

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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We are in the days, where our fellow countrymen are celebrating Christmas – a day that is marked as the birth of Prophet Isa AS

- **I have seen a growing trend amongst Muslims of late who are also celebrating this holiday**
 - By decorating their homes with trees, lights, exchanging gifts...etc.
 - I have seen a mosque put on its calendar 'Wiladat of Nabi Eesa AS'

It is important for us to understand that this is not a Muslim holiday or custom

- **In fact, the date of the birth of Nabi Isa AS is unknown, even to Christians scholars** (according to some sources, 25th of December was marked as his birthday nearly 250-300 years after he was raised)

That being said, though we do not celebrate this date, **we do revere Nabi Issa AS with great veneration.**

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الصَّادِقِ ع فِي حَدِيثٍ طَوِيلٍ يَقُولُ ... أَتَّبِعُوا قَوْلَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص وَ أَقْرُوا
بِمَا نَزَلَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ أَتَّبِعُوا آثَارَ الْهُدَى فَإِنَّهَا عَلَامَاتُ الْأَمَانَةِ وَ التَّقَى وَ اعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ
لَوْ أَنْكَرَ رَجُلٌ عَيْسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَ أَقْرَّ بِمَنْ سِوَاهُ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ لَمْ يُؤْمِنْ

"...Follow the Apostle of Allah, and confess to what has been sent down from Allah, and follow the signs of guidance, for they are the signs of trustworthiness and God-wariness; and know that if one denies Jesus the son of Mary ('a), but confesses to all the prophets but him, he does not believe..."

Nabi Issa AS is mentioned in the Qur'an more than 90 times.

- Part of these verses, Allah SWT in Sura Maryam mentions **6 great honors** that He SWT has given him

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- **First:** He was عَبْدُ اللَّهِ – servant of Allah SWT
 - The fact that this was mentioned before all others shows this is the greatest honor given to him AS
- **Second:** He was given a heavenly book
- **Third:** He was made a Prophet
 - This shows his higher rank amongst other Prophets because not all Prophets were given Heavenly Book
- **Fourth:** He was made مُبَارَكًا – blessed
- **Fifth:** He was kind to his mother - بَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي
- **Sixth:** He was humble and not arrogant - وَ لَمْ يُجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا

From these great honors that were given to Nabi Issa AS, I just want to briefly discuss one:

- He was made مُبَارَكًا – blessed

المبارك comes from the بركة and it is used in many different ways in the Arabic language:

- Rajulun Mubarak; Baarakallahu Feek; Tabaarak-Allah; Salaamun Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wabarakatuhu!

What does بركة mean?

- It is translated as: An Abundance of Goodness and Blessings which increases manifold and greatly benefits others
 - It can be used to describe: Money, Age, Children, Time
 - Time in which you can accomplish a lot is known as Mubarak
 - Money which grows and lasts a long time is known as Mubarak
 - It can also be used to describe a human being
 - One who is full of Goodness and Blessings and greatly benefits others!

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We see from our traditions, that Nabi Issa AS would go out of his way to assist those in need:

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أَبْرَأْتُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَعَالَجْتُ الْمَوْتَى فَأَحْيَيْتُهُمْ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَعَالَجْتُ الْأَحْمَقَ
فَلَمْ أَقْدِرْ عَلَى إِصْلَاحِهِ فَقِيلَ يَا رُوحَ اللَّهِ وَ مَا الْأَحْمَقُ قَالَ الْمُعْجَبُ بِرَأْيِهِ وَ نَفْسِهِ الَّذِي يَرَى
الْفَضْلَ كُلَّهُ لَهُ لَا عَلَيْهِ وَ يُوجِبُ الْحَقَّ كُلَّهُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَ لَا يُوجِبُ عَلَيْهَا حَقًّا فَذَلِكَ الْأَحْمَقُ الَّذِي
لَا حِيلَةَ فِي مُدَاوَاتِهِ

“Verily, Jesus the son of Mary (‘a) said, ‘I treated the sick, then I healed them by the permission of Allah, and I cured those born blind and the lepers by the permission of Allah, and I treated the dead and revived them by the permission of Allah, and I treated the fool, but I could not correct him.’ Then it was said, ‘O Spirit of Allah! What is a fool?’ He said, ‘He is one who is admirable in his own view to himself, he who considers all of merit to be for him and not against him, and who finds all rights to be for himself and does not find against himself any right. Such is the fool for whom there is no trick to cure him.’”

The lesson we take from this, is that the moment we can look past ourselves and begin to assist those who we have been tasked to look after

- We too will become Mubarak!

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بَارَكْتُ وَ لَيْسَ لِبِرْكَتِي نَهَايَةٌ وَ إِذَا عُصِيْتُ غَضِبْتُ وَ إِذَا غَضِبْتُ لَعَنْتُ وَ لَعْنَتِي تَبْلُغُ السَّابِعَ
مِنَ الْوَرَى

And tonight we are gathered to commemorate such a lady who was and still is Mubaraka

- Not only did she benefit and bless those who were around her with her knowledge
- She continues to benefit and bless those who live in her shadow and who visit her
- And she will continue to benefit and bless her Shi'a on the DOJ

Imam Ja'far al-Sādiq (A):

تُقَبَّضُ فِيهَا امْرَأَةٌ مِنْ وُلْدِي، اسْمُهَا فَاطِمَةُ بِنْتُ مُوسَى، وَتَدْخُلُ بِشَفَاعَتِهَا شِعَى الْجَنَّةِ

بِأَجْمَعِهِمْ

“A lady from my children whose name will be Fatima, daughter of Mūsā, will die in Qum. On the Day of Judgement this lady will intercede for all my Shi'a to enter Heaven.”