

"Siddiq" is his epithet

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He accepted Islam

Hmmm.... Can anyone guess what the story is about? It is about the changemakers, the rightly guided caliphs, but first sit quietly and lend me your ears. but before that, you have to give me your word that you will sit quietly and listen to me . Ok then, let's start our journey.

Long ago two dearest friends used to live in a city called Makkah. Their age was close to each other. One of them was called Muhammad (PBUH) and the other was Abu Bakr (RA). They were born to a famous family called Quraish in Mecca. It was a famous tribe around the Arabian Peninsula in the old days.

The boys have grown up and become amazing men.



Abu Bakr (RA) was surprised to hear that his friend Muhammad (PBUH) had announced himself as a prophet and was facing insults from the Quraish. He wanted to talk to his friend in person to find out more and offer his support.

Abu Bakr (RA) was such a kind and humble person! He never got into arguments or treated anyone with disrespect. Everyone admired him for his gentle nature and he was loved by all who knew him. Abu Bakr (RA) asked Mohammad if he was inviting people to Allah. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) confirmed his duty to spread Allah's message and invited Abu Bakr (RA) to believe and obey Allah to enter Jannah.

Hearing his words, Abu Bakr (RA) didn't wait even for a moment.

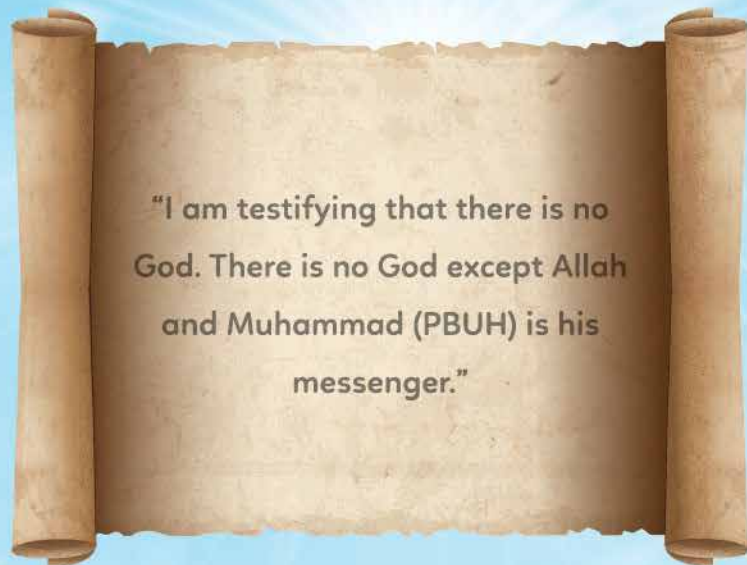


He answered his dawah right away and recited, “Ashadu Alla Ilaaha IllAllah...
-I am testifying that there is no God. There is no God except Allah and Muhammad (PBUH) is his messenger.”

Do you know, My friends, what these words are? These are the words of Tawhid. The truth of everything.

Every messenger has called people to these words. Salvation and success of this Dunya and Akhirah lies in believing them. That's why Abu Bakr (RA) accepted Islam so happily and became a Companion of the Prophet.

He was the first to accept Islam among the males. Usman, Talha, Zubair and Abdur Rahman Ibn Auf came to Islam Through his dawah.



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Caliph of the beloved Prophet

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Admitting one's own mistakes is a great virtue

Rabia Aslami was a companion of the Prophet. He used to serve the Prophet. Being pleased with him, One day the Prophet gave him a piece of land. He gave Abu Bakr (RA) a piece of land too. Thus their lands were side by side.

On the border of their lands was a palm tree. Once that Palm tree bore many dates. Seeing the palm tree, Abu Bakr (RA) claimed that the tree was in his area. So, those dates should be his. Rabia claimed the same too.

This started a quarrel between them. Suddenly, an unpleasant word came out of Abu Bakr (RA)'s mouth mistakenly. He understood his mistake right away. He regretfully asked Rabia, "O Rabia, you too should take revenge upon me. Say something unpleasant to me."

"No, O Abu Bakr, I can't." Rabia refused.



Abu Bakr (RA) was an extremely kind and polite individual. He had never spoken badly to anyone before, hated nobody. But he mistakenly said something harsh today. He was really sorry that in his heart.

He often showed guilt to Rabia and begged him to exact punishment. Yet Rabia would not give in. Stood still in his word. He then told Rabia, "Either you take revenge upon me, O Rabia, or I shall go to the prophet," after trying to convince him.

"I can't, O Abu Bakr (RA)." Rabia replied politely, "You can go to the Prophet." Abu Bakr (RA) then left for the Prophet. Rabia also followed him. Abu Bakr (RA) told everything to the Prophet. The Prophet raised his head and saw Rabia, also present there. "What had happened, O Rabia?"



He said to him. “Ya RasulAllah, Abu Bakr (RA) had said to me an unpleasant word.” Rabia, in a soft tone, replied, “But I didn’t answer to it. Then he asked me to take revenge again and again. But I stayed away.” The Prophet being pleased by his words said, “O Rabia, you have done the right thing. Now just say to him, ‘May Allah forgive you.’

Then everything will be OK.” Rabia did what the Prophet said. He said to Abu Bakr (RA), “O Abu Bakr (RA), may Allah forgive you.”

SubhanAllah! See my friends, how pure they were! Abu Bakr (RA) didn’t utter any abusive words. Rather, an unpleasant word came out accidentally from his mouth. He regretted it very much and didn’t give up until he got forgiveness. We too sometimes say unpleasant words to our friends. So my friends, from now on, let’s try our best to be away from saying such a thing.

Even if we say such things, accidentally, to anyone, we shall apologize to him right away. Apologizing for one’s own mistakes is one of the greatest virtues. Allah becomes very pleased with that person who asks forgiveness for his mistakes.

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Satan feared him

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He changed for good

The Prophet kept calling the people to Islam. Day by day Muslims were increasing in number. The unbelievers of Mecca couldn't accept his efforts and tried to stop him but failed to do so. The Prophet kept what he had been doing. The Kuffar then, biting their hands out of anger, cried out, "Can anyone kill Muhammad (PBUH)?"

Umar (RA) was angry at the Prophet for some reason. So, he said to them, "O people, you can bet on me. I shall kill Muhammad (PBUH)."

Then Umar, sword in hand, went out. Determine to kill the prophet with that sword. In the midway, he met a man. The man asked him, "Where to, O Umar?"

Umar replied in an angry tone, "To Muhammad, O brother. I am going to make this day the last day for him."



The man spoke in a somewhat unfriendly tone and said, "Hey Umar, do you really think that Muhammad's relative will allow you to leave?"

Umar seemed pretty upset and asked his brother, "Hey, are you also following Muhammad like everyone else?"

The man seemed to be scared, and he replied carefully "Hey, Umar! It's good to see you. I hope you're doing well. By the way, did you know that your sister has recently accepted Islam? I thought you might like to know." Umar was overcome by anger, and without saying a word, he rushed towards his sister's house like a charging bull.

At that time his sister and brother-in-law were learning Qur'an from Khabab.

Suddenly, Umar knocked on the door. Learning about his presence, Khabab hid himself. Umar's sister opened the door for him. Umar entered the house. He, in a suspicious tone, asked them, "I have heard you reading something, O beloved sister. What were you reading?"



They became very afraid thinking that, if Umar knew about their Qur'an recitation, then he wouldn't let it go unpunished. They, with a trembling voice, replied, "We were only discussing some matters, O brother. That's all."

Lying is Haram in Islam. We all know that. To clarify the whole thing, I'm just explaining this to you. They were discussing and learning the Qur'an among themselves. So, it wasn't really a lie. They just put that fact in front of Umar. Umar then confronted them directly asking, ""Did you really convert to Islam?"

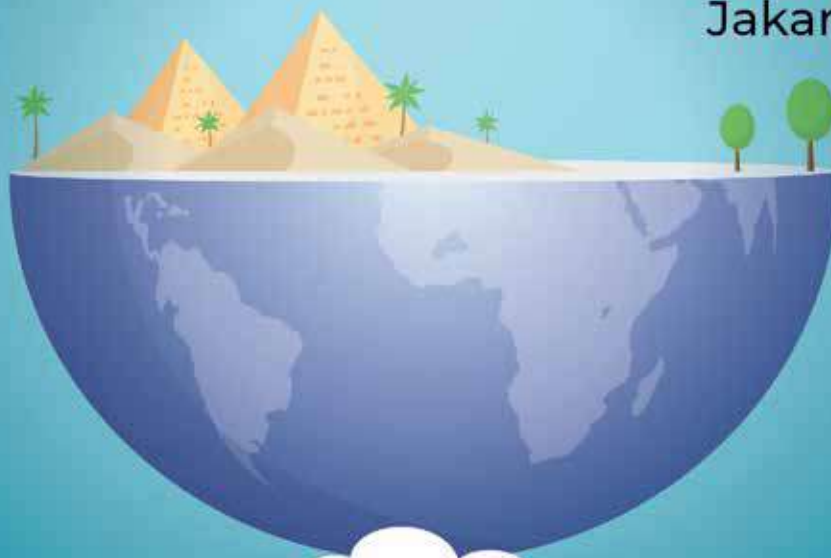
Umar's brother-in-law countered Umar, "And do you truly believe it's the truth?"

Umar with that reply understood that his brother-in-law had become Muslim right away. He fell on him and started to beat him like a tiger tearing its prey. Umar's sister came running to save her husband. Umar fell on her too. Blood started to fall from her face.

Seeing her bleeding, Umar (RA) stopped. Something shadowed his heart. He started to feel pity for his sister.

The Arab World was awaken

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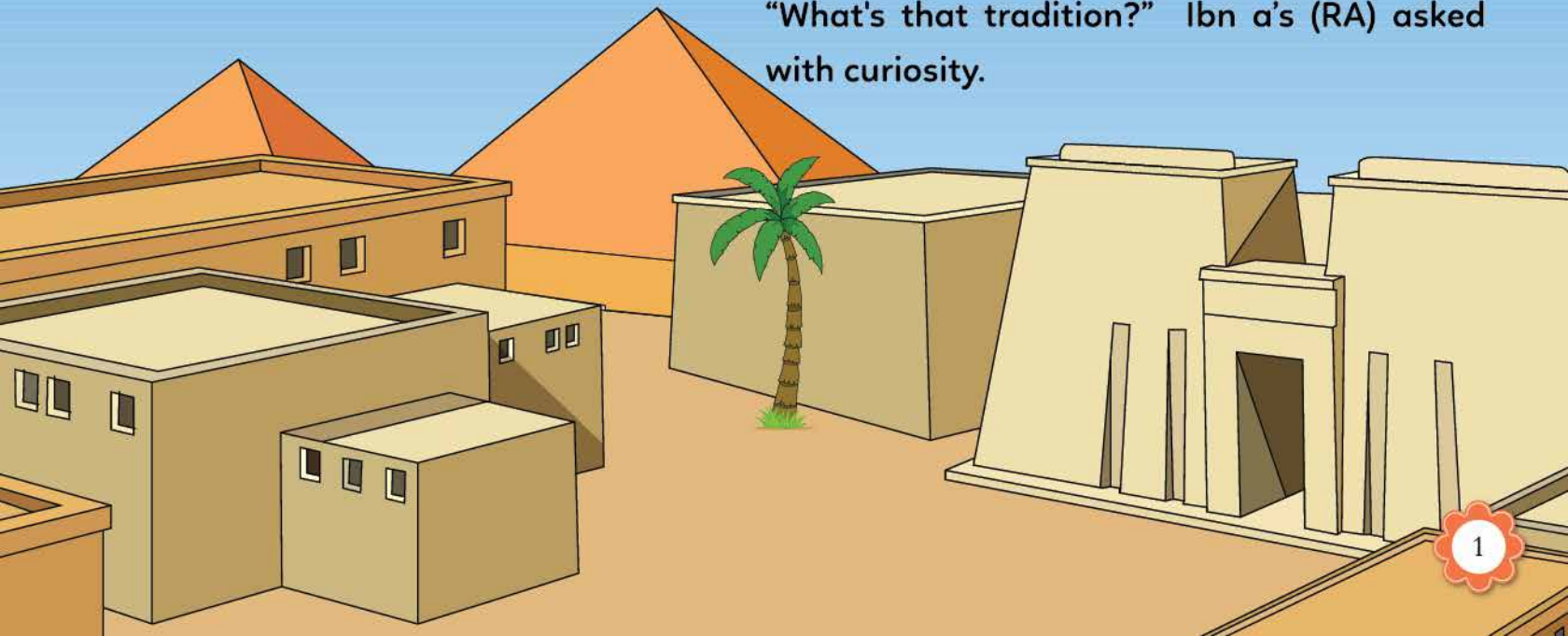
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**A letter to
the River-Nile**

The companions have conquered Egypt. They started to spread the Dawa of Islam in every place right away. They established the flag of Tawhid - which is still present there. Umar (RA) became very happy at this news and appointed Ibn a's (RA) as its governor. There's a really big river in Egypt. Its name is the Nile. In those days, there was a peculiar tradition that used to be held around this river.

One day, its people came to and asked his permission saying, "O honored Amir, We have a particular tradition that we perform every year on the 12th day of this present month."

"What's that tradition?" Ibn a's (RA) asked with curiosity.

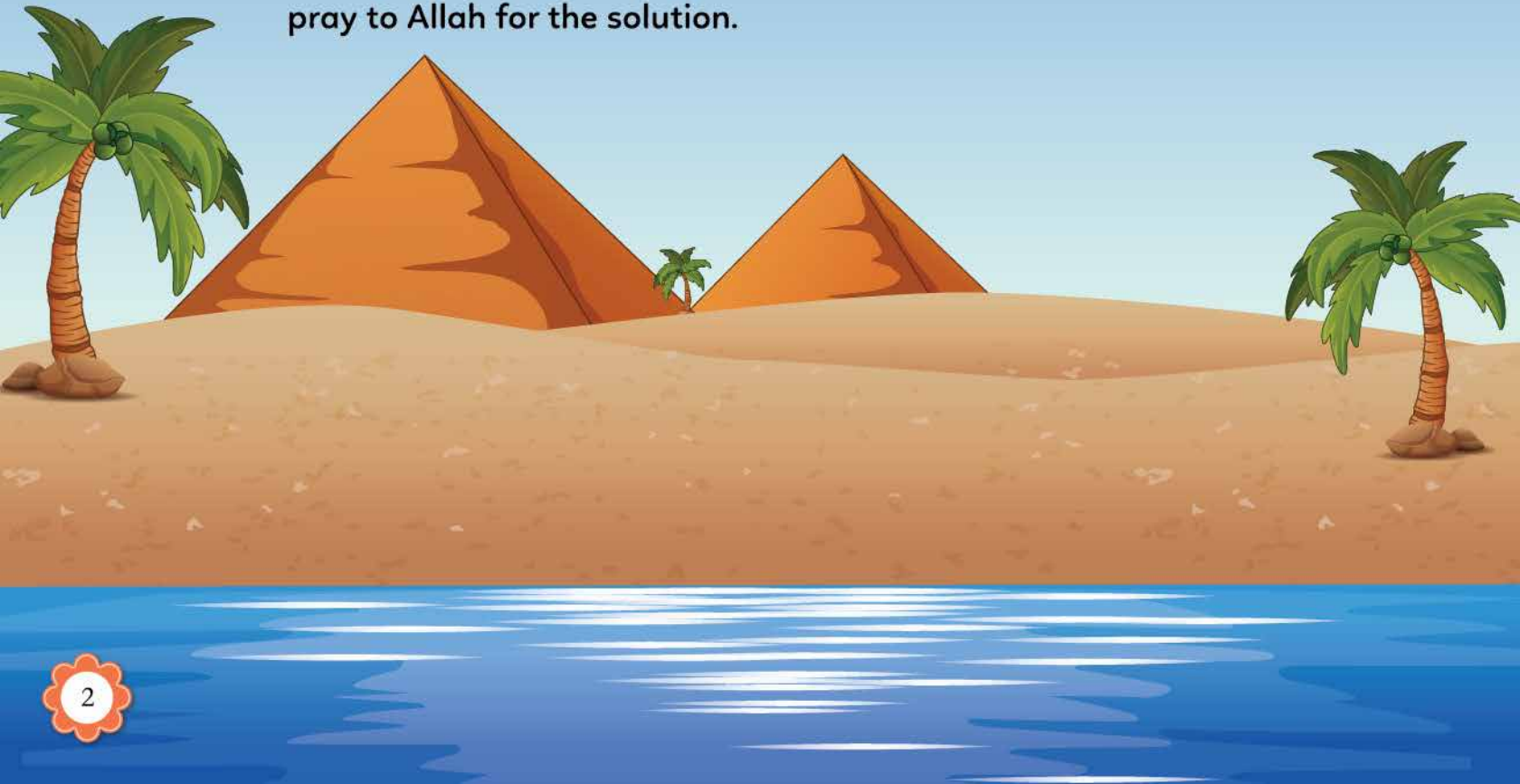


“We roam around the whole country and choose a maiden at first.” They replied and added, “Then we adorn her and offer her to the Nile. If we do this, the Nile start to give us water afresh.”

Amr (RA), hearing their words, became angry.

“What? No, you can't do such a thing, O people.” He replied angrily. The people hoping to get approval said, “O Amir, But if we don't do this, then the Nile won't give us water.”

Hearing such words, Amr (RA) became angry. He tried to make the people understand that the Nile has no power of its own. Everything is in Allah's will. Rivers become dry on his will. And on his will water flows. So offering a maiden won't do any good if they don't pray to Allah for the solution.



They agreed to his words and went back. For three months they waited. But water didn't flow in the Nile. Land after land became dry and empty. People could not harvest anything to support themselves. So, they decided to leave the country. Facing such a terrifying situation, Amr (RA) sent words to Umar (RA) explaining to him everything. Umar (RA) at once wrote to him, "O I am sending you a letter. Throw it into the Nile when you get it."

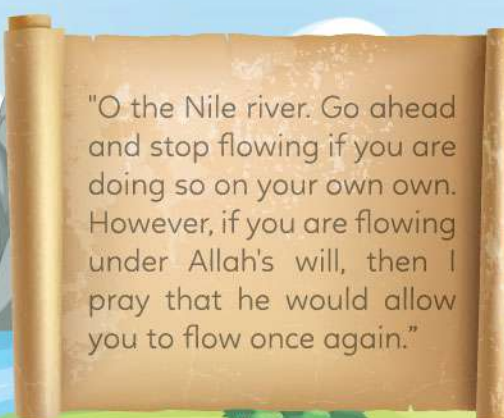
Then ordered the people saying, "O people, wait. Don't leave the country yet. Amirul Mu'minin has sent a letter. Maybe Allah will get us out of this dire situation through this."



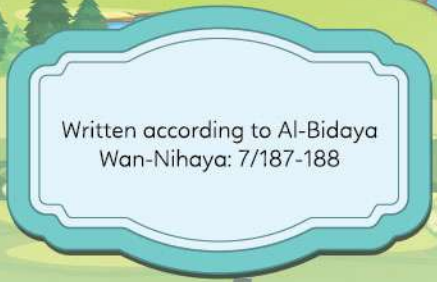
Then, when he was told to enter the Nile, he threw Umar (RA)'s letter. "From Umar , the leader of the believers and Allah's slave," was written in the message. To Egypt's Nile River: "O the Nile river. Go ahead and stop flowing if you are doing so on your own own. However, if you are flowing under Allah's will, then I pray that he would allow you to flow once again."

The Nile started to flow again as soon as the letter was thrown. By the grace of Allah, the whole river was filled with water. The people felt relieved at this and began to get back to their homes.

Everything happens by the order of Allah. Clouds give rain, lands yield many kinds of harvest and trees give many kinds of fruits on his order. And on his order, rivers, seas and springs flow. Verily He, Allah is the master of all power. Umar (RA) proved this to everyone through his deeds.



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Possessor of two lights

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The Iman of a Mu'min's experience

Now, my dear friends, we have come to the life of Uthman (RA). So, sit quietly and hear my stories with your ears open. Don't do any trouble ok?

Uthman (RA) accepted Islam through the dawah of Abu Bakar (RA). His family members also didn't like it. His uncle- Hakam- was one of them. He couldn't take it because he was a kafir. And the kuffar hates us –Muslims- to the highest degree. He asked Uthman (RA) to leave Islam. But Uthman (RA) didn't give ear to his words and remained firm on his Iman. This made uncle -Hakam angry. He, to satisfy his anger, tied him to a pole and kept beating him for several days and nights. Uthman (RA) uttered no words against him. After some days of this incident, some companions of the prophet made 'hijra' to Abyssinia (today's Ethiopia). Uthman (RA) and his wife were among them. He was chosen as the leader of that caravan.

In those times, Abyssinia people used to worship idols. If anyone wanted to enter the king's court, he had to lower his head to enter. Nobody could protest against it. Everyone had to abide by this ritual.



One day, Uthman (RA) was call upon to the king's court. So, he went to meet the king himself. He entered the court but didn't lower his head to the king. Everyone present in the court became very shocked at this. Because none have dared to do such a thing before. The king asked Uthman (RA) with much wonder, "O Uthman (RA), why didn't you lower your head to me? What's the matter?"

Uthman (RA) was a strong man. He boldly replied, "O Honorable King, I'm a Muslim. We Muslims do not lower our heads to anyone except Allah the Almighty.

The king became very surprised at his words but said nothing. He began to admire Uthman (RA) for his courage. So, he called him close to him and had a conversation with him. In that conversation, he asked Uthman (RA), why the Muslims had left Makkah and migrated to Abyssinia. Uthman (RA) told the whole story. After the conversation, he left the court and got back to his people. The king didn't punish him but rather showed him respect.

See, my friends, how brave Uthman (RA) was and how firm his sense of iman was! A true Muslim doesn't fear any worldly powers. He only fears Allah and lowers his head only to him. And this, my beloved friends, is called Iman.



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The great Generous Companion

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Uthman (RA) Became the Amirul Mu'minin

Umar (RA) got stabbed in his stomach by the criminal –Abu Lulu. He was losing blood rapidly from that wound. His body was getting feeble with every moment that passed. The companions of the prophet understood that the time of Umar (RA) was coming to an end. Everyone was shedding tears out of sadness.

Even in his critical state, Umar (RA) made a committee (Majlis-I-Shu'ra) to elect the next Amir for the Ummah. Its members were –Uthman, Ali, Abdur Rahman ibn Awf, Sa'd, Jubair, and Talha (RA). Umar (RA) gave them three days –starting from the moment of his death- to finish their job.



After suffering for three long days from his wound, Amirul Mu'minin Umar (RA) died. Then the committee started its work. Every member gave their own opinion on the matter. To make the whole process easier, they made Abdur Rahman (RA) responsible for making the final decision. Abdur Rahman kept on his pursuit to carry out his responsibility. He asked the closest companions of the prophet about their opinion. They, happily, gave him their opinion. He asked the women, children and slaves too about their opinion. Almost everyone choose Uthman as their leader.



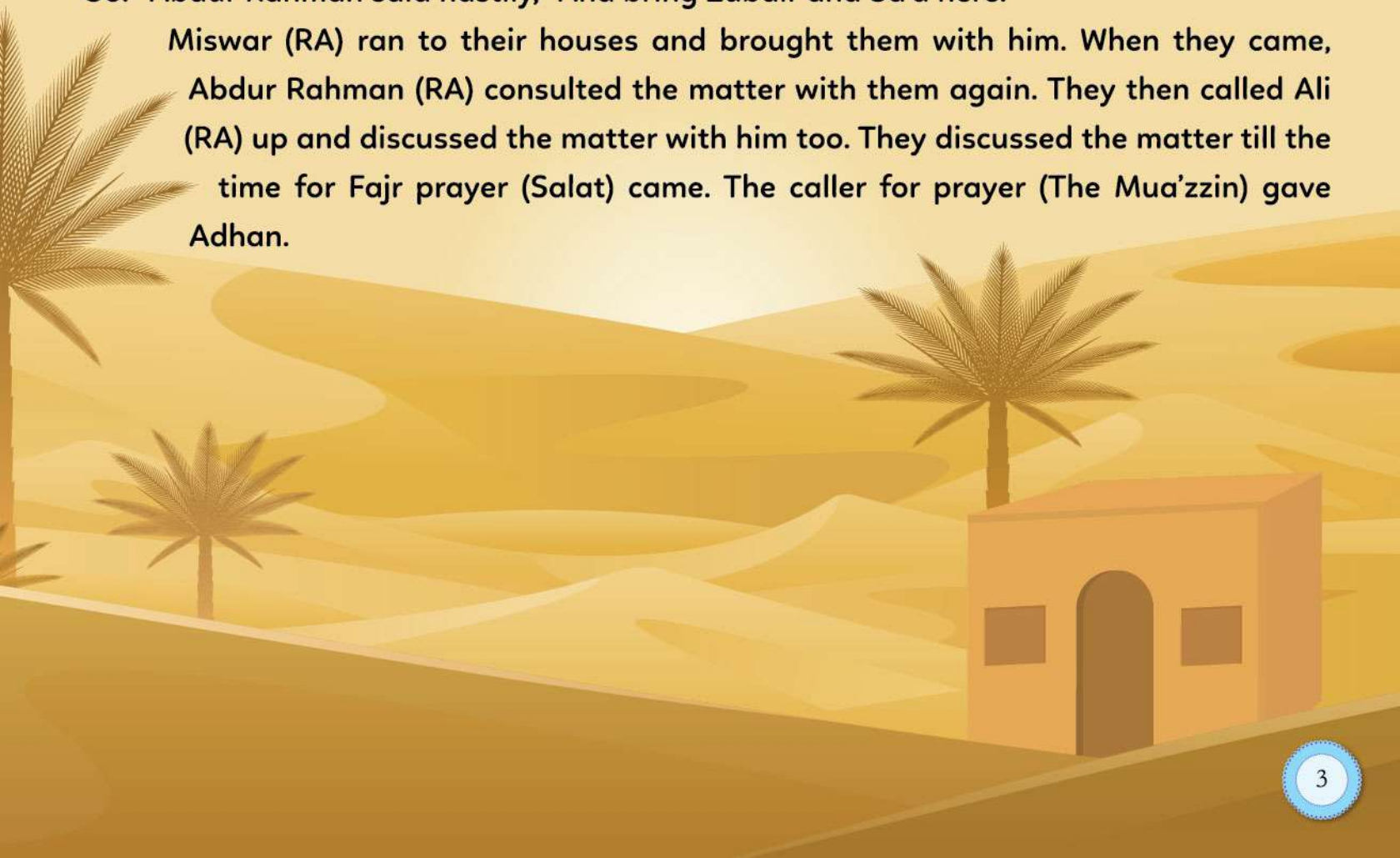
Three days passed. The given period came to an end. Abdur Rahman (RA), hastily, went to Miswar's house. Miswar, at that moment, was sleeping. Abdur Rahman (RA) knocked on his door and woke Miswar up. Miswar then opened his door.

Abdur Rahman (RA) inquired, "Are sleeping, O Miswar?"

"Yes, I was just taking a nap. What's the matter, O Abdur Rahman?" Miswar (RA) replied confusingly.

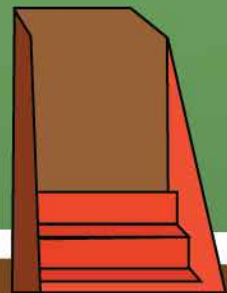
"Go." Abdur Rahman said hastily, "And bring Zubair and Sa'd here."

Miswar (RA) ran to their houses and brought them with him. When they came, Abdur Rahman (RA) consulted the matter with them again. They then called Ali (RA) up and discussed the matter with him too. They discussed the matter till the time for Fajr prayer (Salat) came. The caller for prayer (The Mua'zzin) gave Adhan.



The Companions came to the mosque and prayed the Fajr prayer. After the prayer, Abdur Rahman (RA) stood to give a speech. He had the turban –which the prophet (PBUH) himself gifted him- on his head. He then ascended on the minbar and announced, “O people, we have discussed the whole matter thoroughly with the people. We have tried our best to know their opinion. After judging people’s opinion, we think, the people want Uthman as their Amir.”

He then asked Uthman to stand up. Uthman obeyed and got up. He then swore his allegiance (i.e.: The Bay’ah) on his hands. Then Ali stepped forward and did the same. Then, everyone present there followed them. No one denied to give The Bay’ah. Everyone acknowledged Uthman as their Amir. Thus, Uthman (RA) became the third Caliph of Islam.



The First Juvenile Companion

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Answering the Prophet's Call

One day, Ali went to the prophet's house. Arriving there, he saw the prophet (PBUH) doing something unusual. The prophet was praying 'Salat' and doing sujood to Allah. Ali became very surprised at this because he never saw anyone doing such a thing.

I'm telling you this story of such a time when the people of Makkah used to worship many gods besides Allah. They had many idols like –Lat, Uzza, Manat etc. They used to worship them and believed them to be partners of Allah.

So, Ali , with much curiosity, asked the prophet, "O brother, what are you doing?"

The prophet (PBUH) replied, "O Ali, I'm worshipping Allah, except for whom there's no god. He has no partners. I'm calling you to Islam. You should worship him too."



From an early age, Ali saw nothing but polytheism. He has never seen someone praying 'Salat'. And never heard of worshipping Allah. So, the prophet's words seemed strange to him. He said to the prophet, "O brother, I've not heard such a strange thing before. So, I'm a bit confused about it. I want to have some words with my father at first. Then I'll determine what should I do."

He then went back to his home. But the words of the prophet kept ringing like a bell inside his head. He kept thinking over the whole thing throughout the whole night. Allah blessed Ali and opened his heart to Islam. He became eager to accept Islam.

When the night passed and morning came, Ali rushed to the prophet and said, "O my brother, what did you say yesterday? Can you repeat them again?"

The prophet (PBUH) smiled at him and said, "O Ali, I am the prophet of Allah. I'm inviting you to Islam.



You should witness that there's no God except Allah, he has no partners. Leave worshipping Lat-Uzzah and be away from acts of Shirk (taking partners besides Allah). Worship Allah only."

Ali (RA) answered the prophet's call and accepted Islam. From that time on, he used to be with the prophet all the time and used to learn from him about the matters of Deen. The prophet (PBUH) wanted to keep his worshipping Allah a secret from the Mushrikun of Makkah. So, when the time of prayer used to come, he used to go to the nearby caves and pray there. Ali (RA) too used to be with him.

Up until then, Ali (RA)'s father –Abu Talib- didn't know that his son had accepted Islam. This went on for days until he saw them in their prayers. Seeing them in such a strange state, he asked, "O Muhammad, what are you doing here?"



This Abu Talib was a fraternal uncle of our prophet. The prophet grew up in his household. This man used to love him more than his own children. So, the prophet told him everything. Abu Talib, hearing everything, said, “O my son, I can’t accept your religion though but as long as I live, I won’t let anyone harm you. You can keep on your work.”

Abu Talib then turned to his son Ali (RA) and said, “O my son, Muhammad is calling you to something good. So, always be with him and obey him.”

Thus, was the story of Ali (RA) accepting Islam. He became a cherished companion of the prophet. He was the first among those who accepted Islam at an early age. The prophet used to love him very much.

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The Lion of Allah

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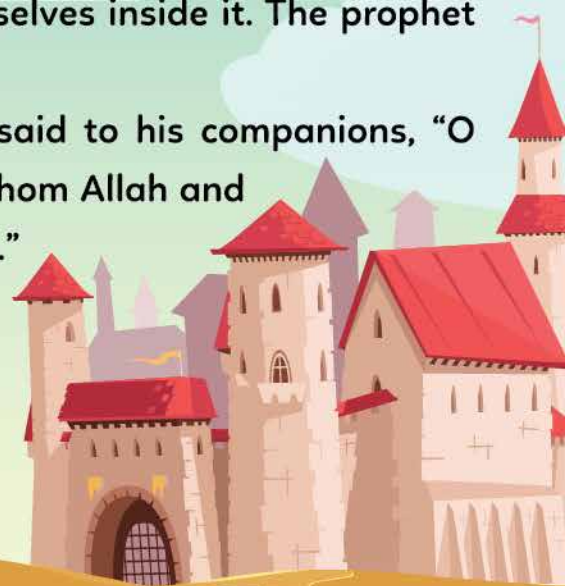
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Ali's Valor: The Lion Conquers Khaiba

The city of Medina was the prophet's city. The prophet used to operate his mission of Islam and make battle against the kuffar from there. The Jews, too, used to live nearby. They used to attack the companions and try to insult the women companions. They even once tried to kill the prophet himself. So the prophet (PBUH), to stop their trouble once and for all, decided to attack them. He announced the call for war.

The Jews had a fort named –The Khaibar. It was a stronghold for the Jews. When the prophet and his companions attacked them, they hid themselves inside it. The prophet then lay barricade around it.

One day, while the barricade was going on, the prophet said to his companions, “O people, In Sha Allah, tomorrow I'll give this flag to a man whom Allah and His messenger love. By his hands, Khaibar will be conquered.”



The light of the morning appeared on the horizon. All the companions became very anxious to take the flag. Everyone wanted the flag to be given in his hand. They were only waiting for the prophet's call. Suddenly, the prophet (PBUH) came out of his tent and cried out, "O people, where's Ali? Why can't I see him?"

The companions replied, "He got something on one of his eyes, Ya RasulAllah. So, he couldn't come here."

The prophet said to them, "O people, go to him and tell him to come to me."

Some people ran with the news to him. He then appeared in front of the prophet. The prophet (PBUH) asked him, "O Ali (RA), what has happened to you?"

Ali (RA) replied, "Ya RasulAllah, one of my eyes has become ill. It's hurting me very much."



The prophet (PBUH) then took his blessed spit on his hand and massaged it on his eye. By the grace of Allah, his eye was cured.

The prophet (PBUH) gave the flag to him and said, “Advance, O Ali (RA). Don’t look back. Allah will certainly give you victory.”

Ali (RA) then asked him, “Ya RasulAllah, how should I behave with the Jews?”

The prophet replied, “O Ali (RA), at first, invite them to Islam. If they deny, then keep on the war.”

Ali (RA), having the prophet’s confidence, pushed forward.

