

Allah SWT says in Surah Al Naml Ayah 44:

قِيلَ لَهَا ادْخُلِي الصَّرْحَ فَلَمَّا رَأَتْهُ حَسِبَتْهُ لُجَّةً وَكَشَفَتْ عَن سَاقِيهَا قَالَ إِنَّهُ صَرْحٌ مُّمَرَّدٌ مِّن قَوَارِيرَ قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي وَأَسْلَمْتُ مَعَ سُلَيْمَانَ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (44)

She was told, "Enter the palace." But when she saw it, she thought it was a body of water and uncovered her shins [to wade through]. He said, "Indeed, it is a palace [whose floor is] made smooth with glass." She said, "My Lord, indeed I have wronged myself, and I submit with Solomon to Allah, Lord of the worlds."

Describe how did Prophet Suleiman PBUH knew about the queen of Saba' and how did he call her into embracing Islam?

AssalamuAlaikum,

We enjoyed reading the responses of our community participants to the question about the story of Prophet Suleiman and the Queen of Saba'. One of the beautiful stories of the Quran.

Allah SWT has given Prophet Suleiman a kingdom unique to him only and has not given it to anyone after him as Prophet Suleiman made the Dua' to Allah SWT to give this kingdom and Allah SWT granted it to him. Allah SWT gave prophet Suleiman the power over Jinn, Man and birds. Allah SWT also gave him the power over the wind that carried him and his army to far places.

(وَلِسُلَيْمَانَ الرِّيحَ عَاصِفَةً تَجْرِي بِأَمْرِهِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي بَارَكْنَا فِيهَا وَكُنَّا بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَالِمِينَ) And to Solomon [We subjected] the wind, blowing forcefully, proceeding by his command toward the land which We had blessed. And We are ever, of all things, Knowing.

Prophet Suleiman used the power that Allah SWT given him to call for the way of Allah and did not use it for his personal gains as evidenced by the story of the queen of Saba' as mentioned in Surah Al Naml.

Prophet Suleiman found out about the Queen of Saba' through the Hoopoe whom was absent from the birds one day. When the Hoopoe returned, he told prophet Suleiman what he found about the queen of Saba' and her people worshiping the sun. The Hoopoe told Prophet Suleiman that she was the Queen and that she had a magnificent throne. Prophet PBUH wanted to find out about the truthfulness of what the hoopoe was saying so he sent the Hoopoe with a letter to the Queen of Saba' titled (بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ). The Queen wanted to find about prophet Suleiman PBUH if he was a king who loved wealth, so after consulting with her cabinet, she decided to send him presents. When the messages of the Queen came to prophet Suleiman with the presents, he returned them with the messengers and told them that he would send them powerful armies that they can't face. The Queen knew when she found out that Prophet Suleiman has rejected the presents, she got concerned and decided to leave to and meet prophet Suleiman. Prophet Suleiman asked that her throne be brought to him before she and her people arrived to Prophet Suleiman. It's important to mention here that Saba' was in Yemen and prophet Suleiman was in Palestine. Allah SWT gave the power to the righteous man who was present with Prophet Suleiman to bring the throne o him and he brought in a blink of an eye. When the Queen arrived and saw the throne, she was asked if that was her throne, she said that it was typical of hers. Then she was asked to enter the palace who's floor was made of glass with water running underneath. She thought the floor was wet and she lifted her dress and uncovered her chin, then she was told it was not wet it was glass. Then she realized that she was in front of a prophet and declared her Islam with Prophet Suleiman PBUH.

The wisdom of the story here is that prophet Suleiman used the power that Allah SWT has given him to call for the way of Allah SWT. This is a lesson for us that when we call on Allah for something that we do so with an intention to use what we are asking Allah SWT for the sake of Allah.