



## Chapter-5=Lesson-4

### **Hazrat Uthman (Ra.)**

#### **Identity**

Hazrat Uthman (Ra.) was born in Makkah in the year 573 AD in **Ummya clan** belong to the Quraish tribe. His father's name was **Affan and mother Worwa**. He was the **third Khalifa** of Islam. He was very much generous, polite, and modest from childhood. Modesty was the salient feature of his character. Being pleased with his good conduct Rasul (Sm.) gave his **second daughter, Ruqayya** in marriage to Hazrat Uthman (Ra.). Due to death of Ruqayya Prophet again gave his **third daughter Kulsum** married to Uthman. Thus he came to be known as **Zun Nurain, the possessor of two lights referring to two daughters of the Holy Prophet**. He was a wealthy trader. Thus he earned the title of '**Ghani**'. When he accepted Islam his uncle tied him with ropes and beat him. His relatives also tortured him mercilessly. As a result, he migrated with his wife Ruqayya to Abyssinia.

#### **Service of Islam**

After accepting Islam Hazrat Uthman (Ra.) was involved in preaching Islam. He would always remain besides Rasul (Sm.). In the service of Islam and Muslims he spent his wealth generously. He distributed food among the **penniless people during a famine in Madina**. The extension work of **Prophet's mosque in Madina** was completed through his financial contribution. In order to finance the **Tabuk expedition, he gave one thousand gold dinars and one thousand camels for the Muslim soldiers**.

#### **Khilafat and Compilation of Al-Qur'an**

Hazrat Uthman (Ra) was **elected third Khalifa of Islam in 644 AD**. On becoming the third Khalifa besides important administrative jobs he started the noble task of compilation of the Quran. As the Islamic state expanded, the Muslims of different areas started reading the Quran in different ways. As a result confusions and differences about the Quranic text arouse among the Muslims. He felt the importance of taking immediate steps. Through a decree he collected all copies of the Quran from available in the Muslim world that time. He completed the **compilation task after collecting the main copy of the Holy Quran printed in the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.) and kept in the custody of Hafsa (Ra.)**. Then he sent the compiled Quran to the governors, one copy each, of all parts of the Muslim Empire. The previous copies which were full of mistakes were collected and burnt. **For his noble and great task of compiling the Quran in its original language Uthman (Ra.) is called Jameul Quran (the compiler of the Quran)**.

Uthman's Khilifah lasted for **12 years**. He was martyred by some **rioters in 656CE at the age of 83**. Rasul (Sm.) said, 'Every prophet has a friend, and Uthman will be **my friend in Paradise**.'

## **The Administrative System of Hazrat Uthman (Ra.)**

Hazrat Uthman (Ra) was in the possession of Khilafat from 644 A.D to 656 A.D. During his rule Islamic Khilafat expanded immensely. The Khilafat extended upto Marokko in the west, the North-East of the present Pakistan in the East and Armenia to Azerbaijan in the North. The Muslim navy was founded firstly during his time, administrative division were speeded and many public welfare projects were implemented. He made many economic reforms. As a result, financial solvency of all citizens irrespective of muslims and non-muslims was ensured. He raised the allowances introduced by Hazrat Omar (Ra.) about 25%. Trade and commerce flourished a lot in his regime. He made provision for giving loan from the state treasury, appointed market inspectors, made development in the system of water supply for agriculture development. He employed administrators in different provinces for the greater development of administrative system. As a khalifa, he did not take any salary or allowances from the state treasury for himself. The first six years of his rule was peaceful and he was the most popular among the khulafaya Rashidun.

### **Worksheet**

- 1) What is the meaning of Ghani?
- 2) What is the meaning of Zun Nurain?
- 3) What is the meaning of Jameul Quran?
- 4) Why was Hazrat Uthman (Ra) called Ghani?
- 5) Why was Hazrat Uthman (Ra) called Zun Nurain?
- 6) Why was Hazrat Uthman (Ra) called Jameul Quran?
- 7) Who first introduced the Muslim Navy?
- 8) Write about the contribution of Hazrat Uthman (Ra) to Islam.
- 9) Write the contribution of Hazrat Uthman (Ra) to the compilation of Al-Quran
- 10) Write the administrative system of Hazrat Uthman (Ra).