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Khadeejah, the wife of our Prophet ﷺ, was born in Makkah; into a noble family of the Quraysh tribe.


Her father was Khuwaylid bin Asad and her mother was Faatimah bint Za'idah.

She is one of the four women to whom Allaah ﷻ has promised Jannah.

Khadeejah the Mother of the Believers

Khadeejah  was known as the mother of the believers, or Ummul Mumineen, because she was married to our Prophet Muhammad .

All of the wives of the Prophet  are called the Mothers of the Believers.

She was the first wife of our Prophet Muhammad .

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The Prophet ﷺ and Khadeejah ﷺ lived very happily.

She was a very good wife and gave him all the support and help he needed.

They had six children: two sons and four daughters.

Their sons were Qasim and Abdullah and the daughters were Zaynab, Ruqayyah, Umm Kulthoom and Faatimah.


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Muhammad ﷺ never used to worship the idols that the people of his time were worshipping, even before Allaah ﷻ sent him revelation.

Muhammad ﷺ always believed that there was something wrong about what the people were doing.

Muhammad ﷺ knew that worshipping idols was not correct.

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One day during the last days of the month of Ramadan, while the Prophet ﷺ was in the cave Hira, the Angel Jibreel brought down the first revelation from Allaah ﷻ.


Muhammad ﷺ was amazed and frightened by this incident and went quickly to Khadeejah رضي الله عنها.


Khadeejah ؓ had never seen him like this before.



She quickly wrapped a blanket around his shoulders, and comforted him and asked him to tell her what had happened.

He ؓ then told her how Angel Jibreel came to him in the cave and had asked him to read.

The words he  read were the first words of the Qur'aan.

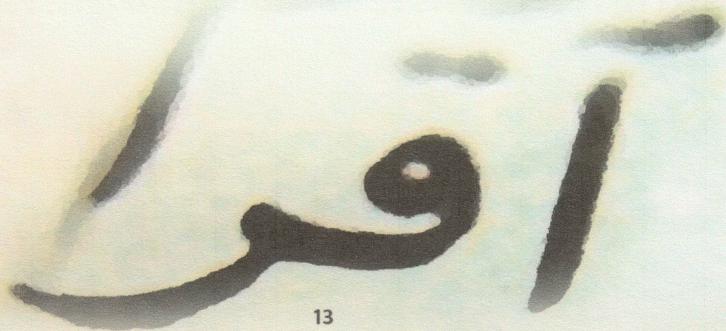
This was the first revelation that came to our Prophet Muhammad .

The Prophet  was shaken by this and feared that something bad was happening to him.

Khadeejah  was very brave and strong, and told him that Allaah  would never harm him.

She said something very beautiful to him. She said,

“Never! By Allaah, Allaah ﷻ will never disgrace you. You keep good relations with your relatives, you speak the truth, you help the poor and needy, you serve your guests generously and you help the deserving people who have been troubled by hardship.”



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Khadeejah رضي الله عنها then told the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم that she had a cousin who was a learned man who had studied the earlier scriptures.

His name was Waraqah bin Nawfal.

So they went to Waraqah bin Nawfal and Khadeejah رضي الله عنها asked her cousin to listen to what Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم had to say.

When Muhammad ﷺ had finished describing what had taken place, Waraqah told him that the Angel Jibreel who had brought the revelation, was the same angel who had brought the revelation to Moosa ؑ, and that he, Muhammad ﷺ was the Prophet who was to come after Easa ؑ (Jesus).

Angel Jibreel ؑ did not appear again for some time.

But one day, while the Prophet ﷺ was walking, he heard a voice from the sky.

He looked up and saw the same angel who had visited him in the cave.

This time too he ﷺ was afraid, and again returned home to the comfort of his wife.

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Then Allaah ﷻ revealed to him, the following verses of the Qur'aan.

يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ ﴿١﴾ قُمْ فَأَنْذِرْ ﴿٢﴾ وَرَبَّكَ فَكَبِّرْ ﴿٣﴾
وَتِيَابَكَ فَطَهِّرْ ﴿٤﴾ وَالرُّجْزَ فَاهْجُرْ ﴿٥﴾

**O you (Muhammad) enveloped in garments! Arise
and warn! And your Lord (Allaah)
magnify! And your garments purify!
And keep away from ar Rujz (the idols)!**

Surah Mudaththir v. 1-5

Until this time he ﷺ had not been told to call people to the worship of the One True God, Allaah.

With this revelation the Prophet ﷺ was told to call the people to worship only Allaah ﷻ alone and not to worship the idols.

When the Prophet ﷺ told Khadeejah this, she readily accepted his message by saying,

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

La ilaha illallahu Muhammad ur rasoolullah

There is none worthy of worship except Allaah,
and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah.

So she became the first person to accept Muhammad ﷺ as a Prophet and Messenger of Allaah.

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Khadeejah ﷺ was a very rich lady.

By Allaah's Grace she was able to use her money in the cause of Islaam.

In the early days of Islaam, it was difficult to spread the message.

Some of the people who accepted Islaam were poor and humble, so those who were against Islaam were very mean to them and treated them badly.

As a result, the new Muslims had to face many difficulties and suffering.

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Yet, the numbers of the Muslims began to increase.

Many people who accepted Islaam were chased out of their homes.

Khadeejah ﷺ helped these people and provided homes for them and she helped to feed those who were poor.



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She helped her husband Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم in every way she could, to spread the message of Islaam.

She sacrificed a lot for the sake of Islaam and Allaah عز وجل rewarded her good deeds.

One day the Angel Jibreel عليه السلام came to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and said,

“O Messenger of Allaah, Khadeejah is coming with a bowl of soup for you.

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When she comes to you, give her the greeting of salaam from her Lord and from me, and give her the good news of a palace with precious stones and pearls in Jannah, where there will be neither noise nor tiredness."

Sahih al Bukhari



The hardship to the Muslims increased and the Muslims were forced to leave Makkah.

They had to live in a barren valley in the desert outside Makkah, and the Quraysh of Makkah refused to associate with them.

In this place they hardly had any food or shelter.

They had to suffer the severe winter and the very hot summer.

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They had to live in this very difficult condition for three years.

It was only after three years that the Muslims were allowed to enter the city of Makkah.


All this hardship had made Khadeejah ﷺ very weak and a few months after their return to Makkah, Khadeejah ﷺ died in the month of Ramadhan.

She was buried in Makkah.

Muhammad ﷺ himself saw that all the preparations were done for her burial; and it was he ﷺ who lowered her body into the grave.

The Prophet ﷺ was very sad.

He had spent twenty five years with her and he loved her very much.

Not only had she been the first to accept Muhammad  as the Messenger of Allaah, she had supported him in every way she possibly could.

Even after her death he continued to love her.

He would always speak highly of her.

He would send food to her friends and relatives.

One day, the Prophet's wife Aa'ishah رضي الله عنها asked, him صلى الله عليه وسلم why he loved Khadeejah so much.

He صلى الله عليه وسلم said, ***"She believed in me when no one else did, she accepted Islaam when people rejected me, and she helped and comforted me when there was no one else to lend me a helping hand."***

One of the companions, Abdullah ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه narrated that, one day the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم drew four lines on the earth and asked his Sahabah (companions) if they understood what these four lines stood for.

They رضي الله عنهم respectfully replied that Allaah and His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم knew better.

He ﷺ then told them that these lines stood for the four foremost ladies of the Universe.

They were Khadeejah bint Khuwaylid, Faatimah bint Muhammad ﷺ, Maryam bint Imran, the mother of Prophet Eesa and Aasiyah bint Mazahim, the wife of Fir'awn.

We ask Allaah ﷻ to bless Khadeejah ﷺ and let us take her as an example by which we can live our lives.

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