



## Chapter-5

## Lesson-2

## Lecture 2

# The Life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.)

### Identity

- Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.) was the first Khalifa of Islam.
- He was born in 573 AD in the Taim clan of the famous Quraish tribe of Makkah.
- His boyhood name was Abudllah and titles were Siddiq and Atiq.
- His father's was Abu Kuhafa (Uthman-nickname) and mother's name was Ummul Khair (Salma-nickname).
- Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.) was younger than Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) by three years. He was the father of Ummul Muminin, Hazrat Ayesha (Ra.) and so he was the father-in-law of Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.).

### Acceptance of Islam

Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.) was the first among men to accept Islam. On one occasion, he went to Yemen on business. Returning to Makkah he heard that Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) claimed himself a Prophet and was preaching Islam. He appeared before the Prophet and accepted Islam reading Kalima-e-Shahadat.

Contribution to Islam: The contribution of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.) in the service of Islam was incomparable. After the death of Rasul (Sm.), Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.) played an extraordinary role in safeguarding Islam. **He was the only one to unhesitatingly believe the flight of Miraj of the Prophet (Sm.). That is why he was given the title Siddiq.**

- He gave away all that he had for Islam. **He spent for building the Masjid-e-Nabbi**, the house of Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) and the **Tabuk Expedition**.
- **Preaching Islam:** After accepting Islam, Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.) took part in preaching Islam with Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.). He invited the tribes around Makkah to Islam. During the Hajj, he used to visit various tents and invite the people there to accept Islam.
- **Hijrat to Madinah:** Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.) was the companion of Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) at the time of Hijrat. On the way, **they took shelter in the cave of a mountain named Saor** to save themselves from the enemy. From there, they completed the **Hijrat to Madinah** later on.
- **Election as a Khalifa:** After the death of Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.), Hazrat Umar (Ra.) and other Sahabis consulted among themselves and **elected Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.) as the first Khalifa of the Muslim world on 8th June, 632 AD.**
- **Solving problems:** Many problems were created among the Muslims after the death of the Prophet (Sm.). At this time, some people made the claim to prophethood falsely. Some others refused to pay Zakat and some gave up Islam. Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.) controlled all these anarchies with iron hand and established peace.
- **Collecting verses of Quran:** **The battle of Yamama started in 633 AD.** In this battle, many Hafij and Kart became martyrs. At this time, he instructed **Zayed Ibn Sabith (Ra.)** to collect and preserve the verses of the Holy Quran. Having been commanded Zayed Ibn Sabith (Ra.) collected the verses of Quran written on barks of trees, bones and hides of animals as well as on smooth stones.

### Character and Qualities:

His ideals are worth following and emulating for every human being. Hazrat Abu Bakr (Ra.) spoke less. He was brave, patient, prudent and farsighted. He had unswerving faith in Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.). He was second to none in honesty, piety and generosity. He dedicated himself to the service of the sufferers and the afflicted. That is why he was regarded as a very influential and dignified personality in the Arab society. He was very polite and gentle kind of person. Tears would run down from his eyes at the time of reading the Quran. He purchased innumerable slaves including Hazrat Belal (Ra.) and set them free.

**Ofat or Death of Hazrat Abu Bakr:** Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.) died on 23th August 634 AD at the age of 63. He was buried in the compartment of Hazrat Ayesha (Ra.) beside Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) in Madinah.

### Worksheet 2

- 1) Who was the first Khalifa of Islam?
- 2) When was he born?
- 3) Write the titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.).
- 4) Who was the son-in-law of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.)?
- 5) Who was the daughter of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.)?
- 6) Who was the first among men to accept Islam?
- 7) Why he was given the title Siddiq?
- 8) Who was the companion of Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) at the time of Hijrat?
- 9) Write some problems that were created among the Muslims after the death of the Prophet (Sm.).
- 10) When did the battle of Yamama start?
- 11) When was many hafij e Quran died?
- 12) Who collected the verses of Quran?
- 13) Where were the verses of Quran written?
- 14) Who was Hazrat Belal (Ra.)?
- 15) When was Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.) died?
- 16) Why should we follow the qualities and ideals of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.)?
- 17) Write the contribution of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Ra.) to Islam.

