A Crow Teaches The Method of Burial

When Qabeel (Cane) murdered Habeel (Able) then hence, no one had died prior to this, therefore Qabeel was confused as to what he should do with the dead body of his brother. He carried the dead body on his back for several days, and then he saw two crows fighting with each other and finally one killed the other. The living crow began to dig the ground with his beak and claws and dug a hole, put the dead body of the other crow and covered it with the sand. Seeing this Qabeel realized that the dead body should be buried in the ground. He dug the grave of his brother and buried him.

(Madaarik Al-Tanzeel p. 486)

The Holy Quran narrates this incident in the following words:

أَعْوذُ بِلَهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger
Then Allah sent a raven, scratching in the earth, so that he might show him, how he should hide the corpse of his brother. He said, 'Oh woe is me! I could not be able even like this raven so that I may hide the corpse of my brother,

Then he remained repenting.

(Al-Maidah 5, Verse 31)

Lesson:

➢ This incident draws attentions to a point that one is in need of even a very inferior teacher like a crow in pursuit of knowledge.

➢ It explains that when one faces difficulty in the life of this world Allah Almighty is so Merciful that he guides us through one way or the other, even through birds, in order to solve our problems.

(And Allah Almighty knows best)

(Ajaibul Quran p. 90)