

## **29. MOURNING THE PROPHET'S DEMISE**

The Sahaba could not even think of separation from the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam). The Beloved Habbeeb (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam)'s health deteriorated day by day and his condition worsened on Thursday. Whenever Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Abbas remembered that day, he cried: *"That Thursday, which was that Thursday when the condition of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) worsened?"* When Sayyidah Fatima saw her father's last moments, she cried: *"Oh my father's pain!"* When he breathed his last, she cried profusely. When people returned after the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam)'s burial, she said to Sayyiduna Anas: *"How did you like to put soil over the body of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) ?"*

Sayyidah Ayesha says: *"Nobody's death pains me after the demise of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam)."*

When Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) breathed his last, the Sahaba rushed to his Mosque mourning the passing away of their beloved master. Sayyiduna Omar was very agitated and with a naked sword in his hand was pacing around saying: *"I will behead him who says the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) is no more"*. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr noticed his condition but did not talk to him. He straightway went to the Beloved Habbeeb (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) who lay in rest, uncovered his face and kissed it crying profusely. Then he came out and requested the Sahaba to keep patience. <sup>1</sup>

A person, after seeing the grief stricken Sahaba, came to Amman from Madinatul Munawwara and informed the people of the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam)'s demise. He said: *"I have seen the inhabitants of Madinatul Munawwara in such a condition as if their bosoms are boiling like water in a vessel"*. <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Bukhari, Kitaabul Maghazi

<sup>2</sup> Usabah

Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Abi Leila Ansaari says: *“I was a child when Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) passed away. I saw the people putting dust over their head and body and I also cried seeing them in grief.”*<sup>3</sup>

When the news of the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam)’s demise spread over Madinatul Munawwara, the people of Bahlah tribe razed their tents to the ground and did not erect them for seven days.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Usdul-Ghaaba

<sup>4</sup> Usabah