

The Leper the Bald Man and the Blind Man



Once there lived three men. They were not happy with their lives. The first was a **leper**. The second was bald. The last man was blind.

Allah wanted to test the three men. So one day He sent an angel to visit each one.

The angel visited the leper first. He asked the man, “What thing do you like best?” The man did not know that he was speaking to an angel. He said to the angel, “I would like good skin. People do not like to be around me because my skin looks sickly and has a disease.”

The angel touched the man and his leprosy **vanished**. The man now had beautiful skin. Then the angel asked the man, “What property do you like best? The man said camels. So the angel gave the man a camel that would soon deliver its calf. The angel said to the man, “May Allah bless you in it.”

After a while, the angel visited the bald man. He asked him the same question he had asked the leper, “What thing do you like best?”

The bald man said, “I would like nice hair so people will like me. The angel touched the man’s head and he had a full head of hair. Then the angel asked the man what **property** he would like to have. The man said, “Cattle.” So the angel gave the man a cow that would soon deliver its young. Then the angel said to the man, “Allah bless you in it.”

It was time for the angel to visit the blind man, now. The angel asked the blind man what thing he would like best. The blind man said he would



like to have his eyesight back. The angel touched the man, and in an **instant** he could see again. Then the angel asked the man, “What would you like to have?” The man said sheep. So the angel gave the man a sheep that would soon deliver its lamb.

Time passed and all three animals gave birth to their young. Then those young had their own babies. This continued until the man who was a leper had so many camels they filled a **valley**. The man who was blind had so many cows they filled a valley. And the man who was blind had so many sheep they filled a valley. How blessed they all were!

Years passed. Then one day the angel **disguised** himself as a leper and visited the man who had once been a leper. The angel said to the man, “I am a poor man travelling on a **journey**. I have lost everything. Only Allah can help me with what I need to **survive**, and after Him, then you. In the name of Him Who has given you such beautiful skin and so much property, I ask you to give me a camel so that I can make it to where I am trying to go.”

The man said to the angel, “I have many things that I must use my money for.” So he didn’t give the angel anything.

Then the angel said to the man, “I think I know who you are! Didn’t you used to be a leper? Didn’t the people hate being near you? Didn’t you used to be a poor man, and Allah gave you all of these camels?”

The man **replied** to the angel, “You are all wrong. I got this property by **inheriting** it from my family.”

The angel said, “If you are telling a lie, then let Allah make you like you were before.”

Then the angel disguised himself to look like a bald man. He went to the bald man and said to him something similar to what he had said to the

man who was once a leper. The bald man refused to help the angel, and said he had never been bald. The angel told him, if you are lying, then let Allah make you as you were before.

Now the angel made another visit to the man who used to be blind. The angel pretended he was blind and said to the man, "I am a poor man and a traveler. I do not have anything left to continue on my journey. I have no one to help me except Allah and after Him you. I ask you in the name of Allah Who has helped you to see again to give me a sheep."

"The man said to the angel, "I used to be blind, and Allah **blessed** me to be able to see again. I was poor, and Allah made me rich. So take anything you like that I have."

The angel replied to the **generous** man, "Keep your **property** with you. Three men have been tested. Allah is pleased with you and is angry with the other two."

The first two men who were selfish and ungrateful for Allah's favors failed their test from Allah. The man who was generous and thankful for his favors from Allah passed his test.

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Vocabulary Definitions.....

1. **blessed** – enjoying the good or happiness from Allah
2. **disguise** – to change the look of someone so the person will not be known
3. **inherit** – to receive someone’s belongings once they have died
4. **instantly** – immediately
5. **journey** – a trip
6. **leper** – somebody with leprosy; a skin disease that causes many bumps on the skin
7. **property** – something that belongs to someone, possessions
8. **reply** – answer to a question
9. **survive** – continue to live
10. **valley** – long, flat land surrounded by hills or mountains
11. **vanish** – disappear

Vocabulary Practice.....

Find three vocabulary words in the story. Circle the sentences in which they are found. Write the sentences below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Vocabulary Practice.....

Fill in each row of boxes with the correct word. Use the clues to help you.

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1. Opposite of mountain
2. No longer here
3. People who receive good from Allah
4. Travel from Indonesia to Pakistan
5. Stay alive
6. This is what you own
7. What you say back to someone
8. mask
9. How you should respond to your mother's request.

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Questions *The Leper, the Bald Man, and The Blind Man*

1. Describe the three men in the story?

2. Who did the angel visit first? Why do you think the man did not know he was talking to an angel?

3. Why do you think cattle were important to the bald man? How do you think he will use his cattle?

4. Why do you think on the second visit, the angel disguised himself in the original form of the three men?

5. Who gave the angel the power to cure the blind man's blindness?

6. Which man passed the test from Allah? How did he pass it?

7. From where did the man with leprosy say he'd gotten his property? Why do you think he said this?

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Homonyms: Words that sound alike but have different meanings and spellings.

A. Write the letter of the homonym in row B on the line next to its partner in row A.

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| 1. right (opposite of left) ___ | a. write (use pencil or pen) |
| 2. our (belonging to us) ___ | b. pour (cause to flow) |
| 3. poor (opposite of rich) ___ | c. flower (a plant) |
| 4. soul (life in body) ___ | d. their (belongs to them) |
| 5. flour (for cooking bread) ___ | e. it's (it is) |
| 6. prey (hunted animal) ___ | f. your (belongs to you) |
| 7. deer (animal) ___ | g. dear (beloved) |
| 8. bare (uncovered) ___ | h. bear (big, furry animal) |
| 9. you're (you are) ___ | i. two (number after 1) |
| 10. there (at a place) ___ | j. sole (bottom of shoe) |
| 11. its (belonging to animal or thing) ___ | k. pray (make salat) |
| 12. to (in a direction) ___ | l. hour (60 minutes) |
| 13. for (in favor of) ___ | m. four (number after 3) |

B. Choose a homonym pair. Write a sentence with each word.

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2. _____

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Write About It.....

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah(s) said, "*Verily, Allah does not look at your appearance or wealth, but rather he looks at your hearts and actions.*" Why is this an important hadith? How does it relate to the story you read?
