



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

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THE PROPHET^{sa} ARRIVES AT MEDINA

After the Prophet^{sa} had dismissed Suraqa^{ra} he continued his journey to Medina

When he reached Medina, the Prophet^{sa} found the people waiting impatiently.

News that the Prophet^{sa} had left Mecca had reached them, so they were expecting his arrival.

When at last the Prophet^{sa} did reach Medina, he decided to stop for a while in Quba, a nearby village.

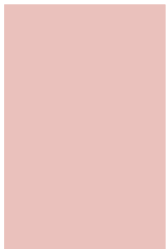
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A Jew had seen the two camels and had decided that they were carrying the Prophet^{sa} and his Companions.



He climbed an eminence and shouted, "Sons of Qaila, he for whom you waited has come."



Everyone in Medina who heard this cry rushed to Quba, ...



... while the people of Quba, overjoyed at the arrival of the Prophet^{sa} in their midst sang songs in his honour.

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The utter simplicity of the Prophet^{sa} is illustrated by an incident which took place at this time at Quba.

Most people in Medina had not seen the Prophet^{sa} before.


Abu Bakr^{ra}, though younger, had a greyer beard and was better dressed than the Prophet^{sa}

So they turned to him and sat in front of him, after showing him the obeisance due to the Prophet^{sa}

When Abu Bakr^{ra} saw that he was being mistaken for the Prophet^{sa}, he rose, took his mantle and hung it against the sun and said, "Prophet^{sa} of God, you are in the sun. I make this shade for you"

With tact and courtesy he made plain to visitors from Medina their error.

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The Prophet^{sa} stopped at Quba for ten days, after which the people of Medina took him to their city.

While the Prophet^{sa} was in Medina, everybody longed to have the honour of being his host.

As his camel passed through a lane, families would line up to receive him. With one voice they would say, "... Come and live with us."

ABU AYYUB ANSARI^{RA} AS PROPHET^{SA} HOST



Politely the Prophet^{sa} would refuse saying, "Leave my camel alone."



She is under the command of God; she will stop where God wants her to stop."



Ultimately it stopped on a site which belonged to orphans of the Banu Najjar tribe.



The Prophet^{sa} dismounted and said, "It seems that this is where God wants us to stop."

ABU AYYUB ANSARI^{RA} AS PROPHET^{SA} HOST



A price was settled and the Prophet^{sa} decided to build a mosque and some houses on it.



The Prophet^{sa} asked who lived nearest to the site. Abu Ayyub Ansari^{ra} came forward and said that his house was the nearest.



The Prophet^{sa} asked him to prepare a room in his house for him.



Abu Ayyub's^{ra} house was double-storeyed. ..the Prophet^{sa} preferred to have the lower storey for the convenience of his visitors.

ABU AYYUB ANSARI^{RA} AS PROPHET^{SA} HOST



The devotion which the people of Medina had for the Prophet^{sa} showed itself again.

- Abu Ayyub^{ra} agreed to let the Prophet^{sa} have the lower storey, but refused to go to sleep on a floor under which lived the Prophet^{sa}.



A pitcher of water was accidentally broken and water flowed on the floor.

- Abu Ayyub^{ra}, fearing lest some water should drip through to the room occupied by the Prophet^{sa}, took his quilt and with it dried up the water before any could drip through.



In the morning he called on the Prophet^{sa} and narrated the events of the night before,...

- ... upon hearing which the Prophet^{sa} agreed to occupy the upper storey.

THE PROPHET^{sa} SETTLES IN MEDINA

A widow had an only son named Anas^{ra}, aged about eight or nine.

She brought the boy to the Prophet^{sa} and offered him for the Prophet's^{sa} personal service.

The testimony of Anas^{ra}, therefore, reveals the Prophet's^{sa} character as it developed in the days of his growing power and prosperity at Medina.

Anas^{ra} is reported to have said that though he went into the service of the Prophet^{sa} as a boy and remained with him until the Prophet^{sa} died, never did the Prophet^{sa} speak unkindly to him, nor did he ever admonish him, nor did he ever set him a duty harder than he could perform. ...

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Later, the Prophet^{sa} sent his freedman Zaid^{ra} to Mecca to fetch his family and relations.

In the meantime the Prophet^{sa} laid the foundations of a mosque on the site he had bought for the purpose.

After this, he built houses for himself and for his Companions.

About seven months were spent on their completion.