Can that which is impure enter the presence of the pure God?

Since we are sinners, how can we enter God's presence? A good idea is to look at the example of the man called the friend of God, Hazrat Ibrahim (alayhi salaam). What is Hazrat Ibrahim (alayhi salaam) famous for? God called him to give his son as a sacrifice. Hazrat Ibrahim (alayhi salaam) heard God's command and, obediently, was about to sacrifice his son when God stopped him. God provided an animal for Hazrat Ibrahim (alayhi salaam) to sacrifice in place of his son.

Why did Hazrat Ibrahim (alayhi salaam) make a sacrifice? What is the purpose of sacrifice? Many people do not have a satisfactory answer to these questions. However, when we look at the examples of the prophets, many of them made sacrifice. Hazrat Nuh (alayhi salaam) made sacrifice. Hazrat Musa (alayhi salaam) made sacrifice. Hazrat Dawood (alayhi salaam) made sacrifice. Therefore, we need to know the purpose of sacrifice. To understand the meaning of sacrifice, we should look to the writings of Hazrat Musa (alayhi salaam) in the Taurat Sharif. In that book, we are shown that if we sin, we must make sacrifice for our sins. In one place, God's word says, "without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins" (Heb 9:22). That is why Hazrat Ibrahim (alayhi salaam) made sacrifice. This is the reason Hazrat Musa (alayhi salaam) made sacrifice. All the prophets made sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.

But this teaching about sacrifice creates a problem for our lives. When we look at society around us, we see that sin is common. When we look at our own lives, we see that we are also sinners and that we often break God's commands. One sacrifice per year is not sufficient for our daily sins. For this reason, God sent other prophets who spoke about a Masih who would come and offer one perfect sacrifice. The prophets taught that the Masih's sacrifice would be sufficient for the forgiveness of the sins of the whole world.

One day Hazrat Jibril (alayhi salaam) came from heaven with an announcement to Hazrat Miriam (alayhi salaam), saying, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and will call his name Isa" (Luke 1:31). When she heard this, Hazrat Miriam (alayhi salaam) was amazed and said, "How can this be, seeing I am a virgin?" (Luke 1:34) Hazrat Jibril (alayhi salaam) responded, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (Luke 1:35). And it happened just as Hazrat Jibril (alayhi salaam) announced. Is the birth of any other prophet this special? Did angels announce the birth of any other prophet? Was any other prophet born without a father?

Hazrat Isa al-Masih is also famous for His miraculous works. He healed the sick. He gave life to the dead. Once, He walked on water. Another time, Hazrat Isa al-Masih fed 5,000 people with five pieces of bread and two fish. The power of Hazrat Isa al-Masih was great. Was any other prophet able to do such powerful works?

Hazrat Isa al-Masih had the most unique birth of any prophet. He also did the greatest miracles. The teaching of Hazrat Isa al-Masih was also unique. Every other prophet said, this is the way of God, walk on this path. However, Hazrat Isa al-Masih said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Hazrat Isa al-Masih's teaching was different. since He Himself is the path for us to gain access to God. All the other prophets merely taught about a path, while Hazrat Isa al-Masih became our path.

So, Hazrat Isa al-Masih's birth was special. His miracles were special. His word was special. But that is not the most special thing about His life. The most special thing that He did was give a sacrifice for our sins. Hazrat Isa al-Masih gave the sacrifice of His own life. A perfect sacrifice. A blameless sacrifice. He gave his life upon a cross for our sins. And, do you know what happened three days later? He came back from the dead! Have you ever met anyone who was in the grave for three days and came back from the dead?

Know this. Hazrat Isa al-Masih's birth was special. His miracles were special. His word was special. His death was special. And His resurrection was special. Where is Hazrat Isa al-Masih today? He went to heaven. He remains in heaven today in the presence of God. Every other prophet, every other teacher or spiritual leader remains in a grave. We know where many of these graves are today, and people still visit them. However, one grave is empty because Hazrat Isa al-Masih was great enough to walk out of His grave and ascend to heaven.

A day is fixed when, one day, Hazrat Isa al-Masih will return on the day of judgment. He will give judgment to all people everywhere. We must be ready for this day of judgment by walking on the path of Hazrat Isa al-Masih. We do this by repenting of our sins, believing on Hazrat Isa al-Masih, and becoming His disciples. If we do this, we will be ready for the day of judgment. If we do not, we will end up in the fires of hell. This is the choice that we have today when we hear the message of Hazrat Isa al-Masih.

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