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A research review of the principles and manners of invitation and irshad in the Quranic stories, the story of Nuh (a.s.).

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Abstract:

Noah is mentioned in the Holy Quran in 28 surahs at different places, sometimes briefly and sometimes with details. Apart from this, there is also a surah of the Holy Quran named after Noah (a.s.). Noah (a.s.) was a prophet of Allah. You called people to Allah for about 950 years, but the response of your people was that you are a common man like us, if Allah had sent someone as a messenger, he would have been an angel. Only 80 people accepted his religion. Noah (peace be upon him) was the first of all messengers. Who were sent to earth.

A brief introduction to Hazrat Noah

Name and surname:

The name of Nuh (peace be upon him) was "Abdul-Ghafar" or "Abd al-Malik" or "Abd al-Ali" and the title "Noah" was given to him because he used to lament over himself or his people for years. His father's name was "Lamak" or "Lamak".

According to another tradition, it is about your name Muqatal has said that his name is al-Sakin. There is a saying that his name is al-Sakin. Tabari said that his name is Abd al-Laghfar and because of crying a lot, his name became Nuh. He looked at the dog and said in his heart, "How ugly is it?" Allah spoke to this dog and said, "O poor man! Whom have you faulted on the image or on the engraving? If there is an error on the image, if it is mine to make it." If I had the power, I would have made

myself Hussain. If there is a defect in the painter, then it is Allah Almighty and it is not permissible to object to his country. I think I cried for forty (40) years"-¹

"There is an interpretation in Muzahri that some scholars say that his name is Shakir, others say that his name is Yashkur"-²

Noah's parents were both believers and his mother's name was Qishosh bint Barkabeel.³

The name of the father of Hazrat Nuh (peace be upon him) was Seth - he (peace be upon him) was sent by Allah at a time when the worship of idols and obedience to the devils had begun.

Mention of Noah in the Holy Quran:

The Holy Qur'an talks about Noah in many verses and in total there is a discussion about this great prophet in 28 surahs of the Qur'an. His name is mentioned 43 times in the Holy Qur'an.

In some surahs of the Qur'an, the story of Hazrat Noah has been mentioned briefly, while in some surahs, it has been mentioned in detail. Among the surahs in which the story of Noah (a.s.) has been mentioned in detail are Surah A'raf, verse 59 to 69, Surah Hud, verse 25 to 49, Surah Mu'minun, verse 23 to 30, Surah Sha'ara, verse 105. to 122, Surah Qamar, verse 9 to 17 and Surah Nuh can be named.

Noah's mission:

Noah (peace be upon him) was the Messenger of Allah. You called people to Allah for about 950 years, but the response of your people was that you are a common man like us, if Allah had sent someone as a messenger, he would have been an angel. Only 80 people accepted his religion. Noah (peace be upon him) was the first of all messengers. Who were sent to earth.

Children:

Noah's three sons were saved in the storm because they were Muslims: "Ham", "Sam", "Japheth". And these three had three sons: From the descendants of Sam came Arabic, Persian and Roman. From the race of Fath, the Turks, Saqaliya and Gog Magog were born, and from the race of Ham are the Coptic, Sudanese and Berber nations.⁴

Apart from these three sons, Noah had another son who was drowned in a storm, as mentioned in the Qur'an in these words:

”وَهِيَ تَجْرِي بِهِمْ فِي مَوْجٍ كَالْجِبَالِ وَنَادَى نُوحٌ ابْنَهُ وَكَانَ فِي مَعْزِلٍ يَا بُنَيَّ ارْكَبْ مَعَنَا وَلَا تَكُنْ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ قَالَ سَأُولِي إِلَى جَبَلٍ يَعْصِمُنِي مِنَ الْمَاءِ قَالَ لَا عَاصِمَ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا مَنْ رَحِمَ وَحَالَ بَيْنَهُمَا الْمَوْجُ فَكَانَ مِنَ الْمُغْرَقِينَ“ 5

(At that time, Noah called his son, who was separated (from the ark), that the son should ride with us and not join the disbelievers. He said that today there is no one who can be saved from the punishment of Allah (and no one can be saved) except the one whom Allah has mercy on.

In these verses, the son of Noah (a.s.) is mentioned, whose name is mentioned in the hadiths as Canaan, and he was a disbeliever and a transgressor, and he refused to accept the religion of his father. Therefore, he perished with those who perished. While those people who accepted the religion of Noah (a.s.) got salvation, even though they had no kinship relationship with those people.

The rules and manners of Noah's invitation and speech

The principles and manners of Noah's calling and saying are as follows:

1. The soft and gentle way of inviting Tawheed:

You started your mission with your people with great gentleness and good advice. He said:

”لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَى قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ“ 6

(O people of my people! Worship Allah, that there is no god but Him, and I fear for you the punishment of the Great Day.)

He advised his people a lot and made every possible effort to bring them to the right path, he promised them that if you repent and come to the path of righteousness, then Allah will bless you with countless blessings.

2. Invitation through good advice:

He also reminded the nation that if they consider the universe, everything gives a living proof of the oneness and truth of Allah. But his people were so immersed in misguidance that they were not ready to think about his invitation, but if we think about them and what kind of things they tell us, we do not find them on the right path.

As it is in the Quran

” قَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا لَنَرَاكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ“ 7

(The chiefs of Noah's people said, We see you clearly in error.)

Even they were not ready to believe you in any way, and on the contrary, they used to oppress you, but you used to cry out before Allah and pray for your people, O Allah, forgive them. Don't know that.

But alas, as a result of this preaching and advice, compassion and kindness, their ignorance increased and they said.

”قَالُوا لَئِن لَّمْ تَنْتَهِ يَا نُوحُ لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمَرْجُومِينَ“ 8

(Noah, if you don't stop, you will be stoned.)

3. Secret invitation and announcement invitation:

Noah (a.s.) called his people to the religion of Allah secretly and publicly. The explanation of which we also get from these verses of the Holy Quran:

”قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا“ 9

(O my Lord, I have called my people to You day and night) “

ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جَهَارًا 10

Then I called them loudly

ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا 11

(And indeed I called them both publicly and secretly).

4. Denial of the nation and Noah's style of benevolence:

When you called your people to Allah, your people denied you with these words:

”قَالَ لَنْ نَرَاكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ“ 12 (We see you in clear error).

Noah said in response

”قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ لَيْسَ بِي ضَلَالَةٌ وَلَكِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ“ 13

(O people, there is no misguidance in me, but I am the Messenger of the Lord of the Worlds) that is, I am a Messenger from Allah, and you people are wrong to think that I am misguided.

Noah (A.S.) gave further explanation and said:

”أُبَلِّغُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَأُنصَحُ لَكُمْ وَأَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ“ 14

(I convey to you the message of Allah and wish you well, and I know things from Allah that you do not know)

This is the manner of the Messenger sent by Allah, that he has the most knowledge of Allah and His High Attributes, and he speaks eloquently and eloquently, and his manner is full of advice and benevolence. The chiefs of your nation objected and said:

”وَمَا نَرَاكَ اتَّبَعَكَ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ هُمْ أَرَادْنَا بِأَدْبَارِهِمُ الرَّاْيَ وَمَا نَرَىٰ لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ فَضْلٍ بَلْ نَظُنُّكُمْ كَاذِبِينَ“ 15

(And we also see that your followers have been weak people who are of the lowest rank among us and they are also opinionated and we do not see in you any superiority over us, but consider you liars.)

Similarly, Heracles says that "only the weak are the ones who follow the messengers"¹⁶. It may also be that there is no obstacle in the way of accepting the truth for these people.

Further, the disbelievers of Noah (a.s.) said about Noah (a.s.) and those who believed in him:

”وَمَا نَرَىٰ لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ فَضْلٍ“ 17

(And you do not see any superiority over us) They tried to tell that after bringing Islam you did not get any superiority over us.

”بَلْ نَظُنُّكُمْ كَاذِبِينَ“ 18

(Rather, we consider you a liar)

5. The loving address of Noah:

Noah (A.S.) faced a very harsh and unbearable attitude from his people, but despite this, Noah (A.S.) tried to explain them with great love and exhorted them to think and think, saying:

”يَا قَوْمِ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّي وَأَتَانِي رَحْمَةً مِنْ عِنْدِهِ فَعَمَّيْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْتُمْ كُفْرًا وَأَنْتُمْ لَهَا“ 19

(O my people! Look, I have a clear proof from my Lord, and He has given me mercy from Himself, the truth of which has been hidden from you. Can we compel you to accept it?) (which you are unhappy about)

This is the love and gentle manner of Noah towards his people and it is an expression of the loving, compassionate and gentle attitude in calling them to the truth which Allah the Exalted said to Moses and Aaron about Pharaoh in the Holy Quran. And the Holy Prophet ﷺ was also instructed to adopt a gentle and compassionate manner.

6. To be patient with the difficulties that come in the way:

It is narrated from Hazrat Ibn-e- Abbas that his people used to beat him so much that when he fell down, they wrapped him in a blanket and thought that he was dead, but when he regained consciousness the next day, they would call to Allah and engage in the process of preaching.²⁰

Muhammad bin Ishaq has narrated from Amulithi that he was informed that the people of Noah (as) had strangled him, which made him faint and when he regained consciousness, he used to pray, O my Lord, forgive my people. Because they don't know.²¹

If one of their generations was disappointed in believing, then they would hope that one of their descendants would be enlightened by faith in the next generation, and when that generation passed, they would hope for the next one because their generations His life span was not as long as that of Hazrat Nuh (as) because he was given a long life by a miracle.²²

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