

**INTRODUCTION**

*As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu*

*Nahmaduhu wa nusalli ala Rasoolihil Kareem. Amma ba'd.*

All praise is due to Almighty ALLAH, the Cherisher, Nourisher and Sustainer of the Universe. Peace, blessings and salutations be upon our Beloved Master and Leader, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa, SallALLAHU Alayhi wa Sallam (ﷺ).

**AWLAAD-UN-NABI ﷺ – THE CHILDREN OF NABI ﷺ**

Almighty ALLAH جل و على informs us in the Noble Qur'an:

*Qul la as'alukum alayhi ajran illal mawaddata fil qurba* – Tell them, O Mustafa ﷺ, I ask of you no salary, no reward, no recompense except that you love my family that are near and dear to me; my Muslim kith and kin

We must love the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم, the children and beloved grandchildren of Mustafa ﷺ, as this is an integral part of our Imaan.

Nabi ﷺ had seven children: three sons and four daughters. Sayyida Khadija رضي الله عنها bore six of them.

**SONS: QASIM, ABDULLAH and EBRAHEEM رضي الله عنهم *ajma'een***

1. **SAYYIDINA QASIM** رضي الله عنه: We, the Ahlus-Sunnah wal Jamaa'a, believe that he was Mustafa ﷺ's first son with Sayyida Khadija رضي الله عنها. Therefore, the *kunya* or agnomen of the Master عليه الصلاة والسلام, Abul Qasim ﷺ. Qasim passed away in Makkah Mukarramah at the age of two.
2. **SAYYIDINA ABDULLAH** رضي الله عنه: The second son of Nabi ﷺ and Sayyida Khadija رضي الله عنها. He was known by the titles Tayyib and Taahir – to be Pure. He also passed away in infancy and is buried in Makkah Mukarramah.
3. **SAYYIDINA EBRAHEEM** رضي الله عنه: His mother was Maria binti Sham'oon al-Qibtiyya al-Misriyya, from the Coptic tribe. Ebraheem was born in 8 AH and was only 18 months old when he passed away. According to Muhaditheen and Scholars, he passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Rabi-ul-Awwal, in 10 AH. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'oon.*

It was on that occasion that Mustafa ﷺ was weeping and saying: *Wa inna bi firaqika la mahzoon, Ya Ebraheem* – O Ebraheem, my beloved son, your separation causes us sadness. We are grieving but these tears are *Rahmah*, Mercy.

This is a lesson to the Ummah to show that crying is natural on such occasions and that there is no need to pretend.

#### DAUGHTERS: ZAINAB, RUQAYYA, UMME KULTHUM, FATHIMA رضي الله عنهن *ajma'een*

1. **SAYYIDA ZAINAB** رضي الله عنها : She was the eldest. She married Abul 'Aas bin Rabi رضي الله عنه .
2. **SAYYIDA RUQAYYA** رضي الله عنها : She married Sayyidina Uthmaan رضي الله عنه. She was the one who made the first Hijra with Sayyidina Uthmaan رضي الله عنه to Habasha (Abyssinia, present-day Ethiopia), Africa. Many sacrifices were made by her as she strove to uphold the Deen. She passed away in 2 AH.
3. **SAYYIDA UMME KULTHUM** رضي الله عنها : She married Sayyidina Uthmaan رضي الله عنه after the demise of Sayyida Ruqayya رضي الله عنها. She also passed away in Nabi Mustafa ﷺ's lifetime.

Sayyidina Uthmaan رضي الله عنه, therefore, is known as **Thu Nurain** – The Possessor of Two Radiances – Two Lights, because he married two of Mustafa ﷺ's daughters.

4. **SAYYIDA FATHIMA** رضي الله عنها : She was the youngest and was born when the Master عليه الصلاة والسلام was 41 years old. 'Fathima' means 'to be protected and saved from the Fire'. According to a Hadeeth in Tirmithi Shareef, she is known as Sayyidatun-Nisaa'i ahlil Jannah – The Leader of the Ladies in Jannah.

She married Sayyidina Ali رضي الله عنه and, Mash-ALLAH, Almighty ALLAH جل و على blessed them with three sons and three daughters. Mustafa ﷺ loved his grandsons, Sayyidina Hasan رضي الله عنه, Sayyidina Husain رضي الله عنه and daughter, Sayyida Fathima رضي الله عنها intensely. Before embarking on a journey, Mustafa ﷺ made sure that he would meet Sayyida Fathima رضي الله عنها. When he returned, he would go to meet her again.

She is the only one of Nabi ﷺ's children who outlived him. Six months after his demise, she also passed away.

#### LESSON: CULTIVATING THE LOVE OF AHLUL BAYT

As ALLAHU TA'ALA has said: Rewarding Mustafa ﷺ means loving his family – all his sons, daughters and grandchildren. May Almighty ALLAH جل و على infuse and increase within us sincere love for the Ahlul Bayt – the Noble Family of Mustafa ﷺ – and cause our children to follow in the footsteps of Mustafa ﷺ's children, Ameen.

*Rabbana taqabbal minna, innaka antas-Samee'ul Aleem, wa arina manaasikana wa tub alayna, innaka anta-Tawaabur-Raheem*

*SUBHANA RABBIKA RABBIL IZZATI 'AMMA YASIFOON, WA SALAAMUN ALAL MURSALEEN,*

*WALHAMDULILLAHI RABBIL 'AALAMEEN.*

