



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD

(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



LESSON 68



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Seeds of faith sprout outside Makkah (continued).



SEEDS OF FAITH SPROUT OUTSIDE MAKKAH

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3 Abu Dhar Ghifari: He had heard about the Prophet Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) through Suwayd bin Samit and Ayas bin Mu'adh and was interested in knowing more. He sent his brother to Makkah to find out more about the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) character, but upon his brother's return from Makkah, Abu Dhar was not satisfied with his brother's account of the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) message.



Accordingly, he decided to go to Makkah himself. Abu Dhar reached Makkah, but fearing for his life, he did not ask about the Prophet. At last, Ali took him to the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) who then described the tenets of Islam to him. Convinced at what he heard, Abu Dhar became Muslim.



His heart now full of courage and faith, Abu Dhar went to the Ka'bah to announce that he had embraced Islam. The Quraysh responded by beating him, and only the intervention of Abbas the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) uncle, saved him from being killed. The next day Abu Dhar repeated his announcement at the Ka'bah, and once again Abbas had to rescue him from the Quraysh. Abu Dhar then returned to his tribe, Banu Ghifar, and left them only when he migrated to Madinah with other Muslims.

4 Tufayl bin Amr Dausi: He was a prominent poet and a chieftain of the Daus tribe that lived on the outskirts of Yemen. Eleven years after the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) began his mission, Tufayl visited Makkah only to be warned by the Quraysh about the danger of Muhammad's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) bewitching words.



Tufayl went to the Ka'bah with cotton stuffed in his ears as a precaution against the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) preaching. He arrived at the Ka'bah to find the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) performing his prayers nearby. Overcome by curiosity, Tufayl decided to listen to Muhammad's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) recitation.



"I am a poet with a trained ear. I can determine if what Muhammad (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) says is true or false. Only if his words are good shall I accept what he says."



He was amazed by the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) recitation. Tufayl then followed the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) home and asked him to explain Islam to him. After the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) did so, Tufayl embraced Islam. He then told the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) that his people trusted him and would listen to what he had to say, and that he would invite them to Islam.



He asked the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to give him a sign by which the people would recognize the truth of his words. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) prayed to Allah to give him such a sign, and when Tufayl went back to his people his face was radiant. His people were reluctant to accept Islam, but his father and wife readily became Muslim.



By the time he migrated to Madinah, however, seventy or eighty families from his tribe had accepted Islam, and they accompanied him on the journey to Madinah.

5 Dhimad Azdi: A skilled exorcist, he hailed from the Azd Shanwah tribe of Yemen. When he came to Makkah, he heard a rumor that Muhammad (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) was insane. He then approached the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and offered to cure him.



The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) responded by saying: "All praise be to Allah. We glorify Him and seek His help. He whom Allah has guided cannot be misled, and he whom Allah has led astray cannot be guided. I bear witness that there is no god except Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger."



Dhimad was so impressed with the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) speech that he repeated it thrice and said, "I have heard the speeches of sorcerers, soothsayers and poets, but never before have I heard anything like this." He then asked the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to extend his hand so that he could pledge his allegiance to him.

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