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Sahih al-Bukhari,

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Raising children to know for what purpose we were created...



abu hurairah narrated that he heard Allah's
messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم saying

Allah willed to test three Israelites who were a
leper, a blind man and a bald-headed man.



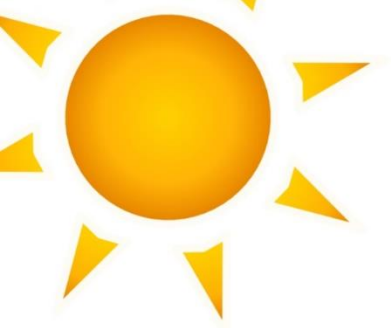
So He sent them an angel who came to the leper and said:

what thing do you like most?

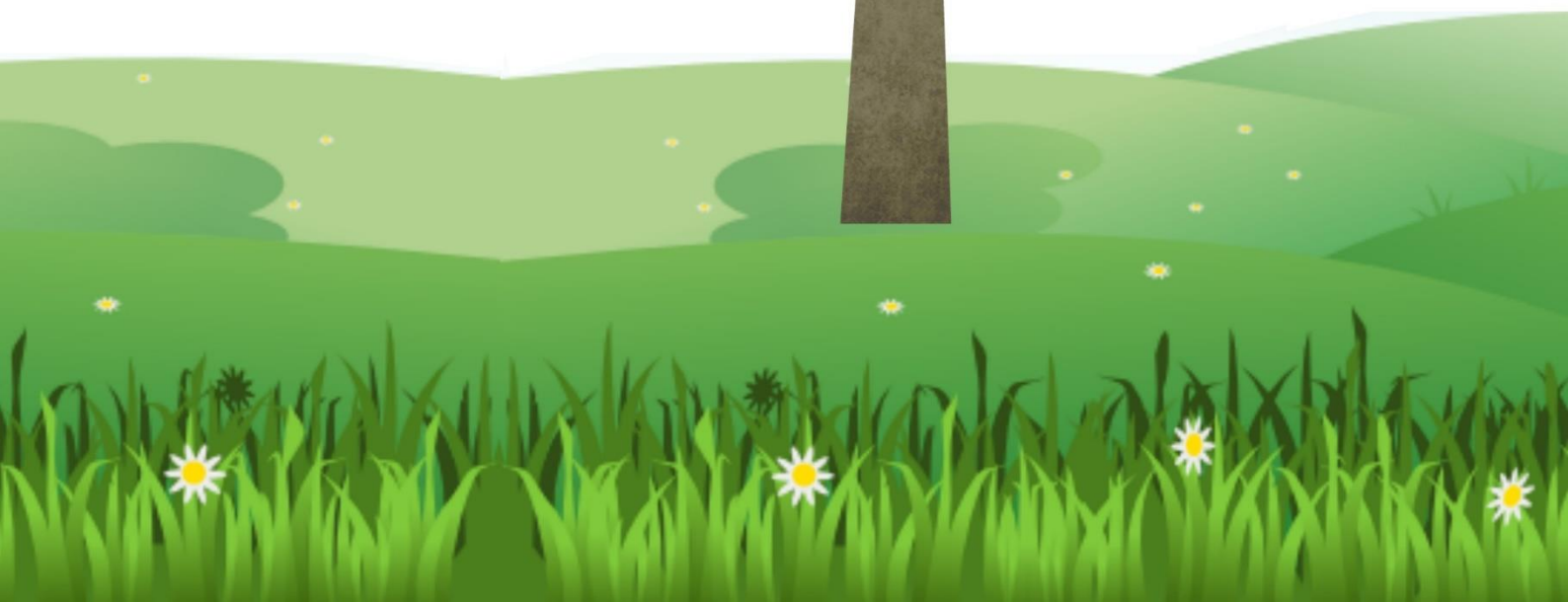
The man replied,

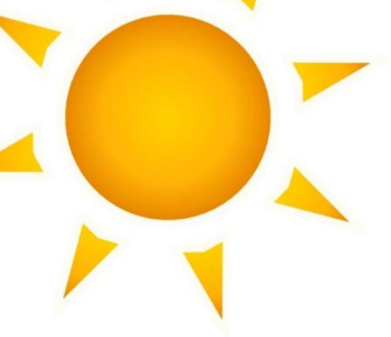
Good colour and good skin, for the people have a strong aversion to me





The angel touched him and his illness was cured, and he was given a good colour and beautiful skin.





The angel asked him


What kind of
property do you like
best?

The man replied

Camels
(or cows)

(The narrator [Abu Hurairah] is in doubt, for either the leper or the bald-headed man demanded camels and the other demanded cows)





So the leper was given a pregnant she-camel,
and the angel said to him



May Allah bless
you in it






The angel went to the bald-headed man and said

What thing do you like most?

The man said

I like good hair and wish to be cured of this disease, for the people feel repulsion for me





The angel touched him
and his illness was cured,
and he was given good
hair.



The angel asked the man

What kind of property do you like best?

He replied

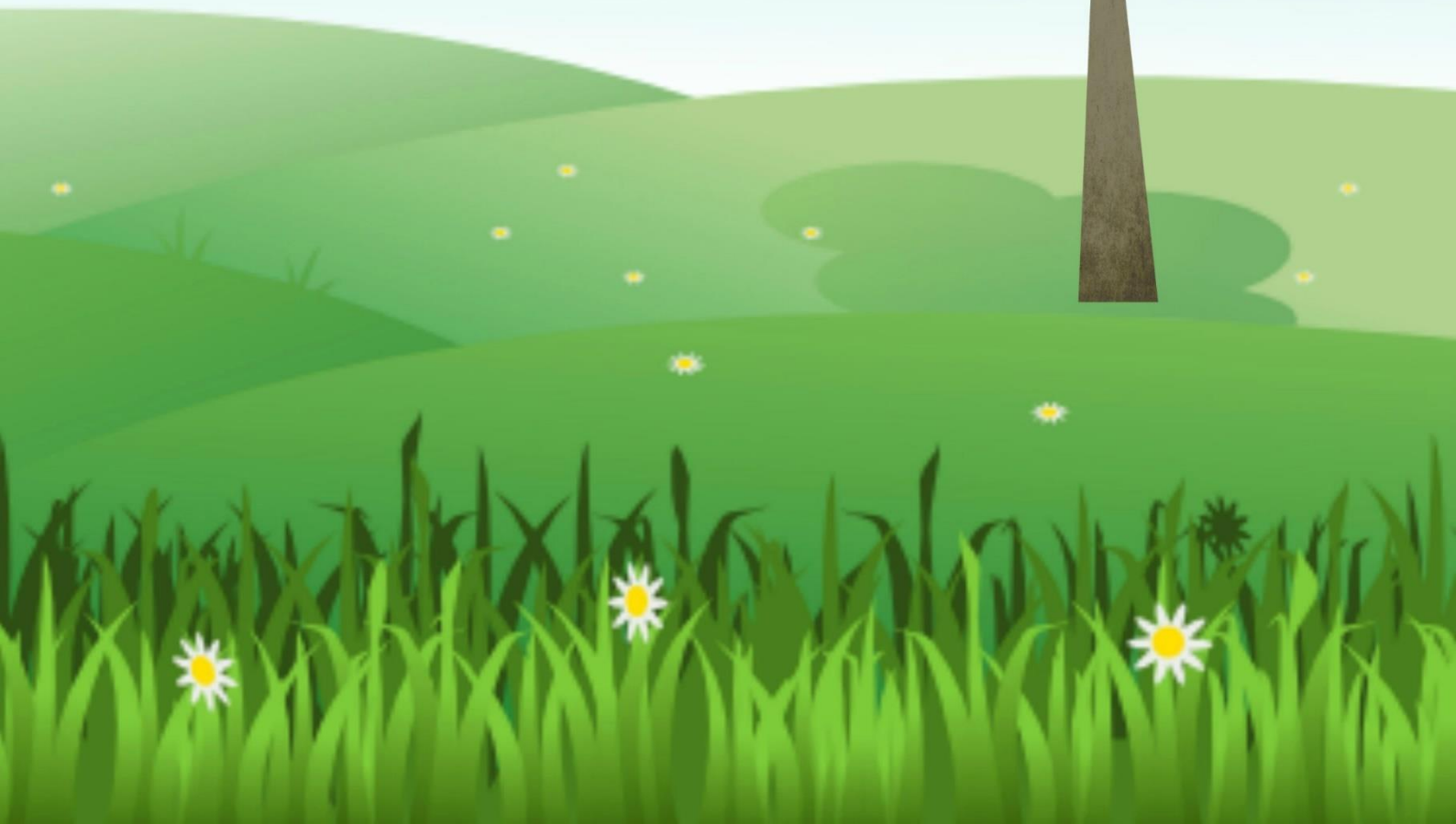
Cows





The angel gave him a pregnant cow
and said

May Allah bless
you in it






The angel went to the blind man and asked

What thing do
you like best?

The man said

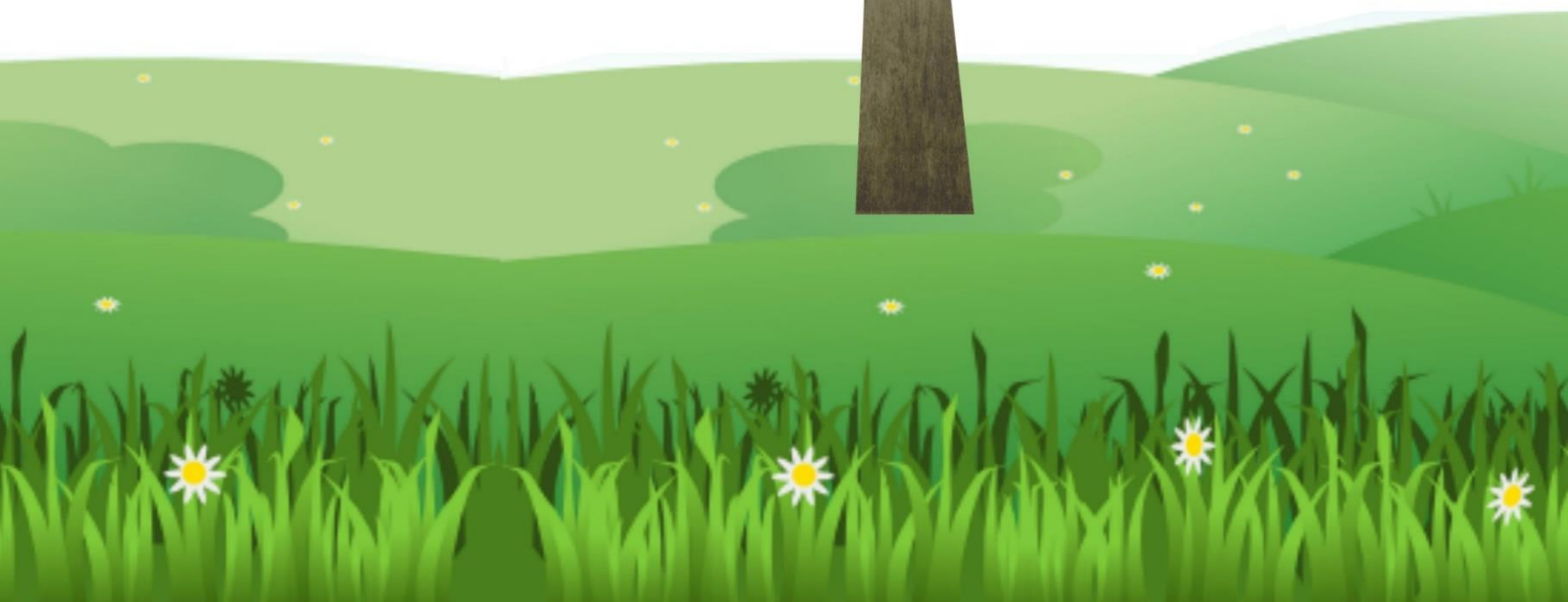


(I like) that Allah may
restore my eye-sight to
me so that I may
see the people





The angel touched his eyes and Allah gave him back his eye-sight.





The angel asked him

What kind of
property
do you like best?

The man replied

Sheep

The angel gave him a pregnant ewe



Afterwards, all the three pregnant animals gave birth to young ones, and multiplied and brought forth so much that one of the (three) men had a herd of camels filling a valley, and one had a herd of cows filling a valley, and one had flock of sheep filling a valley!



Then the angel, disguised in the shape and appearance of a leper, went to the leper and said

I am a poor man, who has lost all means of livelihood while on a journey. So, none will satisfy my need except Allah and then you. In the Name of Him Who has given you such nice colour and beautiful skin and so much property, I ask you to give me a camel so that I may reach my destination.





The man replied

I have many obligations
(So I cannot give you)





The angel said

I think I know you; were you not a leper to whom the people had a strong aversion? Weren't you a poor man, and then Allah gave you (all this property)?

The man replied

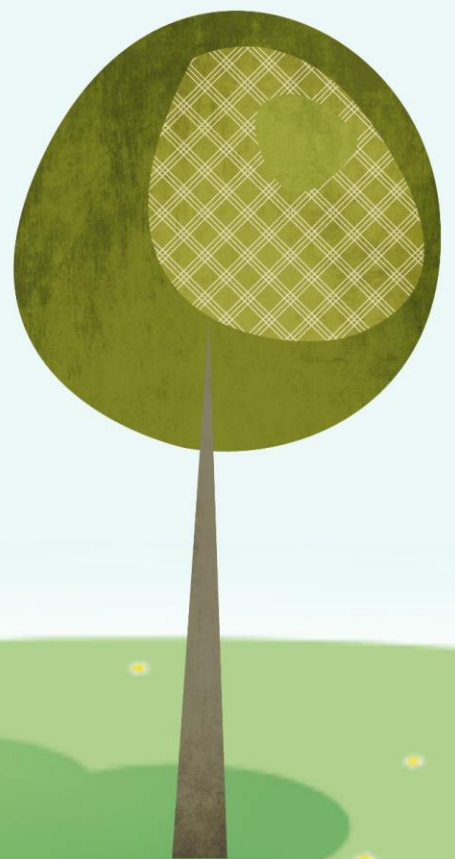
(This is all wrong) I got this property through inheritance from my forefathers






The angel said

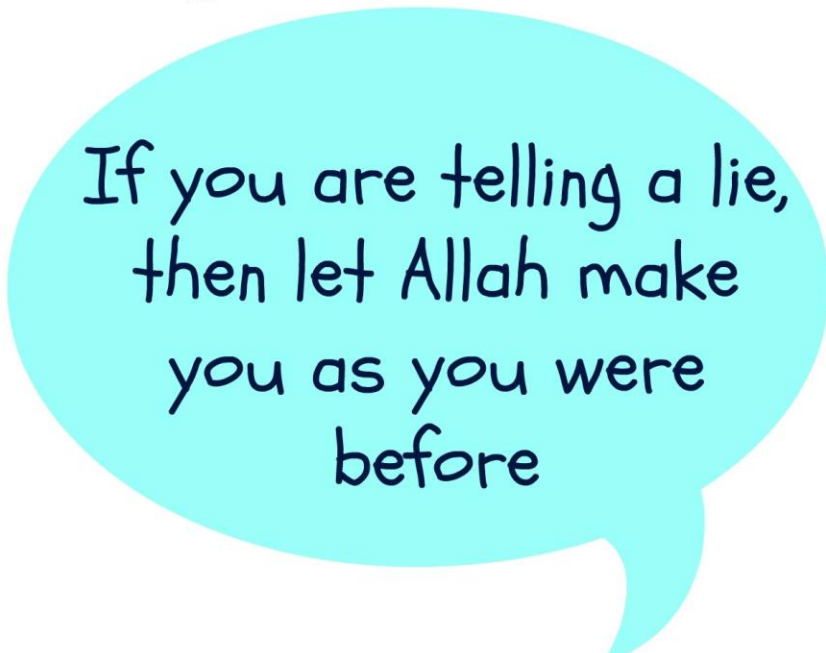
If you are telling a lie,
then let Allah make
you as you were
before






Then the angel, disguised in the shape and appearance of a bald man, went to the bald man and said to him the same as he told the first one, and he too answered the same as the first one did.

The angel said

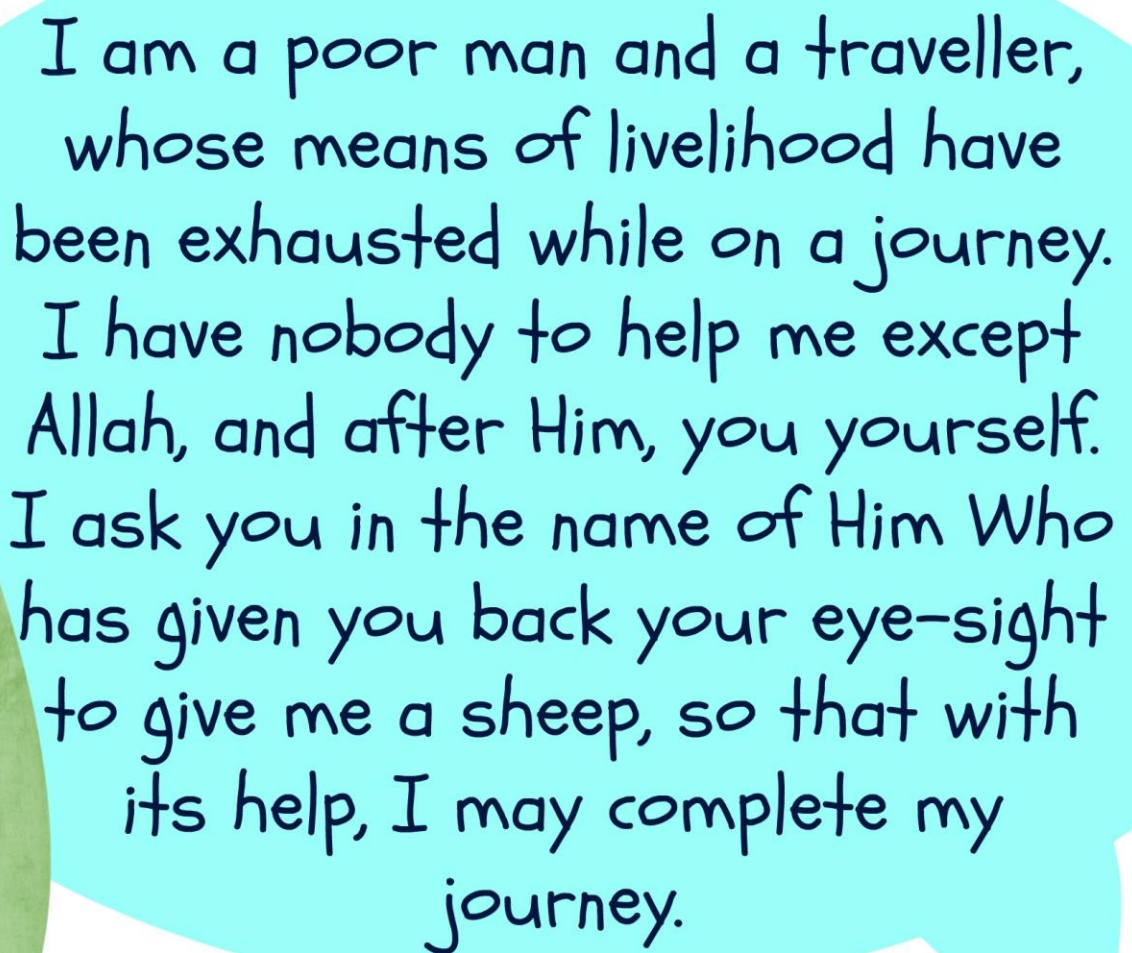


If you are telling a lie,
then let Allah make
you as you were
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The angel, disguised in the shape of a blind man, went to the blind man and said



I am a poor man and a traveller, whose means of livelihood have been exhausted while on a journey. I have nobody to help me except Allah, and after Him, you yourself. I ask you in the name of Him Who has given you back your eye-sight to give me a sheep, so that with its help, I may complete my journey.





The man said

No doubt, I was blind and Allah gave me back my eyesight; I was poor and Allah made me rich; so take anything you wish from my property.

By Allah, I will not stop you for taking anything (you need) of my property which you may take for Allah's sake.





The angel replied

Keep your property with you.
You (i.e three men) have been
tested and Allah is pleased
with you and is angry with
your two companions.



fun quiz questions!

Who was the first man?

Who was the second man?

Who was the third man?

What did the leper and the bald man say when the angel asked them for help?

What did the blind man say when the angel asked them for help?

What do you think we can learn from this story?