

Brief Summary - Khalifa Abu Bakr As Siddiq



All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq, may Allah be pleased with him.

The First Caliph of Islam and the Closest Companion of the Prophet S.A.V.

Full Name and Lineage

His full name was Abdullah ibn Uthman ibn Amir ibn Amr ibn Kab ibn Sa'd ibn Taym ibn Murrah al-Qurashi at Taymi.

He belonged to the Taym clan of the Quraysh tribe in Makkah.

He was born around 573 CE, about two years after the birth of Prophet Muhammad S.A.V.

His father was Abu Quhafa (Uthman ibn Amir), and his mother was Ummul Khayr Salma bint Sakhr.

Life Before Islam

Before accepting Islam, Abu Bakr was a respected and noble man among the Quraysh.

He was known for his gentle manners, honesty, and wisdom.

He never worshipped idols or drank alcohol, even before Islam.
He worked as a merchant and was well-versed in Arab genealogy.

Accepting Islam

When Prophet Muhammad S.A.V. began calling people to Islam, Abu Bakr was the first adult male to embrace it.

He accepted Islam without hesitation or doubt.

Because of his unwavering faith and immediate belief in the Prophet S.A.V. he was given the title As Siddiq, meaning the truthful one or the one who affirms the truth.

Through Abu Bakr's influence, several great companions entered Islam, such as Uthman ibn Affan, Zubayr ibn al-Awwam, Abdur-Rahman ibn Awf, Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqas, Talha ibn Ubaydullah

Companionship with the Prophet S.A.V.

Abu Bakr was the closest companion of Prophet Muhammad S.A.V. throughout his life.

He was with him during the early days of persecution in Makkah. During the Hijrah migration to Madinah, when they hid together in the Cave of Thawr.

Allah mentions this incident in the Quran.

If you do not help him the Prophet, Allah has already helped him when those who disbelieved drove him out, and he was one of two, when they were in the cave, and he said to his companion: *'Do not grieve; indeed, Allah is with us.'* Surah At-Tawbah, 9:40

Virtues and Status

The Prophet S. A. V. praised Abu Bakr many times:

If I were to take a close friend other than my Lord, I would have taken Abu Bakr as my friend.

Sahih al-Bukhari & Muslim

The person who has done the most favor to me with his wealth and companionship is Abu Bakr.

Tirmidhi

All the doors of the mosque should be closed except the door of Abu Bakr.

Bukhari

The Prophet S A.V also said.

Abu Bakr's name will be called from every gate of Paradise, and he will enter from whichever he wishes.

Bukhari and Muslim

His Caliphate period: 632 to 634 CE

After the death of the Prophet S.A.V, the Muslims unanimously chose Abu Bakr as the first Caliph (Khalifah) of Islam.

His Achievements as Caliph:

- 1). Fought the apostates Riddah Wars - tribes that left Islam after the Prophet's death.
- 2.) Crushed the false prophets, such as Musaylimah al Kadhhab.
- 3.) Collected and preserved the Qur'an in one book form for the first time, under the supervision of Zayd ibn Thabit r.a.
- 4). Sent armies to spread Islam to Syria and Iraq, preparing the way for the great expansion during Umar ibn al-Khattabs rule.

Family.

Abu Bakr r.a. married several noble women, including.

Umm Ruman
Asma bint Umais
Habiba bint Kharijah

His Children

Aisha r.a. wife of Prophet Muhammad S.A.V.
Abdullah ibn Abu Bakr
Asma bint Abu Bakr , wife of Zubayr ibn al Awwam
Muhammad ibn Abu Bakr

His Death

Abu Bakr r.a. ruled for about two years and three months.
He fell ill and died in 634 CE 13 AH at the age of 63, the same age as Prophet Muhammad S.A.V.
He was buried next to the Prophet S.A.V. in the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah to his right side.

Wise Sayings of Abu Bakr r.a.

Whoever worships Muhammad, know that Muhammad is dead.
But whoever worships Allah, know that Allah is Ever Living and never dies.
The greatest truth is honesty, and the greatest falsehood is lying.
He who avoids suspicion saves his religion and honor.

Legacy

Abu Bakr as-Siddiq r.a. remains a shining example of:

Faith and sincerity
Loyalty to the Prophet S A.V
Courage and justice
True leadership and humility

He was the first to believe, the most loyal of companions, and the first to lead the Muslim Ummah after the Prophet S.A.V. a man whose life changed the course of

Islamic history.

He remains the greatest and most beloved figures in Islamic history,