

A Son Is Born

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The last few days of Lady Maryam's pregnancy were upon her and the entire City anxiously awaited the babe's arrival. Salma, who had been the midwife to Lady Khadijah was now elderly, offered to assist when the time came and now moved near to Lady Maryam's home in readiness for the blessed event.

On a night soon after, Lady Maryam gave birth to a son, whereupon Abu Rafi, Salma's husband made haste to bring the joyous news to the Prophet (sa), however, before he could reach him, the Prophet (sa) had already been awakened by Angel Gabriel who greeted him in a way in which he had never greeted him before saying, "Awaken, O father of Abraham," and so he already knew that he had been blessed with a son.

The dawn prayer was almost due and the Prophet (sa) waited until after it had been offered to make the much awaited announcement, and told the congregation that his son had been given the name Abraham. Shortly after the prayer, the Prophet (sa) went to greet Lady Maryam and see his darling son.

It was a very touching moment as he held his son for the first time and thanked Allah for his safe delivery and well being of Lady Maryam. Everyone was excited and delighted by the news, especially Lady Maryam's co-wives. Offers of help abounded from every quarter and in particular for the favor of nursing the infant. The Prophet (sa) chose the wife of a blacksmith to be Abraham's nurse as she lived near Lady Maryam's house.