

THE CLOSEST CONFIDANTS: (ABU BAKR & UMAR RA)



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- In this session, Shaykh Abdullah focuses on the virtues of Umar ibn Khattab (RA), from the highlights of him accepting Islam, his breath of knowledge, his immense strength he added to the Muslims, and elements of his incredible justice.
- Umar ibn Khattab was 13 years younger than the Prophet SAW, born 13 years after the Year of the Elephant. It is estimated that either 50 or 60 people or so accepted Islam before him. He was recognized as the son of Khattab and the father of Hafsa. He narrated close to 539 hadith, which are not too many, as elders of the sahaba were not as focused on hadith, rather focused on the Qur'an and its preservation.

His Virtues

- The Prophet SAW told Umar (RA) that if he were to walk one way, shaytaan would turn the other way. His faith was incredibly strong. Another hadith says that Allah SWT put truth on the tongue of Umar.

There were times Umar ibn Khattab's opinion would match with Allah SWT, and He would confirm it with ayat.

- Jibreel (AS) would tell the Prophet SAW to give Umar (RA) his salaam, as when he gets angry, it gives Islam honor (meaning his anger was a good thing), and if he agrees with something and likes it, it is the decision of Allah SWT.
- Another hadith stated that there is not an angel in the heavens except that it admires Umar ibn Khattab (RA), and there is not a devil on this earth that it is afraid of Umar (RA). Another narration of the Prophet SAW stated that anyone that loves Umar (RA), loves me, and whoever makes Umar (RA) angry, makes me angry.
- The Prophet SAW was telling the Companions about a dream that he had. He was once drinking milk and he could see the coolness of the milk on his hands. After he was full, he gave the rest to Umar (RA).
- This was a metaphor for the knowledge of the Prophet SAW being given to Umar (RA). He was very knowledgeable that during his khalifah, the mufasiroon would ask Umar (RA) for the explanation for narrations. The Prophet SAW stated that if the knowledge of Umar (RA) was on one scale and knowledge of the rest of the world was on the other, Umar's (RA) knowledge would outweigh it. It was said that 9/10s of all knowledge passed away when Umar (RA) passed away.

The Dua for him to Become Muslim

- The Prophet SAW made dua for Umar (RA) to be made Muslim. Umar (RA), as a non-Muslim, would be against the Muslims, torturing and being abusive towards them. He hated Islam, but since he was influential, he made dua for him to become Muslim.
- Jafar, the older brother of 'Ali RA, was going to move to Ethiopia because of the abuse he faced. He was a neighbor of Umar (RA), and upon hearing this, he became sympathetic and soft that his neighbors, who were righteous were leaving. For us as individuals, it is important for us to at least have a soft spot towards righteous, generous people in the hopes that we become pious ourselves.
- The Prophet SAW tells us to become a scholar, if we cannot, then become a student. If not a student, then a listener. If not even a listener, at least love the good work done by scholars. And the fifth denomination is one we should always avoid, which is hating knowledge and the people of deen.
- During this time, Jafar said that the chance of the donkey outside of Umar's house accepting Islam is more likely than Umar (RA) accepting. Regardless of this, the Prophet SAW kept making dua for him.

- When Umar (RA) would hear the Prophet SAW recite verses from Surah Al-Haqq, he thought the Prophet SAW was a sorcerer, as those verses directly corresponded to his thoughts. After this, he made a plan to assassinate the Prophet SAW, but before he could, he heard that his sister and his brother-in-law accepted Islam.
- He goes to his sister's house and starts beating up his brother-in-law. His sister comes to defend her husband and Umar (RA) hits her, and she begins to bleed. Upon that hit, she gets angry and starts to react by saying, you can do whatever you want to us, but we will not forsake of the religion of Allah SWT and His Messenger SAW. She subsequently starts crying.
- Umar (RA) starts feeling a sense of guilt and shame for what he did. He then apologizes and asks his sister to bring him the Qur'an. His sister told him that he was filthy and that he had to purify him first. After making wuhu, he read from the pages of Surah Taha.
- He then goes to find the Prophet SAW in the house of Arqam. The muslims were not intimidated by his presence and they let him in. The Prophet SAW grabs the thobe of Umar (RA) and asks him "Isn't it time yet?" referring to him accepting Islam. Umar (RA) was one of the most powerful people, yet he did not become intimidated.

- He then testifies the kalimah and all of the 40 people within the house yell takbeer. Jibreel (AS) comes to the Prophet SAW and says that the angels are excited that he accepted Islam.

The Effect of His Acceptance

- He then asks the Prophet SAW to get up and for them to go to the masjid. He then replies by saying, they are weak and cannot go.
- Umar responded by asking why are we hiding the religion, when this is the truth? This all happens within a few minutes of him accepting the religion. The companions all get up and go to the Haram and do tawaf. Groups of people see them chanting Allah's SWT name and are shocked that Umar (RA) became Muslim. They walk around, pray salaah, and return. For the first six years of Islam they could not pray in front of the Ka'aba, until Umar (RA) accepted Islam.
- The Prophet SAW then dubbed him as Al-Farooq, the one who differentiates truth and falsehood. His presence pushed away falsehood. All the people that hated Islam were intimidated by the presence of Umar (RA) with the Prophet SAW.
- Umar (RA) was given the title of Farooq the first day he became Muslim. His presence brought victory to Islam. He himself claimed that they were the most wretched people, but Islam gave them honor.

Next week, Shaykh Abdullah will discuss how the dua of Umar ibn Khattab (RA) to die as a Shaheed and in the Prophet's city, it was accepted.

FAQs

- How many years was Umar (RA) younger than the Prophet SAW?
- What are some of the virtues of Umar (RA)?
- Name two ahadith where the Prophet SAW mentions Umar (RA).
- What did the dream about the milk indicate?
- How much knowledge did Umar (RA) hold, according to Prophet SAW?
- Who were the two individuals that the Prophet SAW made dua to Allah SWT for them to become Muslim?
- What are the four things that the Prophet SAW says we should become? What is the fifth?
- What comment did Jafar make in regards to Umar (RA) accepting Islam?
- Why does Umar (RA) go to his sister's house? What does he do when he is there?
- What does Umar (RA) do after he accepts Islam?
- What is the title that the Prophet SAW gave to Umar (RA) and why?