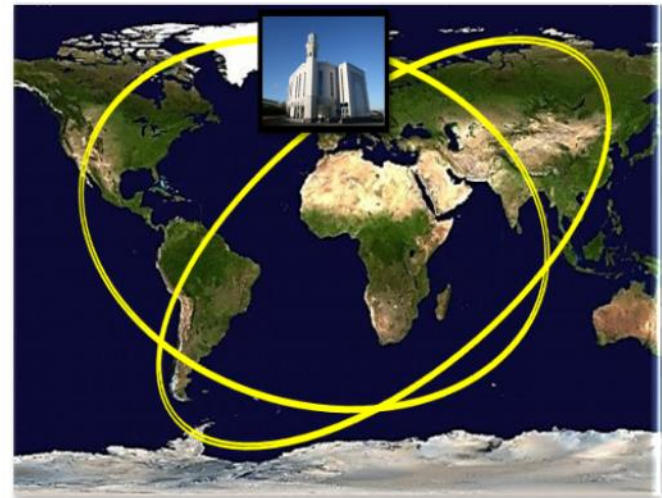


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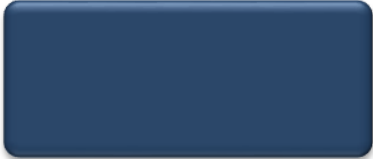
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Today, I will speak about two further companions of the Holy Prophet (sa).



Hazrat Abu Usaid Maalik bin Rabia Sa'idi



Hazrat Abdullah bin Abdil Asad



Funeral prayers - Raja Naseer Ahmad Nasir Sahib, Mubeen Ahmad Sahib, Muhammad Zafrullah Sahib

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Hazrat Abu Usaid Maalik bin Rabia Sa'idi

He belonged to the Banu Sa'da branch of the Khazraj tribe. Hazrat Abu Usaid Maalik bin Rabia was of a short stature. His hair and his beard had turned grey, but had a full set of hair. In his old age he lost his eyesight and died in 60 Hijri, during the time of Muawiyah at the age of 75.

Hazrat Sulaiman bin Yassar narrates that prior to the martyrdom of Hazrat 'Uthman, Hazrat Abu Usaid Sa'di lost his vision and his eyes were permanently damaged. Hence, upon this he used to say

“I thank Allah for granting me the faculty of sight during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (sa) and for enabling me to witness all of these blessings. Furthermore, when Allah the Exalted desired to put people through trials, he took my sight from me and I lost my vision so that I will not have to witness these terrible circumstances.”

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Once, Hazrat Abu Usaid came in order to distribute the Zakat [alms]. After, he went home, fell asleep and saw in a dream that a snake has wrapped itself around his neck. He woke up perturbed by the dream and asked a female servant or his wife that is there anything left behind...

...from the sum that I was given in order to distribute? She said no. Hazrat Abu Usaid replied that why then did the snake wrap itself around my neck? Go and take a look. Perhaps something is left behind. When she went to take a look, she said that indeed,

...there is a rope to tie the camel with, which was also used to tie a small bag [for distribution]. Hence, Hazrat Abu Usaid went and returned this rope as well.

Allah the Exalted desired to enable these companion to tread on the subtlest paths of righteousness and uphold and fulfil the highest standards of returning the trusts that they were entrusted with. This is the reason they received guidance even in their dreams.

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Ammarah bin Radhiya narrates this statement of his father that some youths asked Hazrat Abu Usaid about the excellences the Holy Prophet (sa) had mentioned about the Ansar [Muslims native to Medina]. Upon this, he said that I heard the Holy Prophet (sa) say that from among the tribes of the Ansar, the best households are those of:

Banu Najjar, then Banu 'Abdul Ash'al, then Banu Harith bin Khazraj and then Banu Sa'da.

Furthermore, every household of the *Ansar* is filled with virtue. Upon this, Hazrat Abu Usaid used to say that if I were to accept anything but the truth, I would have started with a household from among the Banu Sa'da.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) has stated on one occasion that when Arabia was conquered, and Islam began to spread, there was a lady from the tribe of Qinda, whose name was Asma or Umaima, who was also called Junia or Bint-ul-Jaun.

Her brother, Luqman, came to the Holy Prophet (sa) as a representative of his tribe. On that occasion he also expressed his desire for his sister's hand to be given in marriage to the Holy Prophet (as).

As the Holy Prophet (sa) desired to unite the tribes of Arabia, he accepted this request of his. This lady was known for her beauty and was misguided by some other women.

When the Holy Prophet (sa) went to the house which was designated for her, she uttered these utmost abhorrent and irrational words that 'I seek Allah's protection from you.'

The Holy Prophet (sa) immediately said upon hearing her words that 'you have sought refuge and protection of the Highest Being, Who grants protection in great abundance. Therefore, I accept your request.'

Hence, the Holy Prophet (sa) immediately came out of the house and said "O Abu Usaid! Give her two pieces of cloth and send her to her family."

In accordance with the commandment of the Holy Qur'an of [Arabic] (Al-Baqarah: 238) 'do not forget to do good to one another,' the Holy Prophet (sa) gave more and expressed his kindness.

This entire incident is sufficient as a reply to the allegations that are raised against the Holy Prophet (sa) in relation to his wives and that, God forbid, he was keen of beautiful women.

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His mother was Barrah bint Abdil Muttalib. He was the cousin of the Holy Prophet (sa) and the foster brother of the Holy Prophet (sa) and also Hazrat Hamza. After his demise, his wife Umme Salmah married the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abdil Asad

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abdil Asad was among the first people to accept Islam. Hazrat Abdullah bin Abdil Asad and his wife Umme Salmah were among those in the first migration to Abyssinia.

Ibn Ishaq states that when Abu Salma returned from Abyssinia and sought the protection of Hazrat Abu Talib, few people inquired, "You have given protection to your nephew Muhammad, but why have you given protection to our brother Abu Salma?"

Abu Talib replied, "He sought my protection and he also is my nephew (sister's son). If I had not given protection to my nephew (Holy Prophet) then I would not have given protection to my other nephew."

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Hazrat Umme Salma (ra) states, "When Abu Salma (ra) was martyred, I prayed – even though my heart did not truly desire to say this prayer – that is, 'O Allah! grant me someone in place of Abu Salma (ra).'"

I then said to myself that who could be better than Abu Salma (ra); he possessed such and such qualities. In other words, he had many qualities and attributes, but still I offered this supplication."

When Hazrat Umme Salma's Iddat [certain period of time a woman observes after the husband's demise] was completed, she received a message from the Holy Prophet (sa) asking for her hand in marriage.

Umme Salamah (ra) was a lady of distinct stature and in addition to being extremely intelligent and sharp, she possessed a lofty rank in sincerity and faith.

Ḥaḍrat Umme Salamah (ra) knew how to read as well, and played a significant role in educating and training the Muslim women.

She stands second among the wives of the Holy Prophet (sa), and twelfth among all the Companions in total (including both men and women).

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Thus, this the description of the Companions (ra). May God Almighty continue to further elevate their lofty status and also enable us to adopt their virtuous practices. I shall now mention some details of a few people who have recently passed away and also offer their funeral prayers [in absentia].

The first is Raja Naseer Ahmad Nasir, who served as a life-devotee and a missionary of the Community. He has also formerly served as Nazir Islaah o Irshaad Markaziyya. He passed away on 6th July 2018 at the age of 80 in the Tahir Heart Institute [Rabwah] - Surely to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.

Funeral prayer of two martyrs, who although were not martyred for the sake of the Jama'at, however a robbery took place at their shop and the thieves shot them as a result of which they were martyred. One of them is Mubeen Ahmad Sahib, son of Mehboob Ahmad Sahib, and the other is Muhammad Zafrullah Sahib, son of Liaqat Ali Sahib.

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On 7th July 2018 at approximately 3pm, in the Korangi Industrial area of Karachi, armed robbers fired at three Khuddam; namely Mubeen Ahmad Sahib, son of Mehboob Ahmad Sahib, Zafrullah Sahib and Muhammad Nasrullah Sahib.

As a result of this, Mubeen Ahmad Sahib and Zafrullah Sahib were killed. To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. The armed robbers wanted to loot their electronics shop. Since they resisted, they opened fire and killed them.

Mubeen Ahmad Sahib was studying for his BA and at the age of his martyrdom he was 20 years old. Deceased Muhammad Zafrullah Sahib was born on October 1993 in Karachi. By the grace of Allah he was a Moosi [part of the Institution of Al-Wasiyyat] and he was 25 years old when he was martyred. May he elevate the status of the deceased and grant steadfastness to their families.

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