SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:21 { IN ENGLISH }



Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD (SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam)



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A warning from atop Mount Safa (continued).



A WARNING FROM ATOP



MOUNT SAFA (CONTINUED)

Addressing all segments of Makkan society, he further said:

□ "O people of Quraysh, ransom yourselves from Allah and save yourselves from the Fire of Hell, for I am not the master of your gain and loss, nor can I be of any help in saving you from Allah. O Banu Ka'b bin Lu'ayy, save yourselves from Hell, for I am not the master of your gain and loss.

□ "O Banu Qusayy! Save yourselves from Hell. O Banu Abdu Munaf! Save yourselves from Hell, for I am not the master of your gain and loss. O Banu Hashim! Save yourselves from Hell. O Banu Abdul Muttalib! Save yourselves from Hell, for I am not the master of your gain and loss, and cannot save you from Allah. Take from my property as much as you desire, but I have no power to save you from Allah.

□ "O Abbas bin Abdul Muttalib! I can be of no help to you in saving you from Allah. O Aunt of the Messenger, Safiyah bint Abdul Muttalib! I can be of no help to you in saving you from Allah. O Fatimah, daughter of the Messenger! Ask for whatever you want from my property, but save yourself from Hell. I cannot be of any help to you either from Allah. However, I am related to you, and I will fulfill my obligations accordingly."

After listening to this warning from the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) the assembly dispersed. There is no record of their immediate support or opposition. However, Abu Lahab is reported to have said, enraged, □ "May you be cursed! Is it for this you have brought us here?" Generally, the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) audience seems to have been somewhat amazed at the his outpourings and could not decide just then as to what they should do. Once they returned to their homes, however, their arrogance reasserted itself, and they disdained the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) warning and exhortation. Thus when the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) passed by their elders, they would jeer, □ "Is this the one who has been appointed a Messenger by Allah? Is this the boy of Abu Kabshah who is addressed from the sky?" Abu Kabshah was an ancestor of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) on his mother's side. He had abandoned the paganism of the Quraysh and embraced Christianity. Hence, when the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) began proclaiming the monotheistic message of Islam, the Quraysh were quick to link him with another so-called renegade of their society. Despite the taunts of his tribesmen and their increasing hostility, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) remained firm in his mission and began to invite people to Islam. He would recite avaah from the Book of Allah, giving his people the same message that previous prophets had given to their people. He would say, □ "O my people! Worship Allah without any partners or intermediaries, for none is vour god except Allah."

He also began to pray to Allah in public, offering prayers in the courtyard surrounding the Ka'bah. The Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) preaching gradually gained ground. As more people, one by one, came into the fold of Islam, a gap started widening between the believers and non-believers even in the same house. Of course, this only increased the resentment and hostility of the Quraysh who found it unforgivable that the new Muslims would choose Islam over family, tribe, and culture - ties they deemed sacrosanct. To Be Continued...