

SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:50 { IN ENGLISH }



Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD (SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam)



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TOPIC:



Umar bin Al-Khattaab accepts Islam (continued).



UMAR BIN AL-KHATTAAB
ACCEPTS ISLAM



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Echoing her husband's question, she challenged the wisdom of Umar's faith. "Umar! What if the truth lies far from your religion?" Then in front of her brother, she declared her own faith, using the same words every Muslim utters as solemn testimony about the Oneness of Allah and the Prophethood of Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). She said, "I bear witness that none is worthy of worship other than Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) is the Prophet of Allah."



When Umar heard his sister's proud affirmation of her faith, he was overwhelmed with shame.



□ "Show me what you were reading from," he said. His sister retorted,



□ "You are unclean, and only the pure and clean can touch it. Go wash yourself."




A chastened Umar bathed and then took the pages of Surah Ta-Ha in his hand and recited Bismillahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem (In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful).



□ "These are pure names," Umar said. He continued reading:



"Verily, I am Allah—there is no god but I, so worship Me and offer prayers in remembrance of Me."  (20:14)



Umar exclaimed in awe at the sublimity of the ayaah. "Where can I find Muhammad?" he asked. When Khabbaab (RadhiAllahu 'Anhu) heard this, he came out of hiding and said,



□ "O Umar! Rejoice. I prayed that Allah would bless you. Thursday night I heard the Prophet (SAWSalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) praying to Allah, saying: O Allah, strengthen Islam by Umar bin Khattaab or Abu Jahl bin Hisham!"



When Umar heard that the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was at Dar Al-Arqam, he rushed there hoping to find him. He knocked on the door, and one of the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) Companions peeped through a chink to see Umar, sword in hand, looking very agitated. The Companion rushed into the back of the house with the alarming news.



□ "What's the matter?" Hamzah asked.



□ "Umar is at the door," the Companion reported.



□ "Is that all?" exclaimed Hamzah. "If he comes in peace, fine. If not, we simply kill him with his own sword."



Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), meanwhile, was in the midst of receiving a revelation from Allah, and upon completion of the revelation he came into the sitting room. There sat Umar. The Prophet caught him by his clothes and sword belt and said to him urgently,



□ "Umar! Will you not turn back from your path unless Allah Almighty sends down on you such chastisement as He did on Waleed bin Mugheera? O Allah! This is Umar bin Khattab. O Allah! Bestow power and glory on Islam through this Umar bin Khattaab;"



After the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) ended his supplication, Umar said,



□ "I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship other than Allah, and that you are the Prophet of Allah."
Those present in the house cried, "Allahu Akbar" (God is the Greatest!) so loudly that their cry resonated around the Ka'bah.

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