

Quranic Perspective on Bibi Maryam

Session Five - Sura Tahrim, 66: 10-12

Questions for Reflection

- 1) What are the qualities of the women described in these verses?
- 2) What are the spiritual characteristics mentioned in these verses? How can these be applied to our lives today?

Words to notice

إِنْتَبَذْتُ - withdrew

تَمَثَّلَ – took a form

أَهَبَ – I grant

جَذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ – date palm trunk

Maryam (a) and Fatima (a)

1) Radiated Light of God, Prophethood

Allah is the light of the heavens and the earth; a likeness of His light is as a niche in which is a lamp, the lamp is in a glass, (and) the glass is as it were a brightly shining star, lit from a blessed olive-tree, neither eastern nor western, the oil whereof almost gives light though fire touch it not-- light upon light- (24:35)

2) Sinless and Immaculate

O Marium! surely Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the world. (3:42)

Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House! and to purify you a (thorough) purifying. (33:33)

3) Exceptional Motherhood

Both are strong mother figures, giving birth to sons who would become great martyrs. Their love for God and spirituality make them ideal mothers who raise pious children.

Maryam → Isa

Fatima → Husayn

4) Worldly Sorrow

Mary – The Lady of Sorrows

Suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the torture and death of her Son

Fatima -House of Sorrows: Baytul Ahzan

O my father! After your death I was subjected to such sorrows that if they had been inflicted on the day it would have turned to night

5) Intercessory Powers

Mary – can intercede for the faithful due to the position and dignity she possesses.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Fatima - The Holy Prophet (S.) said to her: On the Day of Judgment, you shall intercede for the ladies and I shall intercede for the men; every person who has wept over the tragedy of Husain (A.S.), we shall take him by the hand and lead him into Paradise.