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## SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD

(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



LESSON

69



TOPIC:



Six pilgrims from Yathrib.



First pledge of Aqabah.



SIX PILGRIMS

FROM YATHRIB



These six men from the Khazraj tribe of Yathrib were Asad bin Zurara, Auf bin Haarith bin Rifaa (Auf bin Ifra'a), Rafi bin Malik bin Ailan, Qatba bin Amir Hudida, Uqba bin Amir bin Nabi, and Jabir bin Abdullah bin Riqab. They had come along with other pilgrims from Yathrib to Makkah in the eleventh year of the Prophet's (salaam 'alaihi wa sallam) mission.



Yathrib was also home to some Jewish tribes, and occasionally disputes would flare up between the Arabs and Jews. The Jewish minority would intimidate the Arabs by saying that soon a prophet would be sent to lead the Jews in battle. The Arabs, they claimed, would be slaughtered like the people of 'Aad and Iram.



These six pilgrims were sitting together in Mina (just outside Makkah) one night when the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) passed by. He approached them and asked, "Who are you?"



□ "We belong to the Khazraj," they answered.



□ "Allies of the Jews," the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) commented. They replied in the affirmative. "Let us sit together and talk," the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) suggested.



He spoke to them about Islam, recited some ayaah of the Qur'an, and invited them to believe in Allah, the One, the Exalted. The men sitting with the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) recognized who he was. 'This is the same prophet the Jews constantly threaten us with. Let us pledge allegiance to him before they do.'" All six men accepted Islam.



"We left our people in such a plight," they said. "If Allah unites us through you, you would be honored more than anyone else among us." The six new Muslims promised that they would invite their people to Islam upon returning to Yathrib, and that they would meet the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) again during the next pilgrimage.



FIRST PLEDGE



OF AQADAH



The next year, five of the six men from Yathrib returned to meet the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) during Hajj. They brought with them five converts from their own tribe and two from the tribe of Aus. The names of the five converts of the Khazraj tribe were Mu'adh bin Harith (Mu'adh bin Ifra'a), Zakwan bin Abdul Qays, Ubada bin Samit, Yazeed bin Thulba, and Abbas bin Ubada bin Fadhla. The two men from the Aus tribe were Abul Haytham bin Al-Tayhan and Uwaym bin Sa'eda.



Again, they met the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), in Mina, where he taught them more about Islam and asked them to take an oath of allegiance. This was known as the First Pledge of Aqabah. Specifically, it was a pact between the men and Allah that they would not associate any partners with Allah, commit theft, fornicate, kill their children, vilify others, nor disobey the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) when he instructed them to do good.



Whoever fulfilled this pledge would receive his reward from Allah, and whoever violated any part of it and was proven guilty would be punished in this world as an atonement. If, however, someone broke the pledge and Allah hid his sin from people, that person would be dealt with by Allah, Who would either forgive or punish him.

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