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- Abu Bakr as-Siddiq and Umar ibn Khattab (may Allah be pleased with them) were the two most important men around the Prophet SAW. Just as Allah SWT chose Prophet Muhammad SAW to be the Seal of the Prophets, He chose these people to be around the Prophet SAW. To appreciate the greatness of these two men, we have to acknowledge the greatness of the Prophet SAW.

The Beauty of the Prophet SAW

- The Prophet SAW is the leader of all the prophets that came before him. He was a beautiful man, inside and out. His words would win the hearts of the people, including Abu Bakr and Umar (RA). His light was so great, to the point Hassan Ibn Thabit (RA) stated that the face of the Prophet SAW was so glowing, he was afraid of losing his eyesight.

- When you appreciate the Prophet SAW, you appreciate the students around him. They had the deepest of knowledge. The people we look up to today are all fallible, that is why we look to the example of the Prophet SAW and his Companions (RA).

The Leaders of the Ummah After the Prophet SAW

- Hadith: Hudhayfah (RA) reported: We were sitting with the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and he said, "Verily, I do not know how much longer I will remain with you. After me, follow these two," and the Prophet pointed to Abu Bakr and Umar (RA).

Sunan al-Tirmidhī

• عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ كُنَّا جُلُوسًا عِنْدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ إِنِّي لَا أَدْرِي مَا بَقَائِي فِيكُمْ فَأَقْتَدُوا بِاللَّذِينَ مِنْ بَعْدِي وَأَشَارَ إِلَى أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ

- There are multiple narrations of Abu Bakr (RA) being alone with the Prophet SAW, including having three nights all alone with him.
- His real name was Abdullah. His father's name was Uthman bin Amr and his mother's name was Selma.
- Within the first few days of the acceptance of Islam, he was given the promise of Paradise. However, even with this promise, he never stopped impressing Allah SWT with his actions.

The Nicknames of Abu Bakr (RA)

1. Al-Ateeq

- He was given multiple nicknames that exemplify his character. The first is Ateeq, to be free. He was given this name since he was pronounced to be free from the fire.

2. As-Siddiq

- His most common nickname is As-Siddiq, the most honest. He would always believe the Prophet SAW. When the Messenger of Allah made the Israa Mi'raj (Heavenly Ascent) and he told the people he was taken physically from Makkah to Baytul Maqdis, even some of the Muslims did not believe him and left the faith.
- Abu Bakr (RA) was told about this journey by the pagans of Makkah. They asked Abu Bakr (RA) if they believed it, and if he responded by saying if the Prophet SAW said it, it was true.
- Since people had left the faith, this was a hurtful occurrence for the Prophet SAW, so he complained to Jibreel (AS). Jibreel responded by saying, who cares about everyone else? You have Abu Bakr (RA) believing you. After that moment, he was known as As-Siddiq.

3. As-Sahib

- The people around the Prophet SAW are typically known as the “Companions,” however, Abu Bakr (RA) was the only one referred to as the Prophet’s SAW companion in Qur’an. This gave him the moniker of As-Sahib, the companion.
- “Everyone whom I invited to Islam, with the exception of Abu Bakr (RA), paused, hesitated, or was astonished. However, when I explained Islam to him, he neither paused nor hesitated”.
- The Prophet of Allah SAW stated: “All of you denied me, he accepted me when no one else accepted me. Everyone I’ve done a favor to, I’ve paid them back, except for Abu Bakr (RA).”

Abu Bakr (RA) Before Islam

- Even before Abu Bakr (RA) entered into Islam, he was very generous. He was once going to leave Makkah because the people were not letting him worship Allah properly. The people did not want him to leave as he served the poor and the needy.
- He had never drunk alcohol or engaged in poetry. Poetry during his time was engaged in immodest language and suggestive topics. He did not drink as he saw how people acted when they were intoxicated, so he did not drink to retain his honor.

The Merits of Abu Bakr (RA)

- Abu Bakr (RA) once asked the Prophet SAW about the characteristics of Jannah. The Prophet SAW told him that there would be eight doors of Jannah. Abu Bakr (RA) asked, is it possible for someone to walk through all gates? The Prophet SAW replied by saying it will be you, Abu Bakr (RA).
- When the Prophet SAW would enter the masjid, most of the Companions would not raise their heads to look at him, out of respect. Only two people would, Abu Bakr (RA) and Umar (RA). The Prophet SAW would smile at them in response.
- The Prophet SAW would state that he has two confidants in the sky and two on the earth. The two in the sky would be the angels Jibreel and Mikaeel, while the ones on earth would be Abu Bakr As-Siddiq and Umar Ibn Khattab (May Allah be pleased with them).

Shaykh Abdullah will discuss the life of Umar Ibn Khattab (RA) next week.

FAQs

- What is Abu Bakr's (RA) real name?
- Who were the two people that the Prophet SAW said to follow after his death?
- What place on this earth is called Ateeq?
- Who was the only companion that believed the Prophet SAW with no hesitation?
- Who did the Prophet SAW say were his confidants in the sky and on the earth?
- What would Hassan bin Thabit (RA) say about the face of the Prophet SAW and the effect it had?
- What was Abu Bakr (RA) promised within a few days of his acceptance of Islam?
- What are three names attributed to Abu Bakr (RA) and why?
- Why did the Prophet of Allah SWT say he could not pay back Abu Bakr (RA)?'
- What is significant about Abu Bakr's (RA) behavior before Islam?

Quotes

The Most Honest - Abu Bakr As-Siddiq

There are eight doors of Jannah and seven doors of Jahannam. This shows that Allah's Mercy is greater than His Wrath.

It is easy to speak righteous, but do you have a gravitation towards righteousness?

The Prophet SAW and His Companions were the most righteous and noble. That is why we follow their example.

Sincerity allows people to continue regardless of the circumstance.