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Companions of the Prophet

Ahadith 127

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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

The Companions of the Prophet (pbuh)

Imam Bukhari said that any Muslim who was in the company of the Prophet (peace be upon him) or who was blessed to see him, is a companion of him.

Hadith # 3649

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

"Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"A time will come upon the people, when a group of people will wage a holy war and it will be said, 'Is there amongst you anyone who has accompanied Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?' They will say, 'Yes.' And so victory will be bestowed on them.

Then a time will come upon the people when a group of people will wage a holy war, and it will be said, "Is there amongst you anyone who has accompanied the companions of Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?" They will say, 'Yes.' And so victory will be bestowed on them.

Then a time will come upon the people when a group of people will wage a holy war, and it will be said, "Is there amongst you anyone who has been in the company of

the companions of the companions of Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?' They will say, 'Yes.' And victory will be bestowed on them."

Hadith # 3650

Narrated `Imran bin Husain:

"Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"The best of my followers are those living in my generation (i.e. my contemporaries). and then those who will follow the latter"

then the Prophet (pbuh) added,

"There will come after you, people who will bear witness without being asked to do so, and will be treacherous and untrustworthy, and they will vow and never fulfill their vows, and fatness will appear among them."

Hadith # 3651

Narrated `Abdullah:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"The best people are those living in my generation, and then those who will follow them, and then those who will follow the latter.

Then there will come some people who will bear witness before taking oaths, and take oaths before bearing witness."

Ibrahim, a sub-narrator said, "They used to beat us for witnesses and covenants when we were still children."

The virtues of the emigrants (Muhajirin)

And Allah mentioned these emigrants in Surah Al-Hashr:

لِلْفُقَرَاءِ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ ... أَوْلَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ

(Some part is due) to the indigent Muhajirs, those who were expelled from their homes and their property,

while seeking Grace from Allah and (His) Good pleasure, and aiding Allah and His Messenger: such are indeed the sincere ones -- (59:8)

And in Surat al-Tawba Allah said:

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ ... لَا تَحْزَنَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

If ye help not (your Leader), (it is no matter): for Allah did indeed help him: when the unbelievers drove him out: he had no more than one companion:

they two were in the cave,
and he said to his companion, "Have no fear, for Allah is with us":(9:40)

Hadith # 3652

Narrated Al-Bara':

Abu Bakr bought a (camel) saddle from `Azib for thirteen Dirhams. Abu Bakr said to `Azib, "Tell Al- Bara' to carry the saddle for me." `Azib said, "No, unless you relate to me what happened to you and Allah's Messenger (pbuh) when you left Mecca while the pagans were in search of you."

Abu Bakr said, "We left Mecca and we traveled continuously for that night and the following day till it was midday. I looked (around) searching for shade to take as shelter, and suddenly I came across a rock, and found a little shade there. So I cleaned the place and spread a bed for the Prophet (pbuh) in the shade and said to him, 'Lie down, O Allah's Messenger (pbuh).' So the Prophet (pbuh) lay down and I went out, looking around to see if there was any person pursuing us.

Suddenly I saw a shepherd driving his sheep towards the rock, seeking what we had already sought from it. I asked him, 'To whom do you belong, O boy?' He said, 'I belong to a man from Quraish.' He named the man and I recognized him. I asked him, 'Is there any milk with your sheep?' He said, 'Yes.' I said, 'Will you then milk (some) for us?' He said, 'Yes.' Then I asked him to tie the legs of one of the sheep and clean its udder, and then ordered him to clean his hands from dust. Then the shepherd cleaned his hands by striking his hands against one another.

After doing so, he milked a small amount of milk. I used to keep for Allah's Messenger (pbuh) a leather water-container, the mouth of which was covered with a piece of cloth. I poured water on the milk container till its lower part was cold. Then I took the milk to the Prophet (pbuh) whom I found awake. I said to him, 'Drink, O Allah's Messenger (pbuh).' So he drank till I became pleased.

Then I said, 'It is time for us to move, O Allah's Apostle!' He said, 'Yes.' So we set out while the people (Quraish pagans) were searching for us, but none found us except Suraqah bin Malik bin Ju`shum who was riding his horse. I said, 'These are our pursuers who have found us. O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)!'

He said, 'Do not grieve, for Allah is with us.'

Hadith # 3653

Narrated Abu Bakr:

I said to the Prophet (pbuh) while I was in the Cave. "If any of them should look under his feet, he would see us."

He said, "O Abu Bakr! What do you think of two (persons) the third of whom is

Allah?"

"Close the gates (of the Mosque), except the gate of Abu Bakr."

Hadith # 3654

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) addressed the people saying,

"Allah has given option to a slave to choose this world or what is with Him. The slave has chosen what is with Allah."

Abu Bakr wept, and we were astonished at his weeping caused by what the Prophet (pbuh) mentioned as to a Slave (of Allah) who had been offered a choice, (we learned later on) that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) himself was the person who was given the choice, and that Abu Bakr knew best of all of us.

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) added,

"The person who has favored me most of all both with his company and wealth, is Abu Bakr. If I were to take a Khalil other than my Lord, I would have taken Abu Bakr as such, but (what relates us) is the Islamic brotherhood and friendliness.

All the gates of the Mosque should be closed except the gate of Abu Bakr."

The merits of Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3655

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

We used to compare the people as to who was better during the lifetime of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) .

We used to regard Abu Bakr as the best, then `Umar, and then `Uthman.

"If I were to take Khalil ..."

Hadith # 3656

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "If I were to take a Khalil, I would have taken Abu Bakr, but he is my brother and my companion (in Islam)."

Hadith # 3657

Narrated Aiyub:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"If I were to take a Khalil, I would have taken him (i.e. Abu Bakr) as a Khalil, but the Islamic brotherhood is better."

Hadith # 3658

Narrated `Abdullah bin Abi Mulaika:

The people of Kufa sent a letter to Ibn Az-Zubair, asking about (the inheritance of) (paternal) grandfather. He replied that the right of the inheritance of (paternal) grandfather is the same as that of father if the father is dead) and added,

"Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, ' If I were to take a Khalil from this nation, I would have taken him (i.e., Abu Bakr).

Hadith # 3659

Narrated Jubair bin Mut`im:

A woman came to the Prophet (pbuh) who ordered her to return to him again.

She said, "What if I came and did not find you?" as if she wanted to say, "If I found you dead?"

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "If you should not find me, go to Abu Bakr."

Hadith # 3660

Narrated `Ammar:

I saw Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and there was none with him but five slaves, two women and Abu Bakr

(i.e., those were the only converts to Islam then).

Hadith # 3661

Narrated Abu Ad-Darda:

While I was sitting with the Prophet, Abu Bakr came, lifting up one corner of his garment uncovering his knee. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Your companion has had a quarrel." Abu Bakr greeted (the Prophet (pbuh)) and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! There was something (i.e., quarrel) between me and the Son of Al-Khattab. I talked to him harshly and then regretted that, and requested him to forgive me, but he refused. This is why I have come to you."

The Prophet (pbuh) said thrice, "O Abu Bakr! May Allah forgive you."

In the meanwhile, `Umar regretted (his refusal of Abu Bakr's excuse) and went to Abu Bakr's house and asked if Abu Bakr was there. They replied in the negative. So he came to the Prophet (pbuh) and greeted him, but signs of displeasure appeared on the face of the Prophet (pbuh) till Abu Bakr pitied (`Umar), so he knelt and said twice, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! By Allah! I was more unjust to him (than he to me)."

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Allah sent me (as a Prophet) to you (people) but you said (to me), 'You are telling a lie,' While Abu Bakr said, 'He has said the truth,' and consoled me with himself and his money."

He then said twice, "Won't you then give up harming my companion?"

After that nobody harmed Abu Bakr.

Hadith # 3662

Narrated `Amr bin Al-As:

The Prophet (pbuh) deputed me to lead the Army of Dhat-as-Salasil.

I came to Prophet (pbuh) and said, "Who is the most beloved person to you?" He said, " `Aisha."

I asked, "Among the men?" He said, "Her father."

I said, "Who then?" He said, "Then `Umar bin Al-Khattab."

He then named other men.

Hadith # 3663

Narrated Abu Huraira:

I heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying, "While a shepherd was amongst his sheep, a wolf attacked them and took away one sheep. When the shepherd chased the wolf, the wolf turned towards him and said, 'Who will be its guard on the day of wild animals when nobody except I will be its shepherd.

And while a man was driving a cow with a load on it, it turned towards him and spoke to him saying, 'I have not been created for this purpose, but for ploughing."

The people said, "Glorified be Allah." The Prophet said, "But I believe in it and so does Abu Bakr and `Umar."

Hadith # 3664

Narrated Abu Huraira:

I heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying,

"While I was sleeping, I saw myself standing at a well, on it there was a bucket. I drew water from the well as much as Allah wished.

Then Ibn Abi Quhafa (i.e., Abu Bakr) took the bucket from me and brought out one or two buckets (of water) and there was weakness in his drawing the water. May Allah forgive his weakness for him.

Then the bucket turned into a very big one and Ibn Al-Khattab took it over and I had never seen such a mighty person amongst the people as him in performing such hard work, till the people drank to their satisfaction and watered their camels that knelt down there."

Hadith # 3665

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

That Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Allah will not look on the Day of Judgment at him who drags his robe (behind him) out of pride."

Abu Bakr said "One side of my robe slacks down unless I get very cautious about it."

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "But you do not do that with a pride."

Hadith # 3666

Narrated Abu Huraira:

I heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying,

"Anybody who spends a pair of something in Allah's Cause will be called from all the gates of Paradise, "

O Allah's slave! This is good.'

- He who is amongst those who pray will be called from the gate of the prayer (in Paradise)

- and he who is from the people of Jihad will be called from the gate of Jihad,

- and he who is from those' who give in charity (i.e.,Zakat) will be called from the gate of charity,

- and he who is amongst those who observe fast will be called from the gate of fasting, the gate of Raiyan."

Abu Bakr said, "He who is called from all those gates will need nothing,"

He added, "Will anyone be called from all those gates, O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?"

He said, "Yes, and I hope you will be among those, O Abu Bakr."

Hadith # 3667, 3668

Narrated 'Aisha:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) died while Abu Bakr was at a place called As-Sunah (Al-'Aliya) 'Umar stood up and said, "By Allah! Allah's Messenger (pbuh) is not dead!" 'Umar (later on) said, "By Allah! Nothing occurred to my mind except that." He said, "Verily! Allah will resurrect him and he will cut the hands and legs of some men."

Then Abu Bakr came and uncovered the face of Allah's Messenger (pbuh), kissed him and said, "Let my mother and father be sacrificed for you, (O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)), you are good in life and in death. By Allah in Whose Hands my life is, Allah will never make you taste death twice."

Then he went out and said, "O oath-taker! Don't be hasty." When Abu Bakr spoke, 'Umar sat down.

Abu Bakr praised and glorified Allah and said, No doubt! Whoever worshipped Muhammad, then Muhammad is dead, but whoever worshipped Allah, then Allah is Alive and shall never die."

Then he recited Allah's Statement.: --

إِنَّكَ مَيِّتٌ وَإِنَّهُمْ مَيِّتُونَ

"(O Muhammad) Verily you will die, and they also will die." (39.30)

He also recited: -

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ ج ... وَسَيَجْزِي اللَّهُ الشَّاكِرِينَ

"Muhammad is no more than an Apostle; and indeed many Apostles have passed away, before him,

If he dies Or is killed, will you then Turn back on your heels?

And he who turns back On his heels, not the least Harm will he do to Allah

And Allah will give reward to those Who are grateful." (3.144)

The people wept loudly, and the Ansar were assembled with Sad bin 'Ubada in the shed of Bani Saida. They said (to the emigrants). "There should be one 'Amir from us and one from you."

Then Abu Bakr, Umar bin Al-Khattab and Abu 'Ubaida bin Al-Jarrah went to them. 'Umar wanted to speak but Abu Bakr stopped him. 'Umar later on used to say, "By Allah, I intended only to say something that appealed to me and I was afraid that Abu Bakr would not speak so well.

Then Abu Bakr spoke and his speech was very eloquent. He said in his statement,

"We are the rulers and you (Ansars) are the ministers (i.e., advisers),"

Hubab bin Al-Mundhir said, "No, by Allah we won't accept this. But there must be a ruler from us and a ruler from you."

Abu Bakr said, "No, we will be the rulers and you will be the ministers, for they (i.e., Quarish) are the best family amongst the 'Arabs and of best origin. So you should elect either 'Umar or Abu 'Ubaida bin Al-Jarrah as your ruler."

'Umar said (to Abu Bakr), "No but we elect you, for you are our chief and the best amongst us and the most beloved of all of us to Allah's Messenger (pbuh)."

So 'Umar took Abu Bakr's hand and gave the pledge of allegiance and the people too gave the pledge of allegiance to Abu Bakr.

Someone said, "You have killed Sad bin Ubada."

'Umar said, "Allah has killed him."

Hadith # 3669, 3670

'Aisha said (in another narration),

"When the Prophet (pbuh) was on his death-bed, he looked up and said thrice, (Amongst) the Highest Companion (See Qur'an 4.69)"

Aisha said, Allah benefited the people by their two speeches.

'Umar frightened the people some of whom were hypocrites whom Allah caused to abandon Islam because of 'Umar's speech.

Then Abu Bakr led the people to True Guidance and acquainted them with the right path they were to follow so that they went out reciting:

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ ۚ

"Muhammad is no more than an Apostle and indeed many Apostles have passed away before him..." (3.144)

Hadith # 3671

Narrated Muhammad bin Al-Hanafiya:

I asked my father ('Ali bin Abi Talib), "Who are the best people after Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?"

He said, "Abu Bakr."

I asked, "Who then?" He said, "Then 'Umar. "

I was afraid he would say "Uthman, so I said, "Then you?"

He said, "I am only an ordinary person.

Hadith # 3672

Narrated `Aisha:

We went out with Allah's Messenger (pbuh) on one of his journeys till we reached Al-Baida or Dhatul-Jaish where my necklace got broken (and lost). Allah's Messenger (pbuh) stopped to search for it and the people too stopped with him. There was no water at that place and they had no water with them. So they went to Abu Bakr and said, "Don't you see what `Aisha has done? She has made Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and the people stop where there is no water and they have no water with them."

Abu Bakr came while Allah's Apostle was sleeping with his head on my thigh and said, "You detained Allah's Apostle and the people where there is no water and they have no water." He then admonished me and said what Allah wished and pinched me at my flanks with his hands, but I did not move because the head of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was on my thigh.

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) kept on sleeping till he got up in the morning and found no water. Then Allah revealed the Divine Verse of Tayammum, and the people performed Tayammum.

Usaid bin AlHudair said.

"O family of Abu Bakr! This is not the first blessings of yours."

We urged the camel on which I was sitting to get up from its place and the necklace was found under it.

Hadith # 3673

Narrated Abu Sa`id:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"Do not abuse my companions for if any one of you spent gold equal to Uhud (in Allah's Cause) it would not be equal to a Mud or even a half Mud spent by one of them."

Hadith # 3674

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari:

I performed ablution in my house and then went out and said, "Today I shall stick to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and stay with him all the day in his service."

I went to the Mosque and asked about the Prophet. They said, "He had gone in this direction." So I followed his way, asking about him till he entered a place called Bir Aris. I sat at its gate that was made of date-palm leaves till the Prophet (pbuh) finished answering the call of nature and performed ablution. Then I went up to him to see him sitting at the well of Aris at the middle of its edge with his legs uncovered, hanging in the well. I greeted him and went back and sat at the gate. I said, "Today I

will be the gatekeeper of the Prophet."

Abu Bakr came and pushed the gate. I asked, "Who is it?" He said, "Abu Bakr." I told him to wait, went in and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Abu Bakr asks for permission to enter." He said, "Admit him and give him the glad tidings that he will be in Paradise." So I went out and said to Abu Bakr, "Come in, and Allah's Messenger (pbuh) gives you the glad tidings that you will be in Paradise" Abu Bakr entered and sat on the right side of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) on the built edge of the well and hung his legs in the well as the Prophet (pbuh) did and uncovered his legs. I then returned and sat at the gate.

I had left my brother performing ablution and he intended to follow me. So I said (to myself). "If Allah wants good for so-and-so (i.e., my brother) He will bring him here."

Suddenly somebody moved the door. I asked, "Who is it?" He said, "'Umar bin Al-Khattab." I asked him to wait, went to Allah's Messenger (pbuh), greeted him and said, 'Umar bin Al-Khattab asks the permission to enter." He said, "Admit him, and give him the glad tidings that he will be in Paradise." I went to "'Umar and said "Come in, and Allah's Messenger (pbuh), gives you the glad tidings that you will be in Paradise." So, he entered and sat beside Allah's Messenger (pbuh) on the built edge of the well on the left side and hung his legs in the well.

I returned and sat at the gate and said, (to myself), "If Allah wants good for so-and-so, He will bring him here."

Somebody came and moved the door. I asked "Who is it?" He replied, "Uthman bin 'Affan." I asked him to wait and went to the Prophet (pbuh) and informed him. He said, "Admit him, and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise, I asked him to wait and went to the Prophet (pbuh) and informed him. He said, "Admit him, and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise after a calamity that will befall him." So I went up to him and said to him, "Come in; Allah's Apostle gives you the glad tidings of entering Paradise after a calamity that will befall you. "Uthman then came in and found that the built edge of the well was occupied, so he sat opposite to the Prophet (pbuh) on the other side.

Sa'id bin Al-Musaiyab said, "I interpret this narration in terms of their graves.

Hadith # 3675

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

The Prophet (pbuh) once climbed the mountain of Uhud with Abu Bakr, 'Umar and 'Uthman. The mountain shook with them. The Prophet (pbuh) said (to the mountain),

"Be firm, O Uhud! For on you there are no more than a Prophet, a Siddiq and two martyrs.

Hadith # 3676

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said.

"While (in a dream), I was standing by a well, drawing water from it. Abu Bakr and `Umar came to me.

Abu Bakr took the bucket (from me) and drew one or two buckets of water, and there was some weakness in his drawing. May Allah forgive him.

Then Ibn Al-Khattab took the bucket from Abu Bakr, and the bucket turned into a very large one in his hands. I had never seen such a mighty person amongst the people as him in performing such hard work. He drew so much water that the people drank to their satisfaction and watered their camels."

Wahab, a sub-narrator said, "till their camels drank and knelt down."

Hadith # 3677

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

While I was standing amongst the people who were invoking Allah for `Umar bin Al-Khattab who was lying (dead) on his bed, a man behind me rested his elbows on my shoulder and said,

"(O `Umar!) May Allah bestow His Mercy on you. I always hoped that Allah will keep you with your two companions, for I often heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying,

"I, Abu Bakr and `Umar were (somewhere). I, Abu Bakr and `Umar did (something). I, Abu Bakr and `Umar set out.'

So, I hoped that Allah will keep you with both of them." I turned back to see that the speaker was `Ali bin Abi Talib.

Hadith # 3678

Narrated `Urwa bin Az-Zubair:

I asked `Abdullah bin `Amr, "What was the worst thing the pagans did to Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?"

He said, "I saw `Uqba bin Abi Mu'ait coming to the Prophet (pbuh) while he was praying.' `Uqba put his sheet round the Prophet's neck and squeezed it very severely. Abu Bakr came and pulled `Uqba away from the Prophet and said,

"Do you intend to kill a man just because he says: 'My Lord is Allah, and he has brought forth to you the Evident Signs from your Lord?'"

The merits of 'Umar bin Al-Khattab (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3679

Narrated Jabir bin `Abdullah:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"I saw myself (in a dream) entering Paradise, and behold! I saw Ar-Rumaisa', Abu Talha's wife. I heard footsteps. I asked, Who is it? Somebody said, 'It is Bilal '

Then I saw a palace and a lady sitting in its courtyard. I asked, 'For whom is this palace?' Somebody replied, 'It is for `Umar.' I intended to enter it and see it, but I thought of your ('Umar's) Ghira (and gave up the attempt)."

`Umar said, "Let my parents be sacrificed for you, O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! How dare I think of my Ghira (self-respect) being offended by you?"

Hadith # 3680

Narrated Abu Huraira:

While we were with Allah's Messenger (pbuh) he said,

"While I was sleeping, I saw myself in Paradise, and suddenly I saw a woman performing ablution beside a palace. I asked, 'For whom is this palace?' They replied, 'It is for `Umar.' Then I remembered `Umar's Ghira (self-respect) and went away quickly."

`Umar wept and said, O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! How dare I think of my ghira (self-respect) being offended by you?"

Hadith # 3681

Narrated Hamza's father:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"While I was sleeping, I saw myself drinking (i.e.,milk), and I was so contented that I saw the milk flowing through my nails. Then I gave (the milk) to `Umar."

They (i.e., the companions of the Prophet) asked, "What do you interpret it?"

He said, "Knowledge."

Hadith # 3682

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"In a dream I saw myself drawing water from a well with a bucket.

Abu Bakr came and drew a bucket or two weakly. May Allah forgive him.

Then `Umar bin Al-Khattab came and the bucket turned into a very large one in his hands. I had never seen such a mighty person as he in doing such hard work till all the people drank to their satisfaction and watered their camels that knelt down there."

Hadith # 3683

Narrated Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas:

`Umar bin Al-Khattab asked the permission of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) to see him while some Quraishi women were sitting with him, talking to him and asking him for more expenses, raising their voices above the voice of Allah's Messenger (pbuh). When `Umar asked for the permission to enter, the women quickly put on their veils. Allah's Apostle allowed him to enter and `Umar came in while Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was smiling, `Umar said "O Allah's Apostle! May Allah always keep you smiling."

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "These women who have been here, roused my wonder, for as soon as they heard your voice, they quickly put on their veils. "

`Umar said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! You have more right to be feared by them than I."

Then `Umar addressed the women saying, "O enemies of yourselves! You fear me more than you do Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?"

They said, "Yes, for you are harsher and sterner than Allah's Messenger (pbuh)."

Then Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "O Ibn Al-Khattab! By Him in Whose Hands my life is! Never does Satan find you going on a way, but he takes another way other than yours."

Hadith # 3684

Narrated `Abdullah:

We have been powerful since `Umar embraced Islam.

Hadith # 3685

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

When (the dead body of) `Umar was put on his deathbed, the people gathered around him and invoked (Allah) and prayed for him before the body was taken away, and I was amongst them. Suddenly I felt somebody taking hold of my shoulder and found out that he was `Ali bin Abi Talib.

`Ali invoked Allah's Mercy for `Umar and said, "O `Umar! You have not left behind

you a person whose deeds I like to imitate and meet Allah with more than I like your deeds. By Allah! I always thought that Allah would keep you with your two companions, for very often I used to hear the Prophet (pbuh) saying,

"I, Abu Bakr and `Umar went (somewhere); I, Abu Bakr and `Umar entered (somewhere); and I, Abu Bakr and `Umar went out."

Hadith # 3686

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

The Prophet (pbuh) ascended the mountain of Uhud and he was accompanied by Abu Bakr, `Umar and `Uthman. The mountain shook beneath them. The Prophet (pbuh) hit it with his foot and said,

"O Uhud! Be firm, for on you there is none but a Prophet, a Siddiq and a martyr (i.e., and two martyrs).

Hadith # 3687

Narrated Aslam:

Ibn `Umar asked me about some matters concerning `Umar.

He said, "Since Allah's Messenger (pbuh) died. I have never seen anybody more serious, hardworking and generous than `Umar bin Al-Khattab (till the end of his life)."

Hadith # 3688

Narrated Anas:

A man asked the Prophet (pbuh) about the Hour (i.e., Day of Judgment) saying, "When will the Hour be?" The Prophet (pbuh) said, "What have you prepared for it?"

The man said, "Nothing, except that I love Allah and His Apostle."

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "You will be with those whom you love."

We had never been so glad as we were on hearing that saying of the Prophet (i.e., "You will be with those whom you love.")

Anas said therefore, I love the Prophet, Abu Bakr and `Umar, and I hope that I will be with them because of my love for them though my deeds are not similar to theirs.

Hadith # 3689

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Among the nations before you there used to be people who were inspired (though

they were not prophets). And if there is any of such a persons amongst my followers, it is 'Umar."

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"Among the nation of Bani Israel who lived before you, there were men who used to be inspired with guidance though they were not prophets, and if there is any of such persons amongst my followers, it is 'Umar."

Hadith # 3690

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Whilst a shepherd was amongst his sheep, a wolf attacked them and took away a sheep. The shepherd chased it and got that sheep freed from the wolf. The wolf turned towards the shepherd and said, 'Who will guard the sheep on the day of wild animals when it will have no shepherd except myself?'"

The people said, "Glorified be Allah." The Prophet (pbuh) said, "But I believe in it and so do Abu Bakr and `Umar although Abu Bakr and `Umar were not present there (at the place of the event).

Hadith # 3691

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

I heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying, "While I was sleeping, the people were presented to me (in a dream). They were wearing shirts, some of which were merely covering their (chest). and some were a bit longer.

`Umar was presented before me and his shirt was so long that he was dragging it."

They asked, "How have you interpreted it, O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?"

He said, "Religion."

Hadith # 3692

Narrated Al-Miswar bin Makhrama:

When `Umar was stabbed, he showed signs of agony.

Ibn `Abbas, as if intending to encourage `Umar, said to him, "O Chief of the believers! Never mind what has happened to you, for you have been in the company of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and you kept good relations with him and you parted with him while he was pleased with you.

Then you were in the company of Abu Bakr and kept good relations with him and you

parted with him (i.e., he died) while he was pleased with you.

Then you were in the company of the Muslims, and you kept good relations with them, and if you leave them, you will leave them while they are pleased with you."

`Umar said, to Ibn 'Abbas,

"As for what you have said about the company of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and his being pleased with me, it is a favor, Allah did to me;

and as for what you have said about the company of Abu Bakr and his being pleased with me, it is a favor Allah did to me;

and concerning my impatience which you see, is because of you and your companions. By Allah! If (at all) I had gold equal to the earth, I would have ransomed myself with it from the Punishment of Allah before I meet Him."

Hadith # 3693

Narrated Abu Musa:

While I was with the Prophet (pbuh) in one of the gardens of Medina, a man came and asked me to open the gate. The Prophet (pbuh) said to me, "Open the gate for him and give him the glad tidings that he will enter Paradise." I opened (the gate) for him, and behold! It was Abu Bakr. I informed him of the glad tidings the Prophet (pbuh) had said, and he praised Allah.

Then another man came and asked me to open the gate. The Prophet (pbuh) said to me "Open (the gate) and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise." I opened (the gate) for him, and behold! It was `Umar. I informed him of what the Prophet (pbuh) had said, and he praised Allah.

Then another man came and asked me to open the gate. The Prophet (pbuh) said to me. "Open (the gate) for him and inform him of the glad tidings, of entering Paradise with a calamity which will befall him. " Behold! It was `Uthman, I informed him of what Allah's Messenger (pbuh) had said.

He praised Allah and said, "I seek Allah's Aid."

Hadith # 3694

Narrated `Abdullah bin Hisham:

We were with the Prophet while he was holding `Umar bin Al-Khattab by the hand.

The virtues of 'Uthman bin Affan (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3695

Narrated Abu Musa:

The Prophet (pbuh) entered a garden and ordered me to guard its gate. A man came and asked permission to enter. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Admit him and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise." Behold! It was Abu Bakr.

Another man came and asked the permission to enter. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Admit him and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise." Behold! It was `Umar.

Then another man came, asking the permission to enter. The Prophet (pbuh) kept silent for a short while and then said,

"Admit him and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise with a calamity which will befall him." Behold! It was `Uthman bin `Affan.

`Asim, in another narration, said that the Prophet (pbuh) was sitting in a place where there was water, and he was uncovering both his knees or his knee, and when `Uthman entered, he covered them.

Hadith # 3696

Narrated 'Ubaidullah bin `Adi bin Al-Khiyar:

Al-Miswar bin Makhrama and `Abdur-Rahman bin Al-Aswad bin 'Abu Yaghuth said (to me), "What forbids you to talk to `Uthman about his brother Al-Walid because people have talked much about him?"

So I went to `Uthman and when he went out for prayer I said (to him), "I have something to say to you and it is a piece of advice for you " `Uthman said, "O man, I seek Refuge with Allah from you."

So I left him and went to them. Then the messenger of `Uthman came and I went to him (i.e., `Uthman), `Uthman asked, "What is your advice?"

I replied, "Allah sent Muhammad (pbuh) with the Truth, and revealed the Divine Book (i.e., Qur'an) to him; and you were amongst those who followed Allah and His Apostle, and you participated in the two migrations (to Ethiopia and to Medina) and enjoyed the company of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and saw his way. No doubt, the people are talking much about Al-Walid."

`Uthman said, "Did you receive your knowledge directly from Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?" I said, "No, but his knowledge did reach me and it reached (even) to a virgin in her seclusion."

`Uthman said, "And then Allah sent Muhammad with the Truth and I was amongst those who followed Allah and His Apostle and I believed in whatever he (i.e., the Prophet) was sent with, and participated in two migrations, as you have said, and I enjoyed the company of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and gave the pledge of allegiance him. By Allah! I never disobeyed him, nor did I cheat him till Allah took him unto Him.

Then I treated Abu Bakr and then `Umar similarly and then I was made Caliph. So,

don't I have rights similar to theirs?"

I said, "Yes." He said, "Then what are these talks reaching me from you people? Now, concerning what you mentioned about the question of Al-Walid, Allah willing, I shall deal with him according to what is right."

Then he called `Ali and ordered him to flog him, and `Ali flogged him (i.e., Al-Walid) eighty lashes.

Hadith # 3697

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

During the lifetime of the Prophet (pbuh) we considered Abu Bakr as peerless and then `Umar and then `Uthman (coming next to him in superiority) and then we used not to differentiate between the companions of the Prophet.

Hadith # 3698

Narrated `Uthman (the son of Muhib):

An Egyptian who came and performed the Hajj to the Ka`ba saw some people sitting. He enquires, "Who are these people?" Somebody said, "They are the tribe of Quraish." He said, "Who is the old man sitting amongst them?" The people replied, "He is `Abdullah bin `Umar."

He said, "O Ibn `Umar! I want to ask you about something; please tell me about it. Do you know that `Uthman fled away on the day (of the battle) of Uhud?" Ibn `Umar said, "Yes."

The (Egyptian) man said, "Do you know that `Uthman was absent on the day (of the battle) of Badr and did not join it?" Ibn `Umar said, "Yes."

The man said, "Do you know that he failed to attend the Ar Ridwan pledge and did not witness it (i.e., Hudaibiya pledge of allegiance)?" Ibn `Umar said, "Yes." The man said, "Allahu Akbar!"

Ibn `Umar said, "Let me explain to you (all these three things).

As for his flight on the day of Uhud, I testify that Allah has excused him and forgiven him;

and as for his absence from the battle of Badr, it was due to the fact that the daughter of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was his wife and she was sick then. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said to him, "You will receive the same reward and share (of the booty) as anyone of those who participated in the battle of Badr (if you stay with her)."

As for his absence from the Ar-Ridwan pledge of allegiance, had there been any person in Mecca more respectable than `Uthman (to be sent as a representative).

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) would have sent him instead of him. No doubt, Allah's Messenger (pbuh) had sent him, and the incident of the Ar-Ridwan pledge of Allegiance happened after `Uthman had gone to Mecca. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) held out his right hand saying, 'This is `Uthman's hand.' He strokes his (other) hand with it saying, 'This (pledge of allegiance) is on the behalf of `Uthman.'

Then Ibn `Umar said to the man, 'Bear (these) excuses in mind with you.'

Hadith # 3699

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet (pbuh) ascended the mountain of Uhud and Abu Bakr, `Umar and `Uthman were accompanying him. The mountain gave a shake (i.e., trembled underneath them). The Prophet (pbuh) said, "O Uhud! Be calm." I think that the Prophet (pbuh) hit it with his foot, adding, "For upon you there are none but a Prophet, a Siddiq and two martyrs."

Bai'a of 'Uthman bin Affan (رضي الله عنه) as a caliph

Hadith # 3700

Narrated `Amr bin Maimun:

I saw `Umar bin Al-Khattab a few days before he was stabbed in Medina. He was standing with Hudhaifa bin Al-Yaman and `Uthman bin Hunaif to whom he said, "What have you done? Do you think that you have imposed more taxation on the land (of As-Swad i.e., 'Iraq) than it can bear?" They replied, "We have imposed on it that it can bear because of its great yield."

`Umar again said, "Check whether you have imposed on the land what it cannot bear." They said, "No, we haven't." `Umar added, "If Allah should keep me alive, I will let the widows of Iraq need no men to support them after me." But only four days had elapsed when he was stabbed (to death).

The day he was stabbed, I was standing and there was nobody between me and him except `Abdullah bin `Abbas. Whenever `Umar passed between the two rows, he would say, "Stand in straight lines." When he saw no defect (in the rows), he would go forward and start the prayer with Takbir. He would recite Surat Yusuf or An-Nahl or the like in the first rak`a so that the people may have the time to Join the prayer.

As soon as he said Takbir, I heard him saying, "The dog has killed or eaten me," at the time the murderer stabbed him. A non-Arab infidel proceeded on carrying a double-edged knife and stabbing all the persons he passed by on the right and left (till) he stabbed thirteen persons out of whom seven died. When one of the Muslims saw that, he threw a cloak on him. Realizing that he had been captured, the non-

Arab infidel killed himself, `Umar held the hand of `Abdur-Rahman bin `Auf and let him lead the prayer.

Those who were standing by the side of `Umar saw what I saw, but the people who were in the other parts of the Mosque did not see anything, but they lost the voice of `Umar and they were saying, "Subhan Allah! Subhan Allah! (i.e., Glorified be Allah)."

`Abdur-Rahman bin `Auf led the people a short prayer. When they finished the prayer, `Umar said, "O Ibn `Abbas! Find out who attacked me." Ibn `Abbas kept on looking here and there for a short time and came to say. "The slave of Al Mughira." On that `Umar said, "The craftsman?" Ibn `Abbas said, "Yes." `Umar said, "May Allah curse him. I did not treat him unjustly. All the Praises are for Allah Who has not caused me to die at the hand of a man who claims himself to be a Muslim. No doubt, you and your father (Abbas) used to love to have more non-Arab infidels in Medina."

Al-Abbas had the greatest number of slaves. Ibn `Abbas said to `Umar. "If you wish, we will do." He meant, "If you wish we will kill them." `Umar said, "You are mistaken (for you can't kill them) after they have spoken your language, prayed towards your Qibla, and performed Hajj like yours." Then `Umar was carried to his house, and we went along with him, and the people were as if they had never suffered a calamity before. Some said, "Do not worry (he will be Alright soon)." Some said, "We are afraid (that he will die)."

Then an infusion of dates was brought to him and he drank it but it came out (of the wound) of his belly. Then milk was brought to him and he drank it, and it also came out of his belly. The people realized that he would die. We went to him, and the people came, praising him. A young man came saying, "O chief of the believers! Receive the glad tidings from Allah to you due to your company with Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and your superiority in Islam which you know. Then you became the ruler (i.e., Caliph) and you ruled with justice and finally you have been martyred."

`Umar said, "I wish that all these privileges will counterbalance (my shortcomings) so that I will neither lose nor gain anything."

When the young man turned back to leave, his clothes seemed to be touching the ground. `Umar said, "Call the young man back to me." (When he came back) `Umar said, "O son of my brother! Lift your clothes, for this will keep your clothes clean and save you from the Punishment of your Lord."`

Umar further said, "O `Abdullah bin `Umar! See how much I am in debt to others." When the debt was checked, it amounted to approximately eighty-six thousand. `Umar said, "If the property of `Umar's family covers the debt, then pay the debt thereof; otherwise request it from Bani `Adi bin Ka`b, and if that too is not sufficient, ask for it from Quraish tribe, and do not ask for it from anyone else, and pay this debt on my behalf."

`Umar then said (to `Abdullah), "Go to `Aisha (the mother of the believers) and say:

"Umar is paying his salutation to you. But don't say: 'The chief of the believers,' because today I am not the chief of the believers. And say: "'Umar bin Al-Khattab asks the permission to be buried with his two companions (i.e., the Prophet, and Abu Bakr)." `Abdullah greeted `Aisha and asked for the permission for entering, and then entered to her and found her sitting and weeping. He said to her, "'Umar bin Al-Khattab is paying his salutations to you, and asks the permission to be buried with his two companions." She said, "I had the idea of having this place for myself, but today I prefer `Umar to myself."

When he returned it was said (to `Umar), "'Abdullah bin `Umar has come." `Umar said, "Make me sit up." Somebody supported him against his body and `Umar asked (`Abdullah), "What news do you have?" He said, "O chief of the believers! It is as you wish. She has given the permission." `Umar said, "Praise be to Allah, there was nothing more important to me than this. So when I die, take me, and greet `Aisha and say: "'Umar bin Al-Khattab asks the permission (to be buried with the Prophet (pbuh)), and if she gives the permission, bury me there, and if she refuses, then take me to the grave-yard of the Muslims."

Then Hafsa (the mother of the believers) came with many other women walking with her. When we saw her, we went away. She went in (to `Umar) and wept there for some time. When the men asked for permission to enter, she went into another place, and we heard her weeping inside.

The people said (to `Umar), "O chief of the believers! Appoint a successor." `Umar said, "I do not find anyone more suitable for the job than the following persons or group whom Allah's Messenger (pbuh) had been pleased with before he died."

Then `Umar mentioned `Ali, `Uthman, AzZubair, Talha, Sa`d and `Abdur-Rahman (bin `Auf) and said, "Abdullah bin `Umar will be a witness to you, but he will have no share in the rule. His being a witness will compensate him for not sharing the right of ruling. If Sa`d becomes the ruler, it will be alright: otherwise, whoever becomes the ruler should seek his help, as I have not dismissed him because of disability or dishonesty."

`Umar added,

- "I recommend that my successor takes care of the early emigrants; to know their rights and protect their honor and sacred things.

- I also recommend that he be kind to the Ansar who had lived in Medina before the emigrants and Belief had entered their hearts before them.

- I recommend that the (ruler) should accept the good of the righteous among them and excuse their wrong-doers,

- and I recommend that he should do good to all the people of the towns (Al-Ansar), as they are the protectors of Islam and the source of wealth and the source of

annoyance to the enemy.

- I also recommend that nothing be taken from them except from their surplus with their consent.

- I also recommend that he do good to the 'Arab bedouin, as they are the origin of the 'Arabs and the material of Islam. He should take from what is inferior, amongst their properties and distribute that to the poor amongst them.

- I also recommend him concerning Allah's and His Apostle's protectors (i.e., Dhimmis) to fulfill their contracts and to fight for them and not to overburden them with what is beyond their ability."

So when `Umar expired, we carried him out and set out walking. `Abdullah bin `Umar greeted (`Aisha) and said, "'Umar bin Al-Khattab asks for the permission." `Aisha said, "Bring him in." He was brought in and buried beside his two companions.

When he was buried, the group (recommended by `Umar) held a meeting. Then `Abdur-Rahman said, " Reduce the candidates for rulership to three of you." Az-Zubair said, "I give up my right to `Ali." Talha said, "I give up my right to `Uthman," Sa`d, "I give up my right to `Abdur-Rahman bin `Auf." `Abdur-Rahman then said (to `Uthman and `Ali), "Now which of you is willing to give up his right of candidacy to that he may choose the better of the (remaining) two, bearing in mind that Allah and Islam will be his witnesses."

So both the sheiks (i.e., `Uthman and `Ali) kept silent. `Abdur-Rahman said, "Will you both leave this matter to me, and I take Allah as my Witness that I will not choose but the better of you?" They said, "Yes." So `Abdur-Rahman took the hand of one of them (i.e., `Ali) and said, "You are related to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and one of the earliest Muslims as you know well. So I ask you by Allah to promise that if I select you as a ruler you will do justice, and if I select `Uthman as a ruler you will listen to him and obey him."

Then he took the other (i.e., `Uthman) aside and said the same to him. When `Abdur-Rahman secured (their agreement to) this covenant, he said, "O `Uthman! Raise your hand."

So he (i.e., `Abdur-Rahman) gave him (i.e., `Uthman) the solemn pledge, and then `Ali gave him the pledge of allegiance and then all the (Medina) people gave him the pledge of allegiance.

The merits of 'Ali bin Abi Talib (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3701

Narrated Sahl bin Sa`d:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "Tomorrow I will give the flag to a man with whose leadership Allah will grant (the Muslim) victory." So, the people kept on thinking the whole night as to who would be given the flag. The next morning the people went to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and every one of them hoped that he would be given the flag. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Where is `Ali bin Abi Talib?" The people replied, "He is suffering from eye trouble, O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)." He said, "Send for him and bring him to me."

So, when `Ali came, the Prophet (pbuh) spat in his eyes and invoked good on him, and he became alright as if he had no ailment. The Prophet (pbuh) then gave him the flag. `Ali said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Shall I fight them (i.e., enemy) till they become like us?"

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Proceed to them steadily till you approach near to them and then invite them to Islam and inform them of their duties towards Allah which Islam prescribes for them, for by Allah, if one man is guided on the right path (i.e., converted to Islam) through you, it would be better for you than (a great number of) red camels."

Hadith # 3702

Narrated Salama:

`Ali happened to stay behind the Prophet (pbuh) and (did not join him) during the battle of Khaibar for he was having eye trouble. Then he said, "How could I remain behind Allah's Messenger (pbuh)?" So `Ali set out following the Prophet (pbuh), When it was the eve of the day in the morning of which Allah helped (the Muslims) to conquer it,

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "I will give the flag (to a man), or tomorrow a man whom Allah and His Apostle love will take the flag," or said, "A man who loves Allah and His Apostle; and Allah will grant victory under his leadership."

Suddenly came `Ali whom we did not expect. The people said, "This is `Ali." Allah's Messenger (pbuh) gave him the flag and Allah granted victory under his leadership."

Hadith # 3703

Narrated Abu Hazim:

A man came to Sahl bin Sa'd and said, "This is so-and-so," meaning the Governor of Medina, "He is calling `Ali bad names near the pulpit." Sahl asked, "What is he saying?" He (i.e., the man) replied, "He calls him (i.e., `Ali) Abu Turab." Sahl laughed and said, "By Allah, none but the Prophet (pbuh) called him by this name and no name was dearer to `Ali than this."

So, I asked Sahl to tell me more, saying, "O Abu `Abbas! How (was this name given

to `Ali)?" Sahl said,

"`Ali went to Fatima and then came out and slept in the Mosque. The Prophet (pbuh) asked Fatima, "Where is your cousin?" She said, "In the Mosque." The Prophet (pbuh) went to him and found that his (i.e., `Ali's) covering sheet had slipped off his back and dust had soiled his back. The Prophet (pbuh) started wiping the dust off his back and said twice, "Get up! O Abu Turab (i.e., man with the dust).

Hadith # 3704

Narrated Sa`d bin 'Ubaida:

A man came to Ibn `Umar and asked about `Uthman and Ibn `Umar mentioned his good deeds and said to the questioner. "Perhaps these facts annoy you?" The other said, "Yes."

Ibn `Umar said, "May Allah stick your nose in the dust (i.e., degrade you)!"

Then the man asked him about `Ali. Ibn `Umar mentioned his good deeds and said, "It is all true, and that is his house in the midst of the houses of the Prophet. Perhaps these facts have hurt you?" The questioner said, "Yes."

Ibn `Umar said, "May Allah stick your nose in the dust (i.e., degrade you or make you do things which you hate)! Go away and do whatever you can against me."

Hadith # 3705

Narrated `Ali:

Fatima complained of the suffering caused to her by the hand mill. Some Captives were brought to the Prophet, she came to him but did not find him at home `Aisha was present there to whom she told (of her desire for a servant). When the Prophet (pbuh) came, Aisha informed him about Fatima's visit.

`Ali added "So the Prophet (pbuh) came to us, while we had gone to our bed, I wanted to get up but the Prophet (pbuh) said, "Remain at your place". Then he sat down between us till I found the coolness of his feet on my chest. Then he said, "Shall I teach you a thing which is better than what you have asked me?"

When you go to bed, say, 'Allahu-Akbar' thirty-four times, and 'Subhan Allah thirty-three times, and 'Al hamdu-li l-lah thirty-three times for that is better for you both than a servant."

Hadith # 3706

And narrated Sad:

The Prophet (pbuh) said to `Ali, "Will you not be pleased from this that you are to me like Aaron was to Moses?"

Hadith # 3707

Narrated Ubaida:

Ali said (to the people of 'Iraq),

"Judge as you used to judge, for I hate differences (and I do my best) till the people unite as one group, or I die as my companions have died."

The merits of Ja'far bin Abi Talib (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3708

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The people used to say, "Abu Huraira narrates too many narrations." In fact, I used to keep close to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and was satisfied with what filled my stomach. I ate no leavened bread and dressed no decorated striped clothes, and never did a man or a woman serve me, and I often used to press my belly against gravel because of hunger, and I used to ask a man to recite a Qur'anic Verse to me although I knew it, so that he would take me to his home and feed me.

And the most generous of all the people to the poor was Ja'far bin Abi Talib. He used to take us to his home and offer us what was available therein. He would even offer us an empty folded leather container (of butter) which we would split and lick whatever was in it.

Hadith # 3709

Narrated Ash-Shu`bi:

Whenever Ibn `Umar greeted Ibn Jafar, he used to say: "As-salamu-'Alaika (i.e., Peace be on you) O son of Dhu-I-Janahain (son of the two-winged person).

The mention of Al-'Abbas (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3710

Narrated Anas:

Whenever there was drought, `Umar bin Al-Khattab used to ask Allah for rain through Al-'Abbas bin `Abdul Muttalib, saying, "O Allah! We used to request our Prophet to ask You for rain, and You would give us. Now we request the uncle of our Prophet to ask You for rain, so give us rain." And they would be given rain."

The virtues of the relatives of Allah's Messenger

Hadith # 3711, 3712

Narrated 'Aisha:

Fatima sent somebody to Abu Bakr asking him to give her her inheritance from the Prophet (pbuh) from what Allah had given to His Apostle through Fai (i.e., booty gained without fighting). She asked for the Sadaqa (i.e., wealth assigned for charitable purposes) of the Prophet (pbuh) at Medina, and Fadak, and what remained of the Khumus (i.e., one-fifth) of the Khaibar booty.

Abu Bakr said, "Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, 'We (Prophets), our property is not inherited, and whatever we leave is Sadaqa, but Muhammad's Family can eat from this property, i.e., Allah's property, but they have no right to take more than the food they need.' By Allah! I will not bring any change in dealing with the Sadaqa of the Prophet (and will keep them) as they used to be observed in his (i.e., the Prophet's) life-time, and I will dispose with it as Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to do,"

Then 'Ali said, "I testify that None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Apostle," and added, "O Abu Bakr! We acknowledge your superiority." Then he (i.e., 'Ali) mentioned their own relationship to Allah's Apostle and their right. Abu Bakr then spoke saying, "By Allah in Whose Hands my life is. I love to do good to the relatives of Allah's Apostle rather than to my own relatives"

Hadith # 3713

Abu Bakr said:

Look at Muhammad through his family (i.e., if you are no good to his family you are not good to him).

Hadith # 3714

Narrated Al-Miswar bin Makhrama:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "Fatima is a part of me, and he who makes her angry, makes me angry."

Hadith # 3715, 3716

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) called his daughter Fatima during his illness in which he died, and told her a secret whereupon she wept. Then he called her again and told her a secret whereupon she laughed. When I asked her about that, she replied,

"The Prophet (pbuh) spoke to me in secret and informed me that he would die in the course of the illness during which he died, so I wept. He again spoke to me in secret

and informed me that I would be the first of his family to follow him (after his death) and on that I laughed."

The merits of Az-Zubair bin Al-'Awwam (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3717

Narrated Marwan bin Al-Hakam:

Uthman bin Affan was afflicted with severe nose-bleeding in the year when such illness was prevalent and that prevented him from performing Hajj, and (because of it) he made his will. A man from Quraish came to him and said, "Appoint your successor." Uthman asked, "Did the people name him? (i.e., the successor) the man said, "Yes."

Uthman asked, "Who is that?" The man remained silent.

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Another man came to Uthman and I think it was Al-Harith. He also said, "Appoint your successor." Uthman asked, "Did the people name him?" The man replied "Yes." Uthman said, "Who is that?" The man remained silent.

Uthman said, "Perhaps they have mentioned Az-Zubair?" The man said, "Yes."

Uthman said, "By Him in Whose Hands my life is, he is the best of them as I know, and the dearest of them to Allah's Messenger (pbuh)."

Hadith # 3718

Narrated Marwan bin Al-Hakam:

While I was with Uthman, a man came to him and said, "Appoint your successor."

Uthman said, "Has such successor been named?" He replied, "Yes, Az-Zubair."

Uthman said, thrice, "By Allah! Indeed, you know that he is the best of you."

Hadith # 3719

Narrated Jabir:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"Every prophet used to have a Hawari (i.e., disciple), and my Hawari is Az-Zubair bin Al-'Awwam."

Hadith # 3720

Narrated Abdullah bin Az-Zuba

During the battle of Al-Ahzab, I and Umar bin Abi-Salama were kept behind with the women. Behold! I saw (my father) Az-Zubair riding his horse, going to and coming

from Bani Quraiza twice or thrice. So when I came back I said, "O my father! I saw you going to and coming from Bani Quraiza?"

He said, "Did you really see me, O my son?" I said, "Yes."

He said, "Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, 'Who will go to Bani Quraiza and bring me their news?' So I went, and when I came back, Allah's Apostle mentioned for me both his parents saying, "Let my father and mother be sacrificed for you."

Hadith # 3721

Narrated `Urwa:

On the day of the battle of Al-Yarmuk, the companions of the Prophet (pbuh) said to Az-Zubair, "Will you attack the enemy vigorously so that we may attack them along with you?"

So, Az-Zubair attacked them, and they inflicted two wounds over his shoulder, and in between these two wounds there was an old scar he had received on the day of the battle of Badr When I was a child, I used to insert my fingers into those scars in play.

Talha bin 'Ubaidullah (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3722, 3723

Narrated `Umar:

"Before the Prophet died, he was pleased with him (Talha bin 'Ubaidullah)

Narrated Abu `Uthman:

During one of the Ghazawat in which Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was fighting, none remained with the Prophet (pbuh) but Talha and Sa`d.

Hadith # 3724

Narrated Qais bin Abi Hazim:

I saw Talha's paralyzed hand with which he had protected the Prophet (from an arrow)

The merits of Sa'd bin Abi Waqqas (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3725

Narrated Sa`d:

On the day of the battle of Uhud the Prophet (pbuh) mentioned for me both his

parents (i.e., saying, "Let my parents be sacrificed for you.").

Hadith # 3726

Narrated Sa`d:

No doubt, (for some time) I stood for one-third of the Muslims.

Imam Bukhari says that one-third of the Muslims means that there were only three Muslims with the Prophet (pbuh).

Hadith # 3727

Narrated Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas:

No man embraced Islam before the day on which I embraced Islam, and no doubt, I remained for seven days as one third of the then extant Muslims.

Hadith # 3728

Narrated Qais:

I heard Sa`d saying,

"I was the first amongst the 'Arabs who shot an arrow for Allah's Cause. We used to fight along with the Prophets, while we had nothing to eat except the leaves of trees so that one's excrete would look like the excrete balls of camel or a sheep, containing nothing to mix them together. Today Banu Asad tribe blame me for not having understood Islam. I would be a loser if my deeds were in vain."

Those people complained about Sa`d to `Umar, claiming that he did not offer his prayers perfectly.

Narrations about the sons-in-law of the Prophet

Hadith # 3729

Narrated Al-Miswar bin Makhrama:

Ali demanded the hand of the daughter of Abu Jahl. Fatima heard of this and went to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying, "Your people think that you do not become angry for the sake of your daughters as `Ali is now going to marry the daughter of Abu Jahl.

"On that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) got up and after his recitation of Tashah-hud. I heard him saying,

"Then after! I married one of my daughters to Abu Al-`As bin Al- Rabi` (the husband of Zainab, the daughter of the Prophet (pbuh)) before Islam and he proved truthful in whatever he said to me. No doubt, Fatima is a part of me, I hate to see her being

troubled. By Allah, the daughter of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and the daughter of Allah's Enemy cannot be the wives of one man."

So `Ali gave up that engagement.

'Al-Miswar further said: I heard the Prophet (pbuh) talking and he mentioned a son-in-law of his belonging to the tribe of Bani `Abd-Shams. He highly praised him concerning that relationship and said (whenever) he spoke to me, he spoke the truth, and whenever he promised me, he fulfilled his promise."

The virtues of Zaid bin Haritha (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3730

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

The Prophet (pbuh) sent an army under the command of Usama bin Zaid. When some people criticized his leadership, the Prophet (pbuh) said,

"If you are criticizing Usama's leadership, you used to criticize his father's leadership before. By Allah! He was worthy of leadership and was one of the dearest persons to me, and (now) this (i.e., Usama) is one of the dearest to me after him (i.e., Zaid).

Hadith # 3731

Narrated `Urwa:

Aisha said, "A Qaif (i.e., one skilled in recognizing the lineage of a person through Physiognomy and through examining the body parts of an infant) came to me while the Prophet (pbuh) was present, and Usama bin Zaid and Zaid bin Haritha were Lying asleep. The Qa'if said. These feet (of Usama and his father) are of persons belonging to the same lineage.' "

The Prophet (pbuh) was pleased with that saying which won his admiration, and he told `Aisha of it.

Narrations about Usama bin Zaid (رضي الله عنهما)

Hadith # 3732

Narrated 'Aisha:

The people of the Quraish tribe were worried about the Makhzumiya woman. They said, "Nobody dare speak to him (i.e., the Prophet (pbuh)) except Usama bin Zaid as he is the most beloved to Allah's Messenger (pbuh)."

Hadith # 3733

Aisha said,

"A woman from Bani Makhzumiya committed a theft and the people said, 'Who can intercede with the Prophet (pbuh) for her?' So nobody dared speak to him (i.e., the Prophet) but Usama bin Zaid spoke to him. The Prophet said,

'If a reputable man amongst the children of Bani Israel committed a theft, they used to forgive him, but if a poor man committed a theft, they would cut his hand. But I would cut even the hand of Fatima (i.e., the daughter of the Prophet) if she committed a theft.'

Hadith # 3734

Narrated `Abdullah bin Dinar:

One day Ibn `Umar, while in the Mosque, looked at a man who was dragging his clothes while walking in one of the corners of the Mosque. He said, "See who is that. I wish he was near to me."

Somebody then said (to Ibn `Umar), "Don't you know him, O Abu `Abdur-Rahman? He is Muhammad bin Usama."

On that Ibn `Umar bowed his head and dug the earth with his hands and then, said, "If Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saw him, he would have loved him."

Hadith # 3735

Narrated Usama bin Zaid:

That the Prophet (pbuh) used to take him (i.e., Usama) and Al-Hassan (in his lap) and say: "O Allah! Love them, as I love them."

Hadith # 3736

Harmala, the freed slave of Usama bin Zaid said:

"Al-Hajjaj bin Aiman bin Um Aiman and Aiman Ibn Um Aiman was Usama's brother from the maternal side, and he was one of the Ansar. He was seen by Ibn 'Umar not performing his bowing and prostrations in a perfect manner. So Ibn 'Umar told him to repeat his prayer.

Hadith # 3737

Harmala, the freed slave of Usama bin Zaid said

That while he was in the company of 'Abdullah bin 'Umar, Al-Hajjaj bin Aiman came in and (while praying) he did not perform his bowing and prostrations properly. So Ibn 'Umar told him to repeat his prayer. When he went away, Ibn 'Umar asked me,

"Who is he?" I said, "Al-Hajjaj bin Um Aiman."

Ibn 'Umar said, "If Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saw him, he would have loved him." Then Ibn 'Umar mentioned the love of the Prophet (pbuh) for the children of Um Aiman.

Sulaiman said that Um Aiman was one of the nurses of the Prophet

The merits of 'Abdullah bin 'Umar (رضي الله عنهما)

Hadith # 3738, 3739

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

If a man saw a dream during the lifetime of the Prophet (pbuh) he would narrate it to the Prophet. Once I wished to see a dream and narrate it to the Prophet (pbuh) I was young, unmarried, and used to sleep in the Mosque during the lifetime of the Prophet.

I dreamt that two angels took me and went away with me towards the (Hell) Fire which looked like a well with the inside walls built up, and had two side-walls like those of a well. There I saw some people in it whom I knew. I started saying, "I seek Refuge with Allah from the (Hell) Fire, I seek Refuge with Allah from the (Hell) Fire." Then another angel met the other two and said to me, "Do not be afraid."

I narrated my dream to Hafsa who, in her turn, narrated it to the Prophet. He said, "What an excellent man `Abdullah is if he only observes the night prayer."

Salem, a sub-narrator said, "Abdullah used not to sleep at night but very little hence forward."

Hadith # 3740, 3741

Narrated Ibn `Umar from Hafsa his sister:

That the Prophet (pbuh) had said to her, "Abdullah is a pious man."

The virtues of 'Ammar and Hudhaifa (رضي الله عنهما)

Hadith # 3742

Narrated 'Alqama:

I went to Sham and offered a two-rak`at prayer and then said, "O Allah! Bless me with a good pious companion."

So I went to some people and sat with them. An old man came and sat by my side. I

asked, "Who is he?" They replied, "(He is) Abu-Ad-Darda.' I said (to him), "I prayed to Allah to bless me with a pious companion and He sent you to me."

He asked me, "From where are you?" I replied, "From the people of Al-Kufa." He said, "Isn't there amongst you Ibn Um `Abd, the one who used to carry the shoes, the cushion (or pillow) and the water for ablution?"

Is there amongst you the one whom Allah gave Refuge from Satan through the request of His Prophet.

Is there amongst you the one who keeps the secrets of the Prophet (pbuh) which nobody knows except him?"

Abu Darda further asked, "How does `Abdullah (bin Mas`ud) recite the Sura starting with,

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَىٰ

'By the Night as it conceals (the light)." (92.1)

Then I recited before him:

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَىٰ - وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا تَجَلَّىٰ - وَمَا خَلَقَ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَىٰ

'By the Night as it envelops: And by the Day as it appears in brightness; And by male and female.' (92.1-3)

On this Abu Ad-Darda' said, "By Allah, the Prophet (pbuh) made me recite the Sura in this way while I was listening to him (reciting it).

Hadith # 3743

Narrated Ibrahim:

'Alqama went to Sham and when he entered the mosque, he said, "O Allah! Bless me with a pious companion." So, he sat with Abu Ad-Darda.

Abu Ad-Darda' asked him, "Where are you from?" 'Alqama replied, "From the people of Kufa."

Abu Ad-Darda said, "Isn't there amongst you the Keeper of the secret which nobody else knows i.e.,Hudhaifa?" Al-qama said, "Yes."

Then Abu Ad-Darda further said, "Isn't there amongst you the person whom Allah gave Refuge from Satan through the invocation of His Prophet namely `Ammar?" Alqama replied in the affirmative.

Abu Ad-Darda said, "Isn't there amongst you the person who carries the Siwak (or the Secret) (i.e.,of the Prophet (pbuh) namely `Abdullah bin Massud)?" Alqama said, "Yes."

Then Abu Ad-Darda asked, "How (Abdullah bin Masud) used to recite the Sura

starting with:

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَىٰ - وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا تَجَلَّىٰ

"By the night as it envelopes; By the day as it appears in brightness?" (92.1-2).

Alqama said

وَمَا خَلَقَ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَىٰ

"And by male and female." (92.3)

Abu Ad-Darda then said, "These people (of Sham) tried hard to make me accept something other than what I had heard from the Prophet."

Virtues of Abu 'Ubaida bin Al-Jarrah (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3744

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Every nation has an extremely trustworthy man, and the trustworthy man of this (i.e., Muslim) nation is Abu 'Ubaida bin Al-Jarrah."

Hadith # 3745

Narrated Hudhaifa:

The Prophet (pbuh) said to the people of Nijran,

"I will send you the most trustworthy man." (Every one of) the companions of the Prophet (pbuh) was looking forward (to be that person). He then sent Abu 'Ubaida.

The mention of Mus`ab bin 'Umair

Imam Bukhari could not find any hadith according to his criteria, that's why he did not mention any hadith here.

However, there are hadith about him in other books of hadith.

The merits of Al-Hasan and Al-Husain (رضي الله عنهما)

Hadith # 3746

Narrated Abu Bakra:

I heard the Prophet (pbuh) talking at the pulpit while Al-Hasan was sitting beside him, and he (i.e., the Prophet) was once looking at the people and at another time Al-

Hasan, and saying,

"This son of mine is a Saiyid (i.e., chief) and perhaps Allah will bring about an agreement between two sects of the Muslims through him."

Hadith # 3747

Narrated Usama bin Zaid:

That the Prophet (pbuh) used to take him and Al-Hasan, and used to say, "O Allah! I love them, so please love them," or said something similar.

Hadith # 3748

Narrated Muhammad:

Anas bin Malik said,

"The head of Al-Husain was brought to 'Ubaidullah bin Ziyad and was put in a tray, and then Ibn Ziyad started playing with a stick at the nose and mouth of Al-Husain's head and saying something about his handsome features."

Anas then said (to him), "Al-Husain resembled the Prophet more than the others did."

Anas added, "His (i.e., Al-Husain's) hair was dyed with Wasma (i.e., a kind of plant used as a dye).

Hadith # 3749

Narrated Al-Bara:

I saw the Prophet (pbuh) carrying Al-Hasan on his shoulder and saying, "O Allah! I love him, so please love him."

Hadith # 3750

Narrated `Uqba bin Al-Harith:

I saw Abu Bakr carrying Al-Hasan and saying, "Let my father be sacrificed for you; you resemble the Prophet and not `Ali," while `Ali was laughing at this.

Hadith # 3751

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Abu Bakr used to say,

"Look after Muhammad (pbuh) in (looking after) his family."

Hadith # 3752

Narrated Anas:

None resembled the Prophet (pbuh) more than Al-Hasan bin `Ali did.

Hadith # 3753

Narrated Ibn Abi Nu'm:

A person asked `Abdullah bin `Umar whether a Muslim could kill flies. I heard him saying (in reply).

"The people of Iraq are asking about the killing of flies while they themselves murdered the son of the daughter of Allah's Messenger (pbuh). The Prophet (pbuh) said, they (i.e., Hasan and Husain) are my two sweet basils in this world."

The merits of Bilal bin Rabah, (رضي الله عنه)

The Prophet said (to Bilal)

"I heard the sound of your shoes in Paradise just in front of me."

Hadith # 3754

Narrated Jabir bin `Abdullah:

`Umar used to say, "Abu Bakr is our chief, and he manumitted our chief," meaning Bilal.

Hadith # 3755

Narrated Qais:

Bilal said to Abu Bakr, "If you have bought me for yourself then keep me (for yourself), but if you have bought me for Allah's Sake, then leave me for Allah's Work."

Narrations about Ibn 'Abbas (رضي الله عنهما)

Hadith # 3756

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

Once the Prophet (pbuh) embraced me and said, "O Allah, teach him wisdom (i.e., the understanding of the knowledge of Qur'an).

Hadith # 3756b

Narrated 'Abdul Warith:

The same but said,

"O Allah, teach him (Ibn Abbas) the Book (i.e., the understanding of the knowledge of Qur'an)."

Narrated Khalid:

As above.

The merits of Khalid bin Al-Walid (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3757

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet (pbuh) had informed the people about the death of Zaid, Ja`far and Ibn Rawaha before the news of their death reached them.

He said with his eyes flowing with tears, "Zaid took the flag and was martyred; then Ja`far took the flag and was martyred, and then Ibn Rawaha took the flag and was martyred. Finally the flag was taken by one of Allah's Swords (i.e., Khalid bin Al-Walid) and Allah gave them (i.e., the Muslims) victory."

The merits of Salim, the freed slave of Abu Hudhaifa (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3758

Narrated Masruq:

`Abdullah (bin Mas`ud) was mentioned before `Abdullah bin `Amr. The latter said, "That is a man I continue to love because I heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying,

' Learn the recitation of the Qur'an from (any of these) four persons: '

- Abdullah bin Masud,
- Salim the freed slave of Abu Hudhaifa,
- Ubai bin Ka`b,
- and Mu`adh bin Jabal."

I do not remember whether he mentioned Ubai first or Mu`adh.

The merits of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3759, 3760

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Amr:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) neither talked in an insulting manner nor did he ever speak evil intentionally.

He used to say, "The most beloved to me amongst you is the one who has the best character and manners."

He added, " Learn the Qur'an from (any of these) four persons.

- Abdullah bin Masud,
- Salim the freed slave of Abu Hudhaifa,
- Ubai bin Ka`b,
- and Mu`adh bin Jabal."

Hadith # 3761

Narrated Alqama:

I went to Sham and was offering a two-rak`at prayer; I said, "O Allah! Bless me with a (pious) companion." Then I saw an old man coming towards me, and when he came near I said, (to myself), "I hope Allah has given me my request." The man asked me, "Where are you from?" I replied, "I am from the people of Kufa."

He said, "Weren't there amongst you the Carrier of the (Prophet's) shoes, Siwak and the ablution water container?

Weren't there amongst you the man who was given Allah's Refuge from the Satan?

And weren't there amongst you the man who used to keep the (Prophet's) secrets which nobody else knew?

How did Ibn Um `Abd (i.e., `Abdullah bin Mas`ud) use to recite Surat-al-lail (the Night:92)?" I recited: --

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَىٰ - وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا تَجَلَّىٰ - وَمَا خَلَقَ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَىٰ

'By the Night as it envelops: And by the Day as it appears in brightness; And by male and female.' (92.1-3)

On that, Abu Darda said, "By Allah, the Prophet (pbuh) made me read the Verse in this way after listening to him, but these people (of Sham) tried their best to let me say something different."

Hadith # 3762

Narrated `Abdur-Rahman bin Yazid:

We asked Hudhaifa to tell us of a person resembling (to some extent) the Prophet (pbuh) in good appearance and straight forward behavior so that we may learn from him (good manners and acceptable conduct).

Hudhaifa replied, "I do not know anybody resembling the Prophet (to some extent) in appearance and conduct more than Ibn Um `Abd.

Hadith # 3763

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari:

My brother and I came from Yemen, and for some time we continued to consider `Abdullah bin Mas`ud as one of the members of the family of the Prophet (pbuh) because we used to see him and his mother going in the house of the Prophet (pbuh) very often.

Narration about Mu'awiya (رضي الله عنه)

Hadith # 3764

Narrated Ibn Abu Mulaika:

Muawiya offered one rak`a witr prayer after the `Isha prayer, and at that time a freed slave of Ibn `Abbas was present. He (i.e., the slave) went to Ibn `Abbas (and told him that Muawiya offered one rak`a witr prayer).

Ibn `Abbas said, "Leave him, for he was in the company of Allah's Messenger (pbuh)."

Hadith # 3765

Narrated Ibn Abi Mulaika:

Somebody said to Ibn `Abbas, "Can you speak to the chief of the believers Mu`awiya, as he does not pray except one rak`a as witr?"

Ibn `Abbas replied, "He is a Faqih (i.e., a learned man who can give religious verdicts)."

Hadith # 3766

Narrated Humran bin Aban:

Muawiya said (to the people),

"You offer a prayer which we, who were the companions of the Prophet (pbuh) never saw the Prophet (pbuh) offering, and he forbade its offering," i.e., the two rak`at after the compulsory `Asr prayer.

The merits of Fatima (عليها السلام)

Hadith # 3767

Narrated Al-Miswar bin Makhrama:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "Fatima is a part of me, and whoever makes her angry, makes me angry."

The superiority of 'Aishah (رضي الله عنها)

Hadith # 3768

Narrated Abu Salama:

`Aisha said, "Once Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said (to me), 'O Aish (`Aisha)! This is Gabriel greeting you.' I said, 'Peace and Allah's Mercy and Blessings be on him, you see what I don't see' "

She was addressing Allah 's Apostle.

Hadith # 3769

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Many amongst men attained perfection but amongst women none attained the perfection except Mary, the daughter of `Imran and Asiya, the wife of Pharaoh.

And the superiority of `Aisha to other women is like the superiority of Tharid (i.e., an Arabic dish) to other meals."

Hadith # 3770

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"The superiority of `Aisha over other women is like the superiority of Tharid to other meals."

Hadith # 3771

Narrated Al-Qasim bin Muhammad:

Once `Aisha became sick and Ibn `Abbas went to see her and said,

"O mother of the believers! You are leaving for truthful fore-runners i.e., for Allah's

Messenger (pbuh) and Abu Bakr.

Hadith # 3772

Narrated Abu Wail:

When `Ali sent `Ammar and Al-Hasan to (the people of) Kufa to urge them to fight, `Ammar addressed them saying,

"I know that she (i.e., `Aisha) is the wife of the Prophet (pbuh) in this world and in the Hereafter (world to come), but Allah has put you to test, whether you will follow Him (i.e., Allah) or her."

Hadith # 3773

Narrated `Aisha:

That she borrowed a necklace from Asma' and it was lost. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) sent some of his companions to look for it. During their journey the time of prayer was due and they prayed without ablution. When they returned to the Prophet (pbuh) they complained about it. So the Divine Verse of Tayammum was revealed. Usaid bin Hudair said (to `Aisha),

"May Allah reward you handsomely. By Allah, whenever you have a difficulty, Allah took you out of it and brought with it, a Blessing for the Muslims."

Hadith # 3774

Narrated Hisham's father:

When Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was in his fatal illness, he started visiting his wives and saying, "Where will I be tomorrow?" He was anxious to be in `Aisha's home.

`Aisha said, "So when it was my day, the Prophet became silent (no longer asked the question).

Hadith # 3775

Narrated Hisham's father:

The people used to send presents to the Prophet (pbuh) on the day of `Aisha's turn.

`Aisha said, "My companions (i.e., the other wives of the Prophet) gathered in the house of Um Salama and said, "O Um Salama! By Allah, the people choose to send presents on the day of `Aisha's turn and we too, love the good (i.e., presents etc.) as `Aisha does. You should tell Allah's Messenger (pbuh) to tell the people to send their presents to him wherever he may be, or wherever his turn may be."

Um Salama said that to the Prophet and he turned away from her, and when the Prophet (pbuh) returned to her (i.e., Um Salama), she repeated the same, and the

Prophet (pbuh) again turned away, and when she told him the same for the third time, the Prophet (pbuh) said,

"O Um Salama! Don't trouble me by harming `Aisha, for by Allah, the Divine Inspiration never came to me while I was under the blanket of any woman amongst you except her."



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