

HIS LIFE INCIDENTS TO REMEMBER

HIJRATH

ABU BAKR ACCOMPANIED RASULULLAH DURING HIJRATH, ONCE RASULULLAH ESCAPED FROM THE HOUSE HE PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO THE HOUSE OF ABU BAKR BEFORE FAJR. BOTH SET OUT SOUTHWARDS CLIMBED UP THE LOFTY PEAK OF MOUNTAIN THAWR AND DECIDED TO TAKE REFUGE IN A CAVE. ABU BAKR ENTERED THE CAVE FIRST, EXPLORING IT TO ENSURE THAT IT WAS SAFE, CLOSED ALL HOLES IN IT WITH PIECES TORN OFF FROM HIS CLOTHES. THE RASULULLAH WENT IN AND IMMEDIATELY LAID HIS HEAD IN ABU BAKR'S LAP AND FELL ASLEEP. SUDDENLY ABU BAKR'S FOOT WAS STUNG BY A POISONOUS INSECT. IT HURTS SO MUCH THAT HIS TEARS FELL ON PROPHET'S FACE. THE PROPHET IMMEDIATELY APPLIED HIS SALIVA ON HIS FOOT AND THE PAIN LEFT IMMEDIATELY.



MIRAJ

THE NIGHT JOURNEY OF PROPHET RAISED A GREAT DEAL OF STIR AMONG THE PEOPLE AND THE DISBELIEVING AUDIENCE PLIED MUHAMMA WITH ALL SORTS OF QUESTIONS. RASULULLAH EXPLAINED IN DETAIL AND PROVIDED ACCURATE DESCRIPTION YET THEY STARTED TO LAUGH AT THE MUSLIMS AND THEIR CREED. THERE WAS NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE NIGHT JOURNEY FOR TRUE MUSLIMS. THE DISBELIEVERS WENT TO SEE ABU BAKR TO VERIFY ABOUT THE NIGHT JOURNEY OF RASULULLAH. ABU BAKR READILY SAID "YES, I DO VERIFY IT."

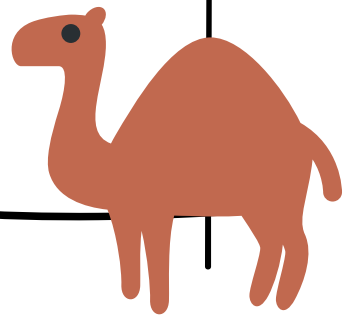
IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE EARNED THE TITLE OF AS SIDDIQ WHICH MEANS THE VERIFIER OF THE TRUTH.



SIMPLE LIVING

ABU BAKR BIN HAFS STATES THAT ABU BAKR SAID TO AYSHA  BEFORE HIS DEATH

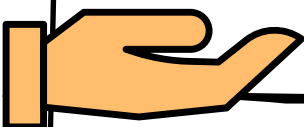
"I WAS ONLY BENEFITTED FROM THE SERVICE DONE TO THE MUSLIMS BY EATING AND WEARING WHATEVER ROUGH CLOTHES AVAILABLE. I HAVE NOTHING OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS WITH ME EXCEPT A SLAVE, DROMEDARY AND AN OLD SHEET. SEND ALL OF THESE TO UMAR WHEN I'M NO MORE"



CHARITY

ONE DAY UMAR SAID "WHEN RASULULLAH ASKED HIS COMPANIONS TO DONATE TO THE WAR FUND FOR EXPEDITION OF TABUK, I DECIDED TO COMPETE ABU BAKR IN THE MATTER OF CONTRIBUTION. I DONATED HALF OF MY WEALTH AND PROPERTY SAKE OF ALLAH. RASULULLAH QUESTIONED ME "WHAT HAVE YOU LEFT FOR THE CHILDREN?" I ANSWERED "I LEFT THE REMAINING HALF".

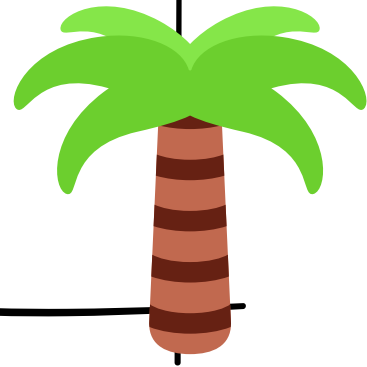
ABU BAKR CAME WITH HIS ENTIRE PROPERTY AND WEALTH. RASULULLAH ASKED THE SAME QUESTION. HE REPLIED "ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER ENOUGH FOR THE CHILDREN" HAVING HEARD THIS I SAID TO MYSELF "I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO SURPASS ABU BAKR IN ANYTHING"



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LEADERSHIP

ONE AFTERNOON A ROMAN EMISSARY ARRIVED IN MADINAH ON IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC BUSINESS WITH THE CALIPH. WHEN HE ENQUIRED AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF UMAR (RA), HE WAS DIRECTED TO A MAN SLEEPING PEACEFULLY UNDER A TREE: WITH NO BODYGUARDS, NO WEAPONS, NO FORTIFICATIONS AND NO SECURITY. THE ROMAN MESSENGER MARVELLED AT THIS SIGHT: THE SIGHT OF THE LEADER OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE SLEEPING PEACEFULLY UNDER A TREE WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD. HE THEN REMARKED HIS FAMOUS WORDS THAT REMAIN ETCHED INTO HISTORY UNTIL TODAY: "O UMAR! YOU RULED. YOU WERE JUST. THUS YOU WERE SAFE. AND THUS YOU SLEPT."



JUSTICE

A MAN FROM THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT CAME TO 'UMAR IBN AL-KHATTAB AND SAID, "O LEADER OF THE BELIEVERS, I SEEK REFUGE IN YOU FROM INJUSTICE!" 'UMAR REPLIED, "YOU HAVE SOUGHT SOMEONE WILLING." THE MAN SAID, "I COMPETED WITH THE SON OF AMR IBN AL-'AS AND I WON, BUT HE STARTED STRIKING ME WITH A WHIP AND SAYING: I AM THE SON OF THE DIGNIFIED!" UPON THIS, 'UMAR WROTE TO AMR ORDERING HIM TO TRAVEL TO HIM WITH HIS SON. HE CAME WITH HIS SON AND 'UMAR SAID, "WHERE IS THE EGYPTIAN?" HE GAVE HIM THE WHIP AND TOLD HIM TO STRIKE THE SON OF AMR. THE MAN STARTED STRIKING HIM WHILE 'UMAR WAS SAYING, "STRIKE THE SON OF THE ILLITERATES!" ANAS SAID, "BY ALLAH, THE MAN STRUCK HIM AND WE LOVED HIS STRIKING, AND HE DID NOT STOP UNTIL WE WISHED HE STOPPED." THEN 'UMAR SAID TO THE EGYPTIAN, "DIRECT IT TO AMR." THE EGYPTIAN SAID, "O LEADER OF THE BELIEVERS, IT WAS ONLY HIS SON WHO STRUCK ME AND I HAVE SETTLED THE SCORE." 'UMAR SAID TO AMR, "SINCE WHEN DID YOU ENSLAVE THE PEOPLE THOUGH THEY WERE BORN FROM THEIR MOTHERS IN FREEDOM?" AMR SAID, "O LEADER OF THE BELIEVERS, I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS AND HE DID NOT TELL ME."



GENEROSITY

IN THE YEAR OF AR RAMADAH 18TH YEAR AFTER HIJRAH, THE YEAR THE MUSLIMS WERE HIT BY FAMINE, 60,000 REFUGEES CAME TO MEDINA AND 'UMAR (RADHIALLAHU ANHU) WOULD HIMSELF CARRY OIL AND FOOD TO THE PEOPLE AND WHENEVER HE WOULD SEE THAT THE PEOPLE WERE DEPRIVED OF SOMETHING HE WOULD DEPRIVE HIMSELF OF THAT AS WELL, IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE MEAT HE WOULD DEPRIVE HIMSELF FROM MEAT IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE OIL HE WOULD DEPRIVE HIMSELF FROM OIL TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SAHABA FEARED HE WOULD DIE. HE WOULD SAY, "HOW CAN I BE A SHEPHERD WHEN I AM NOT STRUCK WITH WHAT MY FLOCK IS STRUCK WITH."



RESPONSIBILITY

IT IS NARRATED FROM ASLAM THAT: "UMAR WENT TO A PLACE LOCATED THREE MILES OUTSIDE MEDINA, A PLACE WHERE THERE WERE BLACK VOLCANIC ROCKS. THERE WE SAW A FIRE BURNING. HE (RA) SAID, 'O ASLAM, I SEE HERE SOME TRAVELERS WHO ARE BEING HELD UP BY THE NIGHT AND THE COLD; LET'S GO.'"SO WE WENT RUNNING AND WHEN WE CAME NEAR THEM, WE SAW A WOMAN WITH CHILDREN. THERE WAS A POT SET UP OVER FIRE, AND HER CHILDREN WERE CRYING."UMAR (RA) SAID, "PEACE BE UPON YOU, O PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT (HE DID NOT WANT TO SAY, O PEOPLE OF THE FIRE)."SHE SAID, 'AND UPON YOU BE PEACE.'"HE SAID, 'MAY I COME CLOSER?'"SHE SAID, 'COME IF YOU CAN DO SOME GOOD, OTHERWISE LEAVE US ALONE.'"HE CAME CLOSER AND SAID, 'WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?'"SHE SAID, 'THE NIGHT AND THE COLD HAS HELD US UP.'"HE SAID, 'WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THESE CHILDREN; WHY ARE THEY CRYING?'"SHE SAID, 'THEY ARE HUNGRY.'"HE SAID, 'WHAT IS IN THIS POT?'"SHE SAID, 'WATER, TO CALM THEM DOWN UNTIL THEY GO TO SLEEP, AND ALLAH WILL JUDGE BETWEEN US AND UMAR.'"HE SAID, 'MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON YOU, HOW COULD UMAR KNOW ABOUT YOU?'"SHE SAID, 'HOW COME HE IS IN CHARGE OF OUR AFFAIRS, BUT HE IS NOT AWARE OF OUR SITUATION?'"HE TURNED TO ME (ASLAM) AND SAID, 'LET'S GO.'"SO WE SET OFF RUNNING UNTIL WE CAME TO A ROOM WHERE WHEAT WAS STORED. HE TOOK OUT A SACK OF WHEAT AND A LITTLE FAT, AND SAID, 'HOIST IT UP ONTO ME.'"I SAID, 'I WILL CARRY IT FOR YOU.'"HE SAID, 'WILL YOU CARRY MY BURDEN FOR ME ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION?'"SO I HOISTED IT UP ONTO HIM AND HE SET OUT RUNNING AND I RAN WITH HIM. WHEN HE REACHED HER, HE PUT THOSE THINGS DOWN. HE TOOK OUT SOME OF THE WHEAT AND SAID TO HER, 'PREPARE IT FOR ME AND I WILL COOK IT FOR YOU.'"HE STARTED BLOWING BENEATH THE POT AND I SAW THE SMOKE COMING OUT THROUGH HIS BEARD. HE COOKED IT FOR HER, AND BROUGHT IT TO HER, AND SAID, 'BRING ME SOMETHING.'"SO SHE BROUGHT HIM A VESSEL AND HE Poured IT INTO IT, THEN SAID, 'FEED THEM AND I WILL SPREAD IT OUT (TO COOL DOWN) FOR THEM.'"HE STAYED UNTIL THEY HAD EATEN THEIR FILL, AND HE LEFT THE LEFTOVER FOOD WITH HER. HE GOT UP, AND I GOT UP WITH HIM, AND SHE STARTED TO SAY, 'MAY ALLAH REWARD YOU WITH GOOD; YOU ARE MORE SUITED TO BE THE CALIPH THAN AMEER UL MUMINEEN UMAR (LEADER OF THE MUSLIMS).'

