

Quranic Perspective on Bibi Maryam

Session Two - Sura Aale Imran, 3:42-43

3:34 -36 Questions for Reflection

- 1) What qualities of the mother of Bibi Maryam (a) do these verses reveal ?
- 2) Write down all the things she says.
What do you notice?
- 3) How did Allah respond to her vow?

Points to Ponder

- The Dua of Hannah, Dua of Nabi Ibrahim and Ismael (2:127)

- مُحَرَّرًا Free; of duty to parents
of worldly efforts

- The concern for progeny

2:124 2:128 14:40 25:74 40:8

Hannah – An Example for Mothers

- Dedication of child to God
- Planning for the future
- Acceptance of gender
- Naming the child
- Seeking help of God
- Concern for progeny

The Male is not like the Female

Maryam (a) was not Isa (a)

Isa (a) – a Sign of God, a Prophet,
performed miracles

Maryam (a) – chosen and purified, a Sign
of God, gave miraculous birth to a
Prophet, Isa (a) spoke in the cradle to
defend her.

Growth of a Believer

A believer grows the way a plant does:

...like as seed-produce that puts forth its sprout, then strengthens it, so it becomes stout and stands firmly on its stem, delighting the sowers that He may enrage the unbelievers on account of them; Allah has promised those among them who believe and do good, forgiveness and a great reward.

al-Fath, 48:29

Spiritual Growth

- Releases Potential
- Fulfills purpose of life
- Becomes Stronger and more resistant
- Acquires beauty, distinction
- Serves others

Signs of Spiritual Growth

1) Detachment

So that you may not grieve over what escapes you nor exult for what comes your way . . . **al-Hadeed, 57:23**

2) Tranquility, Peace

3) Priorities