

RAMADAN

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Dua #4: Dua of Musa AS

فَقَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ

“My Lord, I am in dire need of whatever good you send down to me.” (28:24)

- What brought Musa AS to this dua?
 - Musa AS was born at the time of Pharaoh, when they killed the Israelite boys and sold the girls into slavery. The mother of Musa AS was communicated to directly by God to put her child (Musa AS) in a basket and put it in a river. Despite her natural concern as a mother, she was a woman of faith and committed to doing so. She had full certainty of God’s promise.
 - Ironically, Musa AS ended up in the house of Pharaoh.
 - One day, Musa AS wanted to connect with his Israelite lineage. He left his home and saw an Israelite man arguing with an Egyptian man. The Israelite man claimed the Egyptian man is attacking him, so Musa AS struck, and accidentally killed, the Egyptian.
 - The next day, Musa AS found the same person arguing with another Egyptian, and he asked for Musa’s help again. Then, Musa AS began to believe the Israelite man is the troublemaker.
 - The man made a commotion about how Musa AS killed a man the day before and others hear so it became public news.

- Musa AS ran into the desert, fearful for his safety. He had nothing to drink and had nothing for himself.
 - He then sees two women trying to get to a well surrounded by men. Musa AS used his strength to draw water for them.
 - He was in dire need, himself, yet he thought of others.
 - He then lays under a tree and makes the dua, “My Lord, I am in dire need of whatever good you send down to me.” (28:24)
- This is the way to make dua, especially in a time of great need.
 - Firstly, perform an act of sadaqa (charity) and call upon Allah.
- Ibn Ata Allah makes note of the tense of the word in this dua.
 - أَنْزَلْتُ - This refers to the good that has **already** been sent down.
 - This means, Musa AS is not doubting whatsoever that there is good, rather the time and the means is uncertain, but he will get it.
 - He is making this dua with complete certainty in his lord.
- He also asks for “good,” meaning that only Allah knows what is truly good.
- Finally, his state is one of complete need.
- After he makes this dua, the two women come back to him stating their father wants to give him a reward and meet him.
 - Many scholars say their father was Shuaib AS.
 - The first thing he offers Musa AS is a job as a shepherd and the second is to marry one of his daughters.
 - There is nothing better in this life than halal earning and a good woman.
 - Musa AS is given work and a wife because of this supplication and the way he did it.
- Later on, he was with his wife in the fields and he felt compelled to go to a bush. He felt that there would be some sort of good that came from it and therein he found Allah SWT.
 - Musa AS had the honor of being spoken to directly from Allah SWT.

- He began talking to Allah SWT and becomes lost in the ecstasy of speaking to Him, so he continues elongating the conversation.
- After a couple of miraculous moments, Allah SWT reveals Musa's mission to him.
 - He tells Musa AS to go back to Pharoah and offer him guidance.
 - Even after talking to God All-Mighty, Musa AS still expressed fear at this proposition.
 - He tells Allah he has committed a crime and he is being prosecuted for it.
 - He also tells Allah of his speech impediment and did not have the confidence to address him.
 - Musa AS said his brother Haroon AS is much more eloquent than he is.
 - Allah SWT responded by saying that the responsibility is his, but he will be accompanied by his brother.
 - This showed the importance of brotherhood even after being addressed by God Himself.
 - This also shows that there are times the task does not go to who we think it should, rather the one that Allah wants it to go to.
 - Although Haroon AS was more eloquent, the task was for Musa AS.
- As he prepared to address Pharoah, he made the oft-cited supplication:

قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي⁽²⁵⁾ وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي⁽²⁶⁾
وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِي⁽²⁷⁾ يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي⁽²⁸⁾

“O my Lord! Expand me my breast;
Ease my task for me;
And remove the impediment from my speech,
So they may understand what I say.” (20:25-28)

- He first asked Allah to expand his chest so there is no room for fear and greater room for understanding.
- He then asked for ease in his affair by depending on Allah.
- Since he has a speech impediment, he asked for the knot on his tongue to be removed.
- And lastly, he asked for his speech to be understood.
- Musa AS rose to the greatest challenge of his life with this supplication.