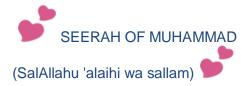
SEERAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD(PBUH)

LESSON:67 (IN ENGLISH)









Various tribes are invited to Islam.

Seeds of faith sprout outside Makkah.

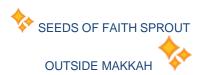
VARIOUS TRIBES ARE

Once again it was time for the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to take Allah's message to the people outside Makkah. Tribes from all over Arabia would journey to Ukaz, Mujanna and Dhul Majaz where three huge fairs were held each year. The fair at Ukaz, a village between Nakhlah and Taa'if, lasted the first twenty days of the month of Dhul Qa'dah. Then the tribes would move to Mujanna and set up markets there.

Finally, during the first eight days of Dhul Hijjah, markets were set up in Dhul Majaz, behind Jabal Rahmah on the plain of 'Arafah. The people would perform the Hajj or pilgrimage, rites following the last fair. Taking the opportunity of finding a large audience, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) approached various tribes with his message of Allah's Oneness and his own prophethood.

Those invited to Islam were Banu Amir bin Sasa'a, Banu Fazara, Ghassan, Murra, Banu Hanifa, Banu Sulaym, Banu Abs, Banu Nasar, Banu Al-Baka'a, Kinda, Kalb, Banu Al-Harith bin Ka'b, Udhrah and Hadharma. None of these tribes accepted the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) invitation, but they responded in different ways. Some of them declined politely, some asked him to appoint them as his successors after his death, some pointed out that most of the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) kinsmen and tribesmen had refused to follow him, and some resorted to insults.

Banu Haneefa, the tribe of Musaylimah Al-Kaddhaab, or Musaylimah the Liar (who was later to pose as a prophet himself), was especially disrespectful to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



Although the vast majority of Makkan pagans rejected the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), a few people outside Makkah embraced Islam. Some of them are mentioned below:

Tsuwayd bin Samit: A poet from Yathrib (the modern day Madinah), Suwayd came to Makkah to perform pilgrimage. When the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) invited him to Islam, Suwayd recited some of his own verses to the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). In response, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) recited some ayaah of the Qur'an. Declaring, "I have never heard such sublime words," Suwayd embraced Islam. He was killed in the fighting between the Aus and the Khazrai.

②Ayas bin Mu'adh: He was also from Yathrib, and came to Makkah in the eleventh year of the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) mission. He was a deputy from the tribe of Aus and came to Makkah seeking assistance against the rival Khazraj tribe. The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) invited Ayas to Islam and recited some Qur'anic ayaah for him. When Ayas heard the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) recite, he told the other delegation members, "By God, this is better than what we have come here for."

His fellow tribesman Abul Husayr threw pebbles in Ayas's face and snapped: "Leave it! We have come here with a different purpose." The chastened Ayas fell silent. Upon his return to Yathrib, Ayas fell seriously ill. His praise and glorification of Allah just before he died left little doubt about his conversion to Islam.

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