

For Part 1, please see: "From the Cave of Hiraah to Mankind"
(Stories 4Kids)

(Part 2: Story based on authentic *ahaadeeth*:
References: *Saheeh al-Bukhaaree* Trans Vol. 4 Chapter: The Angels; *The Sealed Nectar*
Biography of the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam* by the Scholar Safiur-Rahman al-
Mubaarakpuri.)

Arise And Warn!

"O Muhammad" the Angel addressed him, calling out
"You are truly the Messenger of Allaah..."

The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam* looked into the sky
as the Angel continued to speak,

"...and I am the Angel Jibreel!"

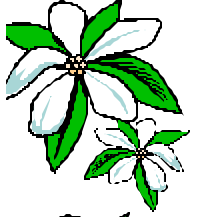
There in the skies was the Angel again! He had taken the
form of a giant man - *bi'ithnillaah*- and was putting his legs on
the horizon! *Subhaan Allaah!*

The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, was very
frightened. He stood very still. The sight of the Angel this
time was tremendous! The great Angel had filled the horizon!
It was an awesome sight! Everywhere the Prophet looked, the
Angel was above him. The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-*
sallam, tried to turn his eyes away. But it was no good. The
Angel, *'alayhis-salaatu was-salaam*, was in every direction he
looked in! The Angel repeated the words:

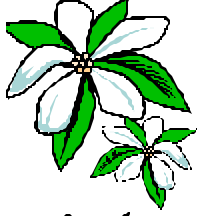
**"O Muhammad! You are truly the Messenger of Allaah,
and I am the Angel Jibreel!"**



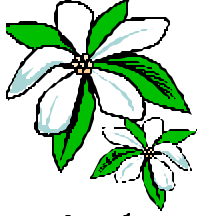
Unable to move from fear, the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, stood frozen on the mountain! Meanwhile at home, his faithful wife Khadeejah, *radiallaahu anhaa*, became worried. So she sent someone to look for him.



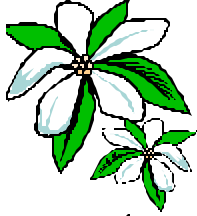
When the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, reached home, he sat very close to Khadeejah, *radiallaahu anhaa*.



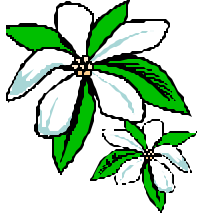
"Father of al-Qaasim!" his wife said concerned, **"Where have you been? I sent someone to look for you"**.



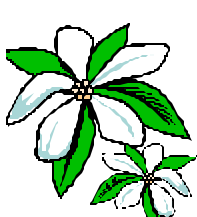
The Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, told her everything.



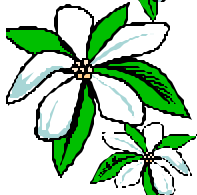
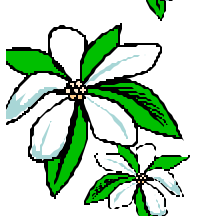
"It is a good sign" she said with hints of excitement. She felt sure of his Prophethood. But the Prophet was less sure. He was still anxious about events.



"O my husband" his wife responded, **"Pull yourself together! I swear by Allaah that you are a Messenger for this nation"**.

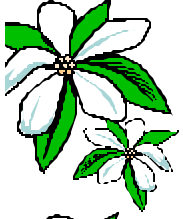


Her words were clear. Her voice was certain. She knew a great mission lay ahead and was ready to fully support her husband in it. She never doubted the Prophet's words. She had lived as his wife for 15 happy years. She had witnessed his sincerity and honesty each day. In fact, there was no-one who knew Muhammad, except that they trusted him.

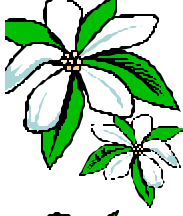




This had to be the case as Allaah the Most High only chooses the most upright of men for Prophethood. Men who are fine examples and worthy to deliver the truth.



At that moment, Khadeejah, *radiallaahu anhaa*, stood up and went to visit Waraqa. She would get his advice. Waraqa was a learned, old man. He was also blind. He had knowledge of Allaah's previous Messengers.



Waraqa listened with great interest to Khadeejah, *radiallaahu anhaa*. His limbs were weak but his mind was still strong. After she had finished, Waraqa responded:



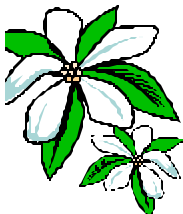
"I swear by Allaah that Muhammad has received the same Angel that Allaah sent to Moosaa. He is the Prophet of this nation".



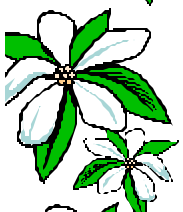
His words were as sure as Khadeejah's. Waraqa then offered his final advice:

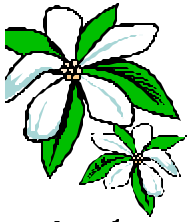


"Tell Muhammad to be patient".

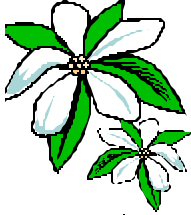
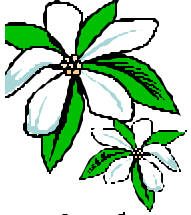


Khadeejah, *radiallaahu anhaa*, quickly returned home. She conveyed the news to the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*. The Prophet now felt sure he had been chosen as Allaah's Messenger. He also knew it was Allaah's Angel who had come to him. Indeed it was the same noble Angel Whom Allaah had sent to all His Messengers, *'alayhi mus-salaatu was-salaam*. But this Revelation sent down by Allaah, was the last and most complete.

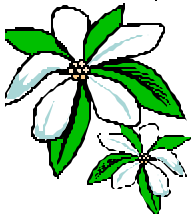
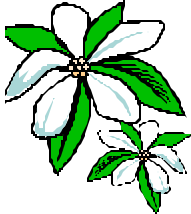




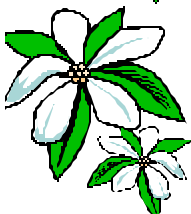
The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, now yearned for more guidance. He could guide his people with it – something he longed for. He had the noble verses of *Soorah 'Alaq*. Soon there'd be more Qur'aanic verses, many more...



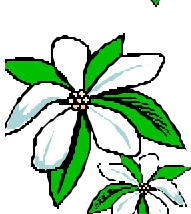
Some days went by but no more Qur'aanic verses came. The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, felt sad. One day as usual, he went to the top of the mountain. Sure enough, the Angel of Revelation appeared again! On this occasion, the Angel was sitting on a giant chair! This chair filled the space between the earth and sky!



The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, was so terrified that he fell to the ground! He quickly fled home.



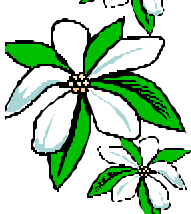
"Cover me, cover me" he called to his wife.

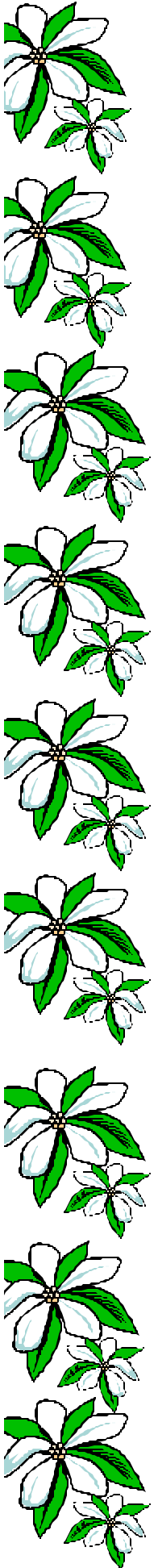


Khadeejah, *radiallaahu anhaa*, quickly took some garments and covered the trembling Prophet. It was then that Allaah the Most High, revealed the next verses of the great Qur'aan:



"O You (Muhammad) Wrapped up in garments! Arise and warn! Your Lord – magnify! Your garments – purify! And keep away from idols" [Soorah Muddatthir 74:1-5]





The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, stood up. The time had come for his great mission to start. Confident of Allaah's help and firm in his steps, Muhammad went forth as the Messenger of Allaah...

Indeed, dear reader, our beloved Messenger, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa-sallam*, was following in the footsteps of Allaah's previous Messengers. Those great believers Whom Allaah selected. Men with understanding and strong, pure hearts. Allaah chose the best as Messengers to the creation! All of them invited people to Islaam. Islaam is the Religion of all of Allaah's Prophets and Messengers. It was the Religion of Nooh, Ibraaheem, Moosaa and Eesaa, *'alayhi mus-salaatu was-salaam*. And with the sending of the final Messenger, Allaah perfected and completed Islaam...

...**"Tell Muhammad to be patient"** Waraqa had said.

The old man knew what was to lie ahead. No Messenger of old had come with Divine Guidance except that his people drove him out. But in rejecting the last Messenger, they would be rejecting the only pathway to Paradise - the gate to which Allaah's Messenger brought the key:

Laailaaha illAllaah...