

SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:25 { IN ENGLISH }



Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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When the pagans did not succeed in stamping out Islam by mocking the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) or by diverting people's attention from his teachings, they then attempted to discredit him.



First, they claimed that the Qur'an was nothing but a bundle of confused dreams which Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) had at night and then recited during the day. Next, they claimed that he had concocted the Qur'an line for line all by himself, while at other times they said that a certain man composed the Qur'an for him, and Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) then simply memorized and recited the verses.



On other occasions the pagans said that the Qur'an was all lies he had fabricated with the help of others. They also asserted that the Qur'an was a collection of folk tales and ancient stories which Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) recited morning and evening.



They even went so far as to say that an evil jinn or demon taught the ayaah of the Qur'an to Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). Thereupon Allah said:



"Shall I inform you about those upon whom demons descend? They

descend upon every sinful liar!"




(26: 221-222)



The pagans also spread the rumor that the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) suffered from fits and seizures. These frenzied fits, the pagans claimed, were the source of Muhammad's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) poetic inspiration! In reply to this claim, Allah said:



"As for poets, only those who are astray follow them. They ramble aimlessly about every subject, claiming to have done things that they have not done."  (26: 224-226)



In this ayah, Allah challenges the pagans' claim that Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was a poet. Three characteristics of poets are mentioned: their followers are deviants; they expound about subjects without discretion; and they boast about deeds they did not perform.



When we scrutinize the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) character and those of his followers, however, we find that they were upright; Muhammad's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) teachings focused on calling people to worship Allah, the one God; and that Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) put his teachings into action and lived by the precepts he taught his followers.

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