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Mothers of the Believers (الأمهات المؤمنات) Hafsa Bint Umar(ra) class 11
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The wives of the Prophet SAWS

1. Khadijah
2. Sawda bint Zam'a
3. Aisha bint Abu Bakr
4. Hafsa bint Umar

Hafsa was the daughter of Umar bin Al Khattab. 'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) was a close friend of the Prophet (ﷺ) after Abu Bakr (ra).

Hafsa (ra) was born when the Prophet (ﷺ) was 25 years old in the same year when the Ka'aba was demolished. Umar bin Al Khattab was a strong Muslim, his wife was Muslim so Hafsa (ra) was raised on Islam.

1st Marriage

When she reached the age of marriage, she was first married to one of the early reverts and a noble man from Makkah, Khunais ibn Hudhaifa. Khunais became Muslim at the same time as Abu Bakr (ra).

Both of them started their journey in Islam together. When it got very difficult to continue living in Makkah they migrated to Habasha (Abyssinia). They then moved back to Makkah and then migrated again to Medina when Allah swt granted the sahabah permission to migrate.

Battle of Badr

The daughter of the Prophet (ﷺ), Zaynab who was married to 'Uthman bin 'Affan (ra) had a child who died at seven. She fell sick and 'Uthman (ra) came during the Battle of Badr to be with her when she had passed away. This was a sad moment for him.

Battle of Uhud

In the Battle of Uhud, the husband of Hafsa (ra) was badly injured and passed away after a few days.

Hafsa (ra) was 18 years old at the time and greatly saddened. She didn't want the taste of the duniya and submitted herself and devoted herself to worship.

'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) would see his daughter feeling sad and he really wanted his daughter to marry someone else. He thought to go to Abu Bakr (ra) and ask if he would consider marrying her. Abu Bakr (ra) told him 'no'. It was very difficult for Umar to hear this especially from a friend.

Then 'Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) thought to go to 'Uthman bin 'Affan (ra) since he just lost his wife and child and he too was very sad. Umar proposed his daughter for him and he too refused and said he is sad and now is not the time.

'Umar (ra) was greatly affected by these rejections and he decided to complain to the Prophet (ﷺ). The Prophet (ﷺ) said 'The one who will marry Hafsa is better than 'Uthman and the one who will marry 'Uthman is better than Hafsa'. What does that mean?

'Uthman (ra) married the daughter of the Prophet (ﷺ) Umm Kulthum; the daughter of the Prophet (ﷺ) is better than Hafsa (ra).

2nd Marriage

After a few days, the Prophet (ﷺ) proposed to marry Hafsa (ra); the Prophet (ﷺ) is better than Uthman (ra).

'Umar (ra) went to Abu Bakr (ra) and told him the Prophet (ﷺ) proposed to marry his daughter. 'Umar (ra) said, 'I felt something when you refused'. Then Abu Bakr (ra) told him before you came the Prophet (ﷺ) told me he is considering marrying Hafsa but I am not the one to reveal his secret. It was difficult for Abu Bakr (ra) to keep this a secret.

So the Prophet (ﷺ) married Hafsa (ra) and in his household was Sawdah (ra) and Aisha (ra).