



Assalamu 'alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu



SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD

(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



LESSON

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TOPIC:



Battle of Badr (continued).



BATTLE OF BADR



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The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) learned that the Quraysh were approaching Badr, and he met with his men to discuss their options. Abu Bakr and Umar both gave their opinions, and Miqdad bin Amr voiced the prevailing sentiment:



□ "O Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam), we will not say what the Children of Isra'eel said to Musa:



'You and your Lord go and fight, and we will sit here.'



(5: 24)



□ "We will fight along with you on your left and on your right, in front of you and behind you."



Miqdad's words gladdened the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) with their sincerity, for he had worried the Ansaar would fight in defense only if they were attacked

in Madinah. After all, the Second Pledge of Aqabah did not call for the Ansaar to fight alongside the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) outside the city. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) then asked the men if they all agreed.



Sa'd bin Mu'adh the chieftain of the Ansaar, said:



□ "O Prophet, I swear by the One Who has sent you with the Truth, that if you plunge into the sea, we will also plunge in with you, and not a single man among us will lag behind. We will not hesitate if you dash against the enemies, for we are firm in war and bold in the fray. Lead us, and may Allah bless us and our mission!"



At this, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said:



□ "I bring you glad tidings from Allah. He has promised me either booty from the caravan or victory on the battlefield. By Allah, there is a vision before me of a battlefield, and I see the exact places where each man will fall." Resolutely the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) led his men onward to Badr, and they arrived there the same night as the Quraysh.



The Muslims set up camp at Al-Udwat Al-Duniya, but Al- Hubab ibn Al-Mundhir advised the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) that they should move ahead and encamp at the well nearest the enemy so that they could store water in reservoirs. He also suggested that the rest of the wells be filled up so that the Quraysh would have no water. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) took Hubab's brilliant advice and carried out his instructions.



The Muslims then made a small enclosure of palm branches in which the Prophet (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) would stay while directing his men during the battle. A group of Ansaar youths were put under the command of Sa'd bin Mu'adh to act as lookouts.



After this, the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) walked around Badr with his men, saying: 'This is the spot where so and so will fall in battle tomorrow, God-willing'. He passed the night in prayer at the foot of a tree while a gentle rain fell and lulled the men into a refreshing sleep. Allah recounts His favor to the believers in the following ayah:



"Remember how Allah enveloped you with drowsiness to make you feel safe. He caused rain to descend upon you from heaven so you could clean yourselves—rain

that also removed Shaitaan's influence, strengthened your hearts, and made you stand

firm in battle."  (8: 11)



The next morning (Friday, Ramadan 17, 2 A.H.) the two armies came face to face.



□ "O Allah! Here come the Quraysh in their vanity and arrogance," the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) supplicated. "They deny You and call Your Prophet a liar. O Allah! Fulfill Your promise to me! Help us, Allah!"



The Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) assembled his men and told them not to begin fighting until he ordered them to do so.



□ "Use arrows only when they come close, and don't draw your swords unless they are very near."



Abu Bakr then escorted the Prophet to the small enclosure where the He began to pray to his Lord:



□ "O Allah! If this group is destroyed today, You will not be worshipped for ever. O Allah! If it is Your consent that after this day You will not be worshipped for ever." Abu Jahl also prayed:



□ "O God, destroy today the party that seeks to break filial ties and believes in wrong-doing. O Allah! Help the party today which is much loved by you."

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