## SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

## **LESSON:59 { IN ENGLISH }**





TOPIC:

Khadeejah (RadhiAllahu 'anha) dies.

Sorrow after sorrow.

The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) marries Saudah and then 'Aishah (RadhiAllahu 'anhuma)



Two months and three days after the death of Abu Taalib, the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) wife, Khadeeja, passed away. She was the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) trusted advisor and loyal companion, and was known by the title "Mother of the believers."

The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) once said of Khadeejah:

☐ "When no one believed me, she believed in me, when people accused me of lying, she affirmed my truthfulness, and when people tried to impoverish me, she made me a partner in her wealth. Allah gave me children through her, and none through my other wives."

Once Khadeejah came bearing food for the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) who was in the midst of receiving a revelation from Jibra'eel. The angel said:

□ "O Prophet! Here is Khadeejah coming to you with a vessel. Give her greetings from your Lord, and give her glad tidings of a palace of pearls in Paradise in which there are only peace and repose."

Long after her death, and despite his subsequent remarriages, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) would often mention Khadeejah and pray for Allah's mercy on her soul. Thinking of her, he would begin to weep. Whenever he slaughtered a lamb, he would send her friends a portion of the meat.

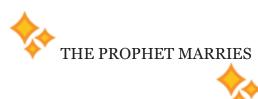


After the deaths of Abu Taalib and Khadeejah, the Makkan pagans became bold and would often insult and ridicule the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) in public. Now that the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) had lost his two greatest supporters, small acts of unkindness stung him more than ever as he grieved over his bereavement.

Once a man from the Quraysh threw dust on the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) head. One of the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) daughters washed away the dirt, weeping bitterly at her father's suffering. Trying to console her, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said,

☐ "Dear daughter! Do not cry, for Allah will protect your father."

Later he admitted that it was only after Abu Taalib's death that the insults of the Quraysh began to prick him.



SAUDAH & THEN 'AISHAH

About one month after the death of Khadeejah, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) married Saudah bint Zam'a in the month of Shawwal. Saudah had previously been married to her cousin, Sakran bin Amr (RadhiAllahu 'anhu). The couple had been among the early Muslims who had migrated to Abyssinia. After returning to Makkah, Saudah's husband died. At the end of her period of mourning, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) married her.

A year later the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) married 'Aishah (RadhiAllahu 'anha) in the month of Shawwal. This marriage was also solemnized in Makkah. At the time, 'Aishah was only six years old; however, she was sent as a bride to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) when she was nine.

She was the most beloved wife of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and the greatest female scholar of Islam. The relationship between the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and her has given Muslims an insight into the Prophet's (SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam) role as a husband and the deep love he inspired in her. The camaraderie between them, the painful episode of the slander against 'Aishah, and the confidences he divulged to her all give us insights into their rich, complex and profound relationship.

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