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# Adam

**FIRST MAN AND  
PROPHET**

Adam was the first Prophet of God and the father of all humans. He was honoured by God and his story is mentioned multiple times in the Quran. Together with his wife Eve, they encountered Satan. Through their story we learn the nature of our enemy. There are many lessons and morals we can take from this original factual tale.

Let us take a brief look at his life and the lessons therein...



# THE CREATION OF ADAM

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God says in the Quran, “Your Lord said to the angels, ‘I will create a mortal out of dried clay, formed from dark mud.’” 15:28 In four different places in the Quran, God describes the humble materials from which Adam was created. Adam was created from clay and then God blew into him from a spirit that He created and commanded him to come to life.

God honoured Adam and all of his children. This shows us how God is not concerned about origins, race, colour or ethnicity as humans essentially all come from dried mud. What truly matters and distinguishes people is their piety and good conduct, which God honours. God says, “We have honoured the children of Adam and carried them by land and sea; We have provided good sustenance for them and favoured them specially above many of those We have created.” 17:70



# GOD HONOURS ADAM

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God honoured Adam by teaching him and giving him knowledge that other creations such as the angels did not have. God says, “He taught Adam all the names of different things, then He showed them to the angels and said, ‘Tell me the names of these if you truly think you know.’” 2:31 God then commanded the angels to bow down to Adam out of respect and honour to him, and they all did so. This is symbolic of the honour God will give to the descendants of Adam if they worship Him alone and obey Him. He has also promised them eternal bliss in Paradise.

God says, “When We told the angels, ‘Bow down before Adam,’ they all bowed. But not Satan, who refused and was arrogant: he was one of the disobedient.” 2:34



# SATAN'S ENMITY TOWARDS HUMANKIND

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Satan's refusal to bow down before Adam was based on jealousy and arrogance. The basis of his arrogance was that in his mind, his origin was better than Adam's. God says, "But not Satan. He refused to bow down like the others. God said, 'Why did you not bow down like the others?' and he answered, 'I will not bow down to a mortal You created from dried clay, formed from dark mud.'" 15:31-33 In another passage, Satan is more specific, "He said, 'I am better than him. You created me from fire and You created him from mud.'" 38:76

Satan was then ejected from the heavens and made to live as an outcast. His enmity towards Adam was such that he promised he would do all he could to misguide the descendants of Adam and take them to the Hellfire. Each and every time humans follow Satan's whispers and disobey God, they help Satan to achieve a little of his mission. However, when we turn away from Satan and turn towards God instead, we defeat him.



# ADAM EATS FROM THE FORBIDDEN TREE

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God placed Adam and Eve in Paradise and told them to enjoy its blessings. However, He instructed them not to approach a certain tree as a test of their resolve. Satan came to Adam and Eve and told them that eating from the tree would give them untold riches, eternal life, an everlasting kingdom and would turn them into angels. In a moment of weakness, Adam and Eve ate from the tree. God rebuked them. Adam and Eve turned back to God and sought his forgiveness. God forgave them but they were brought down to earth where they and their descendants would reside until the Day of Judgement.

Thus, the struggle between humankind and Satan began. Satan comes to us and whispers, enticing us to sin and disobey God. He promises us happiness, fame, wealth and so many other things to make sins appealing. Yet in reality his promises are false and sins only lead to unhappiness and becoming distanced from God. This is the greatest lesson taken from the story of Adam; the dangers of following Satan.



# FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ADAM

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This first interaction in Paradise between Adam and Satan is important as it shows us that we have free choice. Ultimately we can choose whether to obey or disobey God. Through this story, God shows us the reality of Satan and the tricks and schemes he will employ in order to distance us from our purpose. God also demonstrates through this story that there are consequences to our choices. Obey God and there is great reward, disobey Him and there is the threat of punishment.

When Satan does overcome us, we can return to God and repent as Adam and Eve did. God through His infinite grace and kindness forgives those who sincerely repent.

May God's protection be with you.