

SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

LESSON:53 { IN ENGLISH }



Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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Utbah then left and went directly to his comrades. As he approached them, they noticed a strange expression on his face. They asked him what had happened, and he related what had passed between him and Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam):



□ "I have heard a discourse the like of which I have never heard. I swear to God, O Quraysh, that it is not poetry, nor is it the result of spells or witchcraft. Take my advice and leave this man alone. By God, something more astonishing is bound to happen than what I have heard. Now, if the Arabs kill this man, your task will be accomplished by others, and if this man brings the Arabs under his control, his kingdom will be your kingdom, his honor will be your honor, and he will prove fortunate for you."



Utbah's audience grew suspicious. "You have been bewitched by his tongue," they said. "This is my opinion," replied Utbah. "Now you may do whatever you think fit."



BARGAINING AND



RENUNCIATION



If Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) could not be tempted to renounce his religion, the Makkans thought, perhaps he would compromise. They sent a group of men to Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) with a suggestion as to how each side in the dispute could be made happy. "We wish to place before you something which will set the matter right for you," they proudly announced to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam).



□ "What's that?" The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) asked.



□ "You worship our gods for one year," they explained, "and we worship your God for one year. That way, if our religion is true, you will have a share of the reward, and if your religion is true, we will have a share."



In reply to this suggestion from the Quraysh, Surah Al-Kaafiroon (The Unbelievers) was revealed:



"Say: O you who reject faith. I do not worship that which you worship. And you do not worship that which I worship. And I will never worship that which you worship. Nor will you

ever worship that which I worship. To you be your religion, and to me mine."  (109: 1-6)



Allah also revealed two additional ayaah stressing the monotheistic purity of Islam:



"Say: Is it someone other than Allah that you order me to worship, O ignorant

ones?"  (39: 64)

The next ayah was also revealed in connection with the Quraysh's suggestion, and it further drives home the point:



"Say: I have been forbidden to worship those whom you pray to."  (6: 56)



The Makkans, however, still believed that they could bargain with the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam).



□ "Bring another Qur'an in place of this one," they haggled. "Or make some changes in the present one."



In response to this request, Allah told the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam):



"And when My clear ayaah are recited to them, those who do not look forward to meeting Me say, 'Bring another Qur'an or change this one.' Say to them: It is not for me to change it of my own accord. I only follow what is revealed to me. And I fear that if I disobey

my Lord, I will meet with a terrible punishment on the Day of Judgment."  (10: 15)



Other ayaah were also revealed which made it clear that the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) role was not to bargain with the pagans, but to convey the message just as it was revealed to him:



"They were about to tempt you away from that which I revealed to you, hoping to fabricate something in My name. They would certainly have made you their friend. And if I had not strengthened you, you would have inclined to them a little. And if you had done so, I would have made you taste a double portion of punishment in this life and a double portion

after death, and you would not have found anyone to help you against Me."  (17: 73-75)

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