

SEERAH(BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUAHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:12 {IN ENGLISH}

SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (sal'Allahu alaihi wa sallam)



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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LESSON 1 2



TOPIC:



The first Revelation.



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REVELATION



Late one Monday night, just before sunrise on the twenty-first of Ramadan (August 10, 610 C.E.), an event transformed the life of the man chosen to deliver Allah's message, just as it would change the lives of countless beings, most of whom were yet to be born. According to the lunar calendar, Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was forty years, six months and twelve days old, and according to the solar calendar, he was thirty-nine years, three months and twenty-two days old.



He was alone in the cave of Hira, engaged in worshipping Allah just like he had done the previous two Ramadans. 'Aishah (RadiAllahu 'anha), who has narrated so many of the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) words and deeds, relates his transition from an ordinary man to someone who would forever be known simply as "The Prophet".



The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) first began to have revelations in the form of good dreams which came true. Then he began to like solitude. He would go to the cave of Hira and meditate there in solitude for a number of days and nights. He would take provisions with him to stay for an extended period, and when he returned to Khadeejah, he would stock up again and go back to the cave.



This was his practice until Truth was revealed to him by an angel while he was in the cave of Hira. The angel said to him, "Read!". "I cannot read," Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) replied. The angel then took hold of him and pressed him until he could not endure it any longer. The angel let him go and said once again, "Read!".



"I cannot read," Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) replied. The angel took hold of him a second time and pressed him until he could not endure it any longer. After letting him go, the angel said, "Read!".



"I cannot read," Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) repeated. For a third time, the angel took hold of him and pressed him until he could not endure it any longer. The angel released him and said,



□ "Read in the name of your Lord, the Creator. He Who created man from a clot. Read! And your Lord is the Most Bounteous."



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was terrified and his heart was pounding hard. He returned home to Khadeejah and said, "Zammiloonii! Zammiloonii!" (Cover me! Cover me!). Khadeejah covered him and helped him calm down.



He (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) related what had happened in the cave, and said: "I fear that something has happened to me." "Never," Khadeejah replied. "I swear by Allah, Allah would never disgrace you. You keep good relations with your family, help the feeble and destitute, serve your guests generously, and assist those who deserve help."

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