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May Allah have mercy on him.

Pictures from the Lives of the Companions tells us about people who learned Islam from Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and helped the Muslim community. Their lives teach us about Tawheed, patience, honesty, kindness, bravery and love for the Qur'an. Tawheed means worshipping Allah alone. These lessons are taught upon The Qur'aan & Sunnah as Understood by the Salaf (Pious Predecessors) of this Ummah.

11. Abu Ubaidah ibn Al-Jarrah

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Every community has someone who can be trusted. The one entrusted with this community is Abu Ubaidah ibn Al-Jarrah." (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 91; PDF p. 87.)

Abu Ubaidah was one of the first people to accept Islam. Abu Bakr invited him to learn about the message of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He believed and stayed close to the Prophet during the difficult years in Makkah. He was known for his gentle manners, modesty, courage and trustworthiness. Umar ibn Al-Khattab later named him among the people whose words could be trusted. Abu Ubaidah travelled with the Muslims to Madinah and helped the Muslim community in times of great difficulty. During the events at Uhud the Prophet ﷺ was hurt. Abu Ubaidah carefully helped remove the pieces of armour caught in the Prophet's face. He put the Prophet's comfort before his own. He also took part in important journeys and duties for the Muslims. When people from Najran asked the Prophet ﷺ to send someone trustworthy to help them, the Prophet chose Abu Ubaidah. Later he was given leadership duties. He remained humble and cared about the people he served instead of seeking honour for himself. During a time of illness in the region of Syria he continued to think about the Muslims under his care. Trustworthiness means keeping promises and caring for people. Abu Ubaidah teaches us to be humble, gentle and ready to help even when the work is difficult. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 91–98.)



12. Abdullah ibn Mas'ud

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “Whoever wants to read the Qur’an as freshly as it was revealed should read it in the way Ibn Umm Abd reads it.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 99; PDF p. 95.)

Abdullah ibn Mas'ud was a young shepherd in Makkah. One day Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Abu Bakr passed by him and asked for milk. Abdullah said he was caring for someone else's animals and could not give away what did not belong to him. The Prophet ﷺ liked his honesty. Abdullah saw a sign from Allah and became eager to learn about Islam. Abdullah accepted Islam early and stayed close to the Prophet ﷺ. He was not a large or wealthy man but he loved the Qur'an deeply. He learned its words carefully from the Prophet and became known for his clear recitation. He bravely recited the Qur'an in Makkah even when people did not want to hear it. He spent time learning what the verses meant and how they should be followed. The Prophet ﷺ praised his recitation. Other Companions also recognized his knowledge. Later Abdullah taught Muslims how to read the Qur'an and understand their religion. He knew that true honour comes from faith and knowledge rather than appearance or wealth. Honesty, learning the Qur'an and using knowledge well are more valuable than wealth or appearance. Abdullah ibn Mas'ud teaches us to speak the truth and love Allah's Book. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 99–108.)



13. Salman Al-Farisi

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “If faith were as far away as the Pleiades stars, men from these people would reach it.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 109; PDF p. 105.)

Salman grew up in Persia. His father cared greatly for him and wanted him to follow the family’s religion. Salman began searching for the truth. He learned about another religion from people he met and travelled far from home to learn more. He spent time with different religious teachers. Some helped him while others disappointed him but he did not give up his search for Allah’s guidance. Before one of his teachers passed away, Salman was told about a Prophet who would appear in Arabia. He learned some signs by which he might recognize him. On his journey Salman was treated unfairly and ended up working as a servant far from home. He finally came to the area around Madinah where he hoped to find the Prophet. When the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ arrived in Madinah, Salman carefully checked the signs he had learned. He offered food first as charity and later as a gift. He also saw the sign of prophethood. Salman recognized that Muhammad ﷺ was the Messenger of Allah and accepted Islam. The Prophet and his Companions later helped him gain his freedom. Salman became a devoted Muslim. When Madinah faced a serious threat, he suggested digging a trench to protect the city. The Muslims worked together on this plan. His story shows a long journey from searching for the truth to serving the Muslim community. Salman teaches us to keep looking for the truth, be patient when life is difficult and use our knowledge to help others. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 109–116.)



14. Ikrimah ibn Abi Jahl

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “Ikrimah is coming to you as a believer who has left his home for Islam. Do not speak badly about his father. Speaking badly about those who have passed away hurts the living and does not reach the dead.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 117; PDF p. 113.)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also said: “Welcome to the traveller who came for the sake of Islam.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 117; PDF p. 113.) Ikrimah was the son of Abu Jahl. For many years he stood against the Muslims as his father had done. When Makkah came under Muslim control, Ikrimah left the city. His wife, Umm Hakim, accepted Islam. She received permission for her husband to return safely and travelled to find him. Ikrimah went towards the sea. During his journey he heard words about turning sincerely to Allah alone in times of trouble. He began thinking about what he had believed before. His wife found him and told him that the Prophet ﷺ had promised him safety. Ikrimah returned and was welcomed with kindness instead of being reminded of his past. He accepted Islam and asked Allah to forgive his earlier actions. He promised to use his strength and resources to help the religion he had once opposed. Ikrimah became sincere in his worship and worked hard alongside the Muslims. His life changed because he accepted the truth and made a new beginning. People can change for the better. Ikrimah teaches us to return to Allah, leave wrong actions behind and treat people with mercy when they seek to do good. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 117–126.)



15. Zayd Al-Khayr

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “How excellent you are, Zayd! What a fine man you are!” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 127; PDF p. 123.)

Zayd was a respected man from the tribe of Tayy. Before Islam he was known as Zayd Al-Khayl because of his connection with horses. People spoke about his courage, generosity and strong character. When he heard about Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, he wanted to meet him and understand his message himself. Zayd came to Madinah with men from his tribe. He listened to the Prophet ﷺ speaking about Islam and the importance of worshipping Allah alone. He believed what he heard and accepted Islam. The Prophet praised him and gave him the name Zayd Al-Khayr, which connects his name with goodness. The Prophet ﷺ honoured Zayd and welcomed him. Zayd wished to help the Muslims and serve Allah. His visit showed how quickly a person's life can change when he accepts the truth. On his journey away from Madinah he became very ill and his life came to an end before he could do all the good he hoped to do. Good character becomes even better when joined with faith. Zayd teaches us to recognize the truth and accept it without delay. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 127–134.)

16. Adi ibn Hatim At-Ta'i

Umar ibn Al-Khattab said: “You accepted Islam when others refused. You came forward when others turned away. You recognized the truth when others denied it. You kept your promise when others broke theirs.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 135; PDF p. 131.)

Adi ibn Hatim was the son of Hatim, a man famous for generosity. Adi was a respected leader among the people of Tayy. At first he did not want to follow Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He left his home and went to Syria. His sister later met the Prophet and was treated kindly. When she returned to Adi she encouraged him to meet the Prophet himself. Adi came to Madinah. He noticed the Prophet ﷺ stopping to listen to an older woman who needed help. The Prophet welcomed Adi into his home and treated him with great kindness. Adi saw that the Prophet was not trying to live like a proud king. He spoke with Adi about the worship of Allah and about changes that would come in the future. Adi thought carefully about what he heard and accepted Islam. Later he witnessed some of the changes the Prophet had spoken about. He remained loyal to Islam during difficult times when others became uncertain. Umar praised Adi for accepting the truth and keeping his promise. A person should listen fairly and judge by truth rather than rumours. Adi teaches us kindness, loyalty and keeping our promises. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 135–142.)



17. Abu Dharr Al-Ghifari

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “The earth has not carried and the sky has not shaded anyone more truthful than Abu Dharr.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 143; PDF p. 139.)

Abu Dharr belonged to the tribe of Ghifar. He heard news of a man in Makkah calling people to worship Allah alone. Abu Dharr sent his brother to learn more and then travelled to Makkah himself. He was careful because people were speaking harshly about the Prophet ﷺ. Ali ibn Abi Talib helped Abu Dharr meet the Prophet. Abu Dharr listened to the message of Islam and accepted it. He wanted others to know about Allah even though speaking publicly was difficult at the time. The Prophet ﷺ advised him to return to his people. Abu Dharr taught his family and tribe about Islam with patience. Members of Ghifar and the nearby tribe of Aslam later accepted Islam. Abu Dharr joined the Muslims in Madinah and became known for truthfulness and simple living. He did not like people collecting wealth while forgetting those in need. He spoke openly about what he believed was right. Later he lived away from the busy city and continued to value honesty and worship more than worldly possessions. Abu Dharr teaches us to speak truthfully, care for people in need and avoid letting money become more important than doing what is right. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 143–150.)

18. Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum

The historians quoted by the author said: “A blind man about whom Allah revealed sixteen verses that people have continued to recite through the passing of days and nights.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 151; PDF p. 147.)

Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum was a Companion who could not see. He wanted to learn the Qur'an and grow in knowledge. One day he came to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ while the Prophet was speaking to some important people in Makkah. Abdullah asked for guidance but the Prophet was busy with the others. Allah then revealed the opening verses of Surah Abasa to teach an important lesson about giving attention to someone who sincerely wants to learn. After this the Prophet ﷺ treated Abdullah with special care and honour. Abdullah accepted Islam and stayed firm in his faith. He later moved to Madinah and helped the Muslims by calling people to Salah. He was one of the callers to prayer alongside Bilal. The Prophet ﷺ sometimes put Abdullah in charge of the people in Madinah when he travelled away. Abdullah wanted to serve the Muslims even though he could not see. In later years he continued to show strong faith and the desire to help his community. Every person deserves respect and the chance to learn. Abdullah teaches us not to judge others by what they cannot do. A sincere heart and love of knowledge are precious. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 151–157.)



19. Mujazza'ah ibn Thawr As-Sadusi

The historians quoted by the author said: “Mujazza'ah ibn Thawr had enough courage to face a hundred opponents. Imagine what he could do beside the brave men of his own community.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 158; PDF p. 154.)

Mujazza'ah ibn Thawr was known among the Muslims for his strength and bravery. During the time of Umar ibn Al-Khattab, Muslim forces travelled to the region of Ahwaz. They faced a very difficult situation near the strongly protected city of Tustar. Many people had worked hard for a long time without finding an easy way to enter. The Muslims learned that there was a hidden water passage leading inside the city. It was narrow and dangerous. Mujazza'ah agreed to take on the task of going through it with a small group. The men went through the water quietly and worked together to open a way for the others. They faced great danger so the rest of the army could move forward. Mujazza'ah showed courage, determination and concern for the Muslims with him. The author describes the sacrifices of those who took part and the help Allah gave the Muslims during the difficult events at Tustar. The story honours Mujazza'ah for serving his community rather than seeking comfort for himself. Mujazza'ah teaches us courage, teamwork and willingness to help others during difficult times. True bravery includes thinking about the people who depend on us. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 158–165.)



20. Usayd ibn Al-Hudayr

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “The angels were listening to you, Usayd.” (Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, p. 166; PDF p. 162.)

Usayd ibn Al-Hudayr was a respected leader in Madinah before the Prophet ﷺ arrived there. He heard that Musab ibn Umair was teaching people about Islam. At first Usayd was upset and went to speak to him. Musab calmly invited him to sit and listen before making a decision. Usayd listened to the Qur'an and was moved by its message. Usayd accepted Islam. He returned to his people and his example helped others begin listening to the message too. Sa'd ibn Muadh also came to learn and accepted Islam. Usayd became known for strong faith, good judgement and his beautiful recitation of the Qur'an. One night Usayd was reading the Qur'an while his horse was nearby. The horse became restless and Usayd became concerned for his young son. He stopped reciting and looked up. He saw a remarkable sight above him. When he told the Prophet ﷺ, the Prophet explained that angels had come to listen to his recitation. Usayd continued serving the Muslim community and stayed loyal to the Prophet. His story shows the power of listening carefully to the Qur'an and how Allah honours those who love His words. Usayd teaches us to listen before judging, speak calmly and give the Qur'an a special place in our lives. (Story source: Suwar min Hayat as-Sahabah, pp. 166–175.)