

SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:40 { 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.



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THE PROPHET



(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



The Quraysh were right about their misgivings regarding the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) prayer for retribution, for Allah soon answered it. In the Battle of Badr, which was the first battle the Muslims fought against the Makkan pagans, each person the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) mentioned in his prayer fell on the battlefield.



It seemed as if the enemies of Islam far outnumbered the followers of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). All the notables, with the exception of a discerning, fortunate few like Abu Bakr and Uthman (RadiAllahu 'anhuma) used their wealth and power to persecute the Prophet. Besides Abu Jahl, the five prominent persons who used to ridicule the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) were Waleed bin Mugheera Makhzoomi, Aswad bin Abd Yaghuth Zuhri, Abu Zam'a Aswad bin Abdul Muttalib Asadi, Harith bin Qays Khuzai, and As bin Wa'il Sahmi.



The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) did not take revenge even once during the many years he lived in Makkah after he began his mission. He was content with Allah's promise that He Himself would deal with his opponents and detractors. In the end, Muhammad's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) harshest enemies met with agonizing deaths.



Waleed bin Mugheera was merely scratched by an arrow, and he thought nothing of it. The angel Jibra'eel, however, pointed towards the scratch and it became inflamed. The wound plagued Waleed for many years until he finally died.



Likewise, Jibra'eel pointed towards the head of Aswad bin Abd Yaghuth and he developed boils that caused his death. Another source states that these boils resulted from sunstroke that Jibra'eel had inflicted on him. According to yet another narration, Jibra'eel pointed towards Aswad's belly and he developed dropsy that caused his belly to swell so much that he died.



When Aswad bin Abdul Muttalib became excessive in his persecution of the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) the Prophet asked Allah to "snatch" his eyesight and to deprive him of fatherhood. In response to his supplication, Jibra'eel was sent to strike his face with a thorny branch so that Aswad lost his eyesight. He then struck his son dead.



Harith bin Qays, the last of these five previously named opponents of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), met a horrible death. As he lay dying, his stomach filled with yellow fluid, and the contents of his intestines began to flow from his nose.



Divine intervention and retribution came to those most active and vocal in their hatred of Islam, but for the most part, the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) quietly endured all the hardships, just as prophets before him had done. Looking at his patience and unshakable faith, the believers were heartened during their sufferings in the cause of Allah. Verbal abuse and physical threats continued, so the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) devised ways of defense. He took two steps to help secure the fledgling Muslims.

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