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'I'm the

PRAYER

of my father Ibrahim (沙山)'



housands of years ago, Ibrahim Khalilullah¹ A and his son Isma'il Duilt the Ka'bah in the dry and waterless

valley of Makkah. The Ka'bah was made the first place for the worship of Allah Almighty in this universe. This Holy Sanctuary undoubtedly possesses an exalted status and unparalleled glory.

Imam al-Qastalani writes:

"The House of Allah was built ten times. It was first built by angels. The second

1 Khalilullah means Friend of Allah

time by Adam &B, the third time by Adam's son Sheeth &B, the fourth time by Ibrahim &B, the fifth time by the community of 'Amalqa, the sixth time by the tribe of Banu Jurhum, the seventh time by Qusay ibn Kilab, the forefather of Allah's Prophet &, the eighth time by the Quraish, the ninth time by Abdullah bin Zubair (&) and the tenth time by Hajjaj bin Yusuf."

When the Ka'bah was being built by Ibrahim and Isma'il see for the fourth time and its walls raised, Ibrahim see asked his son to bring him a stone to stand on, so that he could finish the building.

"The House of Allah was built ten times. Ibrahim : and Isma'il : built the Holy Ka'bah the fourth time."

Isma'il see then brought the stone for Ibrahim see to stand on. This stone was later known as Maqam Ibrahim (the Station of Ibrahim).

After he completed building Allah's House, Ibrahim su uttered the following supplication:

﴿ وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرِهِمُ رَبِّ أَجْعَلُ هَذَا بَلَدًا ءَامِنًا وَأَرْزُقُ أَهَلَهُ، مِنَ الشَّرَاتِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ مِنْهُم بِأَلَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ ٱلْآخِرِ ﴾

And (remember) when Ibrahim (Abraham) said, "My Lord, make this city (Makkah) a place of security and provide its people with fruits, such of



them as believe in Allah and the Last Day."2

Ibrahim had the honour of having his supplication answered. True to his prayer, the place is still an abode of peace that commands great respect. Fruits grown across the world are abundantly available to its residents throughout the year. Then Ibrahim and Isma'il made another supplication:

﴿ رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ وَمُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ عَلَيْمِهُمُ الْحَكَنَبُ وَالْحِكْمَةُ وَيُرْكِيهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ الْمَرْيِرُ الْمُتَكِيمُ ﴾ والنِّيكَ أَنتَ الْمَرْيِرُ الْمُتَكِيمُ ﴾

"Our Lord! And send them amongst of Messenger own (and indeed Allah answered their invocation by sending Muhammad [套]), who shall recite to them Your Verses and instruct them in the Book (this Our'an) and Al-Hikmah (full knowledge of the Islamic laws and jurisprudence or wisdom or Prophet's legal ways), and purify them. Verily, You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise."3

By 'purification' they implied that he would purify their souls and entire way of life including their behaviour,

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² Al-Baqarah 2: 126

³ Al-Baqarah 2: 129

characters, habits, social dealings, interactions and politics. This was the practical responsibility of Allah's Prophet \$\mathscr{a}\$ to the Companions, which he fulfilled to the best of his ability.

Thousands of years have elapsed since the father and the son prayed, and Allah Almighty granted their prayers. Then the birth of the best of creation, the chief of Adam's progeny, the one who intercedes with Allah



The stone where Ibrahim san stood for the building of Holy Ka'bah

on behalf of the sinful, Muhammad %, took place.

The Companions said,

"O Allah's Prophet! Tell us something about your origin." The Prophet *s replied, "I am the prayer of my father Ibrahim *se and the glad tidings of 'Isa Ibn Maryam (Jesus Christ, the son of Mary). My mother had a dream that a light emanated from her body that lit the castles of Syria."

Esteemed readers, this Light of Guidance was the eminent being of our Prophet % whose auspicious birth eliminated the darkness of infidelity and polytheism, and illuminated the whole world with the light of Islamic Monotheism and Prophetic Sunnah.







Ahmad was a renowned and sought-after physician in his country. People had to wait for many days before they could get an appointment with him.

The eminent doctor was once invited to an international medical conference which was to be held in a major city in his country. He had to deliver a paper and receive a shield and a commendation certificate in recognition of his services to medicine. As he headed out to the airport, he felt pleased that he was going to be honoured by his peers and colleagues that evening.

After the usual check-in at the airport, he boarded the plane, which took off as scheduled. After about 45 minutes, an airhostess made the following announcement: "Dear passengers, due to a technical problem we are being forced to land at a nearby airport instead of the scheduled destination. We deeply regret the inconvenience."

The plane landed at the airport without any difficulty and the passengers disembarked and went to the lounge. After some time, the airport authorities announced that it was not possible to fix the problem immediately and that the passengers would have to wait for the arrival of an alternative plane. No-one knew when the other plane would arrive. A little while later it was announced that the other plane would only arrive the following day.

Dr. Ahmad was quite shocked at the announcement. This was an important night which he had been looking forward to for several weeks. He got up from his seat, went to a senior airport official, introduced himself and said: "I'm a doctor and I was on my way to present a paper tonight. Delegations from around the world have come to attend this event, and now you're telling us that the alternative plane will arrive after 16 hours!"

The officer replied, "With all due respect doctor, we can fully appreciate the inconvenience that you're experiencing, but I cannot do anything. Moreover, it's not my responsibility to arrange for an alternative plane. It takes only three to four hours by road to reach the city where you have to attend the conference. If you are in a great hurry, I suggest

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you get a rental car from the airport and drive to your destination."

Dr. Ahmad did not like driving long distances, but he had no other option. He hired a car and started towards his destination. He had not gone far when all of a sudden the weather turned bad. Dense, dark clouds covered the sky and there was a heavy downpour, coupled with a violent storm. Dr. Ahmad then lost his way in the dark. Hungry and tired, he desperately searched for some shelter and something to eat.

As he was driving past a small village, he impulsively stopped his vehicle in front of one of the houses and knocked on the door. He heard



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the frail and feeble voice of an old woman from inside saving: "Whoever you are, please come in, the door is open." When Dr. Ahmad went into the house, he found an elderly woman sitting on a rocking chair. The doctor said-"The battery of my mobile has run down, May I use your mobile phone?" The old woman smiled and said, "My son, what are you talking about? Perhaps you don't know where you are. We don't have electricity or phones here. You are in a small village where there are no civic amenities. You look hungry and thirsty, and it seems you have lost your way. There is a meal and tea on the table, please eat something before we talk." Dr. Ahmad thanked the elderly woman and being tired and famished after his eventful journey, started eating.

Suddenly someone stirred on the cot beside

the old woman's chair, and he heard a baby crying. The old woman patted the baby to sleep and supplicated tenderly and humbly for its wellbeing. Dr. Ahmad finished his meal and said to the woman, "O mother, your good manners, kindness and hospitality have won my heart. I'm sure Allah Almighty will answer all your prayers."

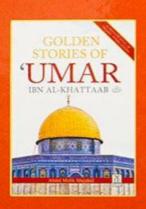
"My son," the old woman said, "Allah has always answered and granted my prayers. Only one prayer remains unanswered because of my weak faith. You are a traveller, please pray that it may also be answered."

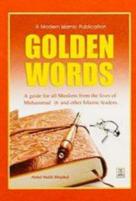
Dr. Ahmad was curious and said, "What prayer has not been answered? Please let me know what you want; I'm just like your son. God willing, I will do my best to carry out your wish."

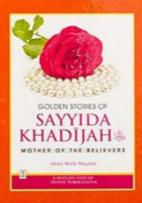
The woman said, "My dear son! This supplication is not for my sake, it is for this orphan baby, my grandson. His parents have passed away and he is suffering from a bone disease that has incapacitated him. He cannot move or walk. I've tried various treatments and taken him to eminent doctors but to no avail. All the doctors have been unable to find a cure

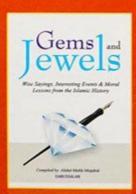
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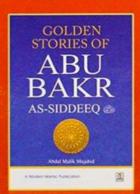
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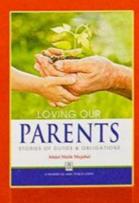
















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