SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:48 { IN ENGLISH }









TOPIC:

Hamzah bin Abdul Muttalib embraces Islam.

Umar bin Al-Khattab accepts Islam.



Not all the Makkans, however, took such a harsh view of Islam. Even the pillars of pagan society found their stony hearts crumbling when in solitude they considered the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) message. They were no less impressed by his courage in standing up to the Ouraysh and his enduring patience.

Hamzah bin Abdul Muttalib (RadiAllahu 'anhu), the uncle of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and Umar bin Khattab (RadiAllahu 'anhu) were two such people, and their conversions marked a turning point in the short history of Islam.

Once Abu Jahl happened to pass by the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) near Mount Safa. He began insulting the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and, according to some sources, hit him on the head with a stone causing him to bleed. The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) ever patient, did not respond to Abu Jahl's harassment. A slave woman who belonged to Abdullah bin Jad'an witnessed the scene. Satisfied with himself, Abu Jahl went to the Ka'bah and sat with a group of men from the Quraysh.

Shortly afterwards Hamzah returned from hunting with his bow. When the slave woman told him what had happened to his nephew, Hamzah turned on Abu Jahl,

☐ "You bag of wind, do you dare abuse my nephew when I follow his religion?"

Hamzah struck Abu Jahl's head with his bow and made a gash. Men from Banu Makhzoom (Abu Jahl's tribesmen) and Banu Hashim (Hamzah's tribesmen) rose against each other until Abu Jahl ordered his relatives to stay put, saying, "Let Abu Ammara [Hamzah] go. I abused his nephew unjustly."

Hamzah's sudden conversion was obviously the result of a strong sense of family honor. The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) had been trying for six lonely, difficult years to spread the message of Allah, and Hamzah had not given it much thought until then.

Soon, however, something began to grow in Hamzah's heart. He realized that faith was taking root, and he began to see that his love for Islam went beyond any kinship he had with Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) - His faith in Allah would become so powerful that he would later be called "Asadullah" (The Lion of Allah).



Only three days after Hamzah's conversion to Islam, Umar (RadiAllahu 'anhu) became a Muslim. Umar, a tall and powerful man, had been a staunch enemy of the Muslims. He was known for his fierce temper and his love of poetry and strong drink. The story of how Umar embraced Islam is one of the most interesting episodes in the history of Islam.

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