

Ramadan Immersion



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Introduction

- One of the chapters of Sahih Bukhari is about the virtues of the Qur'an
- Imam Bukhari's book is amongst Sahih As-Sitta - the six most authentic books of hadith

Hadith #1

- Bukhari narrates this hadith from his teacher
 - Hadith in our tradition comes from a chain of narrators (sanad)
 - The chain of narration is crucial when it comes to determining the authenticity of a hadith
- The narrator of the hadith is Aisha (RA)
- Fatima (RA) walks into a room full of the wives of the Prophet (SAW), and her walking was just like the walking of the Prophet (SAW).
 - Prophet (SAW) used to walk with a fast pace, as if he were going down a slope - he walked with purpose
 - Walking sluggishly is not encouraged
 - He was soft with his walking (SAW)
 - The walk of **عبد الرحمن** is a walk of humility
 - He would be looking down more often than up
- The Prophet (SAW) welcomed her with **مرحبا**
 - The root of the word **مرحبا** means vastness
 - There is no narrowness in the heart
- At the time of this incident, Fatima (RA) was in her twenties

- Prophet (SAW) greeted her with love - he said, “my daughter”
 - From ahadith, we need to learn about the personality of the Prophet (SAW)
 - Whenever Fatima (RA) came home, Prophet (SAW) would recognize her knock and he would kiss her on her forehead, and honor her. Fatima (RA) would do the same for the Prophet (SAW) when he visited her.
- He (SAW) sat Fatima on his right side and told her a secret that made her cry
- Afterwards, he (SAW) said one more secret and she laughed
 - Aisha (RA), as she narrated this, said, “I never saw happiness so near to sadness as I saw today.”
- Aisha (RA) wanted to know the secret, but Fatima (RA) didn’t want to share the secret of the Prophet (SAW).
- At his (SAW) death, Fatima (RA) shared the two secrets with her:
 - The Prophet (SAW) first said: “Every year Jibreel used to revise the Qur’an with me once only, but this year he has done so twice. I think this portends to my death, and you will be the first of my family to follow me.”
 - This made Fatima (RA) weep
 - In another narration, the last part, “you will be the first of my family to follow me”, comes later, and that is what made Fatima (RA) laugh
 - It is from the sunnah to recite and finish the Qur’an in Ramadan.
 - From the greatest mercy of Allah is the Qur’an
 - The Qur’an is meant to be always recited, but especially in this month
 - Ikrima (RA), after becoming Muslim, would just kiss the Qur’an and say, “This is the Word of my Lord”
 - This is the time to be immersed in the Qur’an

- If you fall in love with one aspect of the din, eventually the more difficult parts will become easier
- This statement also shows the close relationship between the Prophet (SAW) and Jibreel (AS)
- The Prophet (SAW) gave many signs of his demise to the sahaba
 - When he sent Muadh (RA) to Yemen to teach the people, he said that the following year, Muadh (RA) wouldn't find the Prophet (SAW) in Medina anymore
 - During Hajjatul Wida, Prophet (SAW) announced to his companions, it's possible I won't see you next year
 - On Rabiul Awwal 8th, Prophet (SAW) was sick and it was Thursday. Prophet (SAW) sat down at the masjid and spoke in third person, saying: There is a servant that was given the choice between staying in this world for a long time, or to leave. Abu Bakr cries at hearing this, but the other sahaba didn't understand who he was referring to. The Prophet (SAW) said, "the servant has chosen to join Allah." Then, the entire masjid was in tears.
- Then he (SAW) said, "Don't you like to be the chief of the women of Paradise or the chief of the believing women?"
 - This made Fatima (RA) laugh
 - Fatima (RA) didn't smile between the death of Prophet (SAW) and her own death six months later.