



Omar ibn al Khattab-class# 5

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Recap

- Shaitan scared of Umar bin Al Khattab
- Hadith relating to Umar bin Al Khattab

The personality of Umar bin Al Khattab (ra) combines opposite characteristic's. He has a soft heart but at the same time he is very firm. This kind of personality is very rare.

During the time of the Prophet saws death Umar could not accept it. In a time of difficulty Umar (ra) could not accept anyone saying that the Prophet

saws had died though he was very firm in character. Umar (ra), who was a symbol of courage and justice, was affected badly from that terrible moment; he was terrified and shouted,

"The Messenger of Allah did not die. He is alive. He was struck by lightning like Moses. If anyone says, 'Muhammad died', I will split him into two with my sword."

Abu Bakr announced the death of the Prophet saws:

"Whoever worships Muhammad (pbuh) should know that Muhammad (pbuh) died. Whoever worships Allah should know that Allah is Hayy (immortal)."

Du'a of Umar bin Al Khattab

Nabi saws gave Umar (ra) the glad tiding of paradise but this did not make Umar (ra) slow down. Umar bin Al Khattab had a special du'a which he made even though he knew he would go to paradise.

"May Allah swt make me to die as a martyr and make my death in Madinah."

The sahabah then asked Umar (ra) are you wishing for a war in Madinah. There is no war in Madinah but Umar (ra) was very truthful and he wanted to die as a martyr in Madinah. Allah swt knew his sincerity, and answered his du'a.

Death of Umar bin Al Khattab

While he was in Madinah, there was a Majuusi (fire-worshiper) who was a slave, a man by the name of Abu Lu' Lu'. Abu Lu' Lu' was an expert blacksmith, and a slave, captured during the conquest of Nahawand. He was in Medina, making things for the Muslims. His slave-master, though a Muslim would take a lot of his earnings.

So knowing the reputation of 'Umar ibn Al-Khattab (ra) for justice, he went to 'Umar and told him: "Ask my master to reduce what he's taking from me."

And 'Umar (ra) told him: "be patient." Now, Abu Lu' Lu' got mad-furious! And he went away furious.

Meanwhile, 'Umar (ra) went to Abu Lu' Lu's master, and told him to reduce what he was taking from Abu Lu' Lu', which he agreed.

Unknown, Abu Lu' Lu' stewed in his rage. Being a master blacksmith, he crafted a knife, a special knife, made of two curving blades, made out of stone. He bought poison, and soaked his knife in it. He asked the person he bought the poison from, "if I cut someone with this, is there any chance they will survive?" and the person said "no."

At that time, 'Umar (ra) would lead the prayer in the masjid and this was well-known. So one day, at Fajr, Abu Lu' Lu' snuck into the masjid. After salaah started, while 'Umar was praying, he jumped out and stabbed him.

One companion narrates, that 'Umar said: "The dog has eaten 'Umar."

Abu Lu' Lu' turned to make his escape; but the Muslims prayed so close to each other, he couldn't escape, so he stabbed his way out. He killed several companions (almost a dozen), until one of them threw a cloth on top of him and tackled him to the floor. He then committed suicide.

Imagine it is Fajr in the masjid, and Umar (ra) is lying on the floor in a pool of blood. One narration says that even then, at that time, 'Umar said "finish the salaah, finish the salaah" because sunrise was coming.

They knew 'Umar (ra) was going to die; he would eat food, and it would come out of his wounds. And when he realized who stabbed him, he said, why did the man stab him? He had gone to ask Abu Lu' Lu's slave master to lower his wages.

He sent a messenger to 'Aishah (ra). Abu Bakr (ra) and the Prophet (saws) were buried in the Prophet's house, and there was space for one more grave. So he sent a messenger to 'Aisha, and told him to ask her if he could have that spot.

'Aishah (ra) narrates: "I was thinking of saving that spot for myself, but ..." and she gave it to him. When the messenger returned, 'Umar (ra) told him "go again, and this time, tell her 'Umar ibn Al-Khattab is asking, not Ameer al-Mu'mineen." Subhanallah! Even at the time of his death, he was worried that he was using his position to get gains for himself.

So the messenger went back, and 'Aishah (ra) said "yes, give it to him." So he died (ra), and they buried him with the Prophet (saws) and Abu Bakr (ra).

Umar (ra) did not die in battle. Umar (ra) was very truthful with Allah swt and Allah swt was very truthful with Umar (ra).

Ali ibn Talib (ra)

Some people have the impression that Ali ibn Talib and Umar Bin Al Khattab were on opposite sides. However what did Ali (ra) say about Umar (ra)?

"No one died in my lifetime except that I wish to meet Allah with their same deeds. Allah swt will gather you with your two friends, Nabi saws and Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra)."

And indeed Umar (ra) is buried with his two friends. Ali (ra) said; 'I always heard the Prophet saws mention himself saws and Umar (ra) or himself saws and Abu Bakr (ra).' Ali ibn Talib (ra) appreciated that Umar Ibn Al Khattab (ra) had a position with Nabi saws.