

Quranic Perspective on Bibi Maryam

Session Three - Sura Aale Imran, 3:36-40

Questions for Reflection

- 1) What does the food sent to Bibi Maryam (a) signify?
- 2) What do you notice about the prayer of Nabi Zakaria (a)?
- 3) Compare this passage to 19: 16-21. What similarities/differences do you notice?

■ Mihrab:

- Place where war takes place
a war with Shaytan, and the nafs
- An elevated place of worship

■ Without measure

- through extraordinary means
- Unexpected
- plenty

Food from Heaven

The food with Maryam (a) was from Heaven.

Proofs:

- The indefinite word رِزْقًا
- Bibi Maryam (a)'s answer
- The Prayer of Nabi Zakaria (a)

Food from Heaven for Bibi Fatima (a)

During a famine in Madinah Bibi Fatimah (a) comes to the house of her father with some bread and meat.

- The Prophet (a) asks her: where did you get this?
- she replies : It is from Allah, He grants to whoever He pleases without accounting

Allah takes care of the needs of Maryam (a)

- Makes her grow spiritually
- Entrusts her to the care of Nabi Zakaria (a)
- Provides food for her from Heaven

Requirements of good upbringing

- 1) Noble birth
- 2) Guided growth
- 3) Wise trainer
- 4) Pure food