

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ 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 Story of Nabi Idris

Alayhis Salaam

Hadrat Idris's *Alayhis Salaam* actual name was "Akh Nukh."

He is the grandfather of the father of Hadrat Nuh *Alayhis Salaam*. After Nabi Adam *Alayhis Salaam* he is considered as the first of Divine Messengers. His father is also Hadrat Shith bin Adam *Alayhis Salaam*. He is first person on earth to use the pen. Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* also is the first person to have sewn clothes and worn sewn clothes. Prior to him, people used to make clothes from animal skin. He is also the first to have made weapons, a scale and developed various methods of calculation. All of this began with him.

Allah *azza wajal* had also revealed nearly thirty Divine books to Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* and he used to spend a lot of time and energy conveying this Divine Message

and educating people about this message. This is the reason that he was given the title of “Idris” which signifies “dars” indicating to education. His actual title became so famous that many people actually forgot his real name. Even the Qur'an has revealed a verse in which his title is used instead of his name.

Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* was also raised to the heavens. In the Bukhari Shareef and the Muslim Shareef, it is mentioned that the Holy Prophet *Salla'l Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* did see him in the fourth heaven during the Me'raj.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ka'ab Ahbaar *Radi Allah 'Anhu* narrates that once Nabi Idris *Alayhis Salaam* mentioned to Malikul Maut or the Angel of death, “I would like to taste death and see for myself how this experience is.” The Angel of Death acceded to his request then took away his soul. He then immediately gave it back to him and Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* once again came alive. He then asked the Angel of Death to show him how Hell looked so that he could have more fear for Allah *azza wajal*. This was also agreed to. Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* then asked the Keeper of Hell to open the door of Hell so that he could pass through. This was also done. He then walked across Hell. He then asked the Angel of Death to show him Jannah. The door of Jannah was opened to him and he walked into Jannah.

After a few moments, Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* said to the Angel of Death that he could return to his position without him and that from this place he will not go anywhere else. He also informed the Angel of Death that Allah *azza wajal* had declared that every soul will taste death and that he had already tasted death. Allah *azza wajal* had declared that every person will have to travel over Hell and that he had also done this as well. Now that he had entered Jannah, pertaining to this, the Allah *azza wajal* had declared that whosoever enters Jannah, will never be removed from this place. Therefore, he told the Angel of Death that cannot ask him to leave this place. At that moment, Allah *azza wajal* sent Revelation to the Angel of Death that whatever Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* had done, he had done with His Divine Permission and he has

entered Jannah with His Permission.” Therefore, let him be and he will now live in Jannah.” (Khaza'inul Irfaan, 447)

The amazing story of Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* and the event of him being taking to the heavens and the various bounties which were given to him are mentioned in Surah Maryam.

In Surah Maryam (19), verse 56, the Qur'an declares:

وَاذْكُرُوا فِي الْكِتَابِ إِدْرِيسَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَدِيقَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾

“And remember Idris in the Book, undoubtedly he was a man of truth,
the Communicator of Unseen news.”

From the incident of Hadrat Idris *Alayhis Salaam* we can clearly see the immense Divine Favours which are bestowed upon the Prophets and Messengers. Therefore, it is part of a person's Imaan and a necessary part of Imaan that a person has complete respect for these blessed creation of Allah *azza wajal*. Whenever one mentions these blessed souls, one should remember them with respect and speak about them with even more respect. One should also choose one's words very carefully perchance one becomes a target of Divine Punishment.

From the various Qur'anic verses and the various Ahadith we see, we also understand and realise that mentioning these blessed creations is also a means of achieving Divine Blessing and Mercy.