



*Journey of Faith*

# The Wisdom and Light

STORY OF PROPHET IDRIS (AS) FOR CHILDREN



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Only for Allah's pleasure! We neither seek reward from you nor thanks.

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## About this book



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## Foreword

Asalamu Alaikum. Peace and blessings be upon you!

The story of Prophet Idris (AS) is indeed brimming with valuable lessons that can guide us in our daily lives. In the realm of divine narratives and instructive stories, where wisdom shines brilliantly, we embark on a journey filled with courage, enlightenment, and inspiration. The book you hold in your hands, titled "The Wisdom and Light," transports us to a world where Allah's teachings seamlessly intertwine with virtuous lives, narrating a story that echoes through the corridors of time. Let us journey back in time and discover the life and mission of Prophet Idris (AS) - a special and chosen messenger of Allah.

Allah SWT has mentioned Prophet Idris (AS) in two surahs of the Quran. In Surah Maryam (Ayat 56-57), he is described as a "truthful prophet" who was granted a high status by Allah SWT. Additionally, in Surah Al-Anbiya (Ayah 85), Allah SWT commends Prophet Idris (AS) for his patience, highlighting his strength even in challenging circumstances.





When we explore the hadiths, we learn that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ encountered Prophet Idris (AS) during a special journey to the heavens. This encounter serves as evidence of the unity of purpose that binds all the prophets (peace be upon them all) across the ages, as they all worked for the same noble reasons.

As we delve into the pages of this book, let us immerse ourselves in the world of Prophet Idris (AS), finding inspiration in his unwavering determination and drawing timeless lessons that deeply resonate with our own lives. Just as he carried the torch of wisdom and goodness, we too can illuminate our lives and the lives of those around us. May this book serve as a radiant beacon that encourages self-reflection, guides our thoughts, and illuminates a clear path for our relationship with the Creator and His creation.

May this book enlighten us, make us reflect, and remind us that Prophet Idris's (AS) journey is a guide for us to Allah's eternal wisdom.

Shahood Alam, Melbourne




# An Important Note About the Sources of Information About the Prophets

The information presented in this book falls within the categories of 2A and 2C, as described below. It has been meticulously collected from various reputable sources, including Tafsir Durr-e-Manthur by Imam Suyuti, Tafsir Ibn Kathir, Tafheem ul Quran, and other respected works.

Regarding the acceptability of information about the Prophets (AS), scholars have established specific criteria:

WHO IS THE INFO RELATED TO?	TYPE OF INFORMATION	ACCEPTABILITY OF THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION
1. INFORMATION ABOUT PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ	1A. ANY TYPE OF INFORMATION ABOUT HIM ﷺ	A STRINGENT AND RIGOROUS SET OF CRITERIA FOR AUTHENTICITY IS APPLIED WHEN EVALUATING . INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ ONLY INFORMATION THAT MEETS THESE STRICT STANDARDS IS CONSIDERED VALID AND ACCEPTED.
2. INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER PROPHETS	2A. INFORMATION THAT ALIGNS WITH THE QURAN AND AUTHENTIC HADITHS	CONSIDERED VALID AND ACCEPTED
	2B. INFORMATION THAT CONTRADICTS THE QURAN AND AUTHENTIC HADITHS	DEEMED UNRELIABLE AND REJECTED
	2C. INFORMATION THAT NEITHER CONFIRMS NOR CONTRADICTS THE QURAN AND SUNNAH	CAN BE A SOURCE OF LESSONS, BUT ITS AUTHENTICITY CANNOT BE DEFINITELY DECLARED.





By adhering to these established criteria, we ensure that the information about the Prophets, including Prophet Idris (AS), is approached with the utmost care and precision, maintaining the integrity of their narratives and teachings.



## The Wise Sage of Babylon

In the ancient land of Babylon, there resided an extraordinary man named Prophet Idris (AS). He was famous for his wisdom, kindness, and deep spiritual connection with Allah SWT. People greatly admired him for the profound wisdom he shared. Even his name, 'Idris,' reflects his dedication to teaching ('tadrees').





## A Unique Spiritual Legacy

The parents of Prophet Idris (AS) were guided by divine wisdom passed down through their ancestors. This lineage provided Prophet Idris (AS) with a solid foundation in Allah's teachings and a deep understanding of the divine message that had been handed down through generations. His birth symbolised the continuation of monotheistic belief in one God—a belief initially professed by the first human, Prophet Adam (AS), who also happened to be his great-great-great-great-grandfather. Prophet Idris (AS) served as a link between the past and the present, establishing a connection between his people and their ancestral teachings.



## The Observant Young Boy

Prophet Idris (AS) possessed sharp observational skills that allowed him to contemplate societal changes and natural phenomena. When it came to observing human behaviour, he carefully examined how people acted in his time. As he grew older, he noticed a troubling trend in his society. There was a growing focus on material wealth, and important virtues like sacrifice and kindness were increasingly being ignored. This deeply saddened Prophet Idris (AS), as he witnessed a decline in moral values and ethical awareness among the people. Additionally, Prophet Idris (AS) displayed a deep understanding of nature and its workings, leading to significant inventions attributed to him.







## CHAPTER 4

# Embracing Solitude for Spiritual Focus

To protect himself from evil influences, distractions, and disobedient individuals, Prophet Idris (AS) opted for a life of seclusion. This provided him with the solitude required for deep reflection and contemplation.



## Prophetic Mission

While deeply immersed in worship during his seclusion, an angel of Allah SWT appeared to Prophet Idris (AS). The angel instructed him: "Arise! Come out of your seclusion and interact with the people of the earth, guiding them towards the right path and the righteous ways they should follow." Prophet Idris (AS) received divine guidance in the form of a thirty-page book, which he used to lead his people in worshipping Allah SWT and living virtuous lives. Without fear, he spoke out against societal wrongdoings, emphasising the significance of worship. His mission was crystal clear: to reignite the values of honesty, kindness, and compassion that were fading away. His efforts bore fruit as people heeded his message and embraced the worship of Allah.





## The Trailblazing Innovator


Allah (SWT) bestowed upon Prophet Idris (AS) divine guidance and teachings that greatly enriched his wisdom and knowledge. Through Allah's special favour, Prophet Idris (AS) gained knowledge that would have a profound impact on human civilisation. He excelled in various skills and generously shared his expertise. He imparted practical knowledge to help people lead successful lives, believing that valuable skills and good deeds could counteract negative influences in their surroundings.

Prophet Idris (AS) is credited with introducing writing, initially by making marks in the sand to convey meaning.





Some scholars even attribute the invention of the wheel to him—a fundamental innovation that underlies numerous modern industries. He is also renowned for teaching mathematical skills, without which many of our technological advancements would not have been possible. His foundational contributions paved the way for the advancement of humanity.



Before Prophet Idris (AS), people wore clothing made from animal skins or un-stitched fabrics, causing discomfort and various other issues. Prophet Idris (AS) introduced the art of sewing and crafting clothes that provided excellent coverage and protection. It is said that he remembered Allah SWT with every stitch, infusing his work with spiritual devotion—a hallmark of the righteous, who keep their hearts occupied with the remembrance of Allah SWT regardless of their engagement.



Through such groundbreaking innovations, Prophet Idris (AS) empowered society with tools for progress and knowledge dissemination, enabling development in various fields and laying the foundation for intellectual advancement.



## The Visionary Educator

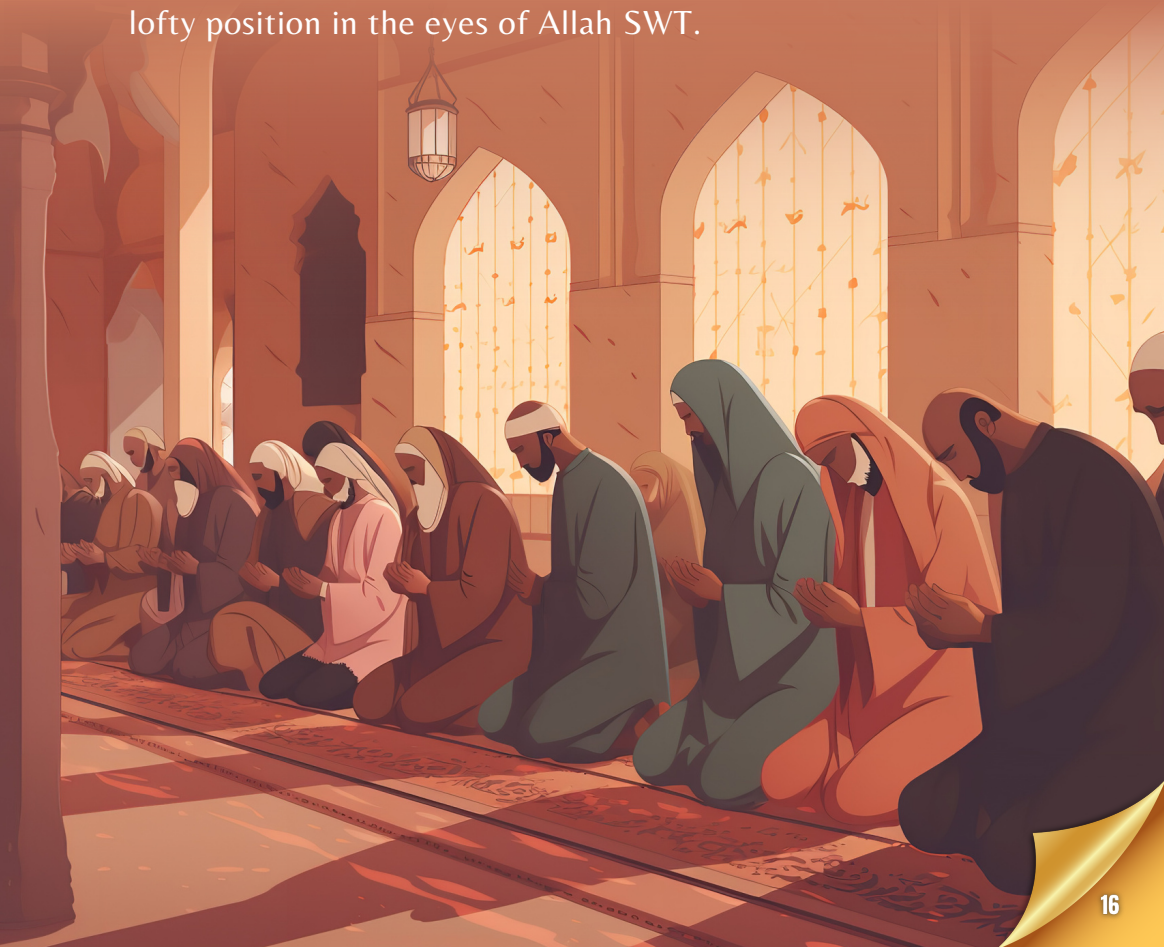
His role as an educator and innovator exemplifies his commitment to nurturing both intellectual and spiritual well-being, bridging the gap between worldly life and divine guidance. Prophet Idris (AS) stands as a genuine pioneer of knowledge, marking his exceptional significance in history.





## Exemplary Balance: Worship and Service

Despite making substantial contributions to humanity through innovation and teaching, Prophet Idris (AS) never neglected his worship. It is reported that he divided his time into two halves: one for worldly responsibilities and the other exclusively dedicated to Allah SWT. His virtuous deeds reached astonishing heights, equalling the combined efforts of all others in his time. This steadfast devotion earned him a lofty position in the eyes of Allah SWT.





## Heartfelt Supplications

Supplication (Dua) holds a central place in worship, and Prophet Idris (AS) was renowned for his heartfelt prayers to Allah SWT. The essence of one of the supplications attributed to him can be summarised as follows:

"O Mighty and Honourable One! Possessor of Supreme Power! You alone are deserving of worship. O Guardian of those who seek refuge in You! You are always close to those who seek peace. Comforter of the fearful! If my name is among the unfortunate, I implore You to remove it and place me among the fortunate ones destined for ultimate joy. If my name is among the deprived, I beseech You to erase it and include me among those who are blessed by Your grace. I humbly request You to make me one who continually seeks and is blessed with opportunities to do good."

We should strive to follow this approach by earnestly pursuing goodness and never allowing opportunities for virtue to pass us by without consideration. This trait was a common thread among the prophets and their genuine followers.





## The Final Journey

Prophet Idris (AS) received news from angels about the multiplication of the rewards for his deeds, which filled him with immense joy. He aspired to accumulate more good deeds before departing from this world. Regrettably, the time for his earthly existence came to an end, and the Angel of Death arrived to take his soul. Later, our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ encountered him in the fourth heaven during his miraculous journey of the Isra and Mi'raj.





# Key Lessons from the Story

The story of Prophet Idris (AS) imparts invaluable lessons that transcend generations. These lessons offer guidance and inspiration for our lives today. Here are key takeaways from his remarkable life:



## Importance of Character

Character significantly shapes our reputation, influencing both our worldly pursuits and our spiritual journey. Upholding virtuous character is fundamental for success in this life and the Hereafter. Prophet Idris (AS) earned the trust of his people through his exemplary character and wisdom, making them turn to him for guidance and counsel. Emulating his footsteps in this aspect is a worthy endeavour for us to pursue.



## Effective Parenting

Parents wield considerable influence in shaping a child's growth and upbringing. While external factors may sometimes divert children from their parents' advice, parents leave a profound impact on their character and beliefs. Prophet Idris's (AS) character was profoundly influenced by his ancestors, sincere followers of divine guidance. Thus, those currently parenting or assuming this role in the future should focus on imparting strong moral values and correct ways of thinking to their children.





## Observational Wisdom

Prophet Idris (AS) was a keen observer, deeply reflecting on human behaviour and natural phenomena. His observations led to many positive outcomes. We should follow his example by observing people, natural phenomena, and our surroundings, fostering change, and creating a positive impact.



## Observational Wisdom

From the story of Prophet Idris (AS), we learn the importance of reflection and pondering. To enable deeper reflection, silence is a prerequisite. Al-Hasan al-Basri (RA) said, “Verily, the people of understanding continue to alternate between remembrance and reflection, and reflection and remembrance until their hearts awaken and speak with wisdom.”

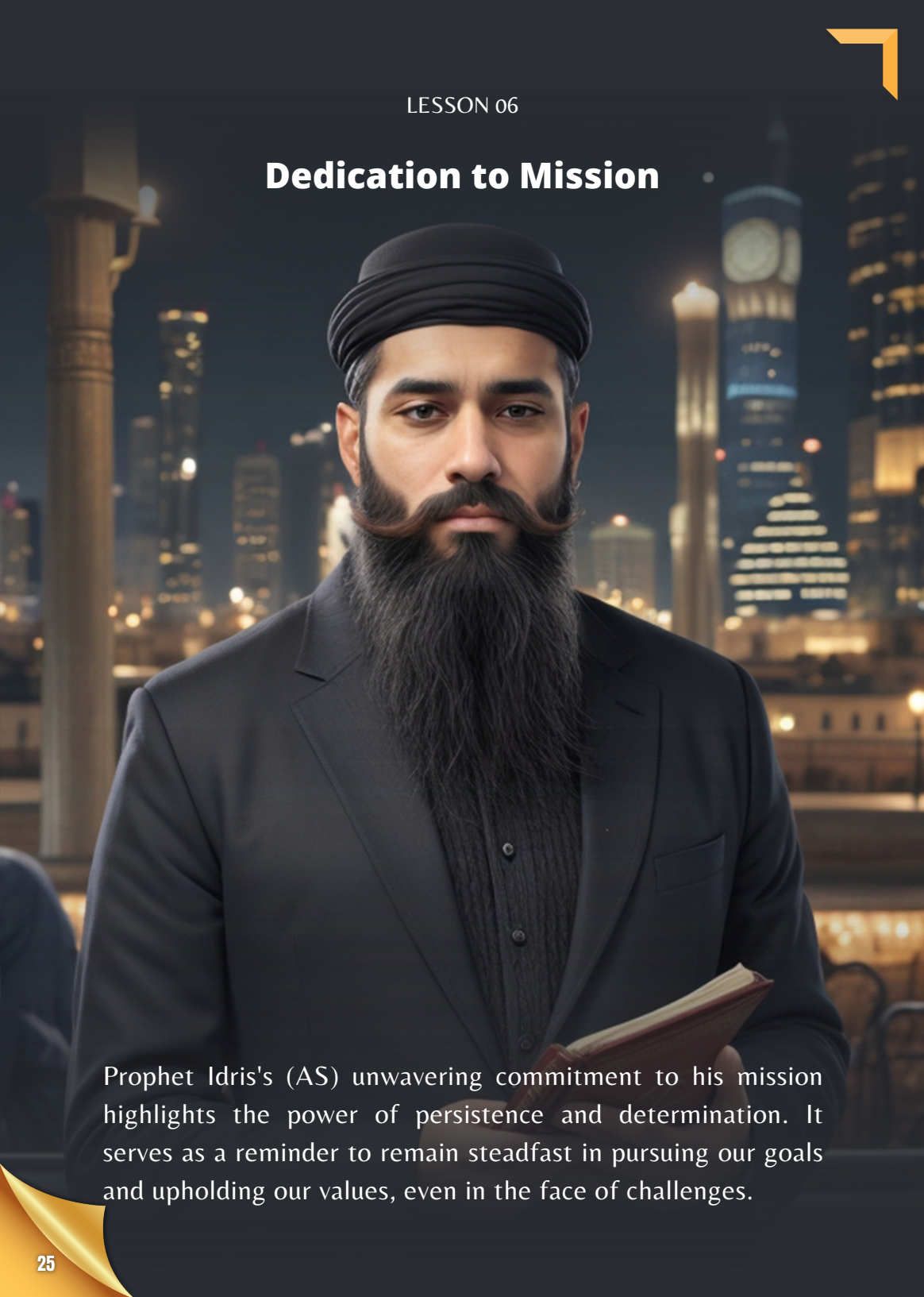
## Avoiding Evil through Solitude

Prophet Idris (AS) demonstrated the importance of distancing oneself from negativity. Remembering Allah SWT in solitude carries great virtues. The Messenger of Allah Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, “Those in solitude have raced ahead, who are absorbed in the remembrance of Allah. Remembrance has lifted their burdens, and they will come on the Day of Resurrection weightless.” (Sunan al-Tirmidhī 3596, Hasan) However, while avoiding bad influences and remembering Allah in solitude, we must also engage in our communities to spread goodness and Islamic values as our beloved Master, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and his companions and followers did.





## Dedication to Mission



Prophet Idris's (AS) unwavering commitment to his mission highlights the power of persistence and determination. It serves as a reminder to remain steadfast in pursuing our goals and upholding our values, even in the face of challenges.

## Contribution to Humanity

Prophet Idris (AS) didn't limit his role as a Prophet to spiritual matters; he taught valuable skills that changed history. We should emulate this by contributing to the progress and development of humanity in various fields, combining faith with excellence in all walks of life.





Islam, in many parts of the world, spread because the Muslims imparted skills and technical abilities to the local population. For example, when the Muslim saints came to Kashmir, they trained the locals in shawl and carpet-making. They did not confine themselves to the spiritual uplifting of the community alone but also took responsibility for their economic progress.







## Worship and Supplication

Maintaining a strong connection with Allah through worship and supplication is crucial, regardless of life's busyness. Combining prayers with practical efforts can lead to success in this world and the Hereafter. We learn this from the life of Prophet Idris (AS), who served as a spiritual leader while also being a reflective innovator and a devout worshipper.



## Value of Time

The story of Prophet Idris (AS) reminds us that our time in this world is brief. Every moment is precious, emphasising the need to use it wisely. Death can arrive for anyone at any time. Therefore, our efforts should focus on creating a lasting legacy that would continue to benefit the generations after us. Let's invest our time and energy where it can make the most significant difference and pray for Allah's gentle breeze of tawfique. “Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, “Do good deeds in the time that you have and take advantage of the moments of gentle breeze from the mercy of Allah. Verily, Allah has moments of gentle breeze from his mercy that he sends upon whomever he wills among his servants. Ask Allah to cover your faults and protect you from your anxieties.” (Al-Mu’jam al-Kabīr 719, Hasan)



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