

New Muslims Class

LESSON 5

Prophet Adam and The story of Creation



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Today's Agenda

- Review of Last Week's Lesson (Lesson 3 - Pillars)
- Part 2: Lesson Five – Adam and the story of creation
 - Define prophethood & review the Islamic concept of the origins of humanity
 - Discuss the purpose of creation
 - Define Jinn and explain Satan (Shaytan)
 - Give an overview of the life of the prophet Adam^{AS}
 - Explain how the story of Adam is distinguished from other religions (*concept of original sin, prophets protected from major sins and powers of Shaytan*)
 - Review the miracles and signs that prove Adam^{AS} was a prophet/review the traits and characteristics of Adam^{AS}
 - Give a duah that the Prophet Adam made

Defining Prophethood

Nabi: A prophet.

Someone chosen by Allah to carry or deliver a message. Allah equipped each prophet with a miracle. All prophets refer to one God and come in different points in history to teach people monotheism and how to live a righteous life.

Rasul: A messenger.

A messenger is a prophet who had a law. Every messenger is a prophet, but not all prophets are messengers. Examples of messengers are 'Isa (Jesus), Musa (Moses), and Muhammad (peace be upon them all).

The Qur'an mentions the following revelations in particular:

Ibrahim (Abraham):	Suhuf (Scrolls)
Dawood (David):	Zabur (Psalms)
Musa (Moses):	Torah (Old Testament)
'Isa (Jesus):	Injeel (Gospel)
Muhammed:	Qu'ran

Why do we study the prophets?

- To study their lives is a form of ‘ibadah (worship)
- To reflect on their story and apply it to our daily life
“...So narrate the stories, perhaps they may reflect.”
Al-A'raf (The Heights) 7:176
- To take them as examples and role models
- To grow to love them

Hadith:

Anas b. Malik reported that a desert Arab said to Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him): When would be the Last Hour? Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) said: What preparation have you made for that? Thereupon he said: The love of Allah and of His Messenger (that is my preparation for the Last Hour) (for the Day of Resurrection). Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said: You would be along with one whom you love.

Origin of Humanity

- Allah told the angels he would create man and place him on earth

Hadith:

Imam Ahmad has narrated from Abu Musa that the Prophet said: "Allah created Adam from a handful of dirt picked from all of the earth. So the children of Adam became of different colors. And they became soft, tough, bad and good and every thing in between." Abu Dawood (Sheikh Al-Albani, Saheeh Al-Jaami' As-Sagheer wa-Ziyadatuhu (No. 1759) as well as in Silsalatul-Ahaadeeth-as-Saheehah (No. 1630).

- Allah created Adam on Adam's image*
- Allah blew the soul into Adam
- Allah taught Adam language

Jinn and Angels

Qur'an:

We created man from sounding clay, from mud moulded into shape; And the Jinn race, We had created before, from the fire of a scorching wind.

Al-Hijr (The Rocky Tract) 15:26-27

- **Jinn:** Are beings created from Smokeless Fire. They have free will and progeny. Some are Muslim, some are not (evil Jinns are referred to as satans) Eg. Satan
- **Angels:** Are beings created of Light. They have no free will and no progeny. All are muslim and all must obey the command of Allah.
Eg. Jibreal (Gabriel)

A Brief Comparison of Angels, Jinn and Humans

Category	Angels	Jinn	Humans
Made from	Light	Smokeless Flame	Clay, dirt
Free Will?	No	Yes	Yes
Offspring?	No	Yes	Yes
Good or Bad?	All are good, Must worship Allah	Some are Muslim, some are not	Some are Muslim, some are not
Examples	Gabriel (Jibreel), the Messenger Angel Israfil, the Angel that blows the horn for Judgment Day Angels that record our deeds	Satan (Iblis); note that Satan is not considered a fallen angel, but a jinn who kept the company of angels There are many other jinn that we don't know	All Prophets All Humans

Who is Iblis?

Iblis is Satan:

- Satan is a Jinn not an Angel (important distinction)
- He was in the company of the angels in heaven
- His sin of arrogance threw him out of the Grace of Allah
- Cursed by Allah
- Avowed enemy to humans
- Satan can only make suggestions
- Has no power over you
- Allah warns us about him in the Qur'an

Concept of Fitrah

- Mankind is born in a fitrah (natural/pure) state
- Mankind born in honorable state (Allah's Vice-regent on Earth)

So set thy purpose (O Muhammad) for religion as a man by nature upright -- the nature (framed) of Allah, in which He hath created man. There is no altering (the laws of) Allah's creation. That is the right religion, but most men know not.

Ar-Rum (The Romans) 30:30

Key Learning:

The concept of fitrah is key in the Islamic understanding of who we are as humans. This concept carries through in belief and worship. It is the natural state of humans, the state we were created in.

Concept of Original Sin in Islam?

- No such thing as “Original Sin” in Islam
- Each human is responsible or accountable for their own actions.
- Eve (Hawwa’) created from the same soul as Adam^{AS}
- In narrating the story of Adam and Eve, the Qur’an both of them, never singling out Eve for the blame
 - Hawwa’ is not responsible for the “fall of man”

The first deception

- Prophets are protected from major sins
- Adam and Hawwa' both ate from the tree (unnamed fruit)
- Both were deceived by Satan

O ye Children of Adam! Let not Satan seduce you, in the same manner as He got your parents out of the Garden, stripping them of their raiment, to expose their shame: for he and his tribe watch you from a position where ye cannot see them: We made the evil ones friends (only) to those without faith
Al-A'raf (The Heights) 7:27

- Both disobeyed the command of Allah
- Both asked for forgiveness and are taught how to make repentance

Taught to make forgiveness

Qur'an:

قَالَ رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

Oh our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, if You forgive us not and bestow not upon us Your mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers.

Al-A'raf (The Heights) 7:23

Hadith:

O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great at it.

(Hadith - Qudsi 34)

Miracles, Signs, Traits and Characteristics

- Adam^{AS} was created from clay in his own form
- Did not have a father or mother
- Allah taught Adam^{AS} the names of all things
- Lived for 1000 years, minus 40 that were given to prophet Dawood (David) ^{AS}
- Was 60 cubits tall and delivered salutations to the angels
 - “As-Salamu Alaikum”
- Was forgetful – ate forbidden fruit out of forgetfulness

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Glossary

Nabi: A prophet is a human being who received revelation from Allah Most High to teach people monotheism and how to live a righteous life. There is said to be 120,000 prophets, and 25 are mentioned in the Qur'an. Some prophets were messengers, but all messengers were prophets. Examples of prophets are John the Baptist, Lot and Solomon (peace be upon them all).

Rasul: A messenger. A messenger is a prophet who had a law. Every messenger is a prophet, but not all prophets are messengers. Examples of messengers are Jesus, Moses, and Muhammad (peace be upon them all).

Ibadah: Principally used in the sense of 'worship' i.e. prayer, fasting etc., but includes any act that confirms man's status of 'abd, servant of Allah.

Jinn: Intelligent beings created with smokeless fire (Q. 55:15) not normally perceptible to humans.

Fitra: Instinct, natural inclinations. Islam is the Deenu'l fitra , or the religio naturalis, for its provisions are in complete harmony with man's natural disposition.

Iblis: The personal name of Satan

Shaytan: Satan, The devil, or one of his followers.

FAQs

- **What does it mean that Allah created Adam on his image?**
 - Meaning Adam was created on Adam's own image. ('ala surattehe.) He was created in his adult form. He did not go through stages of human life. Allah blew the soul into Adam.
Volume 4, Book 55, Number 543: Narrated Abu Huraira:
 - The Prophet said, "Allah created Adam, making him 60 cubits tall. When He created him, He said to him, "Go and greet that group of angels, and listen to their reply, for it will be your greeting (salutation) and the greeting (salutations of your offspring." So, Adam said (to the angels), As-Salamu Alaikum (i.e. Peace be upon you). The angels said, "As-salamu Alaika wa Rahmatu-l-lahi" (i.e. Peace and Allah's Mercy be upon you). Thus the angels added to Adam's salutation the expression, 'Wa Rahmatu-l-lahi,' Any person who will enter Paradise will resemble Adam (in appearance and figure). People have been decreasing in stature since Adam's creation.

FAQs

Is Satan a fallen angel?

- No. Satan is a jinn, a creature made of smokeless fire. They have free will, like humans, unlike angels. Angels are created of light and cannot disobey the commands of Allah.

How could Satan disobey Allah and refuse to bow to Adam?

- Jinn have free will like humans do. He disobeyed Allah the same way humans disobey the command of Allah. Iblis committed the sin of arrogance by disobeying God and thinking that he was better than humans. The sin of arrogance is a sin that all mankind needs to be careful of, because without humility, we too, could easily follow this same disobedience to Allah. He has no power over people who obey Allah, just the power of suggestion.

FAQs

Is Satan in control of evil on earth?

- No. All creation is under the Will of Allah. Satan is disobedient to Allah's commands. All creation is under Allah's rule and dominion. Satan has only been given the power of suggestion for a time. But ultimately, each person is responsible for their actions (whether they choose to follow Satan's suggestions or Allah's command). Nothing can harm a human, or cause/create evil, unless it is by the will of Allah.

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