

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

The Miraculous Birth of Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam*

Everyone is aware that Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* was born without a father.

It is reported that when the time came for her to give birth, Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha* retired to a private area outside the city. She also found a dry date tree and sat under it using this as shelter.

It is reported that Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* was born under this date tree. Since the child was born without any father, Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha* was extremely worried about the accusations which would be levelled against her, hence, she stayed much longer in this desolate place.

At the same time, there was another problem which she faced. The area was desolate and there was no food or water available in this area.

Suddenly, Jibraeel Ameen *Alayhis Salaam* appeared. He kicked the ground with his heels and a spring appeared. At the same time, the once dry date tree suddenly became green and there was fresh dates available to her. He then declared to Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha*, as is found in Surah Maryam (19), verse 24:

فَنَادَاهَا مِنْ تَحْتِهَا أَلَّا تَحْزَنِي قَدْ جَعَلَ رَبُّكِ تَحْتَكِ سَرِيًّا ﴿٢٤﴾ وَهَرَيَّ إِلَيْكَ

بِجَذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ تُسْقِطُ عَلَيْكَ رُطْبًا جَنِيًّا ﴿٢٥﴾ فَكُلِي وَاشْرَبِي وَقَرِّي عَيْنًا

“Then one called from underneath her, grieve not undoubtedly, your Lord has caused to flow a rivulet below you. And shake towards yourself holding the trunk of the palm tree, fresh and ripe dates will fall upon you. Then eat and drink and cool your eyes;”

For a date tree to become suddenly green and full of dates is certainly a miracle and for a stream to suddenly appear near you is also a miracle. Both of these can also be considered as miracles of Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha*.

In Surah Ale Imraan, it is mentioned that when Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha* was very young and used to spend her time in Baitul Muqaddas near the Mimbar praying, fruits used to appear to her suddenly even though it was not the season for those fruits.

After the birth of Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam*, one thing is proven is that Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha* indeed did receive ripe dates. However, an important point to be remembered here. In this verse, when she had given birth of Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam*, she was commanded to first shake the tree and only then would dates fall from them.

However, prior to her having this child, fruits used to appear suddenly in front of her. Why? This proves that when a person is not married, he or she sometimes get sustenance without even working for it or making an effort for it. However, when a person has children and mouths to feed it is necessary for him or her to work and earn a livelihood.

Thus, when she had no child, fruits appeared without any effort while she was near the Mimbar. Now that she bore a child, she was told to first shake the tree. In other words, she had to make an effort and only then did these dates fall to the ground. (Allah *azza wajal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* know better).

When Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha* returned in the town, people obviously began to accuse her of behaving shamefully. They told Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha* that she had committed a grave sin. They told her that her father had never committed any wrong and that even her mother had never ever been guilty of committing any evil or bad deeds herself. They wanted to know how this child was conceived without a father. As they began to increase in their insult and accusation, Sayyidah Maryam *Radi Allahu 'Anha* remained silent and pointed to the young baby and that they should direct their questions at him instead. They asked her how would they be able to speak to a mere child and that he had not even grown up as well.

Miraculously, Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* then addressed the people and declared, as is found in Surah Maryam, verses 30 to 33:

“The baby said, ‘I am a slave of Allah, He gave me the Book and made me the
Communicator of

Unseen News (a Prophet). And He made me blessed wherever I maybe and enjoined on me prayer and the poor due (Zakah) so long as I live. And dutiful to my mother and did not make me vigorous (in being) unfortunate. And the same peace on me the day I was born and the day I die and the day I am raised alive.”

This is certainly a miracle of Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* that at that young age he was able to speak in a most beautiful and concise manner. The first declaration of Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* made was that he is the servant of Allah *azza wajal*.

This fact was declared by this great Prophet knowing that there would be people coming later who would claim that he is God or the son of God, hence Allah *azza wajal* in His Divine Wisdom, made him utter the most profound words possible which are, "I am the servant of Allah *azza wajal*." There is no doubt that Allah *azza wajal*, from the very early age of these Prophets, is clearly showing creation the stature and status of these servants of His so that when people sees this at this early age, they will find no excuses later in life to dispute and disregard the words of a Prophet.

In these above mentioned verses, the complete Meelad of the Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* is also mentioned and at the end of these verses, Salaam is also conveyed. Since this appears in the Qur'an, it proves that to mention and to remember Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* is a Divine Command of the Allah *azza wajal* and at the same time, to complete this with the sending of salaam is also something proven from the Qur'an. This has also been the practise of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah.

From these words, we also come to understand the importance Salaah, Zakah, looking after one's parents, etc. It also proves that this was also Fard in the Shari'ah of Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam*.