

Hadhrat Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

On 12th Rabi ul Awwal 11 A.H Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed away in the house of A'isha رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ at that time was by his wife HABEEBAH BINTE KHAARIJAH رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا. When he heard that Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed away, he immediately came to the house of A'isha رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا and raise the cloth covering Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ face and kissed his Mubarak Forehead. Thereafter Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ came to the masjid and address all the sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ in the following words: "Whoever worship Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, then let him know that Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has passed away like how the previous messengers before him also passed away. Whoever worshipped Allah, then Allah Ta'ala is ever-living and will never die." This speech affected all the sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and they all felt at ease

After the demise of Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ some sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ gathered at a place called SAQEEFAH BANI SAA'IDAH to discuss who will be the KHALIFAH (leader). When Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was informed about this, He and Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ went to this place. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ spoke to them: **Brothers! I don't deny your good qualities but only the people of Quraish will rule over the Arabs. Also the Muhajireen (Those who were from Makkah) are more worthy of this post of Khilaafat.** Chose U'mar or Abu U'baidah bin Jarrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. U'mar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ replied Never! Instead we are electing You as our Khalifah because you are the best amongst us and was the most honoured in the eyes of Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. All those present took bay'at (pledged allegiance) at hand of Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. Only after this happened, Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was buried.

Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, " Many people were leaving Islam and refused to pay Zakaat. I told Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ "Be Gentle with the people and win over their heart. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ replied, "Before Islam you were strong and hard but now Islam made you weak. Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has passed away, wahi has stopped. I will fight them as long I can hold sword in my hand. Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ used to always say, Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was stronger and firmer than myself. He paved the way and simplified matters for me during my Khilaafat.". After the Demise of Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ some people claimed to be prophets like MUSAILAMA & TULAIHAH. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ fought against them. Musailamah was killed and Tulaihah escape to Syria.

This battle took place with both these false prophets on 11 A.H. It was known as Battle of Yamaamah. Many Huffaaz (those who memorized the Qur'aan) were killed in this battle. Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ became worried that the Qur'aan will be lost soon with the death of many huffaaaz. And came to Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ explaining to him his concern and encourage him to compile the Qur'aan in a book form. Finally Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ agreed and He appointed Zaid bin Saabit رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ to compile the Qur'aan, Zaid bin Saabit رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ took great care and precaution in compiling the Qur'aan till it was completed. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ khilaafat only lasted for **2 and half years**. He appointed Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ as the next Khalifah. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ passed away on **Monday in Jamadus Thaani 13 A.H at age of 63**. Hazrat Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ performed his janazah. He was buried next Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Umar, Uthmaan, Talhah, Abdur Rahman bin Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ lowered Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ in the grave.

Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ had a total of 6 children. Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ had mentioned many Manaaqib (virtues) regarding Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

1. "Nobody's wealth benefited me as much as the wealth of Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.
2. "if you don't find me, then go to Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ (The leading Sahabah)"
3. Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ loved Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ most from among the men.
4. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ will be the first person from my Ummah to enter Jannah.
5. "You were with me in the Cave and likewise you will be with me at the Howdh-E-Kausar(Pond of Kausar)"