



As the dua of Hannah was "... I seek refuge with you (Allah) for her and for her offspring from Satan, the outcast." 3:36, the Prophet said, "There is no newborn except the Shaytan pokes him in his side, thereby coming out crying, except Maryam and her son." (Bukhari)

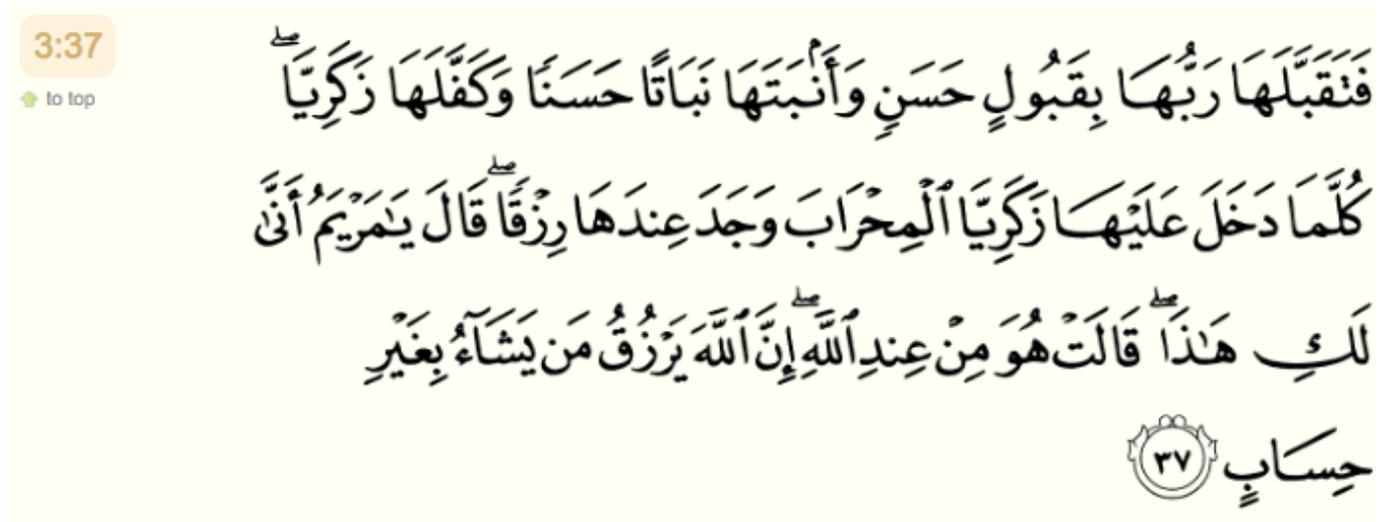
This hadith is evidence that Hannah's dua to seek refuge in Allah for her progeny from the devil was answered. In fact, this dua was answered fully since Maryam(AS) and Isa(AS) did not have the effect of the devil on them. This would have been true for any offspring that followed. However, her lineage ended with Isa.

### **She was known by her worship**

Zakariyya (AS), the uncle of Maryam, was a carpenter and he built place of devotion - a wooden mihrab - for her sole worship in the east of the masjid. Even when she was unable to worship, due to her cycle, she would leave the masjid and continue to reflect and remember Allah(SWT) in the mountains.

### **She was gifted with miracles**

Zakariyya (AS) would check on her daily to as her responsible guardian.



"So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner and put her in the care of Zakariyya. Every time Zakariyya entered upon her in the prayer chamber, he found with her provision. He said, "O Mary, from where is this [coming] to you?" She said, "It is from Allah. Indeed, Allah provides for whom He wills without account." Surah Aale-Imran: 37

The scholars explain that she would be blessed with fruits which were not possible in that season - the food of winter in summer and summer in winter, and, of course, there were no fridges in those times. The other benefit we take from this is the need to enquire about our youth - where are they getting things, who do they spend their time with, who are they playing Fortnite with, hows their FIFA team doing etc.

Even her wording is beautiful in response for she does not attribute this gift to herself, rather says Allah(SWT) provides for whom He wills, indicating that you all have a connection with Allah(SWT) and he responds. Through this example, Zakariyya (AS) then asks Allah(SWT) for a child in his old age and he too is granted this miracle in Yahya(AS).

### She was modest

On one occasion, at the age of 16, while she was in her mihraab, she saw a handsome person there and immediately she sought refuge from Allah(SWT), reminding him that He(SWT) is the most loving (Rahman) so seek forgiveness in Him(SWT) while you still can, if you are mindful of Him(SWT).

19:17

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فَأَتَّخَذَتْ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ حِجَابًا فَأَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهَا رُوحَنَا فَتَمَثَّلَ لَهَا  
بَشَرًا سَوِيًّا ۗ

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And she took, in seclusion from them, a screen. Then We sent to her Our Angel, and he represented himself to her as a well-proportioned man.

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قَالَتْ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِالرَّحْمَنِ مِنْكَ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَقِيًّا ۗ

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She said, "Indeed, I seek refuge in the Most Merciful from you, [so leave me], if you should be fearing of Allah ."

It was Jibreel(AS) who clarified that he was bringing news that she will give birth to a pure boy (ghulaaman zakiyya). She was surprised and asks how this is possible despite no man ever touching her or her being unchaste. Jibreel (AS) explains that your Lord states that this is easy for Him(SWT) - Qaala Rabbuka huwa alayya hayyin.

## She affirmed the truth immediately

Now, she has proven her worship and her modesty. Now she is to be tried in her honour and standing with the people.

Maryam, as a young 16 year old, accepted the huge task of going through pregnancy and childbirth by herself unsupported by any family. Then she would have to present her child to the people who would inevitably accuse her of being unchaste and reject her.

This shows courage and istiqama (steadfastness) upon truth.

She cried out in the pains of labour and anguish of being outcast from her community and bringing her lineage into disrepute.

19:23

فَأَجَاءَهَا الْمَخَاضُ إِلَى جِذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ قَالَتْ يَلَيْتَنِي مِتُّ قَبْلَ هَذَا وَكُنْتُ  
نَسِيًّا مَنْسِيًّا ﴿٢٣﴾

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And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She said, "Oh, I wish I had died before this and was in oblivion, forgotten."

19:24

فَنَادَىٰ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا أَلَّا تُحْزِنِي قَدْ جَعَلَ رَبُّكِ تَحْتَكِ سَرِيًّا ﴿٢٤﴾

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But he called her from below her, "Do not grieve; your Lord has provided beneath you a stream."

Jibreel (AS) responded to her saying don't grieve because Allah(SWT) will take care of you as He(SWT) has done your whole life. Rather, he has given you cool water and food. However, you need to take action - shake the palm tree, usually firm and difficult for a man of full strength to shake, but the test is not in the outcome but in following the commands of Allah(SWT). Trust in Him(SWT) and you will see outcomes you never believed in your lifetime.

19:25



وَهَزِي إِلَيْكَ بِجِدْعِ النَّخْلَةِ تُسْقِطَ عَلَيْكَ رُطْبًا جَنِيًّا

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And shake toward you the trunk of the palm tree; it will drop upon you ripe, fresh dates.

19:26

فَكُلِي وَأَشْرِي وَقَرِّي عَيْنًا فَإِمَّا تَرِينِ مِنَ الْبَشَرِ أَحَدًا فَقُولِي إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ  
لِلرَّحْمَنِ صَوْمًا فَلَنْ أُكَلِّمَ الْيَوْمَ إِنْسِيًّا

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So eat and drink and be contented. And if you see from among humanity anyone, say, 'Indeed, I have vowed to the Most Merciful abstention, so I will not speak today to [any] man.' "

As part of this test, she had to fast from speaking (as was the practice of Bani Isra'eel) and was not able to respond to explain herself. This is the test of ego and fighting the nafs to submit fully to the command of Allah(SWT). She pointed to the new-born child

يَتَأَخْتَهُرُونَ مَا كَانَ أَبُوكَ أَمْرًا سَوْءٍ وَمَا كَانَتْ أُمُّكَ بَغِيًّا ﴿٢٨﴾

فَأَشَارَتْ إِلَيْهِ قَالُوا كَيْفَ نُكَلِّمُ مَنْ كَانَ فِي الْمَهْدِ صَبِيًّا ﴿٢٩﴾

قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ ءَاتَنِي الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ﴿٣٠﴾

وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا  
دُمْتُ حَيًّا ﴿٣١﴾

وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ لِي جَبَارًا شَقِيًّا ﴿٣٢﴾

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ﴿٣٣﴾

ذَٰلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

**Then she pointed to him. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?"**

**He [ʿĪsā (Jesus)] said: Verily! I am a slave of Allāh, He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet;**

**And He has made me blessed wheresoever I be, and has enjoined on me Salât (prayer), and Zakât, as long as I live.**

**And dutiful to my mother, and made me not arrogant, unblessed.**

**And Salâm (peace) be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive!**

**Such is 'Īsā (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary). (it is) a statement of truth, about which they doubt (or dispute)**

[Surah Maryam, Aayaat 28-33]

Isa (AS) was a slave of Allah(SWT). As is confirmed in Christian scriptures, he taught that there is only One God and referred to him in Aramaic as Allah - the same word as in Arabic. He didnt eat pork and he greeted others with peace. He washed his face, hands and feet before praying and prostrated before God in prayer. He fasted as did his mother and his mother dressed modestly covering her body and wearing a headscarf. ([Christian references](#))

حَدَّثَنَا إِسْحَاقُ، أَخْبَرَنَا يَعْقُوبُ بْنُ إِبرَاهِيمَ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبِي، عَنِ صَالِحٍ، عَنِ ابْنِ شِهَابٍ، أَنَّ سَعِيدَ بْنَ  
الْمُسَيْبِ، سَمِعَ أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ -

قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

" وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ،

لِيُوشِكَنَّ أَنْ يَنْزَلَ فِيكُمْ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ حَكَمًا عَدْلًا،

فَيَكْسِرَ الصَّلِيبَ،

وَيَقْتُلَ الْخَنزِيرَ،

وَيَضَعَ الْجُزْيَةَ،

وَيَفِيضَ الْمَالَ حَتَّى لَا يَقْبَلَهُ أَحَدٌ،

حَتَّى تَكُونَ السَّجْدَةُ الْوَاحِدَةُ خَيْرًا مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَمَا فِيهَا "

ثُمَّ يَقُولُ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ وَاقْرَأُوا إِنَّ شَعْتُمْ >> وَإِنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لِيُؤْمِنَنَّ بِهِ  
قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا <<

Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, surely (Jesus,) the son of Mary will soon descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly (as a Just Ruler); he will break the Cross and kill the pigs and there will be no Jizya (i.e. taxation taken from non-Muslims). Money will be in abundance so that nobody will accept it, and a single prostration to Allah (in prayer) will be better than the whole world and whatever is in it." Abu Huraira added "If you wish, you can recite (this verse of the Holy Book): — 'And there is none Of the people of the Scriptures (Jews and Christians) But must believe in him (i.e Jesus as an Apostle of Allah and a human being) Before his death. And on the Day of Judgment He will be a witness Against them.'" (4.159) (See Fath-ul-Bari, Page 302 Vol 7) - Sahih al-Bukhari 3448

### **Some other lessons about Isa (AS)**

[Lessons from the story of Prophet Isa - Jesus \(AS\)](#) from [abdulg99](#)