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LESSON 2

THE FIRST MESSENGER

Prophet Nuh  was the **FIRST MESSENGER** sent to mankind by Allah. His lifespan extended over **950 YEARS**.

AND INDEED WE SENT NUH (NOAH) TO HIS PEOPLE, AND HE STAYED AMONG THEM A THOUSAND YEARS LESS FIFTY YEARS [INVITING THEM TO BELIEVE IN THE ONENESS OF ALLAH (MONOTHEISM), AND DISCARD THE FALSE GODS AND OTHER DEITIES], AND THE DELUGE OVERTOOK THEM WHILE THEY WERE ZALIMUN (WRONG-DOERS, POLYTHEISTS, DISBELIEVERS, ETC.).

[AL-QUR'AN 29:14]



Nuh dedicated himself to calling his people to the worship of Allah alone, emphasising **TAWHEED**. Nuh employed various methods to **CONVEY** his message, publicly and privately, day and night. He continuously exerted his efforts to guide his people towards **MONOTHEISM** and **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, striving tirelessly to make them understand the importance of worshipping Allah alone and abandoning their **FALSE DIETIES**.

He utilised a combination of encouragement and warning, seeking to guide his people towards goodness and away from **POLYTHEISM**, making all matters clear and apparent. He called them to obey Allah's commands, to be dutiful to Him and reminded them that Allah will forgive them of their sins and grant them respite until the day of judgement. He reminded them of the countless **BLESSINGS** of Allah: rain in abundance, increase in wealth and children, livestock and beautiful gardens and rivers.

VERILY, WE SENT NUH (NOAH) TO HIS PEOPLE (SAYING): "WARN YOUR PEOPLE BEFORE THERE COMES TO THEM A PAINFUL TORMENT." HE SAID: "O MY PEOPLE! VERILY, I AM A PLAIN WARNER TO YOU, "THAT YOU SHOULD WORSHIP ALLAH (ALONE), BE DUTIFUL TO HIM, AND OBEY ME, "HE (ALLAH) WILL FORGIVE YOU OF YOUR SINS AND RESPITE YOU TO AN APPOINTED TERM. VERILY, THE TERM OF ALLAH WHEN IT COMES, CANNOT BE DELAYED, IF YOU BUT KNEW." HE SAID: "O MY LORD! VERILY, I HAVE CALLED MY PEOPLE NIGHT AND DAY (I.E. SECRETLY AND OPENLY TO ACCEPT THE DOCTRINE OF ISLAMIC MONOTHEISM)." BUT ALL MY CALLING ADDED NOTHING BUT TO (THEIR) FLIGHT (FROM THE TRUTH). "AND VERILY! EVERY TIME I CALLED UNTO THEM THAT YOU MIGHT FORGIVE THEM, THEY THRUST THEIR FINGERS INTO THEIR EARS, COVERED THEMSELVES UP WITH THEIR GARMENTS, AND PERSISTED (IN THEIR REFUSAL), AND MAGNIFIED THEMSELVES IN PRIDE." THEN VERILY, I CALLED TO THEM OPENLY (ALOUD);" THEN VERILY, I PROCLAIMED TO THEM IN PUBLIC, AND I HAVE APPEALED TO THEM IN PRIVATE," I SAID (TO THEM): 'ASK FORGIVENESS FROM YOUR LORD; VERILY, HE IS OFT-FORGIVING; 'HE WILL SEND RAIN TO YOU IN ABUNDANCE;' AND GIVE YOU INCREASE IN WEALTH AND CHILDREN, AND BESTOW ON YOU GARDENS AND BESTOW ON YOU RIVERS." WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU, [THAT YOU FEAR NOT ALLAH (HIS PUNISHMENT), AND] YOU HOPE NOT FOR REWARD (FROM ALLAH OR YOU BELIEVE NOT IN HIS ONENESS). WHILE HE HAS CREATED YOU IN (DIFFERENT) STAGES.

[AL-QUR'AN 71: 1-14]

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Despite his sincere efforts, Nuh faced **SEVERE OPPOSITION** from his people, who **MOCKED** and **THREATENED** him both physically and verbally. They thrust their fingers in their ears, covered their faces with their garments and magnified themselves in pride to not hear or accept the truth.



They **ACCUSED** Nuh for being in great error for not following what their forefathers did. They criticised him, implying that his followers were not of intellect and the lowliest from among them. No one from nobility or rulers followed him. He was only human like them and not an angel, so they questioned how revelation came to him instead of them.



THE CHIEFS OF THE DISBELIEVERS AMONG HIS PEOPLE SAID: "WE SEE YOU BUT A MAN LIKE OURSELVES, NOR DO WE SEE ANY FOLLOW YOU BUT THE MEANEST AMONG US AND THEY (TOO) FOLLOWED YOU WITHOUT THINKING. AND WE DO NOT SEE IN YOU ANY MERIT ABOVE US, IN FACT WE THINK YOU ARE LIARS."

[AL-QUR'AN 11: 27]

INDEED, WE SENT NUH (NOAH) TO HIS PEOPLE AND HE SAID: "O MY PEOPLE! WORSHIP ALLAH! YOU HAVE NO OTHER ILAH (GOD) BUT HIM. (LA ILAHA ILL-ALLAH: NONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE WORSHIPED BUT ALLAH). CERTAINLY, I FEAR FOR YOU THE TORMENT OF A GREAT DAY!" THE LEADERS OF HIS PEOPLE SAID: "VERILY, WE SEE YOU IN PLAIN ERROR." [NUH (NOAH)] SAID: "O MY PEOPLE! THERE IS NO ERROR IN ME, BUT I AM A MESSENGER FROM THE LORD OF THE 'ALAMIN (MANKIND, JINNS AND ALL THAT EXISTS)! "I CONVEY UNTO YOU THE MESSAGES OF MY LORD AND GIVE SINCERE ADVICE TO YOU. AND I KNOW FROM ALLAH WHAT YOU KNOW NOT. "DO YOU WONDER THAT THERE HAS COME TO YOU A REMINDER FROM YOUR LORD THROUGH A MAN FROM AMONGST YOU, THAT HE MAY WARN YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY FEAR ALLAH AND THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE (HIS) MERCY?"

[AL-QUR'AN 7:59-63]

It has also been mentioned that Nuh's wife also apposed him and would expose his secrets to the people whenever anyone would embrace.

ALLAH SETS FORTH AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO DISBELIEVE, THE WIFE OF NUH (NOAH) AND THE WIFE OF LOUT (LOT). THEY WERE UNDER TWO OF OUR RIGHTEOUS SLAVES, BUT THEY BOTH BETRAYED THEIR (HUSBANDS BY REJECTING THEIR DOCTRINE) SO THEY [NUH (AS) (NOAH) AND LOUT (LOT)] BENEFITED THEM (THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES) NOT, AGAINST ALLAH, AND IT WAS SAID: "ENTER THE FIRE ALONG WITH THOSE WHO ENTER!"

[AL-QUR'AN 66:10]



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The people of Nuh **SOUGHT TO HASTEN** Allah's anger and punishment, enticing Nuh to supplicate against them as he wished, and let whatever he asked for to come upon them. No matter how long Nuh tried to convince them, the disbelievers said they would remain firm in their **REFUSAL** to follow him.

Nevertheless, Nuh remained **STEADFAST AND BRAVE** in the face of these threats, unwavering in his commitment to his mission and his faith in Allah. He confirmed to them that only Allah can punish them and hasten their punishment which no one from them, will ever be able to escape.

THEY SAID: "O NUH (NOAH)! YOU HAVE DISPUTED WITH US AND MUCH HAVE YOU PROLONGED THE DISPUTE WITH US, NOW BRING UPON US WHAT YOU THREATEN US WITH, IF YOU ARE OF THE TRUTHFUL." HE SAID: "ONLY ALLAH WILL BRING IT (THE PUNISHMENT) ON YOU, IF HE WILL, AND THEN

YOU WILL ESCAPE NOT.

[AL-QUR'AN 11: 32-33]



Despite the **WIDESPREAD REJECTION** of his message, Nuh found followers among his people who believed in him and embraced his teachings. These believers demonstrated **COURAGE AND RESILIENCE**, standing firm in their faith despite the persecution and ridicule they endured alongside Nuh.