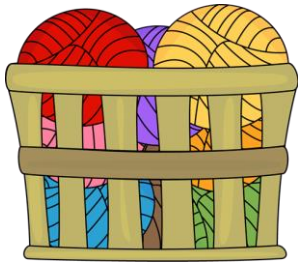


The Most Just

A woman once came to David (peace be upon him) and said, “O Prophet of Allah, is your Lord just or unjust?” David replied, “Woe unto you, woman; indeed, He is the most Just and never acts unjustly.” He then asked her what her story was.

She told the Prophet David that her husband had died and she was a widow. She had three daughters whom she earned money for by



spinning with needle and yarn. The other day, as she was going to the marketplace to sell what she had made, a bird suddenly swooped down and took her yarn and cloth and flew away. She sat there, sad and miserable, knowing that she owned nothing and had nothing to buy and sell for her children.

As the woman was telling her story to David, someone knocked at the door. Ten men came in. Each of them was a businessman with 100 dinars in his hand. They said, “O Prophet of Allah, give this money to one who is deserving of it.” David asked, “What made you bring this money here?”

The men told him their story. They had been travelling at sea when the waves began to roar around them and their ship began to sink. Suddenly, a bird appeared out of no where and dropped a red cloth with yarn into their boat. Using the materials the bird dropped, they were able to quickly repair the hole and keep the ship from sinking. Not much time passed before the winds and waves calmed down. They made an oath to Allah that each of them would give 100 dinars in charity. They wanted the Prophet David to give the charity to whomever he pleased.



David turned to the woman and said, “A Lord Who does business for you on land and in the sea, yet you make Him out to be unjust!” He gave her the 1,000 dinars and told her to spend it on her children.



This story is set during the time of which Prophet?

- a. Muhammad
- b. David
- c. Noah (peace be upon them all)

Which one of these sentences best describes a lesson we can learn from the story?

- a. Never let birds near your yarn; they might steal it.
- b. Don't sail a ship on a cloudy day.
- c. Sometimes we may think Allah is not thinking of us, but in the end, He always does what is best for us.

In the story, Allah has a much better plan for the woman's yarn than she does. But the lady is very sad when the bird first steals her yarn because she does not know what is waiting for her after a little while. Have you ever had something sad happen to you that actually turned out to be good?

Allah has a lot of Names mentioned in the Qur'an and Sunnah. There are two that we read every single day in *Bismillahi ar-Rahman ar-Raheem*. Ask your parents which of His names means "the Most Just."