

# Reflections from the Revelation | EP10 | Maryam: A Role Model For Mankind | Abu Bakr Zoud

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## SUMMARY

*The reflection focuses on Maryam (Mary), the mother of Isa (Jesus), as a role model for believers due to her unwavering faith and adherence to Allah's commandments, especially during times of intense hardship. The speaker emphasizes that true belief is demonstrated through obedience to Allah's commands, particularly in challenging circumstances, and highlights the importance of seeking knowledge to strengthen one's faith.*

- *Maryam is highlighted as a role model for her deep faith and belief in Allah's commandments.*
- *There are two levels of belief: a general belief expected from all Muslims and an elite belief demonstrated in times of calamity.*
- *The elite believers uphold Allah's commandments even during severe trials, as exemplified by Maryam's experience during her pregnancy.*
- *Maryam faced intense accusations and chose to remain silent, obeying Allah's command, which ultimately led to her vindication through her son Isa's miraculous speech.*
- *The speaker draws parallels between Maryam's trials and those faced by other prophets, emphasizing the importance of obedience to Allah in difficult times.*
- *Adhering to Allah's commandments during hardships does not solve problems immediately but is essential for spiritual integrity.*
- *Seeking knowledge about Allah is crucial for developing patience and strength to remain steadfast in worship during challenges.*
- *The reflection concludes with a prayer for strength and sincerity in worshipping Allah.*

Brothers and sisters in Islam, today I want to share with you a reflection from the story of Maryam radiallahu anha. But not the story itself. We're going to mention something about what makes her a role model. Because we all know that at the end of Surat at-Tahrim, Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala mentioned that Maryam radiallahu anha, the mother of Jesus, the mother of Isa alayhis salaam, he mentioned to us that she was a role

model for mankind.

Pharaoh. Allah Azzawajal has given an example to the believers, the wife of Pharaoh. Then the ayah afterwards, and the final ayah of Surat at-Tahrim, he said, "Wa Maryam ibnati Imran." And Maryam, the daughter of Imran.

She was a role model for mankind. What made her a role model?

There are essentially three things. I'm going to share with you one thing, and what we can reflect and learn and apply in our lives.

Allah Azzawajal, he said, "Wa saddaqt bi kalimati rabbiha wa kutubihi."

She believed in the commandments, in the instructions of her Lord, and in the scriptures, the books from Allah Azzawajal.

That's what made her a role model. Her faith and her belief in the commandments of Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala, and in the laws of Allah Azzawajal.

But now the real question is this, how can this make her a role model? Shouldn't every believer believe in the commandments of Allah, and in the scriptures that Allah Azza Wajjal sent upon the prophets, there is absolutely no doubt. We all have to have a degree of faith in order to be Muslims.

So, what is Allah Azza Wajjal highlighting about Maryam radiyallahu anha?

And how did this quality of her believing in Allah's commands, how did this quality of hers, this attribute, make her a role model?

What do I learn in my brothers and

sisters in Islam  
is that  
faith and adherence to the commandment  
of Allah Azza Wajjal is actually of two  
levels.

There is an expected type of belief from  
everyone, so a general belief, a general  
faith that is expected from everyone.

Right?

That's for you to believe in Allah's  
messengers, the books, the angels, the  
afterlife, and the divine decree, and to  
believe in Allah's commandments  
generally in the Quran.

Otherwise, if you don't, a person is  
condemned as a disbeliever.

Then there is a higher and elite type of  
faith.

And I'll tell you what that is.

But first, let me share with you a  
Hadith that teaches us that there is  
actually a difference.

There is a  
general belief and there is an elite  
belief.

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam, he says  
that the people of the paradise,  
those that will be in a low level of the  
paradise,  
will look at those above them. They will  
look high above.

Just like any one of you now standing on  
Earth looks up and sees the brilliant  
bright star.

So, there are believers in a low level  
in the paradise,  
and there are believers high above them  
like you are looking up at a star in the  
sky.

So, they said, "Oh messenger of Allah,  
these are the dwellings of the prophets  
and the messengers. No one will get

there except them."

The messenger  
alayhi wasallam said,

"No.

These are the dwellings of

That's not the case.

He said to them, "Verily,

those are going to be the dwellings of  
people who believed in Allah  
and believed in the messengers. They  
believed in the commandments of Allah  
azza wajall.

So, this hadith proves to us that there  
are two levels.

A general level of believers that had  
general belief and an elite level of  
believers that believed in the  
commandment of Allah.

But, what distinguishes between the two  
types of belief?

What distinguishes between them  
is that the elite type of belief  
is the belief a person upholds  
when he is facing a severe and an  
intense calamity in his life.

That's what will  
make you from the elite believers.

The uphold Allah's commandment and  
instruction and law  
despite the intense difficulties and  
calamities you may feel in life face in  
life.

Now, subhanallah, and that's exactly  
seen in the life of Maryam radiyallahu  
anha.

How is that the case? Allah azza wajall,  
he told us that Maryam radiyallahu anha  
faced an incredible calamity and a  
severe severe test in her life.

And that is when she became pregnant  
with Isa Alayhis Salaam. To the point  
where she said "I wish I had died much

before this and I wish people can erase me from their memories." She said I wish I had died much before this and I wish people can erase me from their memories. You must be facing a difficult calamity in order for you to express your emotion in this manner. She wanted to die.

That's how intense the situation was.

So Allah gave her instruction.

And he said to her eat and drink and relax and bring happiness and joy to yourself by a means of looking at your child Isa Alayhis Salaam.

Then he said to her "For cooling in me another to the Rahman so much."

For then coming in Syria.

This specific instruction Allah told her if you see any one of mankind then

promise that you will remain silent. Don't say a single word to any human being.

For then coming in Syria. If you're not going to talk to any human being then you only talk to Allah Alayhis Salaam.

That's what Allah is telling her. He instructed her with this.

That's a very difficult commandment to adhere to. I tell you why. Because if a person is accused in his dignity and honor

which is about to be the case for Maryam. She's going to be accused.

She's going to be accused of a zina.

Well, may Allah save us.

And when you're accused of al-haram in your chastity, your dignity, your honor there is a desire within the human being

to rush and to clear himself and to  
prove his innocence.

I mean, we see this all the day.

And every time, especially on social  
media. Whenever there's a scandal,  
whenever a president, a prime minister,  
or a person of social whose  
they were attacked and they were accused  
in their dignity and chastity  
and their honor. What happens? In less  
than 24 hours, they've released a huge  
statement on their social media  
platforms

explaining the incident, clearing their  
name, how they're innocent, and they  
prove everything, right? There's a  
desire to speak and to defend yourself  
when you're being accused of something  
you never did.

And you know, there is nothing greater  
in terms of oppression than being  
accused of a crime you never did, and  
you don't have any evidence to prove  
yourself innocent. That's the greatest  
form of oppression on Earth.

That's what Maryam is going through  
right now. And Allah  
has told her, "Don't say a single word.  
Don't even prove your innocence with  
your own tongue." Allahu Akbar. How  
difficult is this commandment? How  
difficult is it?

So, she walks  
away from her birth site where where she  
gave birth to her son,  
and she gets to her people. Finally, she  
sits on the ground, and she's  
breastfeeding her son.

And the people, her people, surround her  
and begin to throw  
hurl insults at her and accuse her.

Ya ukhta Harun, O sister of Harun,

this is  
intended to rub salt into the wound.  
She's not the actual sister of Harun who  
is the brother of Musa,

but  
she had a similarity to Harun in terms  
of her worship.

Harun was known for his worship, and  
Maryam was known for her piety and  
righteousness and worship.

So, it's like they're saying, "Ya ukhta  
Harun, O sister of the one who  
worships."

Meaning, "O one who worships, you're  
known for your worship and your devout  
obedience to Allah. What's going on?"

Where does this child come from? Ya  
ukhta Harun, ma kana abuki imra'a saw,  
"Your father wasn't an evil man. Wa ma  
kanat ummuki baghiyyan, your mother  
wasn't a woman of the streets, and she  
wasn't filthy and evil.

Look at you, you shay and fadiya. You  
have come with this  
with this

uh condemned action.

What have you got in your hands? How did  
you get this child? What a horrible  
woman you have become.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, at this  
very moment, the greatest desire a  
person has is to speak up for himself  
and defend himself, especially when the  
accusation is baseless.

Rather, she preferred to obey Allah's  
command. She remained silent. She did  
not say a single word to anyone. Allah  
Azza wa Jal said, "Fa ashaarat ilayh."  
She pointed to the baby, following  
Allah's command.

And so the idea is, if you follow  
Allah's command, despite the intense

difficulty, relief will come in  
unimaginable ways.

And as a result, Allah Azza wa Jal would  
allow the newborn, who normally doesn't  
talk, to actually talk.

And he said, "Inni abdullahi atani  
al-kitab." I am the slave of Allah. He  
gave me the book.

And he commanded me to pray and give  
zakat, and he commanded me to be  
righteous to my mother. Him speaking  
cleared his mother from all accusations  
that were hurled at her.

Allahu Akbar.

And that's what made her a role model.

Her

adhering to the commandment of Allah,  
despite the difficulty and the intensity  
and the calamity face.

And that was the situation of all the  
prophets and messengers, my brothers and  
sisters in Islam.

Look at Musa alayhi salam.

When he faced a difficulty and a  
calamity in life, he was told, "Take the  
staff, strike it on the ocean."

How How's that going to help?

But he obeyed Allah's command, and  
relief came afterwards. The ocean split.

Subhanallah. And so, my brothers and  
sisters in Islam,

whenever you are facing a calamity and  
trouble in life,

keep going.

Do the right thing.

When things have become so so so  
difficult, continue to observe your  
prayers.

Continue to observe your hijab.

Don't stop your salah because Allah my  
financial situation has become so tough,  
I can't even find time to pray.

Don't say the environment has become so difficult, the fitna has become so difficult, I can't even find any person to marry, so as a result I removed my hijab.

My brothers and sisters in Islam, that will just make the situation a lot worse for you.

And did stopping your prayers and taking your hijab off and abstaining from the commandments of Allah, did that solve your problems?

Did it solve the problem? Did it pay your debts off?

Did it make life easier? No, by Allah it did not make life easier.

So, adhere to the commandments of Allah Azza wa Jal at all times.

And the way you're going to be able to do this,

so you may ask, how can I reach that level of Maryam? How can I find the strength

and the power to worship Allah despite the difficulties I may face in life?

By seeking knowledge. You have to seek knowledge.

Because when you seek knowledge and you learn, you will know who you're worshipping.

The greatest knowledge, of course, the knowledge of Allah. Then you will know why

and you will have the patience to remain firm and steadfast upon the commandments of Allah Azza wa Jal.

You'll find that patience and that that that that strength within you.

Allah Azza wa Jal he says, "Wa kayfa tasbiru ala ma lam tuhit bihi khubra?"

How can you be patient upon something

you have no knowledge about?

So, Allah is teaching us in order to practice patience upon worshipping Allah during calamities and difficulties, you have to have knowledge. The more knowledge you have about Allah Azza wa Jal, the more you worship him despite the situation and circumstances you are facing.

So we ask Allah to be pleased with Maryam.

We ask Allah to be pleased with us all and to grant us strength and and power to continue to worship him until the last day and to accept from us and to keep us sincere. In the holy Quran Muhammad Ali as well.