

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,  
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon  
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his  
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

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## The Sabr of Nabi 'Isa

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Ibn Abid Dunya from a long chain of narrators records from Muhammad bin Saba Numairi who narrates:

Nabi 'Isa - *peace be upon him* - was travelling in a certain city of Syria when suddenly heavy rain appeared and it was also thundering. The great Prophet then began looking for a place to shelter. He noticed a lone tent in the area and went towards this tent. When Nabi 'Isa - *peace be upon him* - came near the tent, he noticed that there was a single female in this tent. Hence, Nabi 'Isa - *peace be upon him* - walked away from that place.

As he walked along, Nabi 'Isa - *peace be upon him* - noticed an opening of a cave on the side of the mountain. When he reached there, he noticed a lion was already inside the cave. The lion also had its paws across the entrance of the cave. The great Prophet then said, "O Allah! You have created a shelter for everyone except for me."

Allah Almighty replied, “O ‘Isa! Your shelter is my Divine Mercy. Display Sabr for a few days. On the Day of Judgement, you will marry special maidens in Jannah and for four thousand years, people will continue to partake of the food of your Waleemah. One day is equal to the period of existence of the entire world. I will then command a caller to call out, ‘All those who were the Zaahids in the world, all of them should come for the marriage of Nabi ‘Isa - *peace be upon him*.” (In other words, those who refrained from the material things in this world will be allowed to partake in this marriage). (Al Ihya; Taarik Dimishq ibn Manzur)

Ibn Abid Dunya records from Hadrat Abu Jafer Misri who mentions that, “The food of the Waleemah for Nabi ‘Isa - *peace be upon him* - and Nabi Yahya - *peace be upon him* - will be fed to the people of Jannah for three hundred years and only those people will be invited for these marriages who used to wear old and tattered clothing in the world and lived in dire poverty and destitution.”

Ibn Abid Dunya records from Mu’tamar bin Sulayman who narrates that Nabi ‘Isa - *peace be upon him* - has stated that, “Before I came to the world, the world existed and after I leave, the world will still exist. I have therefore come for a few days. If I am not able to prepare for the (Hereafter) in these few days, when will I be able to get this opportunity?” (Taarik Ibn Manzur)

Ibn Abid Dunya records from Abu Sulayman who narrates that once Nabi ‘Isa - *peace be upon him* - sat next to the tent of an old lady to be able to protect himself from the heat of the sun. However, when the old lady saw him, she told him to move from that place. Nabi ‘Isa - *peace be upon him* - then moved from that place and sat in an open place. He said to the old person, “You have not moved me from that spot but that Divine Being has moved me from that spot so that he can protect me (from the comforts of this) world.” (Taarik ibn Manzur)