

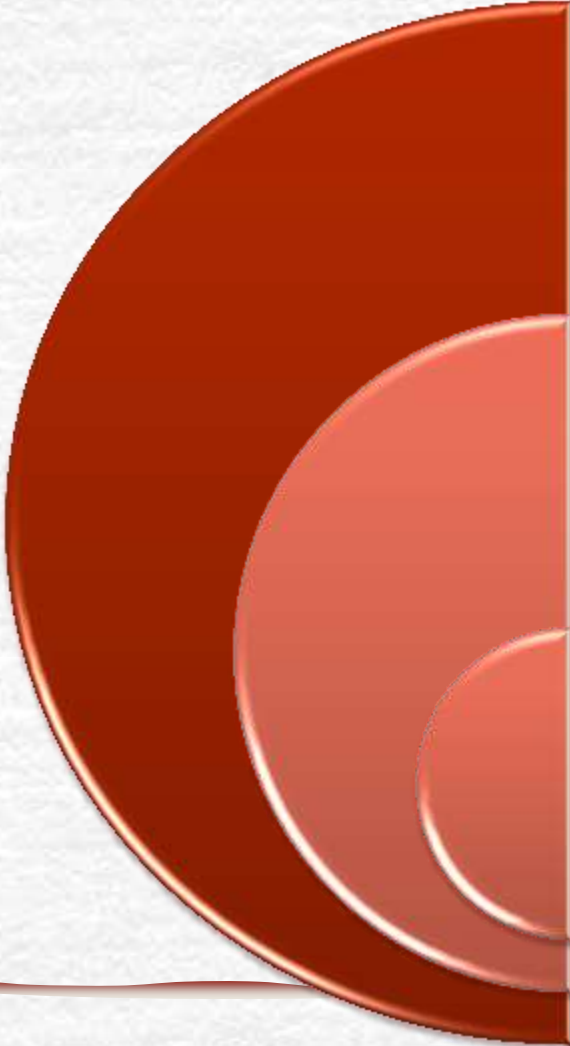


# **Life of Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>**

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# "THE PROPHET (SA) OF GOD CALLS YOU"




Before the Muslim army reached Hunain, the Hawazin and their allies had already prepared a number of ambushes from which to attack the Muslims, like the fox-holes and camouflaged artillery positions of modern warfare.

They had built walls around them. Behind the walls were soldiers lying in wait for the Muslims.

A narrow gorge was left for Muslims to pass through.

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Much the larger part of the army was posted to these ambushes, while a small number was made to line up in front of their camels.

Muslims thought enemy numbers to be no more than they could see. So they went forward and attacked.

When they had advanced far and the hiding enemy was satisfied that they could be attacked very easily, the soldiers lined up in front of the camels and attacked the centre of the Muslim army while the hiding archers rained their arrows on the flanks.

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The Meccans, who had joined for a chance to display their valour, could not stand this double attack by the enemy. They ran back to Mecca.

Pressure came from three sides, resulting in a general rout. In this, only the Prophet (sa), with twelve Companions, stood unmoved.

One Companion reports that he and his friends did all they could to steer their animals towards the battlefield. But the animals had been put to fright by the stampede of the Meccan animals.

"Our hearts beat in fear—fear for the safety of the Prophet (sa)," says this Companion, "but there was nothing we could do." This was how the Companions were placed.

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At that moment Abu Bakr (ra) dismounted and holding the reins of the Prophet's (sa) mule said, "Prophet (sa) of God, let us withdraw for a while and let the Muslim army collect itself."

"Release the reins of my mule, Abu Bakr (ra)," said the Prophet (sa).

As the Prophet (sa) spurred his mount, he said, "I am a Prophet (sa). I am no pretender. I am a son of 'Abdul Muttalib"

By stressing this, he meant that he was not afraid of death or of the failure of his cause.

But if, in spite of being overwhelmed by archers he remained safe, Muslims should not attribute any divine qualities to him.

After uttering these memorable words, the Prophet (sa) called for 'Abbas (ra).

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The Prophet (sa) said to him, " 'Abbas (ra), raise your voice and remind the Muslims of the oath they took under the tree at Hudaibiya, and of what they were taught at the time of the revelation of the Surah Baqara. Tell them, the Prophet (sa) of God calls them."

'Abbas (ra) raised his powerful voice... The voice of 'Abbas (ra) did not sound like his own voice but the voice of the angel beckoning them to render an account of their deeds.

There was nothing then to stop them from turning to the battlefield again. Many of them dismounted and with only sword and shield rushed to the battlefield, leaving their animals to go where they liked...

Before long the Prophet (sa) was surrounded by a large number of Companions, mostly Ansar. The enemy again suffered a defeat.

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The presence of Abu Sufyan (ra) on the side of the Prophet (sa) on this day was a mighty divine Sign, a Sign of the power of God on the one hand and of the purifying example of the Prophet (sa) on the other.

Only a few days before, Abu Sufyan (ra) was a bloodthirsty enemy of the Prophet (sa), commander of a bloodthirsty army determined to destroy the Muslims.

Abu Sufyan (ra), a wise and seasoned general... walked by the side of the Prophet (sa) determined not to let anyone come near the Prophet's (sa) person without first attacking and killing him.

'Abbas (ra) saw the astonishment in the Prophet's (sa) look and said, "Prophet (sa) of God, this is Abu Sufyan (ra), son of your uncle, and so your brother. Aren't you pleased with him?"

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"I am," said the Prophet (sa), "and I pray, God may forgive him all the wrongs he has done."

...Then turning to Abu Sufyan (ra) himself, he said,... "Brother!"

Abu Sufyan (ra) could not restrain the affection welling up in his heart. He bent and kissed the Prophet's (sa) foot in the stirrup he was holding.



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After the battle of Hunain, the Prophet (sa) returned the war material he had received on loan. While returning it he compensated the lenders many times over. Those who had made the loan were touched by the care and consideration which the Prophet (sa) had shown in returning the material and in compensating the lenders. They felt the Prophet (sa) was no ordinary man, but one whose moral example stood high above others

No wonder, Safwan (ra) joined Islam at once.