

SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:61 (IN ENGLISH)



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(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



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TOPIC:



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) journeys to Taa'if (continued).



THE PROPHET JOURNEYS



TO TAA'IF (CONTINUED)



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) resumed his journey back to Makkah, and dejection set in. At Qarn Al-Manazil, a cloud bearing the angel Jibra'eel appeared before the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) with him was another angel.



□ "Allah has sent to you the angel of the mountains," Jibra'eel said. "He is at your command."



The angel of the mountains said,



□ "O Muhammad, I am here to do as you say. The choice is yours: I can crush the people of Taa'if between two hills, if that is your wish." The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) however, was not looking for revenge.



□ "No. I hope Allah will bring forth from their loins people who will worship Allah alone without associating any partners with Him."



Jibra'eel's visit lifted the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) spirits. He no longer felt forsaken, and a heavy weight was removed from his heart. He continued his journey, and after some time, he halted at Nakhlah, where he stayed a couple of days. It was at Nakhlah that a strange event occurred. Even the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) did not know of it until it was revealed in the Qur'an.



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was praying the Fajr prayer when a band of jinn heard him reciting the Qur'an. They listened with great interest, and when the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) finished, they returned to their companions and warned them of a great chastisement for those who disbelieved in the Prophet's message.



Although they did not come in contact with the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) directly, the jinn who had listened to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) that morning embraced Islam. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) only became aware of what had happened when Allah revealed the story in the Qur'an in two different chapters, Surah Al-Ahqaf and Surah Al-Jinn.



A few days later, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) left Nakhlah and headed toward Makkah. As he drew near Makkah, he began to make preparations, for he did not want to enter Makkah defenseless as he had done in Taa'if. He paused at Hira and sent a man to Akhtas bin Shariq to ask for protection. Akhtas, however, apologized and pointed out that since he was an ally of the Quraysh, he could not protect the Prophet.



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) then sent the same message to Suhayl bin Amr. Even Suhayl refused to extend protection to him because he belonged to Banu Amir bin Luayy, which had also declared the Prophet an enemy. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) then sent his message to Mut'im bin Adiy. Mut'im's grandfather, Naufal, was the brother of Hashim bin Abdu Munaf, one of the Prophet's ancestors, and the clan of Abdu Manaf was one of the most revered branches of the Quraysh.



Mut'im, respecting the ties that bound him to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), agreed to protect his kinsman. He and his sons armed themselves and then sent for the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) went directly to the Ka'bah and circumambulated it, performed a short prayer, and then went home. During the entire time Mut'im bin Adiy and his sons kept watch. Mut'im then announced that he had extended protection to Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)

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