

THE CLOSEST CONFIDANTS: (ABU BAKR & UMAR RA)



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- Shaykh Abdullah chose these two companions, Abu Bakr As-Siddiq and Umar Ibn Khattab (may Allah be pleased with them), because they were extraordinary companions of the Prophet SAW.
- When the Prophet SAW entered the masjid, no one would raise their heads out of respect, except for Abu Bakr and Umar (RA), to which the Prophet SAW would smile back at them. The Prophet SAW will be the first to be raised on the Day of Judgment, with Abu Bakr and Umar (RA) closely following him. And perhaps even more specially, if Abu Bakr and Umar (RA) would agree on an opinion, he SAW would never disagree with them.
- In this session, Shaykh Abdullah focuses on the key events on Abu Bakr's (RA) life.

Abu Bakr (RA) Accepting Islam

- Abu Bakr (RA) was a friend of the Prophet SAW before Islam came to them. Although he technically was not the first to accept Islam, he is generally touted as such. *Why is this the case?*
- Abu Bakr (RA) was the first major supporter of Islam and he was a major part of the spread of Islam. When he first accepted Islam, he was openly inviting people to the religion. Because of his efforts, eight people accepted Islam, including the eventual third caliph, Uthman ibn Affan (RA).
- When the Quraysh would mock or hurt our beloved Prophet SAW, Abu Bakr (RA) came to his defense, which showed his commitment to the faith from very early on.
- Even before Abu Bakr (RA) was Muslim, he would spend a lot of time emancipating slaves. When he became Muslim, he was particularly noted for his contribution in helping Bilal (RA). Bilal (RA) was a slave owned by Ummaya ibn Khalaf, who tortured him heavily for accepting Islam. Ummaya would put Bilal (RA) through massive pain and tie his neck and legs.
- Abu Bakr (RA) asks Ummaya if he could buy him, and he subsequently buys him for 100 gold coins. Ummaya tries to disgrace Bilal (RA) by saying he would have sold him for much less.

Abu Bakr (RA) as-Siddiq states that he would have bought him for much more because of the quality of his imaan and his heart. Bilal (RA) eventually becomes the muetthin (calls athan) of the Prophet SAW.

Israa Mi'raj, the Heavenly Ascent

- Shaykh Abdullah went into Israa Mi'raj extensively in this series, if you'd like to learn more, visit: <https://miftaah.org/ascension-of-the-believer>
- When the Prophet SAW made Israa Mi'raj, he expected to give his believers good, hopeful news of his journey, but in actuality, they have a hard time accepting it. Abu Jahl and the non-Muslims denied him and asked Abu Bakr (RA) if he believed him. He said, of course he did, he believes in the Unseen, such as the Day of Judgment and Jannah, which are harder to conceptualize.

The Virtues of the one Known as As-Siddiq

- Abu Bakr (RA) was going to move to Ethiopia where other Muslims were migrated because of the torture. He complained that the people did not allow him to worship Allah SWT correctively. However, even the non-Muslims knew his contributions and convinced him to stay.

- A bowl of milk was brought to Prophet SAW who would drink the milk, but then offered Abu Bakr (RA) some, who then responded to him that he was simply satisfied by seeing him drinking. He lost his craving after he saw the Prophet SAW satisfied.
- Similarly, when the Prophet SAW was given permission by Allah SWT to migrate, Abu Bakr (RA) asked him if he would allow him to be his companion. When the Prophet SAW replied in the affirmative, Abu Bakr (RA) cried out of happiness. After this, he spent his own wealth in preparing the rides.

The Companion

- In a cave of Mount Thaw, Abu Bakr (RA) spent three nights with the Prophet SAW. As they initially approached the cave, he ripped off his turban to prepare and clean the cave for the Prophet SAW. During this time, when the Prophet SAW was resting in the lap of Abu Bakr (RA), a venomous creature bit him, and made Abu Bakr (RA) to start crying. The Prophet SAW awoke because of these tears. The Prophet SAW applied his spit to the wound, and it healed.
- As they arrived to Medina, Abu Bakr (RA) would alternate walking in front and behind in of the Prophet SAW. He would walk in front hoping to find help and in behind to protect from an ambush.

- The Prophet SAW asked him if he would sacrifice his life to protect his, to which Abu Bakr (RA) replied yes. The Prophet SAW responded by telling him that he will be with him in Jannah.
- The people of Medina started greeting Abu Bakr (RA) as if he was the prophet. The Prophet SAW was sitting. Eventually, Abu Bakr (RA) took off his cloak and put it over the Prophet SAW, and they realized who the true student and teacher was.

The Honorable Caliph

- Abu Bakr (RA) would try his best to serve the orphans as caliph. He would go and milk goats to provide for the orphans. The kids would refer to him as “goat milker,” unbeknownst of his status of the caliph.
- Umar Ibn Khattab (RA) tried to compete with Abu Bakr (RA), but he would never be able to beat him.
- During his reign as caliph, Abu Bakr (RA) would pray fajr, and then go into the jungle and into a hut. Naturally, Umar (RA) was curious as to what was happening. He found that Abu Bakr (RA) went to go serve an old lady who was blind and dependent. He cooked her food, cleaned for her, and washed her clothes. This would leave Umar (RA) crying.

- Umar ibn Khattab (RA), like many of the Companions, were left shaken at the death of the Prophet SAW. During this time, Abu Bakr (RA) lifted the veil on the Prophet's face SAW and said he was as beautiful in life as he is in death. As the Muslims were left in disarray, in true fashion of the first companion of the Prophet SAW, Abu Bakr (RA) then united all the Muslims.

FAQs

- In what circumstance would the Prophet SAW not disagree with Abu Bakr and Umar (RA)?
- Why is Abu Bakr (RA) considered the first to accept Islam, although technically a few before him did?
- How many people accepted Islam because of Abu Bakr (RA) and who were they?
- What was Abu Bakr's (RA) role in freeing Bilal (RA)?
- What was one of the ways Abu Bakr (RA) got his name As-Siddiq?
- Why would Abu Bakr (RA) alternate walking positions on the migration to Medina?
- How did Abu Baker (RA) react to the Prophet SAW's death?
- How did Abu Bakr (RA) serve the woman in the hut?