The Story of Hadhrat Ibraheem (Alayhis Salaam)

Hadrat Ibraheem ﷺ was a great Nabi of Allah Ta’ala. He was called ‘Khalillullah’ (The close friend of Allah Ta’ala). He really loved Allah Ta’ala. Allah Ta’ala wanted to test him as He always tests those whom He loves so that they may become more beloved to Him.

The First Test

Hadrat Ibraheem ﷺ was a little boy who lived with his father Aazar. Aazar used to make idols and sell them. Ibraheem ﷺ tried to explain to his father that worshiping idols are wrong. “Why do you worship such things that cannot benefit you or harm you?” he asked. “Worship Allah Ta’ala, who is the Lord of the heavens and the Earth.” His father became very angry and threatened to punish him for speaking against his gods.

One day, when the people were all gone out to a fair, Hadrat Ibraheem ﷺ destroyed all the idols in the temple with an axe. He then took the axe and hung it on the neck of the biggest idol. When the people returned, they became very angry when they saw their beloved gods destroyed. They questioned Ibraheem ﷺ regarding their idols as he was the only one left alone at home.

He replied, “Ask the big idol as he has the axe around his neck.” The people were shocked and also ashamed as they knew that idols can neither speak nor hear. They decided to take revenge and punish Ibraheem ﷺ. They made a huge fire and said, “Burn Ibraheem and help our idols!” When Ibraheem ﷺ was about to be thrown into this fire, the angels came to his rescue and offered to help him.

Hadrat Ibraheem ﷺ asked them, “Have you been sent by Allah Ta’ala or have you come on your own.” They replied, “We have come on our own.” Ibraheem ﷺ then said, “I do not need your help as Allah Ta’ala will take care of me.” He placed all his trust in Allah Ta’ala and knew that there was no one else to save him but Allah Ta’ala. When Ibraheem was thrown in to the fire, Allah Ta’ala ordered the huge fire to become cool and a place of safety for Hadrat Ibraheem ﷺ. Not even one hair on his body burnt whilst he was in the fire. Hadrat Ibraheem ﷺ passed his first test successfully.

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Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹迁移到了巴勒斯坦，并继续呼吁人们认同和敬畏安拉。他没有孩子，多年来一直向安拉祈祷为他和他的孩子赐福。到了86岁时，安拉赐予他一个英俊的儿子，Hadhrat Ismaeel 🌹。他非常爱他的儿子。安拉想再考验他。安拉命令他把妻子和孩子留在阿拉伯的热沙漠土地里，没有食物和水。Ismaeel 🌹开始因为饥饿和口渴而哭泣。他的母亲Haajira (Radi Allahu Anha) 开始在Safa和Marwa之间奔跑，寻找有人来帮助她和她的孩子。那些去朝觐的人必须在这些山之间奔跑，根据Haajira (Radi Allahu Anha) 的例子。Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹为他的妻子和孩子在荒凉的土地上祈祷。安拉怜悯他们，从山中取水，满足他们口渴和饥饿。水来自Zam Zam的甜水。不久，麦加城出现了。Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹成功通过了他的第二个考验。

The Third Test

Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹经常拜访他的妻子和孩子。他非常爱他的儿子。当Ismaeel 🌹长成英俊的少年时，Ibraheem 🌹在梦中看到他在宰杀他心爱的儿子。安拉的梦境总是真实的，是安拉的命令的预示。Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹把他的梦告诉Ismaeel 🌹，Ismaeel 🌹回答，“O my beloved father, do as you have been commanded. If Allah Ta’ala wills, you will find me to be from the patient ones.” 他们一起去了Mina。Shaytaan，我们的敌人，试图误导他们。当Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹看到他时，他说，“Allahu Akbar”并用七块石头砸了Shaytaan。Shaytaan沉入了地面。他试图使用这招两次，但每次都失败了。Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹扔石头，追逐他。去朝觐的人在Mina的三个柱子上用石头投掷Shaytaan。当他们最终到达宰杀的地方时，Ismaeel 🌹被放在Qiblah前。Ibraheem 🌹磨快了他的刀。他用尽全力尝试宰杀他的儿子，但刀割不断Ismaeel 🌹的喉咙。一个声音从天空中响起，“O Ibraheem, you have fulfilled the command in your dream. Verily we reward those who do good.” 当父亲和儿子意识到这是另一个考验，来自Shaytaan的虚假尝试，他们被过来了。来自Jannah的一只绵羊被Ibraheem 🌹宰杀了。为了纪念这个伟大的事件，我们被安拉要求在Eidul Adha那天每年宰杀一只动物。遵守安拉的命令使Hadhrat Ibraheem 🌹成为了Khalillulah（安拉的真朋友）。

Lessons learnt from this story

• We must love Allah Ta’ala more than our family and children.
• If we see any of our family doing something wrong we should guide them to the straight path with wisdom.
• We should not follow the ways of our forefathers if it is against the laws of Allah Ta’ala. Every thing is in the control of Allah Ta’ala. He can make a hot fire cool and in a dry desert cause a spring of cool water to flow. A sharp knife will not cut if Allah Ta’ala does not want it to cut.
• Everything has been created by Allah Ta’ala and can only work with the order of Allah Ta’ala.
• We must fulfil all the commands of Allah Ta’ala.
• If we trust Allah Ta’ala and make sincere dua, He will help us even if everything is against us.
• We must also pass the test of life by fulfilling all the orders of Allah Ta’ala. If Shaytaan tries to mislead us we must disobey him. In this way we can also become the khalillullah and gain entry into Jannah. Insha Allah.
The virtues of Qurbaani

♦ Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said: “There is no deed that is more beloved to Allah Ta’ala on Eid ul Adha than spilling the blood of an animal. (i.e. making Qurbaani). Verily the qurbaani animal will come on the day of Qiyaamah with it’s horns, hoofs and it’s hair.”

♦ In another Hadith it is mentioned, “The one who makes Qurbaani will receive a reward for every hair on the animal.” The Sahaabah (RA) asked, “What if the animal has wool?” Rasulullah ﷺ said, “For every fibre of wool on its body he will receive a good deed.”

♦ Once Nabi [Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam] told his beloved daughter Hadhrat Faatima (RA), “Stand by your animal when it is being slaughtered, for verily all your past sins will be forgiven when the first drop of blood falls.”

Sunnats on the Day of Eid

1. To take a bath.
2. To use miswaak.
3. To put on one’s best clothes. (not necessary new).
4. To apply ltr.
5. To go to the Eid Gaah by foot.
6. To say the Takbeer aloud whilst going for Eid Salaah.
7. To go by one route and return by another.
8. Not to perform any Nafi Salaah at the Eid Gaah.
9. To perform Eid Salaah at the Eid Gaah.
10. Do not eat anything before the eid Salaah.
11. To eat the liver of one’s animal after the Eid Salaah.

Some important Laws of Qurbaani

⇨ Qurbaani is waajib on any person owning the amount of Nisaab i.e. approximately R2344-00.
⇨ It is Sunnatul Muakkada to slaughter the animal facing the Qiblah.
⇨ It is makrooh (detestable) to grab the animal by its back legs or to cause it any type of discomfort.
⇨ One animal should not be slaughtered in front of another as this causes pain to the animal.
⇨ The knife that is being used for Qurbaani must be very sharp so that the least amount of pain is caused to the Qurbaani animal.
⇨ Skinning should only start once the animal is completely dead (at least five to ten minutes after slaughtering).
⇨ It is mutahab to divide the meat of one’s qurbaani animal into three portions. One portion for oneself, one for one’s relatives and one portion for the poor.

PARENTS COLUMN

Dear Parents

Assalaamu alykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

Madrasah and school is now over and all the parents are eager to have their children home for the holidays. Al-hamdulillah all our children have performed well and are looking forward to spending the December Holidays in some leisure.

During these days of enjoyment and entertainment (within the confines of Shari’ah) we as parents must make sure that they do not become unmindful of their duties towards Allah Ta’ala. The following are some guidelines that we should keep in mind during the holiday period;

1. Ensure that they recite the Quraan and revise their surahs and duas daily.
2. Ensure that they always dress according to the shariah.
3. They are punctual with their five daily salaah, wherever they may be, even on a journey.
4. Guard them against all forms of immodesty and shameless activities, such as televisions, internet, etc.
5. While enjoying time together with our families during the holidays we should abstain from all sinful activities.
6. Be alert and conscious about the Halaal status of where we are buying our food.
7. Finally, Do not forget the significance of the 10 days and nights of Zil-Hijjah which will fall on 29 November to 08 December 2008.

Ta’limi Board Website

Al-hamdulillah! it is only with the fadhal of Allah Ta’ala that the Ta’limi Board has launched a website. This site can be viewed on www.talimiboardkzn.org All the necessary information regarding the maktab can be found on this site. Previous issues of the Al-Maktab could also be viewed on it. Readers are requested to please forward suggestions to the Board for improvement . Also please make dua that Allah Ta’ala accepts it and makes it a means of attaining His pleasure. Aameen.
Dear Children,

Assalamu alykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

Al-hamdulillah! the exams are now over and I’m sure we are all eagerly awaiting our results. Don’t worry, everyone has done well. May Allah Ta’ala accept everyone’s efforts and allow us to continue practicing whatever good we learnt at madrasah. Aameen.

The season of Qurbaani is now very close and everyone is excited about buying their animals. Let us also live the spirit of Qurbaani by taking an active part in looking after the animals, slaughtering it, skinning it, distributing the meat to the poor and needy and of course eating the meat of Qurbaani thereafter. Rasulullah [sallallahu aliyah wasallam] himself would be very active in the days of Qurbaani. On one occasion, he had slaughtered 63 camels himself. He would also skin the animals himself. Let us all try to revive these mubaarar sunnats of Rasulullah [sallallahu aliyah wasallam]. Eid Mubaarak to one and all. We hope you all enjoy your Eidul Adha as well as your holidays and hope to see everyone again in the new year.

Our last theme was “The Greatness of Allah Ta’ala.” Masha Allah to all those who participated. May Allah Ta’ala accept your efforts and reward you abundantly. Aameen.

The names of the winners of the word search are as follows:

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Answer all 10 questions correctly and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R50-00 cash.

1. What was Hadhrat Ibraheem’s ✪ father’s name?
2. What happened to the fire when Hadhrat Ibraheem ✪ was thrown into it?
3. Where did Hadhrat Ibraheem ✪ migrate to?
4. Between which hills did Haajirah (RA) run?
5. Name the special water that Allah Ta’ala sent for Ismaeel ✪ and Haajirah (RA).
6. What did Ismaeel ✪ say to his father when he told him about the dream?
7. Who tried to mislead them?
8. What happened when Ibraheem ✪ started slaughtering Ismaeel ✪?
9. How can you also become “Khalillullah”?
10. Mention 10 sunnats to practice on the day of Eid.

Project

Write one full page on why you love to attend madrasah. The best article will be published in the next issue of the Al-Maktab and the winner will receive a R100.00 cash prize.

All entries must be handed in by 02 February 2009.

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah, the area you live in and your grade on your article in big bold writing. Jazak Allah.