

SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:75(IN ENGLISH)



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



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TOPICS:



The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) leaves home.



Three nights in the cave.



THE PROPHET LEAVES HOME

(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



Although Ali (radhiAllahu 'anhu) was in the Prophet's bed, the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) himself was still in the house surrounded by the assassins. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) came out of his house and took a handful of dust which he sprinkled above the young boys' heads while reciting the following ayah:



"I have placed a barrier in front of them and a barrier behind them. I have covered them so that

they cannot see."



(36:9)



The youths outside did not see the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa salaam) leave. He went swiftly to Abu Bakr (radhiAllahu 'anhu) and together they traveled, not toward Yathrib, but in the opposite direction toward Yemen. Before dawn, they had covered a distance of about five miles, and then they took refuge in a cave on Mount Thawr.



Unaware of the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) escape, the would-be assassins continued to wait for him to come out of his house. Only at dawn when Ali awoke and came out did they realize that they had been tricked. They interrogated Ali about the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) whereabouts, but he pleaded ignorance. They then dragged him to the Ka'bah and kept him captive there, but he divulged nothing.



Then they rushed to Abu Bakr's house and found that he had also disappeared. However, they did find his daughter, Asmaa (radhiAllahu 'anha), who refused to tell them anything. Her calm defiance enraged them, and a furious Abu Jahl slapped her so hard that her ear ring flew from her ear. The Quraysh began searching for the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and Abu Bakr and announced that there was a reward of one hundred camels for each fugitive brought back dead or alive.



THREE NIGHTS



IN THE CAVE



When the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and Abu Bakr arrived at the cave on Mount Thawr, Abu Bakr entered first to clear away anything that might injure the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). He found a few holes and stuffed them with pieces of cloth. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) then entered and went to sleep with his head on Abu Bakr's lap.



Suddenly, something stung Abu Bakr's foot, but he did not even twitch, fearing he would wake the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). The pain was so intense that tears began to run down his cheeks and onto the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) face. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) woke up and saw that Abu Bakr was in pain. He then applied his spittle on the injury and the pain disappeared.



For three consecutive nights the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and Abu Bakr remained hidden in the cave. During this period, Abu Bakr's son, Abdullah, would pass his nights nearby. The clever young man would return to Makkah so early in the morning that the Quraysh had no idea that he had slept elsewhere.



Each day in Makkah he collected information about the activities of the Quraysh, and each night he updated the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and Abu Bakr. Abu Bakr's slave, Amir bin Fuhayra (radhiAllahu 'anhu), would graze Abu Bakr's goats near the cave so that both men could drink fresh milk.



Early the next morning Amir would drive the goats back to Makkah along the same route that Abu Bakr's son took, to obscure his footprints. Meanwhile the search party scoured the area south of Makkah where the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and Abu Bakr were hiding.



Once the Quraysh even came upon the mouth of the cave, and had they looked down while standing at the edge of the cave, they would have surely found the men they were hunting. With the Quraysh so close to discovering their hiding place, Abu Bakr became very tense about the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) safety. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) reassured him,



□ "How can you be apprehensive about two with whom is a third, especially when the third one is Allah?"

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