

# SUMMER IMMERSION

## BLISS BOUND



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### SESSION 1

#### Introduction

- The Prophets were the best people to walk on earth and the next best people were the companions.
- These are not the only 10 companions promised Jannah, but they are the companions who were promised Jannah in one sitting.
- Every companion is guaranteed Jannah. Allah says:

وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَى

*And God promises each of them a good reward.*

- Scholars say that the word الحسنى refers to Jannah

#### Abu Bakr

- Abu Bakr was the best from among these companions
  - The sahaba all agreed that Abu Bakr was Abu Bakr never claimed that he was better than others
  - None of the companions ever boasted about their status. They did not use it as a source of arrogance
- Abu Bakr's real name was Abdullah ibn Abi Quhafa
- Abu Quhafa's real name was Uthman
- Abu Bakr's mother's name was Salma
- Why was he called Abu Bakr?
  - Bakr means young camel

- He was named Abu Bakr because of his interest in raising camels.
- Abu Bakr's family was all Muslim except for one of his sons.
- Abu Bar was from the tribe of Banu Taym
  - Talha was also from this tribe
- Abu Bakr's sixth grandfather was also the sixth grandfather of the Prophet ﷺ
  - They meet at Ibn Murrah
- Abu Bakr was born 2 and a half years after the Prophet ﷺ
  - His khilafah was also 2 and a half years long
  - Abu Bakr passed away at 63 years old, which is also the age that the Prophet ﷺ passed away.
- Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal narrated from Masruq: Loving Abu Bakr and Umar and knowing their virtue is from the Sunnah.
- Hasan al-Basri was asked, "Is loving Abu Bakr and Umar from the Sunnah?" He replied, "No, it is an obligation."
- The pious predecessors would teach their children about Abu Bakr and Umar the same way they would teach them surahs of the Quran.
- The Prophet ﷺ said, "O people! Recognize the virtue of Abu Bakr. He has never harmed me."
- 6 of the 10 companions accepted Islam as a result of Abu Bakr's dawah:
  - Uthman ibn Affan
  - Abdulrahman ibn Awf
  - Talha
  - Zubayr
  - Abu Ubaydah ibn al-Jarrah
    - He took Islam to Sham
  - Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqas
    - He took Islam to China

- All of the reward of those 6 companions goes to Abu Bakr because they converted at his hands.
- Abu Bakr never worshipped idols or drank alcohol even before Islam. His innate nature did not allow him to do those things.
- Abu Bakr was very similar to the Prophet which is why they were close friends before Islam.
- Abu Bakr migrated to Habasha in the beginning of Islam. He reached Barq al-Ghimad, which is an area in Yemen. He met Ibn Dughina, who was a leader among the Arabs. Abu Bakr was a known businessman. Ibn Dughina asked him where he was going and Abu Bakr said, "My people have kicked me out. So, I want to go to a different land so I can worship my Lord." Ibn Dughina said, "Someone like you does not leave his people and is not kicked out by his people. You give money to those in need. You uphold ties of kinship. You give support to those in hardship. And you help in all ways of goodness."
  - The words Ibn Dughina used to describe Abu Bakr are the same words Khadijah used to comfort the Prophet when he came back from the Cave of Hira.
  - When you treat others well, Allah will treat you well
- Abu Bakr was the first adult male to accept Islam
- One of Abu Bakr's titles was Al-Siddiq
  - Sadiq means one who is truthful and Siddiq is a level higher than that.
  - Siddiq is an ism mubalagha, an emphatic noun. This gives it the meaning of being consistently and constantly truthful.
  - Abu Bakr was always truthful and he always accepted the Prophet as being truthful

- When Isra and Miraj took place, the Prophet told Jibreel that his people were not going to believe him regarding the journey. Jibreel said, "Abu Bakr will believe you."
- People in Makkah started talking about the Prophet ﷺ and word spread of the Isra and Miraj journey. The mushrikin went to Abu Bakr, wanting to cause conflict, and told him what happened. Abu Bakr said, "Did he actually say this?" They said yes and Abu Bakr said, "If he said this, then he is telling the truth." Abu Bakr had not met the Prophet yet since he came back from Miraj. Abu Bakr said, "I believe in something more far-fetched than that. I believe in the news about what is happening in the skies and earth every day."
  - It was on this occasion that Abu Bakr was named al-Siddiq.
- Abu Bakr was also named Atiq
  - Atiq means someone who is freed from something
  - He was given this name before Islam.
  - His mother had multiple miscarriages whenever she had boys. When she had Abu Bakr and he survived, she named him Atiq, meaning he was freed from death. After Abu Bakr, she had two other sons and named them Mutaqa and Utayqa.
  - This name still stood after he accepted Islam too
  - In the beginning of Islam, Abu Bakr freed many Muslim slaves in Makkah.
  - Abu Bakr bought and freed Bilal for 5 or 10 uwqiya. Umayya was Bilal's slave master. Abu Bakr told Umayya that he wanted to buy Bilal from him and that he would buy him for any price he wanted. Umayya gave him the price of 10 uwqiya. Umayya said, "If you asked for 1 uwqiya, I would have given him to you." Abu Bakr said, "If you wanted him for 100 uwqiya, I would still buy him."

- 10 uwqiya is worth about \$10,00
- Abu Bakr's father would say to him, "You are buying weak slaves who cannot do much for you. Why don't you free strong slaves who can help you?" Abu Bakr said, "I intend something else from Allah that you cannot understand."
- The last few ayat of Surah al-Layl were revealed about Abu Bakr.

