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On Prophets and Humankind

English translation:

You see, among the greatest of these prophets... umm... the ones that are mentioned in the Qur'an, and also the ones who received the holy books, are Moses, *alayhi wa sallam*, the one that's mentioned in the Qur'an, who was ministered the Torah; it was sent as a holy book. And then... umm... to David, *alayhi wa sallam*, the holy book of Psalms was ministered. To Jesus, *alayhi wa sallam*, the Holy Bible was ministered, and then to the final prophet, to our Muhammed, *alayhi wa sallam*, the holy Qur'an was ministered. You see, we are among the followers of the holy Qur'an, Muhammed, *alayhi wa sallam*, among the people who believe in Islam. Umm... Muhammed, *alayhi wa sallam*,... I mean us Muslims, believe in all of the prophets, believe in God firstly, and then in all of the prophets, in the existence of all of them, in what they have been through in life, and that they brought us the rules and verses of God. This is what we believe in, we believe in this, and we recognize them as prophets... umm.... Just as we recognize our own prophet, we recognize others as prophets as well. You see, Muhammed, *alayhi wa sallam*, the final prophet....

This is the holy Qur'an... [he displays the Qur'an] Umm... its inside ... our... umm... I mean the rules we follow in life, the things we live by. And this is our prophet's, *alayhi wa sallam*, depiction, Muhammed's *alayhi wa sallam*, depiction.... [He displays another book], This book... umm... includes the rules that a Muslim is going to follow throughout his life -- these, I mean, they are stated here. Other than these, various Islamic books are present. Many different books ... and our prophet's *hadiths*. [a break in video.]

From this Qur'an [a break in video 1:45]

After Adam *alayhi wa sallam*, I wanted to read another verse related with Jesus *alayhi wa sallam*. [a break in video 1:47]

I mean Allah the Almighty in Hujurat *sura's*¹ says in the 13th verse that [he reads the *sura* in Arabic from 1:59 to 2:14].

Allah the Almighty in this holy verse says that; O people... I mean... umm... first of all he does not say O Muslims, he says O people, I mean all of mankind, O people we created you from the same male and female; I mean, all of the people in the world [he gets back to this part of the *sura* and reads it again in Arabic], and divided you into distinct individuals, into tribes and into nations, that you may go visit each other and recognize one another. From you... you may get something useful from each other; you may eliminate your defects. We have created you from the same man and woman, but then we divided you into various nations and tribes. The closest among you.... This is what Allah the Almighty says in the remaining part of that verse: the one that is the closest to God among you, it does not matter which nation you are from, or whether you

¹ Al-Hujarat [The Chambers] is the 49th *sura* in Qur'an.

are white or black, it does not matter, the one that is closest among you, who ever that is is the closest to God. I mean Allah the Almighty is aware of whatever you do, each one of them. I mean whatever you are up to, what ever your deed is, whatever you are doing, whatever you are saying Allah the Almighty knows all about it: he learns about it all and he is in the know; this is what he does.

You see, this holy verse...states that all the people in the world are created from the same mother and father; all humankind are the sons of the same mother and father. Our prophet, *alayhi wa sallam*, has a noble *hadith*; he says, all people are the sons, I mean the children of Adam, *alayhi wa sallam*, we are saying sons but it is actually children of, both sons and daughters. And Adam *alayhi wa sallam* is created from earth. All the people in the world are the children of Adam, *alayhi wa sallam*, and Adam, *alayhi wa sallam*, is created from earth, he says. You see, all the people in the world should live without envying each other, without any conflict, without fighting each other. On the contrary, all people from the same mother and father should treat each other nicely. Umm... should live with a good...and strongly, there is no need to fight with each other. I mean Islam does not approve of this. I mean... Umm... people from the same mother and father cannot be enemies.

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