



Sirah of Sayyida Fatima al-Zahraa عليها السلام

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وَالضُّحَىٰ ﴿١﴾ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا سَجَىٰ ﴿٢﴾

مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قَلَىٰ ﴿٣﴾ وَلَآ آخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَىٰ

﴿٤﴾ وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَىٰ ﴿٥﴾

أَلَمْ يَجِدَكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ ﴿٦﴾ وَوَجَدَكَ ضَالًّا فَهَدَىٰ ﴿٧﴾

وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَىٰ ﴿٨﴾ فَأَمَّا الْيَتِيمَ فَلَا تَقْهَرْ ﴿٩﴾

وَأَمَّا السَّائِلَ فَلَا تَنْهَرْ ﴿١٠﴾

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ ﴿١١﴾

Translation of Al-Duhaa (Q 93)

- In Allah's name, the Beneficent, the Merciful

By the midday brightness (1) and by the calm of night,
(2) (Muhammad), your Lord has not abandoned you (by
not sending you His revelation), nor is He displeased
with you. (3) The reward in the next life will certainly be
better for you than worldly gains. (4) Your Lord will soon
grant you sufficient favors to please you. (5) Did He not
find you as an orphan and give you shelter? (6) Did He
not find you wandering about and give you guidance?
(7) And did He not find you in need and make you rich?
(8) Do not oppress the orphans (9) and do not reject the
beggars (10) and proclaim the bounties of your Lord.
(11)

Was Fatima the only daughter?

- Fatima was the only daughter of the Prophet ﷺ. Zaynab, Umm Kulthum and Ruqayyah were his step daughters, about whom there is a dispute whether they were daughters of Bibi Khadija عليها السلام or whether they were daughters of her sister, Haala. Some also believe that Khadija was virgin before marrying the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.
- It is established that Holy Prophet ﷺ did not have any other daughter; the clearest proof is that he was married at the age of 25, fifteen years before Bi'that and he had no children for five years. Whereas all three 'daughters' were married to 'Utba and 'Utayba sons of Abu Lahab and Abul-'Aas Ibn Rabi' before Bi'that. It is almost impossible that within 10 years three daughters were born and married too, whereas gap of birth of Qasim and Abdullah will also have to be maintained. (*Nuqush Ismat* by Allamah Zishan Haydar Jawadi)

Fatima *ummu Abeeha*

- Fatima was known to be a very sensitive child and was deeply affected by the persecution that her father had to endure when doing missionary work.
- Once when the Prophet ﷺ was praying, some of the Meccans threw entrails of a slaughtered animal on him. Fatima ran to her father, wiped him off, and yelled at the Meccans.
- After Khadijah's death, as a result of the boycott on the Muslims and the Banu Hashim clan by the Meccans, Fatima felt that she had to take care of her father. Because of this sentiment, she was called *Umm Abeeha* – the mother of her father!
- HP ﷺ: *Fatima is a part of me, he who upsets her, upsets me.*

Father – Daughter relation

- She had the spirit of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, his characteristics and morals. Indeed, she was the complete inheritor of her father.
- ‘Ayesha narrates: Never have I seen anyone more like the Messenger of Allah in his solemn way (of standing and sitting) than Fatima” she added, “When she came in the room to see him, he would rise to his feet, take her hand, kiss her and seat her where he was seated . And when he came to see her, she would stand up, take his hand, kiss him and seat him where she was seated”.

Mahr of Bibi Fatima

- When the proposal of Amirul Mu'minin was accepted by the Prophet & Sayyida Fatima, HP demanded *mahr* for the marriage.
- From material wealth he had a sword, a horse and armor. HP advised him to sell the armor. He received 500 dirhams, and gave it as mahr.
- Lessons to be derived from the above:
 - 1) Mahr is not a bride price. Who can put a price on the lady who was *sayyidatun-nisaa'il 'alameen*?
 - 2) Mahr is so important that if one need to sell precious item, he should do it pay mahr
 - 3) Mahr should be settled before the marriage
 - 4) Mahr should be simple and affordable
 - 5) Mahr is not mention sake but essential part of Islamic marriage.

Fatima's characteristics

- Fatima was respected for other traits. She was known to be deeply spiritual. She would spend most of her time praying and reading from the Qur'an.
- Imam Hasan on her mother's worship
- She was active in the community. During the Battle of 'Uhud, she tended to the wounded; in Battle of the Trench, she prepared food for the community.

Tasbeeh al-Zahraa

Bibi Fatima (a) used to run her house without much help; Prophet Mohammed (S) could see how hard his daughter worked at home. One day he said he would give her something that would be better than a helper or anything else she wished in this world. This is when he gives her the gift of this Tasbeeh. Thus, Fatima adhered to this glorification after every prayer; and it came to be known as Tasbeeh of Fatima al-Zahra.

Imam Sadiq (a): The first Tasbeeh was our mother's (i.e. Fatima) which was made of blue thread and after that, she made beads of Tasbeeh from the soil of Hamzah's grave.

After every prayer say:
Allahu Akbar thirty four (34) times,
Alhamdu Lillah thirty three (33) times
and,
Subhan Allah thirty three (33) times,



The Prophet (S) said:
"Surely this is better for you than that which you wanted and the world and its belongings."

Fiddah awarded to Fatima

- The Messenger of Allah awarded Fiddah to Fatima in 7 AH, 5 years after her marriage & 1 year after the birth of the 2nd child.
- Initially she was asked to seek help thru *tasbeeh*
- Merits of Tasbeeh al-Zahraa (a):
 - 1) Reward of 1000 salat
 - 2) Implementation of *dhikran katheera* (Q 33:41)
- One day Fiddah did household work and she took rest, and the next day Sayyida Fatima worked and the maid took rest.
- Had four children: Hasan, Husayn, Zaynab, and Umm Kulthum. They lived in poverty often going days without food. Despite this, Fatima was compassionate and generous, always giving to those in need.

Blessed necklace of Fatima

- Jabir: a weak & hungry old man came to beg from the Prophet. HP did not have anything so he sent him to Fatima's house. He begged and she gave him a necklace. He took it to the mosque and showed it to the Prophet. HP: sell it, for Allah will solve your problems as it has been given to you by the Mistress of All Women. Ammar b. Yasir asked HP if he can buy it. The Prophet gave him the permission. Ammar paid generously for it and gave the necklace to his slave Sahim, asking him to give it to the Prophet and also gifted the slave you to HP. The Prophet asked the slave to take the necklace to Fatima and say to her that: I gift you to her. When the slave reached Fatima, she took the necklace and told the slave that he was free. Upon hearing this, the slave laughed. Fatima inquired the reason. "I smiled when I thought of the abundance put in this necklace; it fed a hungry man, freed a slave and got returned to its original owner."

Father – Daughter Bond

- One day the Messenger of Allah ﷺ called Fatima عليها السلام and when she came he whispered something in her ear. When she heard it, she began to cry. He whispered in her ear again and she smiled. ‘Ayisha saw this exchange and asked Fatima about it: “You cry and you laugh at the same time, Fatima? What did the Messenger of God say to you?” Fatima replied, “He first told me that he would meet his Lord after a short while and so I cried. Then he said to me: ‘Don’t cry for you will be the first of my household to join me.’ So I laughed.”