

SEERAH(BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUAHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:13 {IN ENGLISH}

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



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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The first revelation (continued).



A Hiatus.



THE FIRST REVELATION

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Khadeejah then took the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to her cousin, the old and venerable Waraqa bin Naufal. He knew Hebrew and was familiar with the Gospels, having left paganism for Christianity.



□ "O my cousin," Khadeejah began. "Listen to your nephew."



□ "What have you seen, my nephew?" asked the blind old man.



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) told Waraqa what had happened in the cave. "The angel that was sent to you is the same angel that Allah sent to Musa ('alaihi salaam). I wish I were young and could live to see the day your own people drive you out of this city."



□ "Will they drive me out?" the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) asked.




□ "Yes," replied Naufal. "Never has a man brought something such as what you have, without meeting hostility. If I live to see the day you are expelled, I will support you with all my might."




A few days later, however, Waraqa died, and a long time passed before the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) received a second revelation. The Qur'an tells us that the first revelation descended in Ramadan on the "Night of Power."



"The month of Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an was revealed."  (2:185)



"We have indeed revealed this Message during the Night of Power."  (97:1)



A HIATUS





After Jibra'eel first appeared before Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) at the cave of Hira, a long time passed without any further revelation. A distressed Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) feared Allah had abandoned him. Why had his Lord deserted him? In moments of despair, he would want to throw himself off a mountain, but then he would sense Jibra'eel's presence and become calm again.



This interim period was a time of contemplation, a time for Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to prepare himself for what lay ahead. One day Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) returned to the cave of Hira to worship in solitude. As he left the cave and began to descend the mountain, another strange event took place.



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) described the event as follows:



□ "When I descended the mountain and came to the valley, I heard a voice saying, "Muhammad! You are the Prophet of Allah, and I am Jibra'eel!" Then I raised my head and on the horizon, I saw the angel who had come to me in the cave of Hira. I was filled with awe and bowed towards the earth. I hurried home to Khadeejah and asked her to wrap me up. She put a blanket around me and sprinkled water on me".

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