

A Perfect Woman

Aasiya, the wife of Pharoah, picked up baby Musa out of the river and saved his life, raising him as her son. Her husband, the Pharoah, was a tyrant who called himself god. And though no man could be worse than him, there will perhaps never be a woman as great as his wife, Aasiya.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) told us that only four women have ever reached perfection – Aasiya, Maryam bint Imran, Khadijah bint Khuwaylid and Faatimah bint Muhammad.

So how could this perfect woman escape to get away from such an evil man? Pharoah was the king; he was the police; he was everywhere. She could not escape him.

When Pharoah found out of her belief, he tortured her. He would torture her under the sun, and whenever he would stop, the angels would come and shade her with their wings.

Throughout this torture, Aasiya would not give up her faith. Her only crime was to believe in the Lord of Musa and his brother, Harun. When she would not give up her belief, Pharoah ordered his men to throw the biggest stone they could find on her.

Aasiya prayed to Allah, “My Lord! Build for me a home with You in Paradise, and save me from the Pharoah and his work, and save me from the people who are wrongdoers.”

Allah answered her prayers. Just before Pharoah ordered for the stone to be thrown on her, she looked up at the sky and saw her house in Paradise. Allah took her soul back to Him before they could kill her.

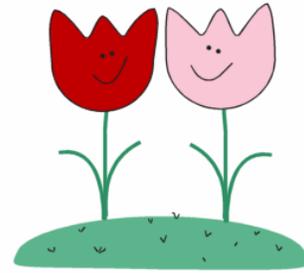


This was Aasiya, a perfect woman for whom Allah built a house in Paradise. If you are ever surrounded by evil, remember that Allah can protect you when nobody else can. And the good end is always for the believers.



Who's Who?

This exercise requires some outside help. If you don't know the answers, ask your parents! Match the description with each woman.



Maryam
the daughter of 'Imran

The Prophet (peace be upon him) went to her after he first received revelation and she comforted him.

Aasiya
the wife of Pharoah

Allah would send her fruits that were not even in season. For example, she could have strawberries in winter!

Faatimah
the daughter of the Prophet

Allah showed her home in Paradise before she became martyred.

Khadijah
the wife of the Prophet

She will be the leader of the believing women in Paradise.