

# SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

## LESSON:38 { IN ENGLISH }



**Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu**



### **SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD ( SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam)**



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TOPIC:



Persecution of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) continued.



#### PERSECUTION OF THE PROPHET



(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



Whenever Umayya bin Khalaf saw the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), he would taunt him before the people of Makkah. Similarly, his brother, Abi bin Khalaf, crumbled a rotten bone and threw it in the face of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). He would also say to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam):



❑ "O Muhammad, I have a horse named Ud, and I feed it three heaps of food so that I can kill you while upon its back!



One day the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) answered his challenge by saying,



❑ "No, it is I who will kill you. The Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) words came true when he killed Abi during the Battle of Uhud.



On another occasion, Uqba bin Abi Mu'ayt sat beside the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) listening to him. When Abi bin Khalaf found out that his friend Uqba had been with the Prophet he chided him for that and then said to Uqba,



□ "Go and spit in the face of Muhammad."



Ever mindful that allegiance to the tribe came before even honor and decency, Uqba rose from his seat, approached the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), and spat in his face.



Abu Lahab, the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) uncle, who had freed a slave to celebrate his nephew's birth, became his sworn enemy from the day he heard his nephew call the people to Islam from atop Mount Safa. The two sons of Abu Lahab, Utbah and Atiba, had married the Prophet's daughters, Ruqayyah and Umm Kulthoom, respectively. Abu Lahab ordered both his sons to divorce their wives, threatening never to see them again if they refused.



His wife, Umm Jameel Ardi bint Harb, also asked them to divorce their wives for they had become "disbelievers." Utbah and Atiba obeyed their parents and divorced the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) daughters. Umm Jameel was no less vicious in her enmity. Her nephew by marriage was posturing as a messenger, daring to oppose the gods she held dear. She resolved to punish him.



She used to scatter prickly bits of wood over the path that the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and his Companions would pass. When Umm Jameel heard that a short chapter of the Qur'an (Surah Abu Lahab) had been revealed to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) which condemned her to Hell for this very act, she began searching for him, armed with a rock.



He was sitting near the Ka'bah along with Abu Bakr. She strode up to Abu Bakr and asked him,



□ "Where has your companion gone ? I have come to know that he speaks ill of me. By God, if I find him I shall hurl this stone at his face. Look, I am also a poet."



She then uttered the following ayaah and went away:



□ "We disobeyed the blameworthy, rejected his call, and renounced his religion with disdain." Abu Bakr was amazed that Umm Jameel had not seen the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi

wa sallam) sitting right beside him. "O Prophet! Did she fail to see you ?" He said, "Yes, she could not see me because Allah seized her sight."

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