

3. The Ethos Of Epoch (Prophet Idris)

Introduction

Idris was the son of Bard, son of Mahail, son of Kenan, son of Anoosh, son of Sheth, son of Adam. He was called triple-blessed, for he had three positions, namely, reign, wisdom and Prophethood. He was born in Manf, the capital of ancient Egypt on the left side of Cairo presently known as Einos-Shams. He was appointed as Prophet 200 years after the demise of Adam and lived in Sahleh Mosque in Kufa for some time. He was a tailor and the first one who used needle for sewing and pen for writing. Thirty books were sent to him. He taught astrology and eventually ascended to heavens.

His Best Moral Virtue As Mentioned In The Holy Quran

"And mention Idris in the Book; surely he was a truthful man, a Prophet." (20:56)

وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِدْرِسَ أَنَّهُ كَانَ صِدِّيقًا نَبِيًّا.

Good Deeds

Every day, Idris deeds went up to heavens as much as the deeds done by the people of his time altogether.

وَكَانَ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ مِثْلُ أَعْمَالِ أَهْلِ زَمَانِهِ كُلِّهِمْ.

Fast And Travel

It has been reported on the authority of Ibn Abbass that Prophet Idris was traveling days while he was fasting and took a rest wherever night fell.

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ : كَانَ إِدْرِيسُ النَّبِيُّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ يَسِيحُ النَّهَارَ وَيَصُومُهُ وَيَبِيْتُ حَيْثُ مَا جَنَّهُ اللَّيْلُ .

Creativity: Writing And Tailoring

Idris was the first one who wrote with pen and the first one who made garment and wore it.

While he was cutting out and sewing, he used to say: Glory be to Allah, there is no god but Allah, Allah is the Greatest, He is One, and He is Glorious.

وَهُوَ أَوَّلُ مَنْ خَطَّ بِالْقَلَمِ وَأَوَّلُ مَنْ خَاطَ الثِّيَابَ وَلَبَسَهَا ، وَكَانَ كُلَّمَا خَاطَ سَبَّحَ اللَّهَ وَهَلَّلَهُ وَكَبَّرَهُ وَوَحَّدَهُ وَمَجَّدَهُ .

Teaching

Idris is so named because he was frequently teaching the precepts of Allah — Glorified and Honored — and the traditions of Islam.

وَأَيْنَمَا سُمِّيَ إِدْرِيسُ لِكَثْرَةِ مَا كَانَ يُدْرِّسُ مِنْ حِكْمِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَسُنَنِ الْإِسْلَامِ .

His Trifold Qualities

Prophet Idris was of few words, spoke softly, and took his steps very close to each other when walking.

إِنِ إِدْرِيسَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ . قَلِيلُ الصَّوْتِ ، رَقِيقُ الْمَنْطِقِ قَرِيبُ الْخَطَى إِذَا مَشَى .

The First One Who Took A Pen In Hand

He (Idris) was the first one who wrote with a pen.

وَهُوَ أَوَّلُ مَنْ خَطَّ بِالْقَلَمِ .

The First One Who Made Garment

He (Idris) was the first one who sewed a garment and wore it.

وَهُوَ أَوَّلُ مَنْ خَاطَ الثِّيَابَ وَلَبَسَهَا .

His Meditation Upon God's Grandeur

Idris meditated upon the grandeur of Allah, Great be His Glory, saying: For these heavens and the earths, for this great creation, the sun, the Moon the stars, the clouds, rain and all these objects, there is a Lord who is their Manager, why should I not worship this Lord as He deserves. Then, he made contact with his tribe, preaching them, giving them advice, warning them, and inviting them to worship the Creator of all these objects.

إِنَّهُ (إِدْرِيس) فَكَّرَ فِي عَظَمَةِ اللَّهِ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ ، فَقَالَ إِنَّ لِهَذِهِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَلِهَذِهِ الْأَرْضِينَ وَلِهَذِهِ الْخَلْقِ الْعَظِيمِ وَالشَّمْسِ وَالْقَمَرِ وَالنُّجُومِ وَالسَّحَابِ وَالْمَطَرِ وَهَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءَ الَّتِي تَكُونُ لِرَبِّ يَدْبَرُهَا وَيُصَلِّحُهَا بِقُدْرَتِهِ فَكَيْفَ لِي بِهَذَا الرَّبِّ فَأَعْبُدُهُ حَقَّ عِبَادَتِهِ ، فَخَلَا بِطَائِفَةٍ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ فَجَعَلَ يَعْظُمُهُمْ وَيَذَكِّرُهُمْ وَيُخَوِّفُهُمْ وَيَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى عِبَادَةِ خَالِقِ هَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءِ .

Idris And Love Of Worship

(When Idris invited people) they responded to him one by one until they became seven, then seventy, then seven hundred until they became one thousand. Idris said: Let us select a hundred men from among a thousand. They did so. Then they selected seventy men from among a hundred and then ten and eventually seven. Then, he said to them: Now you — seven persons — pray and the rest of us will say Amen so that God, Great be His Glory will guide us to worshipping Him.

فَلَا يَزَالُ يُجِيبُهُ وَاحِدٌ بَعْدَ وَاحِدٍ حَتَّى صَارُوا سَبْعَةً ، ثُمَّ سَبْعِينَ إِلَى أَنْ صَارُوا سَبْعِمِائَةً ، ثُمَّ بَلَغُوا أَلْفًا ، قَالَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا نَخْتَرِ مِنْ خِيَارِنَا مِائَةَ رَجُلٍ ، فَاخْتَارُوا مِنْ خِيَارِهِمْ مِائَةَ رَجُلٍ ، وَاخْتَارُوا مِنَ الْمِائَةِ سَبْعِينَ رَجُلًا ، ثُمَّ اخْتَارُوا مِنَ السَّبْعِينَ عَشْرَةَ ثُمَّ اخْتَارُوا مِنَ الْعَشْرَةِ سَبْعَةً ، قَالَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا فَلْيَدْعُ هَؤُلَاءِ السَّبْعَةَ ، فَلْيُؤْمِنِ بِقِيَّتِنَا ، فَلَعَلَّ هَذَا الرَّبُّ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ يُدَلِّنَا عَلَى عِبَادَتِهِ .

They laid their hands on the earth and prayed for a long time but they gained nothing. Then, they raised their hands towards the heaven. It was then that God — Glorified and Honored — , inspired Idris guiding him those with him to worshipping Him. Since then, they worshipped God — Glorified and Honored — and did not associate anything with Him till God raised Idris to heavens.

فَوَضَعُوا أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ وَدَعَوْا طَوِيلًا فَلَمْ يَتَبَيَّنْ لَهُمْ شَيْءٌ ثُمَّ رَفَعُوا أَيْدِيَهُمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ ، فَأَوْحَى اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِلَى إِدْرِيسَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَنَبَّأَهُ وَدَلَّهُ عَلَى عِبَادَتِهِ وَمَنْ آمَنَ مَعَهُ فَلَمْ يَزَالُوا يَعْبُدُونَ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِهِ شَيْئًا حَتَّى رَفَعَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِدْرِيسَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ .

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