

SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:66 (IN ENGLISH)



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



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(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



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TOPIC:



The Night Journey and Ascension (Continued).



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ASCENSION (CONTINUED)



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was then brought before Allah the Almighty. Since no human eyes could take in the majesty of Allah, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) could not actually look upon Allah, but he stood in close proximity to Him. Allah informed the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) that it was now obligatory for his followers to perform prayers 50 times a day.



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was then led away by Jibra'eel. Musa ('alaihi salaam), however, halted the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and asked him what Allah had commanded.



□ "Fifty prayers a day," the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said.



□ "Your followers are not strong enough. Go back to your Lord and ask Him to make it lighter," Musa ('alaihi salaam) advised. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) looked at Jibra'eel who said, "You may do so if you so desire."



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) returned to Allah and did as he had been advised. Allah reduced the obligatory number of prayers from fifty to ten. Again the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was led away and once again Musa ('alaihi salaam) stopped him. Upon hearing that the number had been reduced to ten, he advised the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to ask for another reduction.

🌸 Allah reduced the number to five. When Musa ('alaihi salaam) learned of this, he again advised the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to ask Allah to reduce the number. The Children of Isra'eel, Musa ('alaihi salaam) said, were asked to do less, but still they were unable to carry out their duties.

💖 The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) did not intend to return another time.



□ "I feel ashamed before my Lord," he said. A voice then announced:



□ "I have enforced My obligation and made it light for My servants. He who prays these five prayers will be rewarded as if he had prayed fifty. What I decree cannot be changed."

🌸 The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) returned to Makkah before dawn, and the next morning he told the people about his miraculous journey and ascension to heaven. The Makkan pagans, of course, scoffed at his claim. Some ran to Abu Bakr and told him the story, thinking that it would shake his faith in the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). "If he said so," Abu Bakr said, "it must be true."

💖 Abu Bakr's answer as to why he believed is inspiring to all generations of Muslims. Since he had believed the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was indeed a prophet, one to whom an angel brought revelations from Allah, Lord of the worlds, why should he not also believe the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) account of his travel through space and time? From that day onward, Abu Bakr was called "Siddeeq" - one who believes.

🌸 In an attempt to prove that Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was lying, those Makkans who were familiar with Jerusalem and the Sacred Mosque of Worship there quizzed him about his journey. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) described everything in detail, and no one could fault his description.

💖 Additionally, the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) told the Makkans about a caravan traveling from Jerusalem to Makkah, mentioning the number of camels, their condition, and the time that they would arrive in Makkah. The caravan from Jerusalem appeared exactly when the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said it would, and everyone saw that his description was accurate. But the pagans remained fettered to their disbelief.

🌸 That same morning Jibra'eel descended and taught the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) how to perform the five daily prayers. Following Jibra'eel's visit, the Muslims began praying five times each day instead of praying morning and evening.

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