

SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:63 (IN ENGLISH)



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



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THE POLYTHEISTS DEMAND

A SIGN (CONTINUED)



The Qur'an records Allah's answer to the pagans who demanded that Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) perform a spectacular miracle:



"Say: Glory to my Lord! Am I not but a man sent as a messenger?"



(17: 93)



This ayah makes it clear that Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), like all prophets, had no power of his own to perform such miracles, but that Allah determines when, where, and how His signs will be revealed. The prophets were given such signs to prove that they were messengers.



Allah says:



"Say: Certainly all signs are in the power of Allah. But what will make you realize that even if

they received a sign, they would not believe?"



(6: 109)



As for the pagans who demanded to see a clear sign, Allah told the prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) in the Qur'an:



"Even if I send angels to them, and the dead speak to them face to face, and I gather together all things before their very eyes, they would not believe unless it be My wish. But most of them ignore the

truth."  (6: 111)



And Allah said:



"If there were a Qur'an with which mountains could be moved, or the earth rent asunder and the dead made to speak, it would be this one. Truly, the command rests with Allah. Do the believers not know

that had Allah willed, He could have guided all mankind."  (13: 31)



In this way, Allah instructed the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and the believers to stop trying to justify their faith. The onus was on the unbelievers to come to Islam. And how could they believe if Allah, to whom guidance belonged, had not willed it?



MOON SPLITS IN HALF



The absence of any spectacular miracle such as they had demanded convinced the Quraysh that they had found Muhammad's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) weakness. Now they asked him to show them any sign. If Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) couldn't produce even a small sign, the Quraysh believed that it would show everyone that he was a false prophet. Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) would be silenced at last.



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) prayed to Allah and asked Him to show the Quraysh a sign. Finally, Allah gave the Quraysh clear evidence: the moon split in half so that each half appeared on either side of Mount Hira. "Be you all witnesses," the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said.



At first, the pagans could not believe what they saw. The moon had been split in two before their eyes. After the initial shock, however, they determined that it was nothing but the sorcery of the son of Abu Kabsha.



□ "Maybe he has put a spell on us, so let's wait until some travelers arrive in Makkah and ask them if they also saw it."



As soon as some travelers arrived in Makkah, the Makkans asked them if they had seen the strange sight. The travelers confirmed they too had seen the wondrous sight of the cleft moon. Now there was no doubt about what they had witnessed, but the Quraysh stubbornly clutched their disbelief.

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