SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:46 { IN ENGLISH }











More persecution of the Prophet (SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam) continued.

MORE PERSECUTION
OF THE PROPHET
(SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam)



Abu Jahl was quick to take full advantage of his followers' loyalty. The next morning he found a heavy stone and waited for his victim to arrive. The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) came to the Ka'bah as usual and began to perform his prayers.

Sitting in groups around the Ka'bah, the Quraysh eagerly waited for Abu Jahl to carry out his plan. Abu Jahl edged forward to where the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) stood in prayer. However, just as he was about to close in on his victim, he suddenly turned and fled from the scene.

The Quraysh grabbed Abu Jahl and found his face flushed, his eyes vacant, and his hands still gripping the stone. Eventually he calmed down and released the stone. The Quraysh said, "Abu Hakam! What happened to you?"

□ "I was going to carry out my promise," Abu Jahl explained, "but a camel appeared before me. By God, I have never seen such a skull, neck and teeth, and it was about to devour me." The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) later said that the vision Abu Jahi saw was actually Jibra'eel. Others among the Ouraysh, however, were undeterred by Abu Jahl's experience. When a group of Quraysh saw the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) circumbulating the Ka'bah in worship, they began to make loud satirical remarks about him. Encouraged by the fact that he seemed hurt by these remarks, they insulted him again a second and third time. Finally the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) stopped and, facing them, said: □ "O people of Quraysh! Do you hear? I swear by the One in Whose hands lies my life, I have come to you with a great slaughter." The Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) words weighed very heavily on those who had been taunting him. They fell silent for a while, and then tried to calm him down by speaking kind words to him. The next day the same group of people assembled at the Ka'bah and began talking about the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). A few moments later the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) appeared and they all rushed towards him in rabid anger. Pulling on his clothes, they asked, "Are you the one who orders us to stop worshipping the gods of our forefathers?" The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was not intimidated. He said, "Yes, I am." The mob surrounded him on all sides, and some began pushing and shoving him from side to side while others shouted out insults. Ugba bin Abi Mu'ayt caught hold of a cloth hanging from around his neck and began choking the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). Abu Bakr heard the commotion and ran to defend him. He seized Ugba by his shoulders and pulled him off the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). Abu Bakr tore each man away from the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), crying: □ "Woe to you! Would you kill a man simply because he says that Allah is his Lord?" Now the mob turned on Abu Bakr and let the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) go.

