

Meccan Sira of Rasulallah-Marriage

- “ And he found you impoverished and enriched you”

وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَى

- Poverty of Muhammad (saws) and Road to adulthood
- Why was this stage of his life important?
- Lesson for all those who take heed...

Adolescent Years

- Life of Poverty
- Prophets ingenuity and hard work in face of trials
- Teenage years in Mecca- how did he spend them?
- What is the *gharad* (objective) behind this examination?

Adolescent years cont...

- Muhammad (saw) the Shepherd– a reflective period
- Remarkable attributes and Bahira the Monk
- Concern for the affairs of the Meccans

Earning a living

- By 20 , Muhammad was put in charge of an entire trading caravan to Syria
- Major responsibility
- How he earned respect and reverence of his fellow tribesmen- demonstration of proficiency
- Al-Sadiq al-Ameen
- Abu Talib's financial difficulties

Questions of Marriage on the Horizon

- Early 20's--- marriage became a very real possibility and question
- Umm Hani bint Abi Talib (sister of Ali)
- Financial independence as an obstacle socially and culturally in Mecca

New Opportunity- *doors open*

- Muhammad's righteous adolescence and youth pays its dividends
- Principle- earning respect through sober and responsible behaviour
- He is hired by Khadija bint Khuwalid in his mid 20's as an agent
- The beginning of life changing critical events—the road paved by God

What happened in Syria?

- Muhammad (saws) goes with Musayrah to Syria
- *'alam* and remarkable signs illuminate from his character and person
- A second meeting with a Christian monk
- *Motif—trees and enlightenment-----and Budha*
- *We must look deep into these spiritual-literary motifs*
- *What do they symbolize and why-satiation of the soul*

- Trip- was an incredible success
- Khadija is awe struck by the young Muhammad (25yrs)
- Light radiating from his forehead, remarkable and elegant physical features
- His moustache would never go over his lip- the young Muhammad was presentable, honest, and illuminating righteous character
- What are our standards of manhood?- *al-rajuliyya*

The proposal is sent

- Khadija sent the proposal through Nufaysah
- Symbolism---honourable woman in control of her emotions
- Muhammad seemingly surprised at the proposal:
“How would such a marriage work?”- Nufaysah said leave that to me?
- All societal and cultural odds were against this marriage

- The 40 yr old Khadija marries 25 year old Muhammad (saws)
- Question of age? 15 year difference (vast majority of reports)
- Difference in wealth
- She was twice widowed
- Worldly wealth vs Spiritual wealth
- Abu Talib: “
- Where are our communities heading?
- DO WE TAKE HEED?

Qualities in a Spouse

- من كتاب تهذيب الأحكام جاء رجل إلى الحسن ع يستشيرهُ في تزويج ابنته فقال زوجها من رجل تقي فإنه إن أحبها أكرمها و إن أبغضها لم يظلمها
- A man came to Imam al Hassan (as) and presented to him the matter of his daughters marriage proceedings
- Imam said: “ Marry her to a God-fearing/conscious (*taqi*) man, for if he loves her shall honour her, and he (ends up) disliking her he would not oppress her”

● THE NEW HOUSEHOLD

- Muhammad moved into Khadija's home
- A home of love and affection—4 children:

Qasim, Zaynab, Ruqayah, Fatimah, 'Abdullah

Both sons die at very young age---*musbiah*

- The marriage stays strong and they rely on Allah
- Muhammad and Khadija become foster parents
- Zayd (early on), and 'Ali ibn Abi Talib enter their life

- Revelation arrives at the age of 40
- Steadfast loving and supporting wife:
- Khadija bint Khuwaylid:
“No by God be of good cheer, for God would never disgrace you! You surely treat your next-of kin with kindness. You always speak the truth, and endure weariness patiently. You receive the guest hospitably and lend assistance in times of adversity”
- She was ready to face the trial and struggle together
- Pillar of support- we can never underestimate this
- Depletion of her wealth

Early Community

- Zayd, Ali (as), Abu Bakr-intimate circle of friends and companions
- Slaves joining the movement- against all odds
- Struggle in the face of oppression, threats, and violence
- Meccan ayat shook the ground they walked on
- Judgement, Time, vivid descriptions of Qiyama

- Sura Zilzalah—These verses penetrated the hearts of early Meccans—Caused tears to pour forth
- (1) إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا -When the Earth shakes its shaking
- (2) وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا -And the Earth brings out/spews out its loads (weights)
- (3) وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا - Mankind will say: “What is going on/what is wrong with it [the Earth]
- (4) يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا —On that day it will report its news
- (5) بِأَنَّ رَبَّكَ أَوْحَى لَهَا - For its Lord would have inspired it (to do so)
- يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصُدُّرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِيُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ --On the day mankind will be brought forth in diff. Groups (*ashtatan*) so they may see their deeds (what they did in their life)

Trust and Love in God

- Intense love and trust in God- Rasululah and his small community of believers and followers

3:31- Say (oh Muhammad): “If you love Allah then follow me , Allah will love you (*yuhbibkum Allah*) and forgive your sins (*wa yaghfir lakum dhunubakum*) and Allah is forgiving and merciful.

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Engulfed by the love of Allah and His Mercy

Dua Abi Hamza: *anta qurratu ayni*- You (Allah) are the apple of my eye!

● LEGACY OF KHADIJA

25 year marriage to Muhammad (saws), he took no other wives at this time

- He had no other surviving children from any other woman
- Aisha: She was the only woman I was jealous of, tears would roll down the cheek of the Prophet when he would think of her
- ‘She was there when no one was there for me’...- in other words she was the *wasila* given to me from Allah
- وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَى
- He found him impoverished and He (Allah) made him rich-----*bi khadija*---he was enriched with love, compassion, a home, and support all for the sake of Allah
- A woman played one of if not the most important role in the Meccan life of Muhammad- we should never loose sight of this