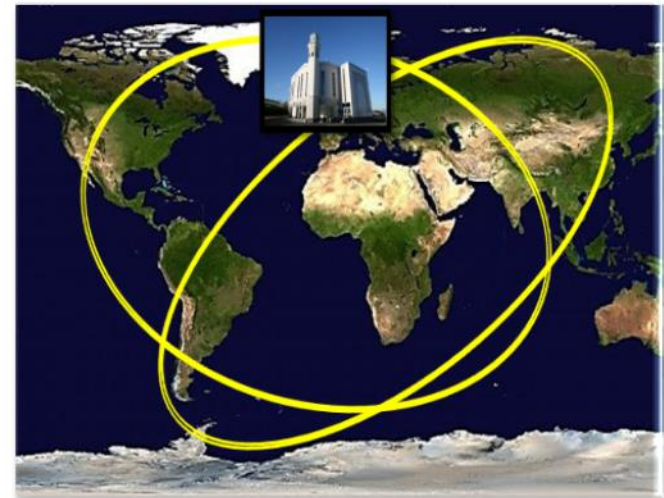


Men of Excellence




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Summary Men of Excellence



The companions of the Holy Prophet (sa)



Hazrat Ukasha bin Mihsan



Hazrat Kharjah bin Zaid



Hazrat Ziyad bin Labeed



Mu'attib bin Ubaid; Hazrat Khalid bin Bukair (ra)

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Hazrat Ukasha bin Mihsan

Hazrat Ukasha bin Mihsan is counted among the most senior Companions

On the occasion of the Battle of Badr, he joined as a cavalier and also broke his sword.

Upon this, the Messenger of Allah (sa) handed him a piece of wood, which, in his hand, became as if it was a very sharp sword, made of high-quality iron.

He joined the Holy Prophet (sa) in all the other military campaigns using the same sword. That wooden sword remained with him till he passed away.

The sword was called 'Aun. The Holy Prophet (sa) gave him the glad tiding, 'You will enter Paradise without any reckoning.'

The Holy Prophet (sa) addressed everyone and said: "Whoever desires to see my companion in paradise should look at this old gentleman."

Hazrat Ukasha bin
Mihsan

It is narrated by
Hazrat Abu
Hurairah (ra) that:

“I heard Allah’s Messenger (sa) saying, ‘From among my followers, a party of seventy thousand will enter Paradise, whose faces will glisten like the full moon.’” Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) narrates that, “On hearing that, Ukasha bin Mihsan stood up, and lifting his covering sheet he said, ‘O Allah’s Messenger (sa)! Pray that may Allah make me one of them.’ The Holy Prophet (sa) prayed, ‘O Allah! Make him from among them.’ Another man from the Ansar (Muslims native to Medina) stood up and said, ‘O Messenger of Allah (sa)! Pray so that Allah makes me one of them also. ‘The Holy Prophet (sa) replied (Arabic), meaning ‘Ukasha has succeeded ahead of you in this regard.’

Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib (ra) has written a very beautiful commentary on this and has analysed the incident. He writes that, “This incidence contains a treasure chest full of spiritual insights.

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Hazrat Kharjah
bin Zaid (ra)

The Holy Prophet (sa) established brotherhood between Hazrat Kharjah bin Zaid (ra) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

He had taken the oath of allegiance in 'Uqbah. After migrating to Medina, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had stayed at his house.

He took part in the Battle of Badr and during the battle of Uhud he attained the status of martyrdom whilst fighting with immense bravery and valour.

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He accepted Islam during second pledge of Aqabah along with 70 Companions. In Muharram of 9th Hijri, the Holy Prophet (sa) appointed different collectors for Sadaqah and Zakat.

Hazrat Ziyad bin
Labeed

Hazrat Ziyad Bin Labeed was appointed the collector for the area of Ḥaḍhramaut. He continued his service there till the time of Hazrat Umar's (ra) Khilafat.

After being relieved of his duty he moved to Kufa and passed away there at the age of 41.

Mu'attib bin
Ubaid

Hazrat Mu'attib bin Ubaid participated in the Battle of Badr and the Battle of Uhud and was martyred on the day of Rajee'. The incident of Rajee' is that in which ten Companions were martyred.

Some people from the tribes of 'Azal and Qarah approached the Holy Prophet (sa) requesting some help to preach to people, who were inclined towards Islam. The Holy Prophet (sa) sent a party of ten Companions.

However, as it was later discovered that these people were lying. Two hundred young men of Banu Lihyan departed in pursuit of the Muslims and seized them in Rajee'. Ten people could not stand up to two hundred soldiers. All these Companions were brutally martyred.

Hazrat Khalid bin
Bukair (ra)

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Hazrat Khalid bin Bukair, Aaqil, Hazrat Amir and Hazrat Ayaas all accepted Islam in Dar-e-Arqam. All four brothers were the first to accept Islam in Dar-e-Arqam.

The Holy Prophet (sa) established a bond of brotherhood between Hazrat Khalid bin Bukair (ra) and Hazrat Zaid bin Dasna.

He took part in the Battle of Badr and the Battle of Uhad. Hazrat Khalid bin Bukair (ra) was among those who were martyred in the incident that took place in Rajee'.

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The Promised Messiah (as) writes in one of his books:

“We are ever grateful to God Almighty, Who bestows great favours upon us and removes our sorrows. We send salutations of peace upon His Prophet (sa), who is the leader of the Jinn and men, and leads the pure hearted towards the heavenly gardens. May peace be upon his Companions, who rushed as if intensely thirsty towards the fountain of faith, and in the abyss of darkness they were enlightened with the excellence of knowledge and morals.”

In another place, the Promised Messiah (as) states regarding the Companions (ra):

“They were like lions on the earth in the day and hermits in the night and serve as shining stars of the faith. (By being like hermits in the night means that they spent their nights in worship). They all are the recipients of God’s pleasure.”

May God Almighty enable us to improve our intellectual and moral conditions and also the standards of worship at night.

Funeral prayer in absentia of respected Ismael Mala Ghala Sahib, who was serving as a missionary in Uganda.

Shortly before the Friday prayer on 25th May after suffering from a heart attack at the age of 64.

Surely to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.

Both of his parents were Christian, therefore he too was born as a Christian. He developed an interest in Islam through Haji Shoaib Sahib.

Eventually, in 1978 he performed the Bai'at and entered the fold of Islam, Ahmadiyyat.

He was renowned for his obedience, co-operation and commitment to worship. He performed duties tirelessly and with great courage. He had a very pious nature and a quiet disposition. His level of obedience was exemplary and worthy of mention.