

## Race to Jannah - 6 Group C: Surah Al-Baqarah

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ  
الثَّمَرَاتِ مَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۖ قَالَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَأُمَتِّعُهُ  
قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ أَضْطَرُّهُ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ ۖ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ {126}

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ  
مِنَّا ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ {127}

رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِن دُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُّسْلِمَةً لَّكَ وَأَرِنَا  
مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ {128}

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ  
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ ۗ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ {129}

### Plain Meaning

126: And [remember] when Ibrahim said, "My Lord, make this a secure city and provide its people with fruits – whoever of them believes in Allah and the Last Day." Allah said, "And whoever disbelieves – I will grant him enjoyment for a little; then I will force him to the punishment of the Fire, and worst indeed is that destination."

127: And [remember] when Ibrahim and Ismail were raising the foundations of the House, [saying], "Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed, You are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

128: Our Lord! And make us Muslims [in submission] to You and from our descendants a Muslim nation [in submission] to You. And show us our rituals and accept our repentance. Indeed, You are the one who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful.

129: Our Lord! And send among them a messenger from themselves who will recite to them Your verses and teach them the Book and wisdom and purify them. Indeed, You are the All-Might, the All-Wise."

## **Explanation**

- Surah Baqarah is the longest Surah of the Quran and it has total 286 ayah.
- These four verses of Surah Baqarah (126-129) are the duas of prophet Ibrahim (alayhi wa sallam) when he was rebuilding Baitullah or Kabah with his son Ismail (A).
- We all know about Prophet Ibrahim (A), right? Ibrahim (A) was a great prophet of Allah. He was given the title of Khalil-Allah, which means 'the friend of Allah'. Once he was commanded to take his newly born son, Isma'il and his wife Hajra to a distant land and leave them there. This was in a barren valley between the Hills of Safa and Marwa in a place that we know as Makkah today.
- The family made the long journey together and Ibrahim (A) left them, just as Allah had commanded him. He left them only with some dates and water.
- The food and water ran out after a while. As baby Isma'il began to cry Hajra panicked and ran between the hills of Safa and Marwa in search for water. She was hopeful that she might see some travelers and get water or food from them.
- After running between the two hills seven times, she returned to baby Isma'il. She found that where Isma'il was kicking his feet in the sand, a spring had sprung from the ground. This spring is still there today and is known as Zam zam.

- When Isma'il grew up, Prophet Ibrahim (A) came to meet him. Then Allah ordered him to build a place to worship and Isma'il helped him to do so.
- Remember, when Prophet Ibrahim left Isma'il as a kid, it was a barren land. Prophet Ibrahim (A) prayed to Allah to make it a city of safety where people will have plenty of fruits. Now, we can see, as a result of Ibrahim's dua , Makkah is the safest place of the world and there are so many fruits available there.
- When he and Isma'il were building the Kaaba, they were indeed doing a great job and following Allah's command. Still he was praying to Allah to accept their deeds. He was such a humble man. What does it teach us? We will keep doing good deeds, still we have to be humble to Allah and beg him to accept our efforts.
- He also asked Allah to make them good Muslims and not only them, but also his kids and grandkids and their kids. He asked Allah to forgive his sins though we know he was a great man. So we need to try to be good Muslims and also make dua to Allah to accept us and forgive us, right?
- He prayed to Allah to send messengers for people so that people do not forget Allah. The messengers will teach the holy books and purify them to be good Muslims. You know, what? Our Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) is the result of his dua!
- From Prophet Ibrahim, we learn how to be a good person, good Muslim and also, how to ask Allah for something. May Allah make us the followers of Prophet Ibrahim (A).

## Lessons

1. We need to make lots of dua everyday as Prophet Ibrahim (A) did.
2. We cannot depend on our good deeds to get Jannah, we have to ask Allah to accept them while doing them and give us Jannah.
3. We need to be humble in our life.
4. We should ask for forgiveness as much as we can.
5. We have to know about prophets' lives and follow them throughout our lives.