

## **B. Sin of the Prophets in the Hadith**

### **The sins of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Muhammad**

On the Day of Judgement, “the people will say, 'Don't you see to what state you have reached? Won't you look for someone who can intercede for you with your Lord?' Some people will say to some others, 'Go to Adam.' So they will go to Adam and say to him, 'You are the father of mankind; Allah created you with His Own Hand, and breathed into you of His Spirit (meaning the spirit which he created for you); and ordered the angels to prostrate before you; so (please) intercede for us with your Lord. Don't you see in what state we are? Don't you see what condition we have reached?' **Adam** will say, 'Today my Lord has become angry as He has never become before, nor will ever become thereafter. **He forbade me (to eat of the fruit of) the tree, but I disobeyed Him.** Myself! Myself! Myself! (has more need for intercession). Go to someone else; go to Noah.' So they will go to Noah and say (to him), 'O **Noah**! You are the first (of Allah's Messengers) to the people of the earth, and Allah has named you a thankful slave; please intercede for us with your Lord. Don't you see in what state we are?' He will say, 'Today my Lord has become angry as He has never become nor will ever become thereafter. **I had (in the world) the right to make one defi-**

**nately accepted invocation, and I made it against my nation.** Myself! Myself! Myself! Go to someone else; go to Abraham.' They will go to Abraham and say, 'O **Abraham**! You are Allah's Apostle and His Khalil from among the people of the earth; so please intercede for us with your Lord. Don't you see in what state we are?' He will say to them, 'My Lord has today become angry as He has never become before, nor will ever become thereafter. **I had told three lies** (Abu Haiyan (the sub-narrator) mentioned them in the Hadith. Myself! Myself! Myself! Go to someone else; go to Moses.' The people will then go to Moses and say, 'O Moses! You art Allah's Apostle and Allah gave you superiority above the others with this message and with His direct Talk to you; (please) intercede for us with your Lord! Don't you see in what state we are?' **Moses** will say, 'My Lord has today become angry as He has never become before, nor will become thereafter, **I killed a person whom I had not been ordered to kill.** Myself! Myself! Myself! Go to someone else; go to Jesus.' So they will go to Jesus and say, 'O Jesus! You are Allah's Apostle and His Word which He sent to Mary, and a superior soul created by Him, and you talked to the people while still young in the cradle. Please intercede for us with your Lord. Don't you see in what state we are?' **Jesus** will say, 'My Lord has today become angry as He has never become before nor will ever become thereafter. **Jesus will not mention any sin**, but will say, 'Myself! Myself! Myself! Go to someone else; go to Muhammad.' So they will come to me and say, 'O **Muhammad** ! You are Allah's Apostle and the last of the prophets, and **Allah forgave your early and late sins.** (Hadith Sahih alBukhari 6:236; also 9:532.3, 601; 6:3; 8:570; 9:507)

See the other pamphlets about the sins of Muhammad

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# *Did the Prophets ever sin?*

**The Bible is very clear that only Jesus is perfect and sinless.**

**All other people, including the prophets, have fallen short of God's perfect standard.**

**But what does Islam teach? What do the Qur'an, the Hadith (traditions) and Islamic scholars, say about this important topic?**

**The answers are inside, and they will surprise you.**

Some Muslims claim that all the prophets were sinless.

Here are two examples of this:

“All the prophets were decidedly guided by Allah and other verses (like 18:12) prove that whom Allah guides, is a rightly guided one meaning, there is none that can lead him astray. Allah counts every straying as a sin and every sin as a misguidance, according to verses 36:60-62. ... Allah guided all the prophets by His guidance. Anyone guided by Allah's guidance can never be misled, and can never go astray.

*And whoever obeys Allah and the Apostle these are with those upon whom Allah has bestowed the favors of the prophets and the truthful and the martyrs and the righteous ones (Q.4:69) ...* These verses show that Allah has bestowed His favors upon the Prophets and the favors are bestowed upon neither those who have been inflicted with Allah's wrath nor those who have gone astray. If the Prophets had committed a sin, they would have gone astray and Allah would not bestow His favors upon them.” <http://www.almujtaba.com/articles/aaqad/000018.html>

Another Muslim scholar states: “Were they to make an error in receiving or teaching the message of the revelation or be led astray by the whispering of evil persons, were they themselves to commit wrong or deliberately change the message they had to deliver, then the wisdom of God would be unable to perfect its programme of guidance.”

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## However the Qur'an describes the prophets' sins

### 1. Adam and Eve

(a) “They said: "Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers." (Q.7:23)

(b) “Thus did Adam disobey His Lord and he went astray.”(Q.20:121)

### 2. Noah

(a) “Nuh (Noah) said: "O my Lord! I seek refuge with You from asking You that of which I have no knowledge. And unless You forgive me and have Mercy on me, I would indeed be one of the losers." (Q.11:47)

(b) “My Lord! Forgive me, and my parents, and him who enters my home as a believer, and all the believing men and women.” (Q.71:28)

### 3. Abraham

(a) worshipped a star, moon and sun : Q.6:76-79 but only God should

be worshipped - “Worship none but Allah.” (Q.2:83; 11:2; 12:40; 17:23; 46:21)

(b) “Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and (all) the believers on

the Day when the reckoning will be established.”(Q.14:41)

(c) “And Who, I hope will forgive me my faults on the Day of Recompense, (the Day of Resurrection),” (Q.26:82)

### 4. Moses

“He said: "My Lord! Verily, I have wronged myself, so forgive me." (Q.28:16)

5. Aaron – “Musa (Moses) said: "O my Lord! Forgive me and my brother, and make us enter into Your Mercy, for you are the Most Merciful of those who show mercy." (Q.7:151)

6. David – “And Dawud guessed that We have tried him and he sought Forgiveness of his Lord, and he fell down prostrate and turned (to Allah) in repentance.” (Q.38:24)

7. Solomon – “My Lord! Forgive me, and bestow upon me a kingdom such as shall not belong to any other after me.” (Q.38:35)

### 8. Jonah

(a) “Truly, I have been of the wrongdoers.” (Q.21:87)

(b) “Then the big Fish did swallow him and he is blameworthy muleem.” (Q.37:142) This same term is used of Pharaoh in Q.51:40.

### 9. Muhammad

(a) He is commanded: “And seek the Forgiveness of Allah, certainly, Allah is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Q.4:106)

(b) “Verily, the Promise of Allah is true, and ask forgiveness for your sin” *dhanbik<sup>a</sup>* (Q.40:55)

(c) “So know that there is no god but Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin *dhanbik<sup>a</sup>*, and also for believing men and believing women. (Q.47:19)

(d) “That Allah may forgive you your sin *dhanbik<sup>a</sup>* of the past and the future and complete His Favour on you, and guide you on a Straight Path.” (Q.48:2)

Note: the same command *astaghfiri li dhanbik* is given to Zulaykah (the wife of Aziz [Potiphar]) for trying to seduce Joseph (Q.12:29).