



Mothers of the Believers (الؤمنين أمهات) Hafsa Bint Umar(ra)
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1. Khadijah
2. Sawda bint Zam' a
3. Aisha bint Abu Bakr
4. Hafsa bint Umar (3AH)

Recap

- Incident with Mariyah
- Surat Al Tahrim (66) revealed.
- The Prophet secludes himself.

The stories of the prophets, of Nabi saws or of the sahabah tells us what the believers did in different situations. This is teaching you **la illaha illa Allah**. Last

week we talked about Hafsa and about how Nabi saws was sitting among his wives after a serious incident where the wives had dared to asked the Prophet saws for more money. The Prophet saws did not want his wives to be attached to the dunya.

The Prophet saws decided he now had to deal with his wives with firmness and not with gentleness. How is Allah swt dealing with us? Allah swt is not always firm, Allah Al Lateef (The Most Gentle) , Ar Raheem (The Most Merciful), Allah swt wants all the best for us. From the people, the best of the people is Nabi saws. We learn about Nabi saws and the sahabah to know what he did in these situation – then we know this is the right thing to do.

The Dunya

When someone attaches to the dunya you have to be firm because you don't someone to chase after the dunya as it is like a magnet. The Prophet saws decided to leave his wives to give them time to think about their actions and time for him also to think. The Prophet saws also took a gulam (a servant whom nobody knew about) called Rabah. Anyone who wanted to talk to the Prophet saws had to go through Rabah first.

Rumours

Rumours spread that the Prophet saws had divorced all his wives. The wives are very obviously very upset. When Umar bin Al Khattab (as) heard the rumour he went to Hafsa and found her crying. Umar (ra) asked Hafsa if the Prophet saws had divorced her? Hafsa replied she did not know. Umar (ra) told her that if the Prophet saws had divorced her he would not speak to her again.

Allah huwa Al Jabbar

Sometimes a problem is a remedy. Sometimes a problem can be a distraction. This is Allah Al Jabbar. This situation gave Hafsa time to think about the mistake she had made. The wives of the Prophet saws were not angels, they were not perfect. They went through situations and we learn from them and so Allah swt made this story apparent to us.

Umar (ra) Approaches the Prophet saws

The days went by with nobody knowing if the Prophet saws had or hadn't divorced his wives. And nobody had the courage to go to Nabi saws. Umar (ra) decided he had to go and see the Prophet saws because he hated the thought of him being alone and sad. Umar went to see the Prophet saws and asked Rabah to ask the Prophet saws if he could see him. Rabah returned saying there was no response. Umar bin Al Khattab knew that this meant that the Prophet saws did not want to see him but he did not take this personally because he knew who the Prophet saws was.

If you really have yaqeen in Allah swt you would not say anything against the Prophet saws. If you really believe in Allah swt and you believe in the Messengers you know how pure are their hearts as they are dealing with Allah swt.

Umar (ra) thought the Prophet saws must be feeling so sad. So Umar (ra) went back again. Again no response from Rabah. So Umar (ra) shouted out that he has come to see the Prophet saws; 'I didn't come for my daughter, give me permission to see you'. Umar (ra) hadn't come for Hafsa, if the Prophet saws wanted to divorce her then he thought let him divorce her. When the Prophet saws heard this he gave Umar (ra) permission to see him.

Umar (ra) saw that the Prophet saws has no proper bed, he was sleeping on a bed of coarse date branches, there was very little food. Seeing all this Umar (ra) cried out of compassion for the Prophet saws isolation and the lack of food and water.

The Prophet saws asked Umar (ra); 'Why are you crying?' Umar replied; 'How can I not cry, look at the conditions you are living in, your bed makes marks on your body and you have very little food. The Kings Kisra and Caesar are living in luxury, you are our Messenger, better than them and look at the conditions you are living in.'

The Prophet saws replied 'Would it please you Umar, if for them is the duniya and for us the akhirah? Don't be impressed by the palaces, the food and drinks of the kings for they only have dunya, but we have akhirah and paradise. The dunya is temporary, for us we have akhirah and paradise, for them is only the dunya, no akhirah. What would you do if you only had Hellfire because you are not a believer. This shows Umar(ra) that the dunya is not important, it doesn't matter what you have or don't have.'

Umar (ra) then asked the Prophet saws; 'Is it difficult for you what the women did to you? If you divorce them don't worry Allah swt is with you, the angels are with you, Jibril (as) is with you, Abu Bakr and I are with you.' Happiness does not depend on the people. This is consolation for us. Nabi saws replied; 'I didn't divorce them'. So don't make a dunya matter so big because the dunya comes and goes. In a time of difficulty you need to lower the dunya and you need to magnify the ghaib. The moment you let a dunya matter go it gets better.'

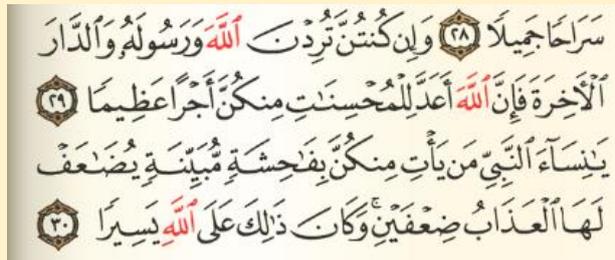
The Announcement

The Prophet saws gave permission to Umar (ra) to tell the people. So Umar (ra) announced to the people that Nabi saws has not divorced his wives and everyone was so happy. When some news is not clear to you it keeps you longing, this is to make you grateful. Then when the glad tiding comes your heart flies. This is how Allah swt makes you to be grateful.

The Prophet saws Returns

The wives of Nabi saws are so happy the Prophet saws did not divorce them and they are counting the days until the Prophet saws would return to them. On the 29th day the Prophet saws returned to Aisha (ra). Aisha (ra) said to the Prophet saws; 'you said 30 days'. The Prophet saws responded; 'A

month can be 29 days or 30 days.' After the Prophet saws returned to his wives Allah swt revealed the following ayat:



Chapter (33) sūrat l-aḥzāb (The Combined Forces)

28 O Prophet, say to your wives, "If you should desire the worldly life and its adornment, then come, I will provide for you and give you a gracious release.

29 But if you should desire Allah and His Messenger and the home of the Hereafter - then indeed, Allah has prepared for the doers of good among you a great reward."

30 O wives of the Prophet, whoever of you should commit a clear immorality - for her the punishment would be doubled two fold, and ever is that, for Allah, easy.



31 And whoever of you devoutly obeys Allah and His Messenger and does righteousness - We will give her her reward twice; and We have prepared for her a noble provision.

32 O wives of the Prophet, you are not like anyone among women. If you fear Allah, then do not be soft in speech [to men], lest he in whose heart is disease should covet, but speak with appropriate speech.

33 And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves as [was] the display of the former times of ignorance. And establish prayer and give zakah and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah intends only to remove from you the impurity [of sin], O people of the

[Prophet's] household, and to purify you with [extensive] purification.

34 And remember what is recited in your houses of the verses of Allah and wisdom. Indeed, Allah is ever Subtle and Acquainted [with all things].

Dunya or Akhirah

First you need to make decision, do you want the dunya or do you want the akhirah? After choosing Allah swt will upgrade you. If there is the longing for the dunya in the heart then you cannot go forward, especially for the wives of Nabi saws. So Allah swt gave them a choice, Nabi saws has tell his wives that there is a condition attached to him returning to them.

Allah swt told the Prophet saws to ask his wives if they want the dunya, the adornment I will give you want you want and Nabi saws will divorce you. If you want Allah swt and the Messenger of Allah swt Allah swt has prepared for you a great reward. The wives said they want Allah swt and the Prophet of Allah, so they sacrificed the dunya for the sake of Allah swt.

Following this ayat are all the commands for the wives of the Prophet saws - what they must and must not do. You see from this the wives of Nabi saws are not like other people. Don't be attached

to the dunya, don't want something more from the dunya, don't suffer in this life but this is what you have, this is your money and this is your home, don't want for something more. This is the richness, this means you will be content. This is ghani, this is my salary, this is my house, this is what I have, when I look at it I really appreciate it and I enjoy it. But when I want more and more then this is chasing the dunya.

The wives of Nabi saws chose Allah swt and the Messenger of Allah.