

## Messengers 3 – Are some Messengers given higher status in Islam than others?

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**QUESTION:** Are some Messengers given higher status in Islam than others?

**ANSWER:** Without doubt, Islam gives higher status to some over others. <sup>1</sup>

The Qur'an mentions:

**Those messengers! Some of them We gave excellence over others...**

Soorah al Baqarah (the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter) verse 253

In Arabic, the most virtuous messengers are called the *ulul 'azm* – the possessors of strong will.

And they are: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad – may the blessings of Allah be upon them all.

The Qur'an mentions:

**And (mention O Muhammad) when We took from the prophets their covenant – and from you and from Noah and Abraham and Moses and Jesus, the son of Mary.**

Soorah al Ahzaab (the 33<sup>rd</sup> chapter) verse 7

And two Messengers in particular have been singled out as being the *khaleel* (especially beloved friend) of Allah: Abraham and Muhammad - may peace and blessings be upon them both.

Muhammad - peace and blessings be upon him – said:

***Indeed Allah took me as a khaleel just as he took Ibraaheem as a khaleel.***

(Hadeeth reported by Imam Muslim (number 532))

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## **NEXT TIME:**

Can a person become a prophet if he tries hard enough - as is stated by some of the philosophers?

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to *al irshaad ilaa saheeh il i'tiqaad* of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan p179