

Hūd

(‘alayhi s-salām)

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The Story of Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām)

Today you will learn about the life of one of the best people that ever lived. This was a man sent by Allāh. You will learn why they were sent and what lessons we can learn from their lives. They were known as the Prophets of Allāh.

After Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām)

Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) and the good people were saved from the flood. And the bad people were no longer there.

The world was a better place. Everyone stopped doing bad things because they remembered what had happened to those who didn't listen to Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām). They remembered that they were all drowned by a great

flood. They were scared to disobey Allāh. All the people worshipped Allāh. They stopped worshipping statues.

We should also remember what happened to those people who listened to Allāh and those who never. We should remember that Allāh can punish us if we do not obey Him.

The Family of 'Ād

One of the families that lived were called 'Ād. They were all from the family of Prophet Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām).

The family of 'Ād were very rich. They had big houses and big gardens. They had everything you could imagine! They were very strong and could build anything they wanted. They even built big castles and palaces for

themselves. Allāh had given everything to them.

Being Grateful

Sometimes Allāh gives someone everything they want and sometimes he doesn't. When Allāh gives someone everything, Allāh wants to see if the person is grateful. Does he thank Allāh? Does he ever complain? Does he listen to what Allāh tells him? If the person thanks Allāh and listens to what Allāh tells him, then

Allāh becomes happy and gives the person even more.

But if Allāh gives a person everything, and that person never thanks Allāh. He always complains. He never listens to what Allāh tells him, then Allāh becomes very angry. Instead of giving him more, Allāh takes everything away.

We should look at ourselves and think. Has Allāh given me everything? Has He given me a house? Has he given me food? Has he given me

clothes? Has he made me healthy? Has he given me toys? What has Allāh not given me?

The answer is Allāh that has given us everything!

So we should never be ungrateful to Allāh. We should always listen to what Allāh says. We should say Alhamdulillah. If we do this, then Allāh will give us even more.



Being Ungrateful

The family of 'Ād were given everything. They were the strongest people. They were the richest. But instead of being grateful to Allāh, they disobeyed Him. They became proud of themselves. They thought no one was stronger than them. They began hurting the weak people and taking whatever they had.

Allāh does not like people who are proud. Those who think

they are better than everyone. Instead Allāh likes those people who think everyone is better than them. Allāh doesn't like those people who show off.

The family of 'Ād had forgotten the story of Nūḥ ('alayhi s-salām) and started worshipping statues. They were the first people to start worshipping statues after the story of Nūḥ ('alayhi s-salām).

Sending a Prophet

To remind the people of what was right and to stop them from doing bad, Allāh sent a Prophet. The Prophet's name was Hūd. Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām) was a man from the family of ‘Ād and from the children of Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām).

Reminding the People

He told the people to stop worshipping statues and to worship only Allāh alone. The people did not like getting

told what to do. They made fun of Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām) and called him liar and a fool.

But Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām) tried his best to remind them. He tried his best to stop them from worshipping statues. But they still called him a liar and a fool.

They still thought that no one was better than them. They would say: “Who is stronger than us?”

Challenging Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām)

Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām) warned them and told them that Allāh would punish them. Instead of listening, they challenged Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām) and asked him to bring the punishment.

The Punishment

Allāh decided to punish them by stopping the rain. There was no rain for years and years. Because of no rain, there

was no water and you need water for food to grow. So they were left thirsty and hungry.

The Clouds

One day, the family of ‘Ād saw black clouds in the sky. Clouds are a sign that it will rain. They became very happy that it will finally rain. But Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām) knew that they were not normal clouds. The clouds were going to be a punishment from Allāh.

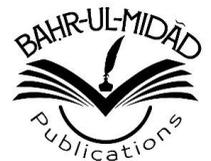
The clouds came closer and closer. Suddenly, a wind began to blow. It was so strong that it lifted the tall and strong people and threw them down. The wind blew and blew for eight days and seven nights. When the wind stopped blowing, the tall and strong people from the family of 'Ād were nowhere to be seen. Their big palaces and castles were left empty.

Lessons from the Story of Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām)

We must remember some very important lessons from the story of Hūd (‘alayhi s-salām):

- We learn that we should never become proud. We should never think that we are better than everyone.
- We must remember that everything we have is a gift from Allāh and if we be

**ungrateful, Allāh can take
everything away from us.**



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