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8. The Ethos Of Lot

Introduction

Prophet Lot son of Haram, the son of Tarih is Abraham's nephew. His name has been mentioned in 14 Quranic chapters. He used to live in a village called Sodome in Jordan. His people were destroyed with a torment as mentioned in hagiology.

He And The Divine Knowledge

"And (as for) Lut, We gave him wisdom and knowledge, " (21:74)

وَلُوطًا آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا.

Calling People To Worship God

"When their brother Lut said to them: Will you not guard (against evil)? Surely I am a faithful Apostle to you; therefore guard against (the punishment of) Allah and obey me." (26:161- 163)

قَالَ لَهُمْ أَخُوهُمْ لُوطٌ أَلَا تَتَّقُونَ. إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ. فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُونِ.

Communicating The Message Of God

"And I do not ask you any reward for it; my reward is only with the Lord of the worlds." (26:164)

وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ ۖ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَىٰ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Lot’s Invocation

"My Lord! Deliver me and my followers from what they do. So We delivered him and his followers all." (***26: 169-170***)

رَبِّ نَجِّنِي وَأَهْلِي مِمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ. فَنَجَّيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ أَجْمَعِينَ

Forbidding Evil

And (***We sent***) ***Lut when he said to his people: Most surely you are guilty of an indecency which none of the nations has ever done before you; What! Do you come to the males and commit evil deeds in your assemblies? But nothing was the answer of his people except that they said: Bring on us Allah’s punishment, if you are one of the truthful. He said: My Lord! Help me against the mischievous people."*** (***29:28- 30***)

وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ. أَئِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ وَتَقْطَعُونَ السَّبِيلَ وَتَأْتُونَ فِي نَادِيكُمُ الْمُنْكَرَفَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا ائْتِنَا بِعَذَابِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ. قَالَ رَبِّ انْصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ.

His Threefold Virtues

Imam Baqer has said: Lut was magnanimous and generous and whenever guests arrived, he would warmly receive them.

قَالَ أَبُو جَعْفَرٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ:

وَ كَانَ لُوطُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ رَجُلا سَخِيًّا كَرِيمًا يُقْرِئُ الضَّيْفَ إِذا نَزَلَ بِهِ.

Migration In The Cause Of Religion

Lot left Iraq for Damascus along with his uncle, Abraham. He forsook his homeland and his people to safeguard his religion.

وَقَدْ هَاجَرَ مَعَ عَمِهِ إِبْراهيمَ مِنْ أَرْضِ الْعِراقِ إِلى بِلادِ الشّامِ تَارِكًا وَطَنَهُ وَأَهْلِه وَقَبِيلَتَهُ لِدِينِهِ وَابْتَعَدَ عَنْ قَوْمِه وَأَهْلِه.

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