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There they saw a man covered with a garment (or covering himself with his own garment). Moses greeted him. Al-Khadir replied saying, "How do people greet each other in your land?" Moses said, "I am Moses." He asked, "The Moses of Bani Israel?" Moses replied in the affirmative and added, "May I follow you so that you teach me of that knowledge which you have been taught." Al-Khadir replied, "Verily! You will not be able to remain patient with me, O Moses! I have some of the knowledge of Allah which He has taught me and which you do not know, while you have some knowledge which Allah has taught you which I do not know." Moses said, "Allah willing, you will find me patient and I will disobey no order of yours. So both of them set out walking along the seashore, as they did not have a boat. In the meantime a boat passed by them and they requested the crew of the boat to take them on board. The crew recognized Al-Khadir and took them on board without fare. Then a sparrow came and stood on the edge of the boat and dipped its beak once or twice in the sea. Al-Khadir said: "O Moses! My knowledge and your knowledge have not decreased Allah's knowledge except as much as this sparrow has decreased the water of the sea with its beak." Al- Khadir went to one of the planks of the boat and plucked it out. Moses said, "These people gave us a free lift but you have broken their boat and scuttled it so as to drown its people." Al-Khadir replied, "Didn't I tell you that you will not be able to remain patient with me." Moses said, "Call me not to account for what I forgot." The first (excuse) of Moses was that he had forgotten. Then they proceeded further and found a boy playing with other boys. Al-Khadir took hold of the boy's head from the top and plucked it out with his hands (i.e. killed him). Moses said, "Have you killed an innocent soul who has killed none." Al-Khadir replied, "Did I not tell you that you cannot remain patient with me?" Then they both proceeded till when they came to the people of a town, they asked them for food, but they refused to entertain them. Then they found there a wall on the point of collapsing. Al-Khadir repaired it with his own hands. Moses said, "If you had wished, surely you could have taken wages for it." Al-Khadir replied, "This is the parting between you and me."



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Someone who has learnt only a small amount ... considering his level of knowledge to be great

Knowledgeable scholar

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Musa `alaihisSalaam, Kaleemullaah – was admonished

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Another slave

Wanted to <u>travel</u> and learn from him (even though Musa's status was higher)

Some specific knowledge which he didn't have

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Fish in a basket – when it escapes – you'll find him there

Yusha`ibn Noon

- · Later was a Prophet
- Paused the movement of the sun
- Jerusalem was conquered

Rested on a rock - fish came out of the basket and it took its way into the sea as in a tunnel

Went on for rest of the day and one night – next morning

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Felt tired (after they had gone beyond the meeting point)

Asked for breakfast - realised

Went back the same way

Man covered with his garment

Gave him salaam

وَأَنَّى بِأَرْضِكَ السَّلاَمُ ؟

Musa `alaihisSalaam – of Bani Israel

(Prophets sent to their respective peoples)

Asked to follow – won't be patient

Doesn't indicate that Khidr was better/more virtuous than Musa `alaihisSalaam

But he [i.e., the hoopoe] stayed not long and said, "I have encompassed [in knowledge] that which you have not encompassed, and I have come to you from Sheba with certain news.

[27:22]

To Suleiman `alaihisSalaam

Prophet said, "You know better the affairs of your world." [Muslim 2363]

Musa better/higher in station

Claims of the Sufis...

- Inner and outer knowledge
- · Walis are like Khidr
- Higher in station than Prophets (Wali > Nabi > Rasul)

So many deviations stem from this

Walked along the shore

Taken on by a boat – recognized Khidr

Saw a sparrow

Also:

O My servants, if the first of you and the last of you, and the humans of you and the jinn of you, were all to stand together in one place and ask of Me, and I were to give everyone what he requested, then that would not decrease what I Possess, except what is decreased of the ocean when a needle is dipped into it. [N24]

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Removed a plank – harmed them (apparently)

King was capturing boats

First excuse was because of forgetfulness

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Boy was playing – killed him

Would be undutiful to his parents; replaced with another

Only did this on the basis of what Allaah had informed him

(Story of Kharijee with ibn `Abbaas)

Some people follow their bad dreams (Sufis – felt they were like Ibrahim `alaihisSalaam)

Dreams – good news / strange unusual; <u>not</u> for shar`i rulings

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People who didn't host them as guests

Khidr – fixed the wall

Two orphans

Went their separate ways

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Could have potentially seen more things

Point of mentioning hadith



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Ok if the questioner is standing and the scholar is sitting down

Anger

Pride / tribal reasons

Should be to make the Word of Allaah highest

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Abu Musa

or Mudraj