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Hazrat Sa'id bin Zaid (ra)

He was the son of Zaid bin Amr and Fatimah bint Ba'jah and he belonged to the tribe of Adiyy bin Ka'b bin Lu'ayy. According to some, his title was Abul A'war, and other are of the opinion that it was Abu Sawd.

He was married to the sister of Hazrat Umar (ra).

Hazrat Sa'id bin Zaid's (ra) father believed in One God even before the advent of the Holy Prophet (sa), followed the way of Hazrat Abraham (as) and would condemn the way in which the Meccans would worship the idols.

Hazrat Sa'id bin Zaid (ra) was among the first muhajirin to migrate to Medina

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Hazrat Sa'id bin Zaid (ra) was unable to participate in the battle of Badr as he was sent by the Holy Prophet (sa) on a scouting mission. Even so, the Holy Prophet (sa) counted him among the Badri companions and gave him a share of the spoils of war.

Hazrat Sa'id bin Zaid (ra) was among the ten people given the glad tidings and guarantee of paradise in the next life.

Hazrat 'Abdur Rahman bin 'Auf (ra).

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Prior to the advent of Islam his name was Abdi Amr, and some have written it was Abdul Ka'bah. He belonged to the tribe of Banu Zuhra bin Kilab. It is recorded that one of his legs was injured in the battle of Uhud.

Hazrat 'Abdur Rahman bin 'Auf (ra) was also among the ten people given the glad tidings and guarantee of paradise.

He was among the few who had abstained from drinking alcohol even in the era of ignorance. Hazrat 'Abdur Rahman bin 'Auf (ra) was among the first eight individuals to accept Islam and he participated in both migrations to Abyssinia

His Holiness (aba) mentioned an incident during the battle of Badr where Hazrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf (ra) was approached by two youngsters. They asked him to point out who Abu Jahl was.

Before he could even lower his hand, he witnessed the two of them hastening like eagles through the ranks of the Meccans towards Abu Jahl and struck him down. Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ud (ra) then ended the life of the wounded Abu Jahl.

Relating an account from the Battle of Badr, Hazrat Abdur Rahman (ra) bin Auf relates: "I was standing in the rows for battle on the day of Badr. When I looked to my right and left, I saw two Ansari youths standing on either side of me, who were very young in age. At that moment, I wished that I was in between two people who were more mature and stronger. One of the youths nudged my hand and asked, 'O my uncle! Do you recognise Abu Jahl?' to which I said, 'O my nephew, why is it that you ask?' The young boy replied, 'I heard that he would use foul language for the Holy Prophet (sa). I swear by the One in Who's hands is my life, if I see him I will not let him out of my sight until the one who's destined to die from among us perishes.' I was astonished by this reply. Then the other boy also tapped my hand and made the same enquiry. A short while passed when I saw Abu Jahl walking between the ranks. I said to the two young boys that there was the one about whom they enquired. Immediately the two youths drew their swords and cutting the ranks pounced on Abu Jahl and killed him. They then returned to inform the Holy Prophet (sa) of the news. The Holy Prophet (sa) inspected their swords and said that both of them had in fact killed him. Both youth had the same name; one was Muaz bin Afraa and the other was Muaz bin Amr bin Jamooh." Bukhari.

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