

## The Drowning of Firown

Hazrat Moosa consoled the Bani Israeel saying:

“Do not fear, Allaah Ta’ala’s promise is true. You will be successful.”

Then he raised his hands in supplication to the Divine Master. Through divine revelation Hazrat Moosa was commanded to strike his staff on the water. When he struck the Red Sea, the ocean split in two, the waves stood up on either side like two mountains, and a path appeared in the centre. At Hazrat Moosa’s command all the Bani Israeel stepped onto the path. They walked across just as they walked on dry land. When Firown (who had followed them) beheld this phenomenon, he said to his people:

“This is my miraculous feat! Lets go forward and catch the Bani Israeel.”

Firown and his entire army followed the Bani Israeel on the same path. But the wonders of Allaah Ta’ala never cease to amaze. When the Bani Israeel had safely reached the opposite side, through Divine command the ocean resumed its normal appearance. Firown and his entire army, who were now in the midst of the ocean were drowned. When he began drowning, and he saw the angels of punishment in front of him, he began shouting:

“I believe in that Being, who has no partner, who the Bani Israeel believe in, and I am of the obedient ones.”

But his faith in Allaah Ta’ala was just another of his tricks, which he used to try and escape the punishment of Allaah Ta’ala. Therefore he received this answer from Allaah Ta’ala:

“Now Indeed! Whereas you have rebelled before, and you were of the corrupt ones.” (Yunus-91)

Meaning that Allaah Ta’ala is fully aware that you are not from the “Muslims” but of the “corrupt ones”.

“They did not believe until they beheld the terrible torment.” (Yunus-88)

“Surely your (two [i.e Moosa and Haroon]) supplication is accepted!” (Yunus-89)

Firown’s plea also received this reply from the Divine Master:

“Today we will save you bodily, so that you may remain as a sign to those after you.” (Yunus-92)

Till today a corpse is preserved in the Egyptian Museum. Due to the person being drowned in the ocean the nose had been bitten off by fish. It is said that it is the corpse of the Pharaoh of Moses. Allaah Ta’ala knows best.