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The Ambiya عليهم السلام and Character Building

Allah Almighty created man. He sent many Ambiya / Rosul (Prophets) عليهم السلام to teach the people how to live. No one can be a good human being by wearing good dress, eating nice food or having lot of wealth. A good human being is the one who helps others and cares for their happiness and well being. All the Rosul عليهم السلام were excellent human beings. They spent their lives serving human beings and in providing them with happiness and peace.

Once, Hazrat Musa عليه السلام was on a journey. When he got tired during journey, he sat by a well to take some rest. He drank water and lay down. After a short while, there came some shepherds who led their sheep and goats for drinking water. They drew the water out, made their sheep and goats drink water and went away.

Meanwhile two girls came there to make their sheep and goats drink water from the well. They were little girls and could not draw the water out from the well. When Hazrat Musa عليه السلام saw that scene, he عليه السلام got up readily and helped them to draw the water. The girls gave this water to their sheep and goats to drink. They were overjoyed on being helped by Hazrat Musa عليه السلام and thanked him.

Hazrat Isa عليه السلام was also a Rasool of Allah Almighty. He عليه السلام remained always ready for the service and happiness of other people. Allah Almighty gave him عليه السلام many miracles such as healing the sick, enabling the dumb to speak, curing the blind, giving life to the dead etc.

A man came to Hazrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and said, "I steal things, tell lies

and feel happy by torturing others. If you command, I can leave only one of these evils.” Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ asked him to give up telling lies. The man went away. After some time, he thought of stealing something, but then he recalled his promise with the Rasool ﷺ of speaking the truth and thought that if he ﷺ would asked, what would he answer. In this way, he retreated from all his evil deeds.

Once a man picked a sparrow's young ones from the nest and came to the Rasool ﷺ. Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ saw the sparrow hovering over repeatedly. On seeing this, he ﷺ inquired from his companions about the reason for disturbance of sparrow. The man told him ﷺ that he had picked up her young ones from the nest and the sparrow was looking for them. The Rasool ﷺ ordered him to put back the young ones in the nest immediately.

Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ loved children a lot. Whenever he ﷺ received some eatables, he ﷺ would offer these to the children first. If he ﷺ was on a ride, he ﷺ would let the children ride with him ﷺ.

EXERCISE

1. Answer the following questions:

- (i) Can someone become a nice person by wearing good clothes and by taking good food?
- (ii) How did Hazrat Musa عليه السلام help the girls?
- (iii) How did Hazrat Isa عليه السلام care for the people?
- (iv) How was a man's life changed when Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ forbade him to tell lies?
- (v) Narrate any incident of Hazrat Muhammad's ﷺ about his ﷺ love for the children?

2. Fill in the blanks with the help of the following words:

nest

lies

blind

helps

- i. A good person is one who _____ others.
- ii. The _____ started seeing when Hazrat Isa عليه السلام cured them.
- iii. The Rasool صلى الله عليه وسلم ordered to put the young ones of the sparrow back in the _____.
- iv. The root of all the evils is to tell _____.

3. Mark (✓) the right answer.

(I) A nice person is the one:

- a. whose clothes are good.
- b. who has wealth.
- c. who helps others.

(ii) Which Rasool عليه السلام helped the girls in providing water for the sheep and goats?

- a. Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام
- b. Hazrat Isa عليه السلام
- c. Hazrat Musa عليه السلام

(iii) Which Rasool's عليه السلام miracle was to give life to the dead?

- a. Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام
- b. Hazrat Isa عليه السلام
- c. Hazrat Musa عليه السلام

(iv) Hazrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم asked a person to avoid:

- a. putting others in trouble
- b. telling lies
- c. theft