

With Abu Bakr Al-sidiq (4)

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Oh muslims, we are still with the life of Abu Bakr Al-sidiq, the master of the ten people who were promised paradise by the prophet (pbuh)

He (may Allah be pleased with him) was a man with wise and accurate actions which made him the best example for other Muslims. He was as soft as the breeze, as strong as iron. He was the generous, the truthful when he talked and the most humble when silent. He gave all his life for the way of Allah so he was given strength in his belief and sincerity in his deeds.

Such features, oh Muslims, were surely granted to him by the guidance of Allah the most high and it is possible for them to be granted to everyone who submits his soul and heart to Allah as the Qudusi hadith states: "And the most beloved thing with which My slave comes nearer to Me, is what I have enjoined upon him; and My slave keeps on coming closer to Me through performing Nawafil (extra deeds besides what is obligatory) until I love him, (so much so that) I become his hearing with which he hears, and his sight with which he sees, and his hand with which he strikes, and his leg with which he walks; and if he asks Me something, I will surely give him, and if he seeks My Protection (refuge), I will surely protect him".

Those people are the ones who are guided by Allah, those who submitted their souls and hearts to Allah and their actions were in accordance to the straight path of Islam which was described in the verses "Say: "Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my death, are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds: No partner has He: this am I commanded, and I am the first of those who bow to His will" [Al-Anaam 6:162-163]

Oh Muslim,

Compare the life of Abu Bakr Al-sidiq against this and you will find his life fulfilled all the conditions. That was achieved by the guide of Allah and the hard work and determination of Abu Bakr Al-sidiq. So where are we from this Islamic Upbringing? Where are we from following the straight path, truth and sincerity? Are our prayers, our sacrifice, our life and our actions for the sake of Allah?

We are in great need to learn those meanings and to teach our self to keep on the straight path "Behold! Verily on the allies of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve" [Yunis 10:62]

Oh muslims,

Abu Bakr Al-sidiq was in the company of Allah which made him worthy of the honour of joining the prophet (pbuh) in the immigration from Mekka to Madina. At that night Abu Bakr Al-sidiq started walking in front of the prophet (pbuh) then behind him then to his right then to his left and when the prophet (pbuh) asked him about it he replied: I remembered that people are looking for you so I walked in front of you, and I

remembered that we are chased so I walked behind you, then I walked to your right then I walked to you left.

This means that he was willing to protect the prophet (pbuh) with his life, that is why the prophet (pbuh) didn't enter the cave before Abu Bakr Al-sidiq checked it and made sure that there was nothing that might harm the prophet (pbuh) inside "If ye help him not, still Allah helped him when those who disbelieve drove him forth, the second of two; when they were in the cave, when he said unto his comrade: Grieve not. Lo! Allah is with us. Then Allah caused His peace & reassurance to descend upon him and supported him with hosts ye cannot see, and made the word of those who disbelieved the lowest, while Allah's Word it was that became the uppermost. Allah is Mighty, Wise" [Al-Tawba 9:40]

These are the means of salvation from the life of Abu Bakr Al-sidiq so follow it oh Muslim and ask Allah to similarly guide you to a life of safety, free from worry and to make you a winner in the day of judgement.

Second khutbah

It seems like we said farewell to the month of Ramadan a few days ago and here we are welcoming it after a year has passed so how should we welcome this generous guest?

Ramadan should be welcomed by preparing the hearts, clearing the souls from all ill feelings, purifying the wealth and emptying the hearts from all affairs of this life which are always filling the heart as if they have no end.

Ramadan comes to say to the **eyes**: fast from unlawful looking and shed tears in the darkness of nights. It comes to say to the **tongues**: fast from backbiting, slandering, lying and unlawful talk. It comes to say to the **stomachs**: fast from eating from ill-gotten earnings and usury and to fast from eating and drinking unlawful things.

It comes to say to the **hearts and souls**: come to the circles of Quran which include your true food and drink. It is a month which is a secret between the servant and his lord as the Allah says in the Qudisi hadith:" all the deeds of the son of Adam is for him except fasting which is mine and it I who give reward for it"

Those who welcome the school of Ramadan as a time for learning, strengthening their determination and renew their covenant with Allah are the ones who gain the benefit of Ramadan. They taste the patience during its days and the joy of night prayers during its price-less night hours. Those people will have the doors of paradise opened for them and the doors of hellfire closed to them and the angels wait for them with peace in Lailatul Qadr/the night of power.

Praise Allah and ask him to make you reach Ramadan, to get benefit from it and try to get as many of its mercies and forgiveness as you are able.