

SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:74(IN ENGLISH)



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



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TOPICS:



The council of Dar An-Nadwah (continued).



Jibra'eel brings the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) Happy news.



THE COUNCIL OF DAR AN-NADWAH

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Abul Aswad opened the meeting by saying:



□ "Let us drive Muhammad out of our territory and be rid of him. That will set the matter right."



Shaikh Jaleel didn't like this idea.



□ "Do you not see how sweet his words are, and how he wins the hearts of people? If we exile him, he will simply find another tribe and make them his followers. With their help, he will attack your city and deal with you as he pleases. Think of another plan."



"Let us imprison him until he dies. He will experience the same kind of death poets of old did," Abu Bukhtari suggested. Shaikh Jaleel interjected again,



□ "By God, if you make him a captive, the news will surely reach his companions who love him more than their fathers and sons. They might raid your territory and free him. Once their numbers increase, they will return and conquer you! Think of another plan."



Finally, Abu Jahl, himself a rival of Shaytaan, put forth his idea. "I have my own opinion," he began.



□ "I see that none of you has touched on it so far. We should select a strong and smart youth of noble birth from each tribe. Each youth will be given a sword, sharp and deadly. These young men will move toward the Prophet as one man and strike him as one man. Since all the clans will share his blood, Banu Abdu Munaf, Muhammad's protectors, cannot take on all the Quraysh at one time. They will then have to accept blood money that we can pay off easily."



'This is the best plan of all," Shaikh Jaleel declared approvingly. The council disbanded, relieved at having a solution at hand. Now it was time to make the necessary preparations.



JIBRA'EEL BRINGS THE



PROPHET HAPPY NEWS



Meanwhile, Jibra'eel came to the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) with the tidings that Allah had ordered the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to migrate. Jibra'eel told him the exact time he should depart and informed the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) of the plot to assassinate him.



□ "Don't sleep in the bed you usually sleep in," he advised the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam).



At noon, when everyone was napping, the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) went to the house of Abu Bakr Siddeeq and told him the happy news. Quickly, they began to prepare both camels for the long journey. They also hired Abdullah bin Urayqat Laythi to lead them to Yathrib. Abdullah knew the area between Makkah and Yathrib well, and although he was not Muslim, he agreed to escort the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), and Abu Bakr secretly.



The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) told Abdullah to meet them near Mount Thawr in three nights. Meanwhile, the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) began to engage himself in day to day activities so that no one would suspect that he was about to leave Makkah. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) used to go to sleep after the evening prayer, and upon waking up around midnight he would go to the Ka'bah to perform supplementary (Tahajjud) prayers.



The night He was to leave, he asked 'Ali (radhiAllahu 'anhu) to sleep in his bed after assuring him that no harm would come to him. When everyone had gone to bed, the assassins surrounded the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) house. They saw Ali wrapped in the Prophet's green mantle, lying in the Prophet's bed, and thought that he was Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). The plan was for them to lie in wait for the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and fall upon him when he came out of his house.



The Quraysh were unaware that just as they were plotting, Allah too was plotting:



"Remember how the unbelievers plotted against you to imprison you, to kill you, or to exile you from Makkah. They plot and plan, but Allah plans too, and the best of planners is Allah." (8: 30)



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