

prayer, but He saved him and those who were with him in the laden ark, and made his progeny the survivors. Thus He caused him to be remembered and praised in all eras.

He chose the family of Ibrâheem, who was the close friend of the Most Merciful whom Allah favoured by choosing him to be His close friend. He offered himself to be thrown into the fire, he offered his son to be sacrificed and he offered his wealth to honour his guests. He called people to his Lord, night and day, in private and in public. Allah made him an example to be followed by those who came after him, and He ordained that prophethood and the Book should be among his descendants. All the Prophets who came after him are regarded as being of the family of Ibrâheem, because they were his descendants. Allah singled them out for all kinds of noble traits by virtue of which they were the best of creation. Among them was the leader of the children of Adam, our Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). Allah (ﷻ) combined in him all the perfect qualities that were scattered among others, and he superseded the first and the last; he is the leader of the Messengers, the chosen one from among the children of Ibrâheem.

Allah chose the family of 'Imrân, who was either the father of Maryam bint 'Imrân, or the father of Moosâ ibn 'Imrân (ﷺ). These families who were mentioned by Allah are the best of creation, and righteousness and guidance were handed down from one generation to another of their descendants. Hence Allah says: ﴿They were descendants one of another﴾ that is, they were connected by bonds of blood ties and sharing similar sublime characteristics, as Allah said, after mentioning a number of Prophets who were members of those great families:

﴿And [We guided] some of their forefathers, progeny and brothers; We chose them and guided them to a straight path.﴾ (al-An'âm 6: 87)

﴿And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing﴾ – He knows who deserves to be chosen, so He chooses him, and who does not deserve to be chosen, so He forsakes him and lets him get carried away (in