

## He's pleased with them, they're pleased with Him (رضي الله عنهم ورضوا عنه) – Class #11

### 'Umar bin Al Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him)

- The personality of 'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) was very firm but at the same time gentle. He had many facets to his personality.
- His forefather Ka'ab was the same forefather of the Prophet (ﷺ). 'Umar's kuniya is 'Abu Hafs' though he didn't have a son named 'Hafs'.
- The title given to him was 'Al Farooq' which is to distinguish and 'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) made Islam open and distinct in front of Quraish.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) used to ask Allah (ﷻ) to give might to Islam through 'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra)'. This is a means of course.
- He was born 13 years after the year of the elephant, so he was 13 years younger than the Prophet (ﷺ).
- 'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) was a 'man of all trades' and excelled in different areas from writing, trade, shepherding, eloquence, horse-riding. In the time of the jahiliya, he learned reading and writing. His father was very strict and would discipline him from a young age. It's important to also teach children to take responsibility. If there's no food on the table then they can go to the kitchen and make their own food. If their bed is not made then they can make their own beds.
- 'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) was white, tall, didn't have too much hair, was wise, eloquent, strong, forbearing, honorable, convincing and clear in expression.
- In the time of the jahiliya, he was married to Zainab who was the mother of Hafsa, Abdallah and Abdarahman – may Allah be pleased with all of them. He married many ladies but not all at the same time. His intention for marrying is not desire but to have offspring. His intention was to increase the ummah of Mohammed (ﷺ) and so they can remember Allah (ﷻ) and glorify Him.
- He had three sons named Abdarahman.
- Becoming a Muslim: once he heard his sister reciting the Quran and was very angry when he knew this. Then he asked to read it and when he did, Allah (ﷻ) opened his heart and he became a Muslim.
- When he became a Muslim, he wanted it to be known by all. So he chose someone from Makkah known as a 'broadcaster' and it reached the people that 'Umar had become a Muslim.

*May Allah (ﷻ) be pleased with us and grant us the highest levels in paradise. Ameen.*