

SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:76(IN ENGLISH)



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(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



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TOPIC:



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On the first night of Rabi' Al-Awwal, Abdullah bin Urayqat Laythi, the guide hired by the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to take them to Yathrib, arrived in the valley of Mount Thawr with Abu Bakr's two camels. Abu Bakr's slave, Amir bin Fuhayra, accompanied them. The guide first headed south toward Yemen, and then led the small group westward toward the Red Sea. Before reaching the sea, he veered north toward Yathrib, taking a seldom-traveled route.



They journeyed all night and half of the next day. Then they stopped, and the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) rested in the shade beneath a rock. Meanwhile, Abu Bakr found a herdsman who let him milk one of his goats. When the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) awoke, Abu Bakr gave him fresh milk. Then they pushed ahead.



Perhaps it was the next day that the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and Abu Bakr passed by the tent of Umm Ma'bad on the outskirts of Qadid, near Mashaal, about 130 km from Makkah. They asked her whether she had anything for four weary travelers. She apologized, saying her goats were grazing far away, and the only one at hand was a small goat that was unable to stay with the herd and didn't have a drop of milk to give.



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) asked for permission to milk it, and when he did, milk flowed from its udders. He filled a large bowl with milk and first let her drink. After that, each of the travelers drank their fill. When they had all finished, he milked the goat again and left the bowl full of milk for the woman.



After they resumed their journey, the woman's husband returned. Umm Ma'bad told him what had happened, and she gave him such a complete description of the travelers that her husband exclaimed,



□ "That was the man from the Quraysh that I've been hearing about. If I ever have the opportunity, I will join his followers."



On the third morning after the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) departure, the Makkans heard a voice echo through the streets. They were unable to find where it was coming from because it was not the voice of a human. It was a jinni (a spirit) saying:



□ "Allah, Lord of the people, bless those two companions who reached the tent of Umm Ma'bad. In safety, they broke their journey, and in safety they resumed it. Anyone who befriends Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) finds success. O Quraysh! By driving Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) away, you have forfeited glory and dominion! Blessed is the tribe Banu Ka'b! Their lady's tent became a refuge for Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). Ask your lady about the weak goat and the milking bowl. The goat will also inform you if you ask it.



When Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and his Companions left Qadid, a man by the name of Suraqa bin Malik bin Ju'shum Madlaji spotted them. He thought he would capture the fugitives and take them back to Makkah to collect the reward. As he charged ahead on his horse, it suddenly stumbled and he fell to the ground. Being superstitious, he drew an arrow to see how favorable the situation was.



The arrow he drew was unfavorable, but, greedy for the bounty, he ignored the omen and mounted the horse again. This time his horse carried him close enough to the fugitives that he could hear the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) reciting the Qur'an. Abu Bakr nervously looked back, but the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was unconcerned. This time the forelegs of the horse sank into the sand, and again the rider tumbled to the ground.

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