

# SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

## LESSON:51 { IN ENGLISH }



**Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu**



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



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TOPIC:



The polytheists react to Umar's conversion.



Umar's conversion strengthens Islam.



THE POLYTHEISTS REACT



TO UMAR'S CONVERSION



Umar was reputed among his tribesmen for his size and temperament. Now that he was Muslim, he was determined to announce his faith to the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) foes. Who but Abu Jahl, the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) fiercest enemy, deserved to hear the news first?



Umar knocked on Abu Jahl's door. Abu Jahl came out and greeted him, "Welcome! What brings you here?"



□ "I have come to tell you that I have embraced the religion of Allah and His Messenger, Muhammad," Umar calmly stated.



Abu Jahl heard this thunderclap and said,



□ "May God ruin you and what you have brought!" Umar afterwards went to Asi bin Hashim, who hurried back into his house once he heard the news. Umar's next stop was at the house of Jameel bin Mu'ammam Jami, who was noted for spreading sensational news.



When Umar told him that he had embraced Islam, Jameel screamed,



□ "The son of Khattab has turned faithless!"



□ "You lie," said Umar indignantly. "I have become Muslim."



The people heard Jameel's cries, and they came running. They turned on Umar and began beating him, but he fought them off and returned home. The pagans, however, were not prepared to let Umar get away easily. They gathered and decided to put him to death. A huge crowd of people moved toward his house to carry out the verdict, but were met by Aas bin Wa'il Sahmi.



He belonged to the Banu Sahm, a clan that had close relations with Umar's clan, Banu Adiy. Umar told Aas, "Your people wish to kill me."



□ "Impossible," said Aas. Just then he saw the crowd milling outside and approached them.

"Where are you going?" Aas asked the people.



□ "The son of Khattaab has turned faithless," they explained. "None of these paths leads to Umar's house," he replied.



The mob looked at Aas, who stood before them, an imposing figure in his striped Yemeni robe with lace trim. They understood his veiled threat and thought it prudent to leave Umar alone and return home.



## UMAR'S CONVERSION

## STRENGTHENS ISLAM



So far the Muslims had always prayed in secret. To pray in the open was to risk being abused and beaten by the Makkans. Umar however, felt that the time had come for Muslims to practise their faith in full view of their enemies. "O Prophet!" Umar said one day.



□ "Don't we have truth on our side whether we are alive or dead? Why should we hide our faith? I swear by Allah who has sent you to us with the Truth that we will no longer hide!"



Umar's words rang true, so it was decided that from then on there was no need to pray in secrecy. The Muslims formed two rows behind the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and walked to the Ka'bah, one row headed by Hamzah, the other by Umar. The Makkans could only watch as the Muslims began to pray behind the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). From that day onward Umar was known as "Farooq" one who distinguishes truth from falsehood.



Ibn Mas'ud (RadiAllahu 'anhu), one of the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) Companions, said, "The day Umar accepted Islam, we gained both strength and prestige." He also said, "We could not perform our prayers at the Ka'bah until Umar embraced Islam."



Suhayb (RadiAllahu 'anhu), another Companion of the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), said, "Islam came to light when Umar accepted light. We preached openly and congregated at the Ka'bah, and we also took revenge on everyone who had persecuted us."

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