

SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:24 { IN ENGLISH }



Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD (SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam)



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Not content with slandering and humiliating the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) the pagans also attempted to keep others from hearing the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) message. Whenever he tried to preach to a group of people, the pagans would disperse the crowd before he had a chance to convey his message.



The first opportunity to preach in public came in Ramadan of the fifth year of the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) mission. It was then that he recited Surah An-Najm before a large gathering. Whenever the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) recited the Qur'an (which was usually during the latter part of the night in voluntary prayer), the polytheists would make profane remarks about the Qur'an, the One Who had revealed it and the one who brought it to the people.



Hence, Allah ordered the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to lower his voice when reciting.



"Recite your prayers neither in a very loud voice nor silently: follow a

middle course."



(17: 110)



To divert people's attention away from the stories of the Qur'an, Nadir bin Haarith went to Hira and Syria and came back with the legends of Dara (Darius), Sikandar, (Alexander) and Isfandiyar (a Persian king). Whenever he learned that the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was addressing an assembly, he would rush there and begin narrating these tales.



He would then ask listeners how the orations of Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) could possibly be superior to his. Nadir then went a step further and purchased singing girls. If he heard that a certain person was considering becoming Muslim, he would carry the person to a courtesan and ask her to entertain him and to serve him food and drink.



Then he would tell the would-be Muslim that the company of the courtesan was far better than what Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) had to say. Allah then revealed the following verse:



"There are, among men, those who ignorantly purchase meaningless tales to mislead men from the path of Allah, and they take the Words of Allah as a mockery. They

will certainly endure a humiliating punishment."  (31: 6)

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