## **CHAPTER 3**

# REVIEW THE STORY OF HABIL AND QABIL

#### 3.1 Hybridization of Sons and Daughters of Adam

The writer Allah the Almighty says:

"And (O Muhammad (Peace be upon him) recite to them (the Jews) the story of the two sons of Adam (Habil and Qabil) in truth; when each offered a sacrifice (to Allah), it was accepted from the one but not from the other. The latter said to the former: " I will surely kill you." The former said: "Verily, Allah accepts only from those who are Al-Muttagun (the pious)." "If you do stretch your hand against me to kill me, I shall never stretch my hand against you to kill you: for I fear Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinn, and all that exists)." "Verily, I intend to let you draw my sin on yourself as well as yours, then you will be one of the dwellers of the Fire; and that is the recompense of the Zalimin (polytheists and wrong-doers);" So the Nafs (self) of the other (latter one) encouraged him and made fair-seeming to him the murder of his brother; he murdered him and became one of the losers: Then Allah sent a crow who scratched the ground to show him to hide the dead body of his brother; He (the murderer) said: "Woe to me! Am I not even able to be as this crow and to hide the dead body of my brother?" Then he became one of those who regretted." (Al-Ma'idah, 27-31)

Narrated As-Sadiy on the authority of Abu Malik and Abu Salih after Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him) and on the authority of Ibn Mas`ud and other Companions that Adam (Peace be upon him) used to get the male brought by one birth married to the female brought by the other. Hence, it was supposed that Habil would get married to Qabil's sister who was better and more beautiful than anyone else. At the same time, Qabil wanted to keep her

for himself. Adam (Peace be upon him) ordered him to allow' Habil to marry her, but he totally refused.

## 3.2 Habil and Qabil's Sacrifices

Adam (Peace be upon him) ordered both (Habil and Qabil) to offer a sacrifice to Allah Almighty. Meanwhile, Adam set forth towards Mecca to perform Pilgrimage. Just before leaving, Adam tried to entrust (the affairs of) his children to the heavens, the earth and finally to the mountains, but all declined to shoulder the (heavy) trust. Thereupon, Qabil accepted the trust and after Adam went away they (Habil and Qabil) offered their sacrifices to Allah. Habil offered a fat she-goat, while Qabil offered a bundle of bad plants. Later, a fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice offered by Habil and left untouched that of Qabil. Qabil became livid with rage and said to his brother: I will kill you so as not to marry my sister, Habil said: "Verily, Allah accepts only from those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious)."

Abdullah Ibn `Amr (May Allah be pleased with both of them) said:

"By Allah! The murdered (Habil) was stronger (than the murderer, Qabil), but he refused to stretch his hand against his brother to kill him due to his piety and God-fearing."

Abu Ja`far Al-Baqir mentioned that Adam (Peace be upon him) was present there when they offered their sacrifices. After Habil's sacrifice was accepted, Qabil said to his father, Adam:

"It was accepted only from him because you invoked Allah for his sake."

And, he secretly intended something against his brother. One day, Habil was late and Adam sent Qabil to look for him. The two brothers met and Qabil said, "Your sacrifice was accepted and mine was not." Then, Habil said, "Verily, Allah accepts only from those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious)."

# 3.3 Qabil killed Habil

Qabil got angry and hit his brother with an iron rod and Habil fell dead at once. It was said: Qabil killed Habil by throwing a rock at his head while he was asleep. It was also said: Qabil choked Habil violently and bit him to death as beasts do. However, Habil's saying when Qabil threatened to kill him:

"If you do stretch your hand against me to kill me, I shall never stretch my hand against you to kill you: for I fear Allah, the Lord of the" Alamin (mankind, jinn, and all that exists)" (Al-Ma'idah, 28)

Indicated his good morals and ethics, his fear from Allah, and perfect piety that he may harm his brother, in contrast with the odious deed intended by his brother, Qabil.

Imam Ahmed transmitted after Mu`awiyah and Waki` their saying: We were told by Al- A` mash on the authority of `Abdullah Ibn Murrah after Masruq after `Abdullah Ibn Mas`ud (May Allah be pleased with him) as saying:

"The Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, None (no human being) is killed or murdered (unjustly), but a part of responsibility for the crime is laid on the first son of Adam who invented the tradition of killing (murdering on earth)." (Ahmed's Musnad)

However, there is a cave, called the "Blood Cave", in a mountain located to the northern part of Syria. It is thought to be the scene of the crime where Qabil killed his brother Habil. The people living there came to know this through the People of the Book (Christians and Jews) and only Allah Almighty knows the validity or realness of this. .Al-Hafiz Ibn `Asakir mentioned in the biography of Ahmed Ibn Katheer that

"He (Ahmed) saw in a dream Muhammad (Peace be upon him), Abu Bakr, `Umar and Habil. Ahmed came to know from Habil -who took an oath of that- it was his own blood (that was spilt there (in that very cave)). Habil said that he had asked Allah Almighty to make the invocations and supplications offered in that place acceptable. Allah accepted his own invocations and His Messenger, Muhammad (Peace be upon him) believed in that and said: I (Muhammad), Abu Bakr and `Umar used to visit that place every Thursday."

However, it is to be stated that this narration represents only a vision.

Even if it were true, no religious ruling can ever be based on such a thing; and Allah knows best.

#### 3.4 Qabil Burying Habil after Look at Crow

Allah Almighty says:

"Then, Allah sent a crow who scratched the ground to show him how to hide the dead body of his brother. He (the murderer) said: "Woe to me! Am I not even able to be as this crow and to hide the dead body of my brother? "Then he became one of those who regretted." (Al-Ma'idah, 31) Some interpreters said: "After Qabil had killed his brother, he carried him on his back for a full year (not knowing what to do with his brother's corpse!)."

Others said, Qabil carried him on his back for one hundred years till Allah Almighty sent two crows who fought against one another. One of them was killed. The murderer scratched the ground to hide the body of the dead crow. Seeing him doing that, Qabil said: "Woe to me! Am I not even able to do as this crow and to hide the dead body of my brother?" Then, he buried the body of his dead brother and covered it with earth.

Historians said, Adam became very sick at heart and felt great sorrow for his dead son, Habil. Mujahid said: Qabil was brought punishment very soon afterwards. On the same day he killed his brother, Habil, his foot was tied up to his thighbone and his face was forcibly directed up to the sun disk. His face used to go where the sun goes as a way of punishment and penalty in return for what he had done to his own brother. Allah's Messenger (Peace be upon him) said:

"There is no sin more recurring punishment (very rapidly) in the present life, along with what awaits for its doer in the Hereafter, than transgression and severing the ties of relationship."

Imam Abu J a' far mentioned in his Tarikh "History" on the authority of some people who had said that Eve gave birth to forty children through twenty births. Ibn Ishaq viewed the same and he mentioned their names in detail.

However, nothing is sure of their names or numbers. Others said that there

were one hundred and twenty births, in each one a male and a female were born. The first among them were Qabil and his sister Qalimah, and the last ones were `Abdul Mughith and his sister Ummul Mughith. Then, humans increased in number and spread into the earth. Allah Almighty says:

"O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allah through Whom you demand (your mutual rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allah is Ever an All-Watcher over you." (An-Nisa', 1)

## Allah, the Almighty says:

"It is He Who has created you from a single person (Adam), and (then) He has created from him his wife [Hawwa' (Eve)], in order that he might enjoy the pleasure of living with her. When he had sexual relation with her, she became pregnant and she carried it about lightly. Then when it became heavy, they both invoked Allah, their Lord (saying): "If You give us a Salih (good in every aspect) child, we shall indeed be among the grateful." But when He gave them a Salih (good in every aspect) child, they ascribed partners to Him (Allah) in that which He has given to them. High be Allah, Exalted above all that they ascribe as partners to Him." (Al-A'raf, 189, 190)

This story is expected to enlarge the knowledge of the readers about the story of *Habil and Qabil*. The point from this story is when Adam wants to hybridize Habil's twin to Qabil and Qabil's twin to Habil. This is the start when Qabil feeling unfair because his twin is more beautiful than Habil's twin. Then, Allah is rejected Qabil' sacrifices, and then accepted Habil's sacrifices. That is why Qabil cannot control his emotion and then kills Habil.