

After the Battle of Muta

After narrating the sorrowful incident of Muta and the martyrdom of the three leaders, viz. Sayyiduna Zaid bin Haarithah, Sayyiduna Ja'far bin Abi Taalib and Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin Rawaahah (radhiyallahu 'anhum), Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) proceeded to the house of Sayyiduna Ja'far (radhiyallahu 'anhu).

He called the children of Sayyiduna Ja'far (radhiyallahu 'anhu), and as he was passing his blessed hands over their heads, his eyes were flowing with tears. Sayyiduna Ja'far's (radhiyallahu 'anhu) wife, Sayyidah Asmaa bintu 'Umais (radhiyallahu 'anha) realised that something was not right. She enquired: "O Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam)! May my parents be sacrificed for you. Why are you crying? Have you heard something about Ja'far and his companions?" Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) replied: "Yes, today he was martyred."

Sayyidah Asmaa bintu 'Umais (radhiyallahu 'anha) says, "The moment I heard this distressing news, a piercing shriek escaped my lips. A number of women gathered around me (to comfort and console me)."

Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) then returned to his house and asked his family to prepare meals for the household of Sayyiduna Ja'far (radhiyallahu 'anhu) as they were afflicted with grief. (Seeratul Mustafaa vol. 2, pg. 466)

Rowhaa

After Zul Hulaifah, the second place that Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) encamped at was Rowhaa. This is a valley which is approximately seventy-four kilometers from Madeenah Munawwarah. (Juz-u Hajjatil Wadaa' pg. 49)

Regarding the valley of Rowhaa, Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) had mentioned, "Seventy Ambiyaa ('alaihimus salaam) had performed salaah here before me. Nabi Moosa ('alaihiss salaam) passed by this valley, wearing two cloths, riding on a greyish camel, with seventy thousand of the Bani Israaeel while on their journey of hajj. Qiyaamah will not come until Nabi 'Isa ('alaihiss salaam) will pass by this valley while going for hajj, for 'umrah or for both." (Tabraani – Majma'uz Zawaaid #10005)

Camel of Sayyidah Safiyyah (radhiyallahu 'anha)

While travelling to Makkah Mukarramah, the camel of Sayyidah Safiyyah (radhiyallahu 'anha), which was one of the best camels, kneeled due to sickness (and could not travel). She thus began to cry.

When Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) was informed of her plight and that she was crying, he immediately came and began to wipe her tears with his blessed hand. However, her crying increased and despite Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) telling her not to cry, she was unable to stop.

Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) thus instructed the Sahaabah (radhiyallahu 'anhum) to halt, although he initially had no intention of halting at that point. After halting, the tent of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) was erected. Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) then entered his tent.

That day was the turn of Sayyidah Safiyyah (radhiyallahu 'anha). Sayyidah Safiyyah (radhiyallahu 'anha) was worried, as she did not know whether her crying had caused Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) to become upset with her.

She thus went to Sayyidah 'Aishah (radhiyallahu 'anha) and said, "You know that I would never trade my day with Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) for anything in the world. However, I have given my day to you so that you can make Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) happy with me." Sayyidah 'Aishah (radhiyallahu 'anha) agreed and thus spent the day with Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) thus pleasing him (as she was the most beloved wife).

When it was time to depart, Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) asked his respected wife, Sayyidah Zainab bintu Jahsh (radhiyallahu 'anha), to lend a spare camel of hers to Sayyidah Safiyyah (radhiyallahu 'anha). However, (out of possessiveness and the natural rivalry which exists between co-wives) she said, "Should I give a camel to your Jewess?" Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) was extremely upset at this and thus abandoned speaking to her and spending time with her for more than two months. (*Sunan Abi Dawood #4602 & Musnad Ahmad #26866*)

This incident teaches us the importance of guarding the tongue and the seriousness of not being careful in our speech.