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Foreword

Peace be upon you and mercy and blessings

The love of books and reading plays a very important role in the development of nations. Our nation still has a long way to go in terms of the way this hobby has made its place in the world. However, it is important to note that various organizations have begun working in this regard. This series of reading incentives under the name of "Gohar e Hikmat" (Gem of Wisdom) is also such a small effort to arouse interest in reading in the nation.

The Green Island Youth Forum wants to do its best to promote reading interest in children and youth. Continuing in this regard, the material for this booklet has been obtained from the author of the well-known book 'Al-Anwar Al-Sata'a Min Al-Ghara' Al-Tahira Khadijah Bint Khuwaylid' - Sheikh Ghalib Al-Silawi. In this book, the author has elaborated the biography of Hazrat Khadija Al-Kubra (SA) under various headings. In view of the fluency of the language for the Urdu speaking class, many improvements have been made in the Urdu translation at many places as compared to the original text.

In order to retain the element of deliberation in the study, some questions are also given in the form of a short booklet, so that the focus remains on obtaining the answers to these questions during the study.

Keeping in view the interest of young people, boys and girls up to the age of at least 12 years are eligible to join the program and at the same time, by removing the maximum age limit, men and women of all ages are invited to participate in this program.

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completely but also accomplished this difficult task with beauty and sophistication.

I pray to God Almighty to increase their tofiqat (opportunities) and to include all of us among the supporters of Imam (ATFS).

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Maulana Ghulam Raza Roohani



Chapter 1: About Hazrat Khadija's (SA) Birth, Blessed Name and Agname (*Kunniyat*)

Muhaddith Jalil Allama e Dahar Majlisi has mentioned that Hazrat Khadija (SA) was born fifteen years before the event of *Feel* (Elephant).

Blessed Name:

Khadijah bint Khewaylid bin Asad bin Abdul Aziz bin Qusay bin Qalab bin Marat bin Ka'b bin Louis bin Ghalib. Her lineage ends with Louis bin Fahr bin Ghalib.

Agname and title:

Hazrat Khadija's (SA) agname was Umm Hind.¹ Also Abu Al-Faraj Isfahani has mentioned this agname.² Allama Haithami has mentioned that the nickname of Hazrat Khadija (SA) was "Tahira" in the time of Jahiliyyah.³ Explaining, Allama Zarqani stated that: In the time of Jahiliyyah, Hazrat Khadija (SA) was called "Tahira" because of her extreme chastity. Also called "Syeda Nisae Quraysh (Leader of Women of Quraysh)".⁴ The author of Sira-e-Halabiyah has also mentioned this.⁵

¹ روي أن خديجة رضوان الله عليها كانت تسمى أم هند. بحار الأنوار، ج ١٦، ص ١٢

² الأغانى، ج ١٦، ص ١٣٥

³ مجمع الزوائد، ج ٩، ص ٢١٨

⁴ شرح المواهب اللدنية، ج ١، ص ١٩٩

⁵ السيرة الحلبية، ج ١، ص ١٣٤

Zubair bin Bakar says: Before the revelation, she was called Tahira. Her mother is Fatima bint Zaida Qarshiya who belonged to Bani Amir bin Louis.¹

According to Allama Mamqani, a senior jurist, she (SA) is Khadija bint Khawaylid bin Asad bin Abdul Aziz bin Qusay Qarshiya Asadiya and her mother is Fatima bint Zaida bint Asim. In pre-Islamic times she was called Tahira.² It is also mentioned in Asad al-Ghaba.

Chapter 2: Narration of Sheikh Saduq regarding the marriage of Khadija (SA)

Sheikh Saduq has narrated the narration:

وَحَظَبَ أَبُو طَالِبٍ رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ لَمَّا تَزَوَّجَ النَّبِيَّ (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) خَدِيجَةَ بِنْتَ خُوَيْلِدٍ رَحِمَهَا اللَّهُ بَعْدَ أَنْ حَظَبَهَا إِلَى أَبِيهَا وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَقُولُ إِلَى عَمَّتِهَا فَأَخَذَ بَعْضُ أَهْلِ الْبَابِ وَمَنْ شَاهَدَهُ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ حُضُورَ فَقَالَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنْ ذُرِّيَةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَذُرِّيَةِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَجَعَلَ لَنَا بَيْتًا مَخْجُوجًا وَحَرَمًا آمِنًا يُجِيبُ إِلَيْهِ ثَبَرَاتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَجَعَلَنَا الْحُكَّامَ عَلَى النَّاسِ فِي بَلَدِنَا الَّذِي نَحْنُ فِيهِ ثُمَّ إِنَّ ابْنَ أَخِي مُحَمَّدَ بْنَ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ لَا يُورَثُ بِرَجُلٍ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ إِلَّا رَجَمَ وَلَا يُقَاسُ بِأَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا عَظَمَ عَنْهُ وَإِنْ كَانَ فِي النَّسْلِ قُلٌّ فَإِنَّ النَّسَالَ رِثَاقٌ حَائِلٌ وَظِلٌّ زَائِلٌ وَلَهُ فِي خَدِيجَةَ رَغْبَةٌ وَلَهَا فِيهِ رَغْبَةٌ وَالصَّدَاقُ مَا سَأَلْتُمْ عَاجِلُهُ وَآجِلُهُ مِنْ مَالٍ وَلَهُ خَطَرٌ عَظِيمٌ وَشَأْنٌ رَفِيعٌ وَلِسَانٌ شَافِعٌ جَسِيمٌ فَزَوَّجَهُ دَخَلَ بِهَا مِنَ الْعَدِّ فَأَوَّلُ مَا حَبَلَتْ وَكَدَتْ عَبْدَ اللَّهِ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ ص -³

When the Prophet (SAWW) was talking about the relationship of Khadija bint Khawelid with her father or uncle, Abu Talib (AS) appeared before

¹ الإصالة في تميز الصحابة، ج ٣، ص ٢٨١

² تنقيح المقال، ج ٣، ص ٤٤

³ من لا يحضره الفقيه، ج ٣، ص ٣٩٤

the Quraysh and grabbed both parts of the door of the room and began the marriage sermon as follows:

All praise is due to Allah who has made us descendants of Abraham (AS) and Ishmael (AS). And for us such a house (Ka'bah) has been declared as the house around which people perform *Tawaf* (circumambulate) and it has been declared as a peaceful sanctuary where all the blessings of the world are brought to it. And He has made us rulers over the people in our city. Then he (AS) said: This is my nephew Muhammad Ibn Abdullah Ibn Abdul Muttalib (SAWW). If he (SAWW) were to be compared to anyone in the Quraysh, he (SAWW) will be superior to them and he (SAWW) cannot be compared to anyone but he will prove to be greater than you. Although his hand is empty in terms of wealth (but this is not a defect) because wealth is an unsustainable thing and a passing shadow. Now he (SAWW) wants Khadija (SA) and Khadija wants him and whatever the dowry will be, it will be my responsibility, whether that dowry is cash or responsibility. He (SAWW) is high and his personality is great and his language is soft and effective.

Abu Talib (AS) declared Khadija (SA) in the marriage of Rasool Ullah (SAWW) and Rasool Ullah (SAWW) married her the next day. Hazrat Khadija (SA) soon became pregnant with her first son, Abdullah Ibn Muhammad.

Sayyid Jalil-ul-Qadr Sadr-ud-Din Ali Khan Madani has mentioned that according to a tradition in the marriage sermon, this sentence has also been mentioned.

”وله والله بعد نبأ شائع وخطب جليل“

Namely: By Allah, in a short time Prophet Muhammad's (SAWW) prophecy will spread all over the world and (among the people) he (SAWW) will be glorified. (Commenting on this sentence) Sayyid said: Imamia says: The marriage sermon alone is enough to prove the faith of Hazrat Abu Talib (AS). Has anyone ever seen such a person who knows

(i.e. Hazrat Abu Talib) that the prophethood of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) will be spread all over the world and his glory will be glorious and then he will have enmity and discord towards him? And then deny him, even if that person is wise and mature? Reason refutes that.¹

Jewish Scholar's Prophecy:

In Bihar Al-Anwar it is mentioned that Abul Hassan Bakri has said in his book Al-Anwar: One day the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) was passing by the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA). Hazrat Khadija (SA) was sitting among the women, maids and servants of her family and also a Jewish scholar was sitting beside her. When the Holy Prophet (SAWW) passed by, this Jewish scholar saw him and said: O Khadija! This young man who has just passed by your house, order someone and call him here. Hazrat Khadija (SA) sent for one of her servants. He came and said: O my chief! The daughter of my lord has sought you. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) came and entered the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA). Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O Jewish scholar! Is he the one you are referring to?

He said: Yes, this is Muhammad bin Abdullah (SAWW).

The Jewish scholar requested (the Holy Prophet): Show me your belly, the Holy Prophet showed it. When he saw it, he said: By Allah, this is the seal of Prophethood.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: If his uncle saw you in such a way that you are doing research on him then you have no idea what will happen to you. Because the Prophet's uncle protected him from the Jewish scholars. This Jewish scholar said: Who has the courage to do evil with Muhammad (SAWW)? By Moses! This is the last messenger of the Lord of the worlds.

¹ الدرجات الرفيعة في طبقات الشيعة ص 51

So lucky is the woman who will have this husband. The woman who will be his wife will get the honor of this world and the hereafter.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) was very surprised and the Holy Prophet (SAWW) sought leave from there. From that moment on, the candle of love for the Holy Prophet (SAWW) was lit in the heart of Hazrat Khadija (SA).

Attributes of the Prophet (SAWW) in the Torah:

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O Jewish scholar! How do you know that Muhammad (SAWW) is a prophet? He said: I have read his attributes in the Torah that the father and mother of the Prophet of the End Times will die. His grandfather and uncle will support him. He will also marry a woman from Quraysh (who will be the queen of her people and the leader of her tribe). Whatever I am telling you listen carefully.

When Hazrat Khadija (SA) listened to the talk of the Jewish scholar, she fell in love with him (SAWW), but she kept it a secret.

Leaving there, the Jewish scholar said to Hazrat Khadija (SAWW): Try not to lose Muhammad (SAWW) because he is the honor of this world and the hereafter.

Prediction of Warqa Bin Nawfal:

Hazrat Khadija (SA) had an uncle who was called Warqa. He had read many books. He was also a scholar. He also knew about the attributes of the Prophet of the End Times. According to Warqa's research, he would marry a woman (who would be the queen of Quraysh and the leader of her people). She will spend her wealth on him. She will surrender herself to him and will be his helper in all matters.

So it was known that there is no one richer in Makkah than Khadija (SA). So she will be his brother's daughter Khadija. He used to say to Hazrat

Khadija (SA): O Khadija, you will soon meet a man who will be the most honorable among the people of heaven and earth.

Hazrat Abu Talib's (AS) advice:

Slaves and cattle were scattered all around Hazrat Khadija (SA). It was even said that she had more than 80,000 camels which were scattered everywhere. Also in every corner was her trade goods in every city like Egypt, Abyssinia etc. Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) had become old and his body had become weak due to frequent travel. He had given up all that due to the patronage of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). One day when the Holy Prophet (SAWW) came to visit, he saw his uncle Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) in distress and said: What has happened, dear Uncle! I see you in a state of anxiety?

Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: O son of my brother! You know we don't have any wealth. We are having a hard time right now and there is no capital. I'm old, my body is weak. I have very little in my hand. Before I enter the tomb, I want to see your wife, who will satisfy my heart, and you will live with her. Also, your economy should be better which will benefit you.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Uncle, what is your opinion about this? Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: O son of my brother! You should know that most people have benefited from the wealth of Khadija bint Khawelid. She gives her goods to anyone who asks her for trade and then sells the goods. Will you also go with me to Hazrat Khadija (SA) and ask her to give her wealth to you also for the purpose of trade and you will trade with this wealth?

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) replied in the affirmative and said: Let us go to her as you see fit.

Abu Al-Hasan Al-Bakri says: When the sons of Abdul Muttalib gathered, Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said to his brothers: Come with us to the house of

Hazrat Khadija bint Khawelid (SA) to ask her to give her wealth to Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) for the purpose of trade. They all got up at that moment and left for Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house.

Desire in the heart of Hazrat Khadija (SA) for the Messenger of Allah (SAWW):

Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house was so big and spacious that all the people of Makkah could sleep in her house. It had a blue silk tent dome built over the house. The sun, moon and other stars were engraved around it. They were tied with silk ropes and the poles were made of iron. Although for Aqaba ibn Abi Mu'it and Salat ibn Abi Yahab, both of them sent proposals to Hazrat Khadija (SA), each of them owned 400 men and women slaves. Also Abu Jahl bin Hisham and Abu Sufyan sent proposal for marriage. Hazrat Khadija (SA) did not take interest in any of them because Hazrat Khadija's (SA) heart was beating only for the Holy Prophet (SAWW). Ever since she had heard from the Christian monks, Jewish scholars and priests and what they had described the signs of the Holy Prophet (SAWW), they were not visible in the Quraysh.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) used to say: Blessed is the woman whose life is with Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) because he (SAWW) will change her life.

When her eagerness for waiting intensified, she came to her uncle Warqa bin Nawfal and said: O dear Uncle! I want to get married but I don't know who to marry. Many people have sent proposals but my heart is not ready for any of them.

Warqa said: O Khadija (SA), shall I tell you a strange thing? She said: Dear uncle, what is that?

Warqa said: I have a book from the time of Jesus. It contains talismans (amulets) and prayers to be recited on water. You will take that water and bathe with it. Then I will give you something to write in which some

of the words are from the Psalms and some from the Gospel. At that time your husband will come in your dream. You will even know his name and agname. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Dear uncle, I will do the same. Warqa said: Very good. He wrote an amulet and handed it over to Hazrat Khadija (SA).

Hazrat Khadija's (SA) dream:

Hazrat Khadija (SA) did as Warqa had said and she fell asleep. In this way she saw in a dream that a man had come to her who was neither too tall nor too short. He had wide eyes and his sclerotic was very white and iris hard black. Bowed eyebrows, shiny lips, bright complexion, face red, medium height, cloud covering over him, a symbol between the two shoulders, is mounted on a illuminated (*noori*) horse, which has a gold chain. Above it was a saddle of pure gold, adorned with jewels. The face of this creature was like a human being, its tail was long, its legs were like those of a cow, its sight was its speed, it was to carry the rider speedily, and it came out of Abu Talib's (AS) house. As Hazrat Khadija (SA) saw him, she hugged him and seated him in the room of her house. (When she woke up from the dream) she could not sleep for the rest of the night until in the morning she came to her uncle and said: Dear uncle! What a wonderful morning. Warqa said: You have succeeded. Hope you saw something in your dream. Hazrat Khadija (SA) narrated her dream. At that time Warqa said: O Khadija (SA)! If your dream comes true then you will be blessed with great happiness because what you have seen is the crown of glory which is the intercessor of the sinners on the Day of Judgment, Leader of the Arab and non-Arab Hazrat Muhammad bin Abdullah (SAWW).

The narrator says: As Hazrat Khadija's (SA) ecstasy grew. When she was alone, she would cry a lot and recite some poems.

Hazrat Abu Talib's (AS) visit to Khadija's (SA) house:

The narrator says: Once I saw in this strange situation that as soon as Hazrat Khadija (SA) had not finished the saying a stanza that there was knock at the door. Hazrat Khadija (SA) ordered her maid to go and see who came to the door. Maybe there's some news about friends.

The narrator says: When the maiden came down to the door, she saw Abu Talib (AS) with his sons. She went back to Hazrat Khadija (SA) and said: O daughter of my lord! Hazrat Abu Talib (AS), the leader of the Arabs, and his sons are at the door. Upon hearing this, Hazrat Khadija's (SA) face lit up. In great joy and serenity, she ordered the maidservant to open the door for them and inform Maysara that he should put pillows for them. I hope that my beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAWW) also came with them.

The narrator says: Maysara laid high quality carpets. They were not even seated when a variety of fruits and food items imported from Taif and Syria were presented to the guests. After eating, the conversation started.

Hazrat Khadija (SA), speaking very politely from behind the *hijab* (veil), said: O chiefs of Makkah! Light was lit in the houses by you people. Maybe you have a problem or a hard time because your problems are solved and the candles are lit.

Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: We have come with a need which will benefit you and you will benefit from its blessings. She (SA) said: O my chief! What is that? Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: We have come to you about my brother's son Muhammad (SAWW).

As soon as Hazrat Khadija (SA) heard the blessed name of the lighted Messenger of Allah (SAWW), she lost her existence and became convinced of the attainment of her essence.

The angel guarding the Messenger of God (SAWW):

Then Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O my chief! Where is Muhammad (SAWW) I wish to hear from his own mouth. Hazrat Abbas said: I will bring him. So he got up and searched for the Holy Prophet (SAWW). He (SAWW) could not be found. When they looked from left to right, people asked: What do you want? He said: I am looking for my brother's son Muhammad (SAWW). People said: He is in Jabal Hari.

Hazrat Abbas started walking towards it. He saw that Holy Prophet (SAWW) was sleeping near the tomb of Hazrat Ibrahim Khalil (AS) and near his head is a great dragon with a bunch of flowers in its mouth from which it is spreading fragrance. When Hazrat Abbas saw it, he said that he got scared of the dragon that it may attack Hazrat Abbas. So he drew his sword and moved towards the dragon. When it saw Hazrat Abbas coming towards it, it attacked. He shouted: O nephew, help me. As soon as Holy Prophet's (SAWW) eyes were opened, the dragon disappeared as if it was not there.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Dear uncle, what happened? Why is the sword in your hand without a sheath?

Hazrat Abbas said: I saw a dragon near you and I drew my sword from its sheath. I was afraid for you. But I myself was afraid of it, so I called you. But as soon as you opened your eyes, it disappeared as if it never was.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) smiled and said: O dear Uncle, he was not a dragon but an angel. I have seen him many times and talked to him. And he said to me: O Muhammad (SAWW)! I am entrusted by my Lord to protect you day and night and I will protect you from the evil of the enemies and their tricks.

Hazrat Abbas said: O Muhammad (SAWW)! Who can deny your grace! And he said: Come with me to Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house so that you

may take her property and go on business trip wherever you want to go. He (SAWW) said: I want to go to Syria. Hazrat Abbas replied: That is your wish.

Visit of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) to the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA):

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) accompanied Hazrat Abbas to the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA) bint Khaweylid. If the Holy Prophet (SAWW) had visited a place, the light would have shone there even before his arrival. In the same way, light shone in the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA). Hazrat Khadija (SA) said to her slave Maysara: Did you not pitch the tent properly that the sunlight is shining in it? Maysara replied: I have not neglected to pitch the tent. When he got out of the tent, he saw that the tent pegs and ropes were all in place. He saw that Hazrat Abbas was bringing the Holy Prophet (SAWW) with him, so he turned back and said: My mistress! What you are seeing is the light of Prophet Muhammad (SAWW).

Hazrat Khadija (SA) came so that she could visit the Holy Prophet (SAWW). As soon as the Holy Prophet (SAWW) came, all his uncles stood respectfully. They seated the Holy Prophet (SAWW) in their midst. When everyone sat down, Hazrat Khadija (SA) offered food and everyone ate it. Then Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O my chief (SAWW)! The city is familiar to you and the values are brighter because of you and the manifestation of light is from you. Are you willing to act as trustee of my property and take it wherever you want for sale?

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Yes, I agree. And then he (SAWW) said: I intend to go to Syria. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: It is up to you, wherever you want to go. And I have decided that whoever carries my goods I will give him 100 *waqiya* (one twelfth of a pound equal to about one ounce) of red gold coins and 100 *waqiya* of white silver coins and I will give two camels. Do you agree with this deal? Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: He and I

are satisfied. And O Khadija (SA)! You need him (SAWW) because there is no precedent for him (SAWW) in the Arab nation in terms of morals and integrity.

Test of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW):

Hazrat Khadija (SA) asked: O my chief (SAWW)! Can you control a camel and load it? The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Yes. Hazrat Khadija (SA) ordered Maysara to bring a camel. I want to see how Muhammad (SAWW) can control the camel.

Maysara brought a very powerful and stubborn camel which no shepherd had ever taken out from among the camels for fear of him. Maysara presented this camel to the Holy Prophet (SAWW) so that he (SAWW) may ride on it. The camel's bubbling caused foam to come out of his mouth, and his eyes turned red. Hazrat Abbas (RA) said to Maysara: Did you not have a camel easier than this one? Do you want to test our nephew? At that time, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) told Hazrat Abbas (as) to let it be.

As soon as the camel heard the words of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW), the camel sat down at the blessed footsteps of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and began rubbing its face on the blessed footsteps of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and said in eloquent Arabic language: 'Who is like me, on whose back the chief of Prophets (SAWW) has ridden!. The women around Hazrat Khadija (SA) began to say: It is magic that has caused an orphan to take possession of a camel.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said to these women: This is not magic but signs and miracles. Then she recited some poems which are translated as:

The camel has spoken and informed about the virtues of Ahmed (SAWW). He is the one through whom Makkah has been honored. This is Muhammad (SAWW) who is the best prophet. He (SAWW) is the best of

intercessors and of those who live on earth. O you who are jealous of Muhammad (SAWW), you will perish because of your own anger, because it's only he (SAWW) who is the beloved, and there is none other than him.

Preparation for Trade journey:

The narrator says: All the descendants of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (RA) started preparing for the journey. Hazrat Khadija (SA) turned towards the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and said: O my chief (SAWW)! Don't you have clothes other than these that are useful for travel? He (SAWW) said: No, I have nothing but these clothes. Hearing this, Hazrat Khadija (SA) wept and said: I have clothes to be used during the journey, but their size is a bit long. Wait a moment, I'll make them smaller. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Bring them. One of the attributes of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) was that if he wore short clothes, they would become of his size and if he wore long ones, it would become of his size too. Hazrat Khadija (SA) brought Egyptian Poplin (a type of silk fabric made in Ireland, a fabric made of silk and cotton fabric; or a similar type of synthetic fabric) Adani Jabba, Yemeni burda (striped veil), Iraqi turban, leather shoes and bamboo stick. When the Holy Prophet (SAWW) came out wearing his clothes, it was as if the moon of the fourteenth had appeared. Hazrat Khadija (SA), seeing the Messenger of Allah (SAWW), recited some verses and then said: O my chief (SAWW)! Do you have an animal to ride on? He (SAWW) said: When I get tired, I will ride on any camel. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: How can I leave you in this situation? No, O Muhammad (SAWW)! This wealth is not greater than you. Then she ordered her slave Maysara: Bring my brown camel so that my chief Muhammad (SAWW) may ride on it. Maysara brought a camel. The camel was of very high quality and did not get tired of riding. There was no need to place anything on top of it like a tent or a tall dome. Then she turned to Maysara and Nasaeh and ordered them both: You two know that I am sending a trustee of my property with you both and he (SAWW) is the

leader and chief of Quraysh. No one will rule over him. If he wants to sell, he may sell and if he doesn't want to, he has full control. The speech of both of you should be very polite and respectful. Also, do not raise your voices above his. After that he (SAWW) bade farewell to Hazrat Khadija (SA) and got on his rider. Maysara and Nasaeh walked in front of him (SAWW) and the eyes of Allah the Almighty was watching him (SAWW).

When the Holy Prophet (SAWW) reached Abtah with splendor, people were standing there waiting for him. As soon as they saw the beauty of chief of Prophets (SAWW), everyone was amazed. Friends were happy to see this scene and envious people were exhausted with grief. At that moment, hatred and malice came out of the hearts of those who denied (after the claim of prophethood) and the faith of the believers increased.

As Hazrat Abbas (RA) saw it, he recited a poem, the translation of which is as follows: Miracles were revealed to him (SAWW) which we saw. O chief whose remembrance is the healing of the sick.

When the Holy Prophet (SAWW) arrived, he (SAWW) saw that Hazrat Khadija's (SA) property was scattered on the ground and nothing was mounted on the camels. He (SAWW) said to his slaves: Why did you not place them on the camels? They made excuses that the goods were too much and we were too few. So the Holy Prophet (SAWW) seated his camel and dismounted, put his foot in his girdle and began to load the camels and said: By the permission of Allah the Glorified.

Hazrat Abbas (RA) was surprised to see him (SAWW) working. Hazrat Abbas (RA) looked at the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and saw that his face was red with sweat. Seeing this, he (RA) picked up a piece of wood and said that he would put something in it that would give Muhammad (SAWW) shade in the sun. From there, Allah Almighty commanded Hazrat Gabriel the trustee (AS) 'O Gabriel! Go to Treasurer of Paradise and tell him: Bring the piece of cloud which I created for my beloved (SAWW). As soon as the people saw this cloud over the Holy Prophet (SAWW), their eyes were

fixed on it and Hazrat Abbas (RA) said: Muhammad (SAWW) is very honorable in the sight of his Lord, and He made him (SAWW) free from my shadow. After that the people traveled till they reached Jahfa Al-Wada and stopped their animals so that those who were left behind could reach.

Leadership of caravan by the Messenger of Allah (SAWW):

At that time Mut'am bin Udai said: You are a traveler on a very strenuous and difficult path. Do you have no guardian to consult and obey? I think you should make someone a leader on your behalf so that in case of any dispute, you can trust his opinion and obey his orders. Everyone said: You have said a very important and useful thing. Banu Makhzum said: We make our brother Amr bin Hisham Makhzumi our leader. Banu'Adi said: We make our leader Mut'am bin 'Adi our leader. Banu Nadir said: We appoint our leader Nadir bin Harith. Banu Zahra said: We appoint Ahima bin Al-Jalah as our leader. Banu Lavi said: We appoint our chief Abu Sufyan Sakhr bin Harb.

Maysara said: By Allah, we will not appoint anyone other than our master Muhammad ibn Abdullah (SAWW) as our leader. Banu Hashim said: Our chief is also Muhammad (SAWW). Abu Jahl said: If you appoint Muhammad (SAWW) as our chief, I will strike the sword in my stomach and take it out of my back. Hazrat Hamza (RA) took his sword in his hand and said: O despicable and wicked man! By Allah, I only want Allah to cut off your hands and feet and take away your sight. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Dear uncle! Keep your sword in its place and do not start your journey with evil. You let these people travel in the morning and we will travel in the afternoon because the lead is for the Quraysh. This sentence was uttered by the Holy Prophet (SAWW) for all. Abu Jahl and his companions seized the opportunity and started their journey.

Staying in the valley of Amwa:

After that the people started their journey and reached a valley far away from Makkah which was called Amwa (place of many waters) because from there the flood and the canals of Syria used to gather and from there the springs of Hijaz flowed. People camped there. Suddenly clouds began to gather. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: I am afraid of the people here that the flood may destroy them. Everyone should get out of here. I think we should go to the mountain. Hazrat Abbas (RA) said: Nephew! You spoke very well. He (RA) ordered that the caravan should be called so that all the people could carry their belongings to the mountain to avoid the flood. Everyone did the same except for a man who belonged to Banu Juma and was called Musab. He had a lot of wealth but he refused to change his place and said: O people! Your heart is weak, you are defeated by something you have not seen or examined. He had not even finished his speech when the thunder started to rain and the flood started to flow. The valley was flooded. In such a situation, that person himself and his property drowned in the water as if he never existed.

The people stayed there for four days and the flood was increasing. So Maysara said: O my chief (SAWW)! The floods are expected to last for a month. Even with the help of boats it is difficult to get through here. In this case, if we stay here, we will be harmed, the path will be lost. I think we should return to Makkah.

Deliverance from the flood through the Messenger of Allah (SAWW):

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) did not reply to Maysara until he (SAWW) fell asleep. He (SAWW) saw an angel in a dream who was saying: O Muhammad (SAWW)! Don't worry; when tomorrow comes, take your people and stand on the edge of the valley. When you see a white bird fluttering its wings on a line, follow its path and say *Bismillah wa Billah*

and command your people to say the same words. He who says these words will be safe, and he who turns away will be drowned.

When the Holy Prophet (SAWW) woke up from his dream, he (SAWW) was in a state of great joy and happiness. He (SAWW) ordered Maysara to ask the people of the caravan to proceed. People prepared. When Maysara prepared his animal for riding, the people said: O Maysara! How can we get out of this water here, when we can't get out of here without boats? Maysara said: If they speak for me then I am commanded by Muhammad (SAWW) and I cannot oppose him. On hearing this, other people also said: We also cannot oppose. The people started walking and the Holy Prophet (SAWW) was walking in front of them. He (SAWW) stood on the edge of the valley. Suddenly a white bird appeared from the top of the mountain. It drew a white line with its wings. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) called out: O people, do not let any of you enter the water without saying those words. He who utters these words will be safe and he who does not utter will be drowned. People entered the water saying these words. Two of them were left behind. One belonged to Bani Juma and the other belonged to Bani Adi. He who belonged to the tribe of Bani Adi said: In the name of Allah wa Billah and the other stubborn said: In the name of Laat and Uzza (*Bismil-laah wa Uzza*), then he drowned. And the one belonging to the Adi tribe arrived safely with his belongings. People asked: Why did your partner drown? So he said: He opposed the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and drowned.

Abu Jahl and his people became very angry and said: This is nothing but great magic. Some of his companions said: O son of Hisham! This is not magic but by Allah no one is better than Muhammad (SAWW) in land and sea. Hearing this, he did not answer.

Conspiracy of Abu Jahl:

Abu Jahl started his journey with his people until he came to a well where the Arabs going to Syria used to camp. Abu Jahl said: By Allah, I am very worried if Muhammad (SAWW) returns to Makkah safe and sound from this journey. I intended to kill him, but how could I? He sees from behind just as he sees from the front. But I will do something that you will just watch. Then he started pouring sand, gravel, mud and pebbles into the well and wanted to erase the mark of the well. Abu Jahl's companions said: Why are you doing this? Abu Jahl said: I want to close the well. If the Bani Hashim come here and they are very thirsty, then all of them will die of thirst. Hearing this, the rest of the people also took part in this work. Thus they closed the well. Then Abu Jahl, the cursed by Allah said: Now I have succeeded in my plan. Then he turned to one of his slaves named Falah and said: Take this animal and this food and drink, hide under this mountain. When the caravan of Bani Hashim, led by Muhammad (SAWW), arrives here, they will be exhausted and thirsty. When they can't see the well here and die of thirst, come and tell me this news. When you inform me of the death of them all, I will set you free and marry whomever you wish in Makkah.

The slave gladly accepted the order. After that Abu Jahl started his journey and the slave hid there according to the order. The caravan of Bani Hashim soon reached there which was being led by the Holy Prophet (SAWW). When people ran towards the well, there was no sign of the well. They became very disappointed and when death seemed certain, they came to the Holy Prophet (SAWW). The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Is there any place for water here? People said: Yes, there was space but this well has been covered with stones and pebbles. At that time, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) moved towards the well till he (SAWW) reached the place of the well and raised his hands in prayer and said: O Lord of the Great Names! O You who divides the earth! O you who exalts the heavens! We are troubled by thirst, give us water. At the same time,

there was sound of thunder from the pebbles and sand, the spring of water flowed from under the blessed footsteps of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). People drank water, watered the animals and stored water, then moved on.

From this side, the slave of Abu Jahl also went to his master. Seeing him coming, Abu Jahl asked: O Falah! What news have you brought? He said: By Allah! He who was hostile to Muhammad (SAWW) never succeeded. He then narrated the whole story to Abu Jahl. Abu Jahl's grief and anger reached its climax. He said to his slave: Disappear before me. You can never succeed. Abu Jahl traveled until the caravan reached one of the valleys of Syria called Zabian. There were many trees in it. From this valley a tall dragon appeared, as if it were a palm tree. It had opened its mouth, sparks were coming out of its eyes. Seeing all this, the camel of Abu Jahl, (cursed by Allah), knocked Abu Jahl down, breaking his ribs and knocking him unconscious. When he regained consciousness, he said to his slaves: Get out of the way. When the caravan of Bani Hashim arrives in which Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is coming, let them proceed first. So as soon as his camel sees the dragon, it is hoped that it will bring him down to the ground and cause his death. The slaves obeyed.

As soon as the caravan of Bani Hashim arrived and Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) was coming first, he (SAWW) asked: O son of Hisham! I see that you have stopped. Even though it wasn't time for you guys to stop? Abu Jahl said: O Muhammad (SAWW)! By Allah! I was ashamed to be ahead of you (SAWW) even though you (SAWW) are the chief of Ahl-e-Safa, have high lineage. Cursed be the man who hates you. Upon hearing this, Hazrat Abbas (RA) was pleased and when he intended to go ahead, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) asked Hazrat Abbas (RA) aside and said: Dear Uncle, there is a conspiracy of these people in taking us forward. After that the Holy Prophet (SAWW) who was in front of them, entered the area with the same trees. Suddenly a big dragon appeared. When the camel of the Prophet (SAWW) became frightened, he (SAWW) silenced it

and said to it: What has happened to you? Why are you afraid, when Khatam-ul-Rasul and Imam-ul-Bashar (last of prophets and Leader of humanity) SAWW is riding on you? Then he (SAWW) turned to the dragon and said: Go back to where you came from. Beware if you do something bad to someone in the caravan. The dragon began to speak by the power of Allah and said: Peace be upon you Muhammad (SAWW)! Peace be upon you O Ahmed (SAWW). The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Peace be upon every person who follows guidance and fears the painful consequences and obeys the King of kings.

At that time the dragon said: O Muhammad (SAWW)! I am not a beast on earth but I am one of the kings of the jinn. My name is Ham Bin Heem. I became a believer at the hands of your father Hazrat Ibrahim (AS). I had asked him for intercession and he (AS) had told me that the right of intercession belongs to one of my sons from my generation whose name is Muhammad (SAWW). He (AS) promised me that I would meet him at this place. My wait was long even though I had met Christ the son of Mary (AS) the night he ascended to heaven. He (AS) was instructing his disciples to follow his (SAWW) will and to enter his (SAWW) religion. Now that I have met you, O Messenger of Allah (SAWW), do not deprive me of your intercession.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Your wish has been fulfilled. At that moment, the dragon disappeared. When the people saw the dragon talking, they were astonished and the confidence and happiness of the uncles of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) increased. In the same way, the anger and jealousy of the envious increased.

Wonders (*karamaat*) of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW):

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) thanked them all and continued the journey. During this time they reached a valley where they knew that there was

water but there were no traces of water. At that time the Holy Prophet (SAWW) rolled up his sleeves, put both his hands in the sand and kept his eyes fixed on the sky while his lips were moving. At the same time (from under the earth) water started coming out from between his fingers and a canal started flowing. Hazrat Abbas (RA) said: O nephew (SAWW), stop the water so that it does not carry away our trade goods. After that, people drank water, watered the animals and stored them as viaticum. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said to Maysara: If you have any dates etc., bring it to me. After eating the date, he was sowing the kernel in the ground. Hazrat Abbas (RA) asked: Why are you doing this, nephew? He (SAWW) said: I want to plant a palm tree. Hazrat Abbas (RA) said: When will these palms grow? The Prophet (SAWW) said: After an hour, we will eat its dates and take it with us, God willing. Hazrat Abbas (RA) said: My nephew! Palm tree bears fruit five years after planting. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Soon you will see the great signs of my Lord. After that they left until they crossed the valley.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said to his uncle Hazrat Abbas (RA): Dear Uncle! Go back to the place where there are dates and bring them for us too. When Hazrat Abbas (RA) returned, he saw that there were big palm trees and they were laden with palms. Hazrat Abbas (RA) took dates from there and came to the service of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). He himself was eating those dates and feeding the people. People were very surprised. Abu Jahl (may Allah's curse be with him) said: O people, do not eat the dates which were made by the sorcerer Muhammad (SAWW). The people replied: O son of Hisham, stop nonsense, this is not magic.

Prophecy of a monk at the place of Elah:

Then the people left and reached the place of Elah. There was a monastery of monks in which a large number of monks were present. There was a leader of the monks whose intellect and opinion was recognized. His name was Faleq bin Yuna bin Abdul Salib. His agname

was Abu Khyber. He had read many books. He had a travelogue of the time of Jesus (AS) in which the attributes of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) were mentioned. While teaching the Gospel to the monks, when he reached the characteristics of the Holy Prophet (SAWW), he would weep and say: O my son! When will you bring me the news of the arrival of this *Bashir* (harbinger of good news) and *Nazir* (frightener) whom Allah the Glorified will appoint from Tahamah (the region of Makkah and Hijaz)? He (SAWW) will have a crown of honor on his head and the clouds will cast a shadow over him. He (SAWW) will intercede for the sinners on the Day of Resurrection. The monks used to say to him: You have weakened yourself by crying so much. It is hoped that the time of his coming will be near.

He said: Yes, by Allah! He (SAWW) has appeared in Bait-ul-Haraam. His (SAWW) religion in the sight of Allah is Islam. When will you guys inform me of his coming here from Hijaz while there will be a shadow of clouds over him? Then he recited some poems:

The narrator states that the more he continued to recite Zikr-e-Habib (discussed about the beloved), the more his sobs increased till he lost his eyesight and his anxiety increased. There came a time when some monks had the privilege of seeing the light shining from the forehead of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). The monks saw rays of light appearing from a caravan coming from a field. It was being led by chief of the prophets (SAWW) and he (SAWW) was overshadowed by clouds. The monks came and said: O chief of the monks! This caravan is coming from Hijaz. The monk said: My sons, how many caravans have come and gone from Hijaz and I am the one who is waiting for a special caravan?

The monks said: O our father! We have seen the light shine from this caravan. The monk's mentor said: The mischief has just disappeared and the pain is gone. Then he turned to the sky and said: O my Lord! My Lord and Master! In the charity of this Beloved (SAWW) for whom I lost my

sight by being anxious, restore the sight of my eyes. His prayer had not yet been finished when the monk's sight returned.

The monk said to his disciples: Have you seen the greatness of this Beloved (SAWW) in the presence of the All-Knowing? Then he recited poems which are translated as:

Light appeared from the face of the Prophet (SAWW) and spread. Gave life to a lover who was burning with passion. Healed the eyes that had been blinded by so much crying. Now he is free from hardships. Did you see that my eyes could see a glimpse of his face? In the same way I will be free from the bondage of error.

Then he said: O my son! If he is the same messenger (SAWW) in this caravan, then he will definitely sit under this tree, after which the tree will be green and fruitful. Many prophets have sat under this tree. This tree has been dry since the time of Jesus son of Mary (AS). Also, those who do not have water in their well will come and drink from it.

It was not long before the caravan reached the well and unloaded the goods from the camels. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) used to like loneliness. When he (SAWW) approached the tree, that tree became green and fruitful at that time. When the people stopped there, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) got up from his seat and walked towards the well. When he (SAWW) looked at the well, he (SAWW) liked its structure. He (SAWW) poured his saliva into it and fresh water boiled out of it.

As soon as the monk saw all this from distance, he said: O my son! I was waiting for that day. Go and prepare the best food so that we may invite the chief of the Bani Hashim who is chief of humanity and make a covenant with him (SAWW) for all the monks.

All the people obeyed and went to work and prepared excellent food. He said to his disciples: Go and tell the chief of this caravan: Our father has sent greetings to you and he has arranged an invitation for you and has

requested you to accept our invitation. Some of those monks came to the caravan. They did not find anyone better than Abu Jahl, may Allah curse him. They did not find the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) present there, so they conveyed the message to Abu Jahl. Abu Jahl called out to the caravan and said: This monk has arranged the invitation for me and he wants me to accept his invitation. People asked with whom will the goods of the caravan be left? Abu Jahl said: We leave Muhammad (SAWW) as a trustee with their belongings and he is trustworthy and honest. The people of the caravan came to the service of Holy Prophet (SAWW) and requested him (SAWW) to be in charge of their luggage. The caravan led by Abu Jahl left for the monk. During this time Abu Jahl was very pompous. When they entered the place of worship, food was served in front of them with great respect and people started eating. From there the monk wearing a hat, started looking at the guests. He looked at each of them one by one. When the attributes of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) were not seen in any of the people present, he lifted his hat from his head and threw it away. And he began to say aloud: Woe to my despair, woe to my misfortune.

Then he said: O chiefs of Quraysh! Are there any of you who have not visited here? On hearing this, Abu Jahl said: Yes, there is a little boy who has come as an employee for some of our women's trade. Abu Jahl's words were not yet complete when Hazrat Hamza (RA) stood up and punched him in the face and said: O mischievous person! Why didn't you say that one of us is *Bashir*, *Nazir* and *Siraj e Munir* (Harbinger, Frightener and illuminating light) who did not come here. We have left him (SAWW) there on our merchandise because of his honesty and integrity because there was no one better than him.

Then Hazrat Hamza (RA) turned to the monk and said: Show me your testament and tell me what is in it. Hearing this, the monk said: O my chief! This is the testament in which the attributes of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) are mentioned that he will not be too tall nor too short, he will

be of moderate stature, there is a sign of prophethood between his shoulders, the clouds will cast shadow over him, he will be sent from Tahama (Hijaz), he (SAWW) will intercede for the sinners on the Day of Resurrection.

Hazrat Abbas (RA) said: O monk! If you look at him, will you recognize him? The monk replied: Yes, of course. Hazrat Abbas (RA) said: Then come with me because the owner of these attributes is sitting under this tree. The monk came out of his place of worship and came running till he came to the Holy Prophet (SAWW).

As soon as the Holy Prophet (SAWW) saw him coming, he stood up in love and compassion and said: Welcome, Faliq! The monk said: Peace be upon you, O father of the young men.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Peace be upon you, O scholar of monks and O son of Yunan bin Abdul Salib! The monk said: Who informed you that I am Faliq bin Yunan bin Abdul Salib?

The Prophet (SAWW) replied: Who informed you that I am the Messenger of the End Times. Hearing this, the monk fell at the blessed footsteps of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and while kissing, he was saying: O Chief of humanity (SAWW)! I wish you would have participated in our invitation, which would have given us honor and your love would have been the cause of our success on the Day of Resurrection.

The Prophet (SAWW) said: You should know that these people have entrusted their goods to me as a trust. The monk said: O my master (SAWW)! Please come and participate in our invitation, if the rope of their camel disappears from here then I will give them camel in return.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: OK, let's go. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) accompanied him to the place of worship of the monks. This shrine had two doors - one small and one big. In front of the small door was a synagogue with pictures and parables.

When the Prophet (SAWW) came there, all the people present stood respectfully and seated the Prophet (SAWW) in the middle of them. The monk stood in front of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). Other monks presented to the Prophet (SAWW) the precious garments of Syria. After that the monk stared at the sky for a long time and then said: O my God! My chief and Lord! Show me the seal of prophecy. Allah the Glorious sent Gabriel (AS). He (AS) lifted the cloth from the shoulders of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and the seal of prophethood appeared between the two shoulders. The light was shining from it. When the monk saw the rays of light, he fell in prostration in awe of the light. Then he raised his head and said: You (SAWW) are the prophet of the end times.

The Prophet (SAWW) thanked them and the people returned to their belongings. Abu Jahl was getting worse with anger and grief. Maysara and the monk were with the Holy Prophet (SAWW).

The monk said: O Chief of humanity (SAWW)! Allah Almighty will give you (SAWW) the rule over Arabia, all the cities will come under your ownership, Holy Quran will be revealed to you, people will follow your religion and your religion will be Islam in the sight of Allah Almighty. You (SAWW) will bring down idols, abolish past religions, extinguish the fires of hatred, break the backs of the powerful and your name will remain bright for the rest of the world.

I make a request to you (SAWW) that all the monks should be declared *raya (dhimmis)* and your Ummah should take toll (*jizya*) from them at that time. I wish I was with you at the time of your revelation. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) made a covenant with the monks and honored them.

The monk said to Maysara: O Maysara! Greet your mistress on my behalf and know that she has succeeded in reaching Chief of creatures (SAWW). His (SAWW) glory will be exalted in the times to come, his glory will be high, he will get ahead of the common and the special. Tell her not to lose the closeness of this Chief (SAWW). Because Allah the Glorious will

continue the lineage of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) from the lineage of your mistress and his remembrance will remain till the end of time, everyone will be jealous of him. Inform your mistress that no one will go to paradise unless he believes in Muhammad (SAWW) and confirms his prophethood. He (SAWW) is the noblest of prophets, the best of prophets and possesses highest qualities. Beware of the Jews who are enemies of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) till you reach the Kaaba.

After that the monk said goodbye and the Holy Prophet (SAWW) came out and met his caravan. At that moment, they left and arrived in Syria to unload the goods.

Arrival in the city of Syria:

The people of the city came running and bought merchandise. The Quraysh sold their goods at high prices and did good business. But the Holy Prophet (SAWW) did not sell his goods. On this Abu Jahl (may Allah's curse be upon him) said: By Allah! Khadijah (SA) may not have seen a worse journey than this one because she did not sell any of her goods.

When the next morning arrived, the Arabs shouted. When they looked around to buy the goods, they saw no seller except Hazrat Khadija's (SA) goods. So the Holy Prophet (SAWW) sold those goods at double the price of Quraysh goods. Abu Jahl was very sad to see this matter.

Conspiracy by a Jew:

Only one leather bag was left of Hazrat Khadija's (SA) belongings. There came a Jew named Saeed bin Qatmur. He belonged to the Jewish Leviticus community (religious elders). He was a priest. He knew the attributes of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). As soon as he looked at the Prophet (SAWW), he recognized him (SAWW) because of the light of prophethood. He said to himself: He (SAWW) is the one who will destroy our dreams, suspend our religion and make our women widows. I would

like to kill him by deception. Then he approached the Prophet (SAWW) and asked: My chief! How much is for the leather bag? The Prophet (SAWW) said: Five hundred dirhams, and it will not be less. The Jewish priest said: I have bought, but I have a condition that you come with me to my house and eat with us so that we may be blessed. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) accepted the offer.

The Jew picked up the leather bag and proceeded for home. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) also left with him. When the Jew's house approached, he went to his wife and said to her: This man (SAWW) will suspend our religion. Help me kill him. The wife said: How is that? And the priest said, "Take this millstone, and sit above the door of the house. When you see that he (SAWW) has taken the price of the leather bag from us and is leaving, then throw the millstones over him (SAWW) so that you may kill him (SAWW) and we may be relieved." The Jew's wife took a millstone and climbed onto the roof of the house. As the Prophet (SAWW) started to leave, the woman tried to throw the millstone, but Allah stopped her hands. - The woman had two children standing in the yard of the house, the millstone fell on them both and the children died. When the Jew saw all that had happened to his children, he said aloud: O children of Qurayzah! People answered from all sides and asked: What happened?

The priest said, "Know that there is one person in your city today who will suspend your religion, shatter your dreams. Even though he came to my house, ate my food and killed my children." When the Jews heard this priest, they mounted their horses, drew their swords from their sheaths, and attacked all the Quraysh.

When the uncles of the Prophet (SAWW) saw the Jews coming with their Arabian horses wearing spears, screaming and shouting, they drew their swords. So they said: What is the matter and why are so loud the screams?

Hazrat Hamza (RA) rode on his horse. He carried his sword and spear and attacked the Jews wearing spears. Soon, the Jews were defeated and ran away. They agreed that seven Jewish chiefs would come and talk without arms. When the Quraysh saw them unarmed, they asked: What is your problem? They said: O Arab people! This person (SAWW) who is with you people will first of all cause unrest in your cities, kill your men and break your idols. We think that you should hand him (SAWW) over to us so that we can kill him (SAWW). That way you and we will live in peace.

When Hazrat Hamza (RA) heard this he said: Woe to you people. We will never hand him (SAWW) over to you people. He (SAWW) is our light, he (SAWW) is our lamp. Even if our lives are laid down for his (SAWW) protection, they are still sacrificed. The rest of the wealth is of no importance. When the Jews heard this answer, they did not succeed in their purpose and returned disappointed.

The Quraysh got a lot of booty as a result of this war. The Quraysh embarked on their return journey in the joy of the Jews' horses, weapons and victory. When they stopped at a place, Maysara said to the people: None of you have traveled once or twice or even more than once to Syria, but have any of you traveled this way – that it is more profitable than ever? And this time the reason for getting more profit is none other than Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). Although he (SAWW) was born among you, yet he (SAWW) does not have much wealth. Would you like to collect some of them and present him (SAWW) as a gift to improve his (SAWW) economy?

The people said: By Allah! Maysara, you have said a very good thing. The caravan then encamped in a densely forested area with abundant water. Each of the people took out something valuable from their belongings and offered it as a gift in the service of Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). The Prophet (SAWW) liked gifts and hated charity. When the people gathered the valuables and presented them to the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and said:

Congratulations on this gift. He passed all that to Maysara and did not answer.

Return journey from Syria:

In the same way, the caravan continued its journey through the forests and deserts, passing through the valleys and reached a valley in which palms were found in abundance. There was also a Christian place of worship. After spending some time there they left until they reached near Makkah and encamped at Jahfat al-Wada '. There, people started visiting their families to give them the good news of their arrival and the benefits of their business.

Abu Jahl said: O people! Have we seen any more profitable journey than this one! People also answered in the affirmative.

Then he said: Muhammad (SAWW) has benefited the most from among us. I didn't think he could sell goods at such a high price. After that people started sending their representatives to their families.

Maysara came to the service of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and requested: O the joy of my eyes! Shall I tell you something of (SAWW) your benefit? The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: What is that? Maysara said: You (SAWW) should go to my mistress Hazrat Khadija (SA) right now and give her the good news of safe arrival of her belongings. Because she (SA) will give a lot of money to the harbinger. I want that wealth to be given to you. Just get up now and go to Makkah and tell this good news to my mistress (SA).

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) got up from his seat and said: O Maysara! I bequeath to you good things concerning your goods and your life. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) rode alone on his horse and left for Makkah and disappeared from sight. Allah Almighty sent an angel for the Holy Prophet (SAWW) to cover a long distance and make the most difficult task easier.

As soon as the Holy Prophet (SAWW) reached the mountain, Allah the Glorified ordered sleep and he (SAWW) started resting there. Then Allah the Glorified commanded Gabriel (AS) to go to the jinn of Aden and from there to bring the dome which Allah had created for Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) two thousand years before the creation of Adam (AS) to be mounted above him (SAWW). The dome was made of red ruby and adorned with white pearls. The outside view was visible from the face, while the inside view could be seen from the outside. The dome had four pillars and four doors. A pillar of emerald, a ruby, pure gold and a pearl. The doors were also the same.

Gabriel (AS) installed this dome over the Holy Prophet (SAWW). The angels stood in groups by the pillars of the dome. After that they sanctified and glorified. Gabriel (AS) spread three kinds of fragrances around the Holy Prophet (SAWW). The mountains boasted, and the sound of trees, birds and angels came:

إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله ﷺ هنيئًا لك من عبد ما أكرمك على الله تعالى-

Meaning: There is no god but Allah, Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) is the Messenger of Allah. Congratulations, what a blessing Allah Almighty has bestowed on you (SAWW).

The narrator says: Hazrat Khadija (SA) was sitting on a high place with her maids and some women of Quraysh. Her eyes were fixed on the roads leading to Makkah. (When Allah Almighty removed the veil from the eyes of Hazrat Khadija SA only) then she saw a light rising from *Bab al-Ma'ali* then she saw the dome and saw the angels around it. She kept looking. Seeing this situation, the women said: Why do we feel like you are staring at something? Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O women of Arabia! Tell me, am I asleep or awake? The women said: We seek refuge in Allah. You are awake. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Look at Bab al-Ma'ali and look at this dome. What do you women see? They said: We see nothing other than that. Can't you see the green-headed birds that surround the dome? The

women said: No, we do not see. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: I see a rider whose light is brighter than the light of the sun and he is inside a green dome. I have never seen such a beautiful light before. He is riding a big camel. I have no doubt that she is my camel *Sehba* and the rider is Muhammad (SAWW).

The women said: O our princess! How does what you are saying fit for Muhammad (SAWW)? All this is not in the destiny of Caesar and Qasr. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: The virtue of Muhammad (SAWW) is much more than what I have mentioned.

Then the angels flew to the sky and Gabriel (AS) went back with the dome. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) woke up from his sleep and entered Makkah and intended to visit Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house. When he (SAWW) reached the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA), she was saying: When will Muhammad (SAWW) arrive so that I can see him? During this time Hazrat Khadija (SA) would sometimes sit down and sometimes stand up. When the Holy Prophet (SAWW) knocked at the door, the slave girl said: Who is at the door? The Prophet (SAWW) said: I am Muhammad (SAWW). As soon as Hazrat Khadija (SA) heard the words of the Holy Prophet (SAWW), she walked towards the courtyard of the house and stood behind the curtain. From there the maid opened the door.

The Prophet (SAWW) said: Peace be upon the people of the house. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: The light of my eyes, peace be upon you too. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Congratulations on the security of your trade goods. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Congratulations on your safety, O star of my eyes. By Allah! In my views, you are more important than all the wealth. Then Hazrat Khadija (SA) recited some poems:

After that Hazrat Khadija (SA) inquired: O my beloved (SAWW) where did the caravan reach? The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said: Near Jahfa. Hazrat Khadija (SAWW) asked: When did you separate from them? The Prophet (SAWW) said: Just a little while ago. As soon as Hazrat Khadija (SAWW)

heard the words of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW), her hairs bristled and she said: I swear by Allah to you, have you separated from the caravan from the place of Jahfa? The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: Yes, but Allah has made the distance near to me.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: By Allah! I did not want you to come alone like this, but I wanted you to be at the forefront with all the people and I see you leading the caravan, and on the top of the mountain I see my maids and slaves. They would be whimsically spraying the fragrance, the camels would be slaughtered, the people would be fed and it would be a memorable day.

The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: None of the people of Makkah know about my coming. If you say so I will go back and then on return you can do whatever you want to do.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) requested: O my chief (SAWW)! Pause for a moment. Hazrat Khadija (SA) made fresh food and put it in the viaticum carrier of Holy Prophet (SAWW). Hazrat Khadija (SA) filled the water of Zamzam in waterskin and said: You can go back. You (SAWW) are given back in the custody of Him who has covered the distance of the earth for you.

After that the Holy Prophet (SAWW) traveled a short distance and reached the caravan. Some of them were awake and some were asleep. When Maysara realized his (SAWW) presence, he said: Who has come in this dark night?

The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: I am Muhammad bin Abdullah (SAWW). Maysara said: O my chief! Didn't you go when it was agreed between you and me that you will go to Makkah, then why did you come back?

The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: I have gone and returned. On hearing this, Maysara laughed and said: You have come down from this mountain and came back. The Holy Prophet said: Rather, I went to the

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Ka'bah. Maysara said: O my chief! I have heard nothing but truth from you. The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: I have said nothing but the truth. If you still have doubts, this is your mistress's bread and this is Zamzam's water. As soon as Maysara saw all this, he stood up and said: O people of Quraysh! When all replied, Maysara said: Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) has gone to Makkah and returned from there and this is the bread of my mistress and this is the water of Zamzam. People were astonished and their minds were amazed. Abu Jahl (Allah's cursed) said: It is not far from the magician (he can do it).

Welcome of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) after reaching Makkah:

When in the morning people received the news of the arrival of the caravan, the people of Makkah left the city to receive them. Hazrat Khadija's (SA) slaves and maids spread around Makkah. Once the Holy Prophet (SAWW) would pass by any of Hazrat Khadija's slaves, he would slaughter a camel in the joy of his (SAWW) arrival.

After that the people went back to their homes and Hazrat Khadija (SA) looked at her camel. It had come back safe and sound, although usually some of Hazrat Khadija's (SA) camels used to die or get sick in previous journeys. The camel was not harmed. The Quraysh were astonished to see these camels. When the camel passed by them, the people asked, "Whose camel is this?" So it was said: This is the camel on which Muhammad (SAWW) rode, then the Quraysh were stunned.

When Hazrat Khadija's (SA) goods arrived and the goods were opened and presented to Hazrat Khadija (SA), Hazrat Khadija (SA) was sitting behind the veil and the Holy Prophet (SAWW) was sitting in the courtyard in the middle of the house. Maysara was offering things one by one. Hazrat Khadija (SA) was stunned when she saw everything. She sent a message to her father to come to her house so that he could come and

tell Hazrat Khadija (SA) about these things and also to persuade her father about Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). It was not long before Khuwaylid entered the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA) dressed in fine clothes and wearing a sword. As soon as Hazrat Khadija (SA) saw him, she stood up and sat him beside her. She kept showing merchandise and kept saying: O my father! All this has been achieved with the blessings of Muhammad (SAWW). I have never benefited as much as from this journey of trade.

Travelogue:

Then she turned to Maysara and said: Tell me, how was your journey and did you see what transpired from Muhammad (SAWW)?

Maysara said: O my mistress! Do I have the power to describe the attributes of Muhammad (SAWW)? Maysara then told Hazrat Khadija (SA) about the flood incident, the incident of the well, about the dragon and the harvesting of palms, and what the monk had informed Maysara about and what special message he had given to Maysara. He told all about that.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Maysara, be silent, you have further inflamed my passion for Muhammad (SAWW). Just go, I have set you free for the sake of Allah. There are 200 dirhams and two animals for you, your wife and your children. She gave Maysara a very nice dress which made him very happy.

Then Hazrat Khadija (SA) turned to the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and said: O my chief, how was your journey?

The Prophet (SAWW) began to tell the details of what he had bought and sold. Hazrat Khadija (SA) saw a great benefit and said: O my chief (SAWW)! It is a great pleasure to have welcome you and to see you. There was no disappointment or misfortune. Then Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O

my chief (SAWW)! I will pay double of what was agreed between us. Do you have a need that I will meet right now?

He (SAWW) said: I want to rest, after which I will return to you.

Return of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) to Hazrat Abu Talib's (AS) home:

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) entered the house of his uncle Hazrat Abu Talib (AS). Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) was very happy to see his nephew and kissed him on the forehead. His other uncles also came. Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: My son! What did Khadija (SA) give? The Prophet (SAWW) said: I have been assured to be given more than what was promised. Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: This is a glorious blessing. I have decided that I will let you have two camels that you can ride. Also two saddles that are suitable for your journey. I will keep the rest of the gold and silver for your marriage with one of the women of Quraysh. Then I don't care when and where death comes. The Prophet (SAWW) said: Dear Uncle, as you deem fit.

Visit to Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house:

When it was time for Zuhr, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) took a bath, got relief from travel fatigue, and perfumed himself with perfume. The next day he went to Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house wearing nice clothes. When he (SAWW) reached there, there was no one there except Maysara. When Hazrat Khadija (SA) saw the Holy Prophet (SAWW), she was very happy. Then Hazrat Khadija (SA) turned to the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) and said: O my chief (SAWW)! Do you have a need that needs to be met? The Prophet (SAWW) felt shy to speak and bowed his head and sweat appeared on his forehead. Hazrat Khadija (SA) turned her attention to the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) and while speaking politely said: O my chief (SAWW)! If I ask you about anything, will you answer me? The

Prophet (SAWW) replied in the affirmative. Hazrat Khadija (AS) said: What will you do when you take your camels and property from me? The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: O Khadija (SA), what will you do knowing this? Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: I will give more and I will give as much as I can.

The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: Then know that my uncle Abu Talib (AS) has indicated that the two camels should be left for me to travel and get around. The rest of the gold and silver will be kept for my marriage, with a woman who is content with less money and does not desire so much wealth that I cannot give to her.

Hearing this, Hazrat Khadija (SA) smiled and said: O my chief (SAWW)! If I propose a woman, will you agree?

Hazrat Khadija's (SA) marriage proposal:

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) replied in the affirmative. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: I have chosen a woman for you. She is from Makkah and is one from your nation. She is the richest woman in your nation and most beautiful in appearance, great in perfection, high in chastity, highest in generosity, unparalleled in purity and helping hand in your deeds. She will be content in less with you (SAWW) and does not agree on more wealth of others. Also very close to you in lineage. In case of marriage with her, kings and rich people will be jealous of you. But since I have described the virtues of this woman, now I will describe her demerits. The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: What are they?

She (SA) said: She is older than you. The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: Tell me her name. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: She is your slave Khadija. The Prophet (SAWW) bowed his head and became silent because of his modesty. Sweat appeared on his forehead. Hazrat Khadija (SA), repeating her words, said: O my chief (SAWW), what is the matter, why are you not

answering? By Allah, you are my Beloved. I will not oppose any of your orders.

The narrator says: After that Hazrat Khadija (SA) kept insisting on her wish with the Messenger of Allah (SAWW), then the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: O daughter of my uncle! You are a rich woman and I have no wealth. Whatever I will have, will be what you give me in exchange for this business trip. Why would a rich woman like you be interested in a poor person like me? I'm looking for a woman who looks like me, her economy is like mine. While you are a princess. You should marry a king. When Hazrat Khadija heard the speech of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW), she said: By Allah, O Muhammad (SAWW)! If you have less wealth than I have more. Whoever surrenders her life to you, why should she not surrender her property to you? I, my property, my slaves and everything in my possession are all waiting for your (SAWW) command. I will not forbid you from anything. By the Ka'bah and Safa! I did not think that you (SAWW) would take me away from you. These words were uttered by Hazrat Khadija (SA) from the bottom of her heart, tears were flowing from her eyes while talking.

The narrator says that after this Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: How many times has something happened that is hidden from sight but the truth is known. I have pondered about it and then talked about it. You (SAWW) visit your uncle and ask him to visit my father to get my hand. You (SAWW) do not have to worry about the excess of jointure (*Mahr*), I will pay it myself. I will give you (SAWW) gifts and have a feast. You (SAWW) can leave and think good of those who think good of you (SAWW).

Discussion with uncles regarding proposal:

After that Hazrat (SAWW) left from there and came to visit his uncle Hazrat Abu Talib (AS). Happiness was appearing on the blessed face of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). The Prophet (SAWW) found all his uncles at

one place. Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) looked at the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) and said: What has Khadija (SA) given you, nephew? It seems that she has enriched you with her gifts? The Prophet (SAWW) said: Dear Uncle! I have a task for you. Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: What is that? The Prophet (SAWW) said: You go with my other uncles and ask Khuwaylid for Khadija's (SA) hand for me. On hearing this, no one answered except Hazrat Abu Talib (AS). He said: O my beloved! You are our helper and we consult you in our affairs. You know that Khadija (SA) is a dignified and virtuous woman, she is afraid of poverty and evil. And then the Arab kings, the chiefs and the influential people of the Quraysh, the chiefs of the Bani Hashim, as well as the king of Yemen, the nobles of Taif sent proposals. All of them offered wealth but she did not accept. Hazrat Khadija (SA) considered herself the greatest of them all. And you, my nephew, have no wealth and no business. Hazrat Khadija (SA) is very cheerful. She may have said this to you in jest. At that time Abu Lahab said: O nephew, do not push us against the rumors of the Arabs even though you are not worthy of Khadija (SA) anyway.

Hazrat Abbas (AS) got up and scolded him and said: By Allah! You are a lowly and evil person. Beware if you had said such a thing about my nephew again. By Allah, he is above the people (who proposed to Khadija) in both beauty and perfection. So who will Khadija (SA) be proud of? On the excess of her wealth or on her beauty and perfection? I swear by the Lord of the Ka'bah! If she demands wealth from Muhammad (SAWW) then I will ride on my camel and go to the deserts to the kings and collect the wealth according to the demand of Khadija (SA).

The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) said: O my elders! There has been a lot of talk between us, these things are of no use. You guys go and ask for the proposal because you don't know what I know. Hazrat Safia bint Abdul Muttalib got up and said: By Allah, I know that what my nephew has said is true but it is possible that Khadija has joked. So I will go and research in the matter.

Hazrat Safia's (SA) visit to Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house:

Hazrat Safia (SA) dressed nicely and left for Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house. On the way, some of Hazrat Khadija's (SA) maids saw Hazrat Safia coming and they rushed to Hazrat Khadija (SA) and informed her that Hazrat Safia bint Abdul Muttalib was coming towards her house. Hazrat Khadija (SA) saw Hazrat Safia coming and said: O Muhammad (SAWW) your enemy can never be successful. Hazrat Safia knocked at the door. The door opened. When Hazrat Safia came to Hazrat Khadija (SA), Hazrat Khadija (SA) welcomed her and seated her with politeness and respect. She wanted to arrange food but Hazrat Safia said: O Khadija I have not come to eat but my cousin's daughter, I heard something, I have come to ask if it is right or not?

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: That is true, whether you hide it or reveal it, I have offered marriage to Muhammad (SAWW). I have taken the responsibility of jointure (maher). If he (SAWW) has mentioned anything to you, do not deny him (SAWW). I know that the Lord of the heavens has supported him (SAWW).

Hazrat Safia smiled and said: By Allah! You are right in the person you love. I have not seen the light like his (SAWW) forehead and no one has a delightful word than my nephew, no one can speak sweeter than him (SAWW).

After that Hazrat Safia intended to leave, then Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Stay for a while. Then Hazrat Khadija (SA) took out a very high and excellent type of dress and she covered Hazrat Safia with it and embraced her, and requested: O Safia! By Allah! You will definitely help me in my desire for Muhammad (SAWW). Hazrat Safia replied in the affirmative. Then Hazrat Safia came to her brothers. Her brothers saw her and asked: Safia! Do you bring any news? Hazrat Safia said: O my brothers, stand up. By Allah, if you stand up, Khadija (SA) has in her heart the love of our

nephew which has no end. Everyone was happy to hear this except Abu Lahab, because the words of Hazrat Safia increased the jealousy and envy as he already had a grudge against him (SAWW).

The uncles of the Prophet (SAWW) taking proposal to Hazrat Khadija (SA):

Hazrat Abbas shouted and said: Why are you still sitting when everything is known? Then they all stood up and left for Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house. Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) turned towards the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and adorned him with the best clothes. With a sword in his hand, he (SAWW) rode on his (AS) horse and was surrounded by his uncles. On the way they met Abu Bakr ibn Abi Qahafa. He said: O children of Abdul Muttalib, where to is the intention? I was coming to you for some reason. Hazrat Abbas said: Explain the reason. Abu Bakr said: I dreamed that a star appeared from the house of Hazrat Abu Talib (AS), went to the height of the sky, became bright and even started shining like a moon. Then it went down. I followed it. It entered the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA) with her. What will be the interpretation of this dream? Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: We are going for the proposal of Hazrat Khadija (SA) at this moment.

Then they reached the house of Khuwaylid. But before the arrival of Bani Hashim the neighbors of Khuwaylid reached there. When they saw the Bani Hashim, they stood up in respect of them and said: Welcome, O children of our father and our dearest of all people. Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: We have come to you for some purpose. You know our close relationship and we are the children of one father in this Harem (sacred enclosure of Makkah). We have brought to you the proposal of your daughter for our chief and that is our wish. Khuwaylid said: Who will be the boy on your behalf and who will be the girl on my behalf?

Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) - my nephew on our behalf and Khadija (SA) on your behalf. When Khuwaylid heard this,

he said: You are dear to us, but Khadija (SA) takes care of her own affairs. Her intellect is more than my intellect. My heart does not believe that where the kings have sent proposals to her, this is Muhammad (SAWW) whose livelihood is difficult.

Hazrat Hamza (AS) stood up and said: Today cannot be combined with tomorrow nor is the moon equal to the sun. Do you underestimate our nephew? Don't you know that if he (SAWW) willed, we could have placed our wealth and our lives in his feet? But you will understand your folly later. Then they rubbed off the dust from the clothes and set off. All the brothers of Hazrat Hamza also followed him to their homes.

Hazrat Khadija's (SA) reaction:

The news reached Hazrat Khadija (SA) through one of her maids. Hazrat Khadija (SA) asked her maid: What is the matter? The maid said: Your father returned the children of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib empty handed.

When Hazrat Khadija (SA) heard this, she said to the maid: Go and call my uncle Warqa. The maids came out and brought Warqa with them. When Warqa arrived, Hazrat Khadija (SA) greeted him warmly and said: Welcome dear Uncle, may your shadow rest upon me. Then she hit her foot on the ground and put wrinkles on her forehead.

Warqa said: May Allah save you from troubles. O Khadija (SA), tell me what is the problem? Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O uncle, what would be the condition of the seeker when he has not found his desired object? Warqa said: He will be in bad condition. And he said: O Khadija (SA), the way you are talking, I think you want to get married? Hazrat Khadija (SA) replied in the affirmative. Warqa said: O Khadija (SA)! The kings and chiefs sent you proposals but you did not accept any of them. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: I did not want anyone to marry me and take me out of Makkah. Warqa said: By Allah, Shaybah ibn Rabi'ah, Aqaba ibn Abi Mu'ayt, Abu

Jahl ibn Hisham and Salat ibn Abi Yahab sent you proposals from Makkah, but you also forbade their proposals.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: I do not like a person who has a defect. Then she said: Dear Uncle, explain the faults of these people. Warqa said: O Khadija (SA)! If I talk about Sheba, he is suspicious, Aqaba is very old, Abu Jahl is stingy, arrogant and stinky, if I talk about Salat, he has many divorces.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: May Allah's curse be upon all the names mentioned. Do you know that anyone other than these people has sent my proposal? Warqa said: I have heard that Muhammad (SAWW) bin Abdullah bin Abdul Muttalib bin Hashim has sent a proposal. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Dear Uncle! Explain the faults of Muhammad (SAWW).

Warqa had knowledge of previous books which mentioned the attributes of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) as well as his future achievements. Warqa bowed his head and said: Shall I explain the faults of Muhammad (SAWW)? Hazrat Khadija (SA) replied in the affirmative. Warqa said: His origin is noble, long branch, beautiful morals, popular virtue, great generosity. By Allah! Khadija (SA), I am not lying. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Dear Uncle, tell me the faults of Muhammad (SAWW), the way you described his qualities. Warqa said: O Khadija (SA), his (SAWW) face is like the moon, his forehead is brighter, and his words are more charming and comforting than musk and amber, sweeter than honey. Hazrat Khadija (SA) then said: Dear Uncle, explain the faults of Muhammad (SAWW). Warqa said: O Khadija (SA)! He (SAWW) is created with infinite beauty, the lineage is high, he (SAWW) is the greatest in speech and speed in the universe. When he (SAWW) walks, you will think that honey is dripping. His hairs are black, cheeks brighter than red flowers, body odor better than musk and amber, sweeter than honey in words. Khadija (SA)! You bear witness that I love Muhammad (SAWW).

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Dear Uncle! Every time I asked you to describe the faults of Muhammad (SAWW), you mentioned his good qualities.

Warqa said: O daughter! Can I describe the praiseworthy attributes of Muhammad (SAWW)?

Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Dear Uncle! Some people consider him lowly.

Warqa said: The reason is that Muhammad (SAWW) does not have wealth. Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Dear Uncle, have you heard this poem:

إِذَا سَلِمَتْ رُؤُوسُ الرِّجَالِ مِنَ الْأَذَى فَمَا الْبَالُ إِلَّا مِثْلُ قَلَمِ الْأَطَافِ

When people's heads are healed from pain. So the wealth will have no value except as cut nails.

But uncle, if he (SAWW) has less wealth, I have more. Dear Uncle! I want him in any case. Warqa said, "Then by Allah! You are lucky and the guided. And you will become the spouse of a prophet (SAWW). Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Dear Uncle, I have proposed him (SAWW) myself.

Warqa said: What will you give me if I get you married this night? Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: Uncle, is there anything greater than you or is hidden from you? All my treasures are in front of you. My house is yours.

Then Warqa said: O Khadija (SA)! I am not talking about the things of the perishable world. I meant that you should recommend me to Muhammad (SAWW) to intercede for me on the Day of Judgment. Khadija (SA), be known that this world is between reckoning and punishment. No one will be saved in it except the one who follows Muhammad (SAWW) and confirms his (SAWW) message. God's punishment is for those who will be expelled from Paradise and become fuel for Hell.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) heard the words of Warqa and said: Dear Uncle, I have what you want.

Warqa's Advice to Khuwaylid:

Warqa came out of Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house and came to his brother Khuwaylid's house and saw that he was intoxicated. Warqa sat down

while his face was full of anger. He said: My brother, who has made you negligent of yourself? Are you the enemy of your own soul? Khuwaylid said: How did you know, my brother? Warqa said: You have made Bani Abdul Muttalib (children of Abdul Muttalib) your enemy. Their hearts are burning for you, while Hamza wants to attack your house. Khuwaylid said: Tell me, my brother, what have I done that they are thinking of doing this to me? Warqa said: I have heard from these people that you have underestimated their nephew even though you should not have done so. Although this action has been committed by you. By Allah! No human has ever set foot on earth like Muhammad (SAWW). Have you forgotten what happened in Muhammad's (SAWW) childhood and what we saw when he (SAWW) grew up? By Allah! Only a lowly person can be arrogant in the glory of Muhammad (SAWW). Khuwaylid said: By Allah, I have not done anything arrogant. He (SAWW) is better than me but he (SAWW) wanted to marry Khadija (SA). Warqa said to him: Then what is there to deny?

Khuwaylid said: By Allah, my brother! I want to say something about it, but I'm afraid of two things: first, the Arabs will call me bad because I forbade the proposals from their elders, and then I confer relationship with a destitute person?

Secondly, Khadija (SA) does not agree. Warqa said: There is no person in Arabia who does not want to give his daughter to Muhammad (SAWW). Everyone wants Muhammad (SAWW) to be their son-in-law. The rest of what you have said about Khadija (SAWW) is that since she has witnessed the virtues of Muhammad (SAWW) on her own, she is also satisfied. When you have acquired the enmity of the Bani Hashim for no reason, they will never spare you. Especially the attacking lion Hamza (RA) whose sword is decisive and no one can save you from him. But by Allah! If you accept my advice and go with me to Bani Hashim, I will ask Bani Hashim to purify their hearts about you and you should marry Khadija to Muhammad (SAWW). By Allah, there is no one for Khadija (SA) except Muhammad (SAWW) and for Muhammad (SAWW) there is no one but

Khadija (SA). "Brother, I am afraid they will attack me and kill me," he said. Warqa said: I guarantee that you don't need to be afraid.

Arrival of Warqa and Khuwaylid to the uncles of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW):

The two went together until they reached the house of the sons of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib. When they stopped at the door, by chance the sons of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib were sitting together at the same time and Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) was sitting among them. Hazrat Hamza looked at him (SAWW) and said: O joy of my eyes, what is your ruling? By Allah! If ordered, I will bring Khuwaylid's head at once. Khuwaylid said to Warqa: Listen, my brother. Warqa said to Khuwaylid: You listen. "Let me go back," said Khuwaylid. Warqa said: No. See what I will do. Let us go to them. They do not drive away those who come to them. Then Warqa knocked at the door. The Prophet (SAWW) said: Khuwaylid has come to you with his brother Warqa. Hazrat Hamza (RA) got up and brought them inside home. Khuwaylid's hand was in the hand of Warqa and he said: May your morning and evening be full of blessings, be safe from the evil of the enemies, O children of Zam Zam and Safa. Upon hearing this, Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: Beware of what you are afraid of and be careful. Hazrat Hamza scolded and said: There is no welcome for the person who seeks distance from us and does not accommodate us.

Khuwaylid said: O my chief! All this was not from me even though you know that Khadija (SA) is the possessor of intellect and is mature. I said this because I wanted to hear what she had to say about it. Now that I know that my daughter agrees, don't blame me for my shortcomings. Although I am happy now. One reason is that Khadija is happy and the other reason is that we have the same family and lineage.

Hazrat Hamza (RA) said: O Khuwaylid! We respect you very much but it was not appropriate for you to forbid us from having a relationship.

Warqa said: We love Muhammad (SAWW) very much. We will do what you say. But O Bani Hashim! I want this marriage to be established in front of all the people tomorrow so that all those present and absent can witness.

Hazrat Hamza said: We will not oppose you in this matter. Warqa said: Know that my brother's language is not pure Arabic. I want him to appoint me as an advocate in the section (*seegha*) of his daughter's marriage so that I can respond to the terms of the marriage. Also you know that I have read other books and religions. Hazrat Hamza (RA) said: O Khuwaylid! Appoint Warqa as an advocate to deliver the terms of the marriage contract. Khuwaylid said: O children of Bani Hashim! Witness that I have appointed my brother Warqa as my advocate in the case of my daughter Khadija. Warqa said: I want this announcement to be made in the Ka'bah.

Gathering in the Ka'bah:

Everyone went to the Ka'bah. When they reached there, they saw that the Arabs were sitting near Zam Zam o Maqam. There were many groups of people. Among them were Salat ibn Abi Yahab and Laimah ibn Hajjaj, Hisham ibn Mughira, Abu Jahl ibn Hisham, Uthman ibn Mubarak al-Umari, Asad ibn Ghawilab al-Darmi, Aqaba ibn Abi Mu'ayt, Umayya ibn Khalaf, Abu Sufyan ibn Harb. Warqa called out all of them and said:

O you who dwell in the sanctuary of Allah! Have a nice morning. The people said: Welcome, O *Abu al-Bayyan* (father of speakers). Warqa said: O people of Quraysh! And whoever is here (even if he is not from Quraysh) I ask you what do you say about Khadija (SA) bint Khuwaylid?

All the Arabs said: Congratulations on this remembrance of Allah. By Allah, she is full of honor, high in lineage, excellent in opinion, a woman whose example is not found in the Arab world.

Warqa said: Would you appreciate her living without a husband? People said: It is not necessary, although many proposals were made, but she herself forbade.

Warqa said: O chiefs of Arabia! Be aware that my brother has appointed me as an advocate for Khadija's marriage and my niece has ordered me and told me which of the chiefs of Quraysh he wants to marry. I asked her his name but she did not tell me. I want you too to listen to her. Tomorrow at noon everyone will come to Khadija's (SA) house. Only Khadija's (SA) house can accommodate all of you. Her house can accommodate people from all over Makkah.

When the people heard of Warqa, each of the chiefs was saying: I am the one whom Khadija (SA) will marry. People said: You are the best advocate and sponsor. Warqa said to his brother Khuwaylid: As long as the chiefs are present, keep talking.

Khuwaylid said: O chiefs of the Arabs, bear witness: I have referred the matter of my daughter Khadija (SA) to my brother. I have declared him my advocate and sponsor in this matter. No opinion is above his opinion and no order is above his order.

Warqa said: Listen, O Arab chiefs! Khuwaylid is neither insane nor compelled nor intoxicated. And I will marry his daughter to whomever I want. The Arabs said: We have heard, we have obeyed, and we will bear witness.

Good news from Warqa to Hazrat Khadija (SA):

Khuwaylid came out of there when the issue of Hazrat Khadija's (SA) marriage was out of his hands. From there, Warqa happily left for Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house. As soon as Hazrat Khadija (SA) saw Warqa, she said:

Welcome dear Uncle! Hope you have solved the problem? Warqa said: Yes, O Khadija (SA)! Congratulations on becoming your advocate. I will marry you to Muhammad (SAWW) tomorrow afternoon. As soon as Hazrat Khadija (SA) heard this, she immediately gave Warqa the rare and beautiful dress as a gift which Maysra had bought from Syria for five dinars. Warqa said: Don't make me absorbed in these things. I am not interested in these things. My goal is to get the intercession of Muhammad (SAWW). Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: You will get it too.

Arrangements for marriage contract:

Then Warqa said: Khadija (SA), get up now and get ready. Tidy up your house, take out your reserves, put up curtains, show off your makeup and make your enemies grieved. Wealth is stored for these days. Arrange for reception. There should be no shortage of this because the Arabs will come to your house tomorrow afternoon.

When Hazrat Khadija (SA) heard this, she called out to her slaves and maids. Together they unveiled beautiful curtains, pillows, chairs, carpets of different colors, the most expensive jewelry and necklaces. Flags were also raised. Those who saw it with their own eyes say that the number of slaves who were engaged in the preparation that night was eighty. Some people were slaughtering animals. Some camels were being slaughtered. Sweets of every color were being made. All kinds of fruits and vegetables were being collected.

Warqa went to the house of Hazrat Abu Talib (AS). He saw all the brothers there together and said to them: Your mornings and evenings be enriched with blessings. What is stopping you from preparing your order? Get up and prepare. Now the matter of their marriage is in my hands. Insha Allah, tomorrow afternoon I will marry Khadija (SA) to Muhammad (SAWW). Here Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) said: O Warqa! I will always remember you for this service. May Allah reward you the best.

Then Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: By Allah, my heart is at peace at this time. I have come to know that my brother has reached his goal and has started the work of preparation for the wedding reception and other brothers are also with him.

At that moment the throne of Allah Almighty (*arsh*) and the chair shook. The angels prostrated themselves. Allah Almighty ordered Rizwan of Jinan to beautify Paradise. Let the maidens and slaves stand in rows, and prepare pure wine. Allah revealed to Gabriel (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) that he should wave the Loo ul Hamd of Allah over the Ka'bah. The mountains left their place and praised Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala. The earth rejoiced. The people of Makkah remained excited all night.

Marriage Ceremony:

Once it was morning, the people came in groups. As soon as the arrogant people, tribes, and nobles entered, they saw that the benches were spread and pillows lined up and chairs are also arranged. Seats were arranged according to the status of each person. When Abu Jahl, may Allah curse him, entered, he was a victim of selfishness in his walking and adornment. His hair was combed back. The sword was slung over his shoulder. As he was walking among the Bani Makhzoom, he saw the main seat of the gathering. There was a big chair and eleven chairs in a row under it. No beautiful view was witnessed than this. Abu Jahl stepped forward and wanted to sit there. Maysara saw it and called out: O my chief! Just relax, don't rush. Your seat is reserved for Bani Makhzoom. Embarrassed, he returned and sat down in his seat.

It wasn't long before voices were raised. The Arabs jumped when Hazrat Abbas and Hazrat Hamza came from one side. Hazrat Hamza was carrying an unsheathed sword in his hand and Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) was in the forefront. Hazrat Hamza said: O people of Makkah! Keep the etiquette in

mind and talk less. Stand on your feet and let go off arrogance because at this time you are being visited by Sahib-uz-Zaman Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) who has been chosen by the King and Omnipotent (*Jabbar*). Man of dignity has arrived.

People saw that Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (SAWW) was coming. He (SAWW) had a black turban on his blessed head, light was shining from his forehead. He (SAWW) adorned the shirt of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (AS), the cloak of Hazrat Ilyas (AS) and the slippers of his grandfather Abdul Muttalib in his feet, the stick of Hazrat Ibrahim Khalil (AS) in his hand, the red agate ring. The people were crowded and they were watching his (SAWW) family around him (SAWW). Hazrat Hamza was covering the view of those who saw him (SAWW). However, he (SAWW) was revealed to all creatures and beings. They were all greeting him (SAWW). The Arabs were amazed at what they saw. Everyone present stood on their feet. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) and all his uncles sat on the upper chairs where Abu Jahl was trying to sit. Except for one of them - Abu Jahl (the cursed), no one was sitting in his place and said: If Khadija (AS) had the authority, she would definitely choose Muhammad (SAWW). Hazrat Hamza approached Abu Jahl (the cursed of Allah) and grabbed him and said: Stand up, otherwise you will not be safe from conflict and you will not be saved from troubles. Abu Jahl put his hand on the sword, but already Hazrat Hamza grabbed his hand. He even started bleeding from under his nails. Mr. Harith (probably the eldest son of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib) pushed Abu Jahl and said: Woe to you O son of Hisham! You didn't do it right. Everyone is standing, but you considered yourself the best. If you are not silent, I will take down your head. Abu Jahl became silent in fear. He thought in his mind that Khadija (SA) was going to marry him.

Khuwaylid's talk:

Standing in front of the people, he said loudly: O chiefs of Arabia! By Allah, no one is better than Muhammad (SAWW) in dry and wet and I am happy to have Muhammad (SAWW) as husband for my daughter. You are witnesses to this.

Then Hazrat Abbas stood up and said: O people of Arabia! Why do you deny the virtue of the people of grace? Aren't you guys watered by the rains called by my nephew? Did not your agriculture become green through him? How many of you are among those who have hidden these virtues and are full of malice in their hearts for my nephew? I swear by Allah, none of you can be equal in the truth and trust of Muhammad (SAWW). And yes, know that Muhammad (SAWW) did not intend to marry Khadija (SA) because of her wealth, nor because of her beauty, because wealth is not a thing that will last.

Then Khuwaylid came and sat beside the Messenger of Allah (SAWW). The people became silent so that they could hear what Khuwaylid was saying. Khuwaylid said: O Abu Talib (AS)! What are you waiting for now? Get your work done, because it's up to you to decide. You have the oratory and eloquence of the chief preacher. One of you should give a sermon and perform the marriage contract. Then Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) stood up and ordered the people to be silent and said: All praise is due to Allah who declared us to be the descendants of Hazrat Ibrahim Khalil (AS) and the descendants of Hazrat Ismail (AS). He also gave us grace and honor over all the Arabs. He made us the guardians of His Harem; favored with the best blessings and protected from the worst evils. He brought us sustenance from everywhere.

Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) sermon on marriage:

All praise is due to Allah Who has given us superiority and we are thankful for what He has given us. He gave human beings superiority over other living beings. He saved the children of Adam from prohibited (*haraam*). He commanded us to have mating so that we human beings could increase our race.

After praise of Almighty:

O people, know that my nephew Muhammad (SAWW) bin Abdullah has given a proposal to the one who is well-known and popular among you all the women. My nephew sent this proposal to Hazrat Khadija's (SA) father Khuwaylid to take as much wealth as he could and agree to this relationship.

Then Warqa rose who was sitting on one side of his brother and said: We want the dowry of Hazrat Khadija (SA) at this moment four hundred thousand gold dinars, one hundred red camels, ten Yemeni cloaks, twenty-eight slaves and slave-girls even though it is not more than our status.

Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) said: We are satisfied with this jointure (Maher). Khuwaylid said: I agree and give Khadija (SA) in the marriage of Muhammad (SAWW). The Holy Prophet (SAWW) accepted the marriage contract. At that moment, Hazrat Hamza and his companions stood up and rained gold coins on the audience.

Abu Jahl's insolence and Hazrat Abu Talib's (AS) answer:

Abu Jahl, may Allah curse him, stood up and said: O people of my nation! Tell me, do women pay the jointure (maher) of men or do men pay their own jointure?

Hearing this, Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) stood up and said: O chief of rascal and lowly people! What's wrong with you? If it is the likes of Muhammad (SAWW) then wealth will be brought to them, donations will be given to them and if someone is like you, women will not accept whatever he offers.

Happiness of the people of heaven after marriage:

Then the people heard a voice from the sky: Allah Almighty has connected Tahira (pure female) with Tahir (pure male) and Sadiqa (truthful female) with Sadiq (truthful male) in marriage.

Then came out of the veil the slave-girls who had different things in their hands to shower on the people. Allah Almighty commanded Gabriel (AS) to sprinkle perfume on people whether they do good deeds or do bad deeds. One man said to his peers: Where does such a sweet fragrance come from? The companion replied: This is the fragrance of Muhammad (SAWW).

After that the people went to their homes and the Prophet (SAWW) went to the house of his uncle Abu Talib (AS). All his (SAWW) uncles were around him (SAWW). He (SAWW) was looking like a full moon. All the women of Quraysh, Bani Abdul Muttalib and Bani Hashim gathered at the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA). Hazrat Khadija (SA) sent four thousand dinars to the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) on the same day and said: O my chief (SAWW)! Give these coins to Hazrat Abbas, he gave them to my father. She also sent a valuable garment with them that both Hazrat Abbas and Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) together had gone and adorned Khuwaylid.

Khuwaylid immediately stood up and went to Hazrat Khadija's (SA) house and said: O my daughter! What are you waiting for? Prepare yourself and this is your jointure which they have brought and clothed me with this

garment. By Allah! No woman has found a husband like you, neither in charm nor in beauty.

Abu Jahl's insolence:

When Abu Jahl heard this, he stood among the people and said: All this is Khadijah's (SA) own property. When this news reached Hazrat Abu Talib (AS), he got up from there at once and stood at Abtah with his sword. Many people were already there. He (AS) said: O people of Arabia! We have heard someone say to us that women are paying their dues. So know that this is not a defect. It is the right of Muhammad (SAWW) to be showered with everything, give him gifts. What did some hateful people say about this marriage? When Hazrat Khadija (SA) heard about this, she arranged a dinner party and invited the women to the party. When they had eaten, Hazrat Khadija (SA) said: O women! It is learned that husbands of you women are blaming me for marrying Muhammad (SAWW). I ask, is there anyone like him (SAWW) among you or is there anyone in Makkah who is beautiful in appearance and virtues like Muhammad (SAWW)? The reason I married Muhammad (SAWW) is because of what I saw in Muhammad (SAWW) and what I heard about him (SAWW). No one has the right to speak on a subject they do not know. Hearing this, all the women became silent.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) giving all her wealth to Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW):

Then Hazrat Khadija (SAWW) said to her uncle Warqa: Take this wealth to Muhammad (SAWW) and tell him: All this is a gift for him and he (SAWW) is the owner of this wealth to use as he wishes. Also send a message to him (SAWW) that I have given him my wealth, my slaves and everything that belongs to me for the sake of the greatness and glory of Muhammad (SAWW). Warqa stood between Zamzam and Maqam and said in a loud voice: O people of Arabia! Khadija (SA) is calling you people

as witnesses to the fact that she gave her life and property, her slaves and servants and all that was in her possession, slaves and animals, the price of jointure and other gifts were given to Muhammad (SAWW) for the sake of respect and reverence for him (SAWW) and for the love of him (SAWW); Bear witness to it.

After that Warqa went to the house of Hazrat Abu Talib (AS). There was already the slave-girl whom Hazrat Khadija (SA) had sent with a beautiful dress and had said: Hand it over to Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). When Warqa reached there, he (SAWW) covered Warqa with this cloth so that the love of the Prophet (SAWW) may increase in the heart of Warqa. When Warqa reached there, he presented the wealth and said what Hazrat Khadija (SA) had said to Warqa. The Messenger of Allah (SAWW) stood up and covered Warqa. When Warqa came out, people were amazed at its beauty.

After that Hazrat Khadija (SA) took her dowry and put pure gold and silver and perfume in it. When the third night came, the paternal aunties of the Prophet (SAWW) came to Hazrat Khadija (SA). According to tradition, on the third day the dignitaries and chiefs gathered. Hazrat Abbas stood up and said:

O family of wrath and dominion (the ancestors of the Messenger of Allah SAWW)! Congratulations on the abundance of blessings. Be boasted, O people of our nation! That people praise you and desire of you people. Your virtues have become famous among the people and have made everyone your devotee. Be proud of Ahmed (SAWW) that he (SAWW) is the adornment of every good and pure man. He (SAWW) shines like the moon of the fourteenth, whose light does not diminish. Surely Khadija (SA) has been blessed with the greatest blessing. Married to a Hashmi young man who does not have much wealth. May God bless your couple Who is forgiving and fulfilling needs. Ahmed (SAWW), the chief of the

worlds is better than all those in the past. So, as far as the realm of existence is concerned, blessings and peace be upon him (SAWW).

Arrangement of a great wedding reception by Hazrat Abu Talib (AS):

Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) arranged a great wedding reception. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) wrapped his belt around the shirt and started working to serve the people. The receptions lasted for three days for the people of Makkah. All the uncles of the Prophet (SAWW) worked under his (SAWW) command.

Hazrat Khadija (SA) sent orders to Taif and invited the artisans to her house. The painters painted, lit candles with amber and hung them like trees, worked with gold in them, and painted in the candlestick with musk and amber. Preparations for the wedding continued for six months until all the things needed were completed. Beautiful silk curtains were put up. The sun and the moon were engraved on them. Carpets were laid for sitting, and chairs were placed on them. Pillows made of silk were placed. A throne was set up for the Messenger of Allah (SAWW), and placed flowers and vines under it. The throne was made of fine wood. The maids and servants wore silk robes of different colors. The hairs were decorated with coral and pearls. They put gold necklaces around their necks and the servants were holding gold incense sticks in their hands. They were sprayed with amber and incense. Each of the servants was given gold-engraved fans in their hands and they were blowing air with the fan at the seat of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). Candles were lit in the courtyard of the house like palm trees.

Night of Rukhsati:

When Hazrat Khadija (SA) finished all the arrangements, she invited all the women of Makkah and they accepted the invitation. She (SA) also

arranged a seat for the aunts of the Prophet (SAWW). After that she sent a message to Hazrat Abu Talib (AS) so that he could come to the night of *Zafaaf*. When that night came, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) came surrounded by his uncles. The Prophet (SAWW) was coming, wearing a beautiful dress. The slaves of Bani Hashim were walking ahead carrying candles and lamps. In the streets of Makkah, people were standing in crowds and enjoying the privilege of visiting the Holy Prophet (SAWW). Light was shining from the blessed teeth of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and from his forehead and clothes. When he (SAWW) reached the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA), the Holy Prophet (SAWW) was shining like the moon of the fourteenth. All the uncles had him (SAWW) surrounded. All of them were praising Allah Almighty with great joy and happiness and on grace and honor Allah Almighty had bestowed on them. After that they entered the house of Hazrat Khadija (SA). The Holy Prophet (SAWW) sat in the house of Hazrat Khadija (SAWW) at the point where a special place was made for him. The light of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) was shining brighter than the light of the lamps. The women lost consciousness when they saw the beauty of the Prophet (SAWW). After that Hazrat Khadija (SA) was prepared to be brought out. For the first time, Hazrat Khadija (SA) came out wearing a beautiful dress and a red gold crown adorned with jewels on her head. Gold anklets in the feet which were engraved with turquoise. Such beautiful anklets had never been seen before. Some of which were associated with emeralds and rubies.

Then the women of Bani Hashim brought Hazrat Khadija (SA) to the Messenger of Allah (SAWW). The rays of light were shining from the face of the Prophet (SAWW) until his illumination dominated the light of the candles and lamps there. The daughters of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib were surprised to see this. Because they had never seen such light before. It was a bounty of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) and a gift from Allah Almighty to Hazrat Khadija (SA). When Hazrat Khadija (SA) came, she was superior to all the women present. Hazrat Khadija (SA) was wearing a very rare and precious cloak. The cloak was adorned with red, yellow and

green jewels. Hazrat Khadija (SA) was a tall woman. Her complexion was so fair that no woman like her was seen in those days.

Then they brought Hazrat Khadija (SA) and made her stand in front of the Holy Prophet (SAWW). Then took the crown from the head of Hazrat Khadija (SA) and placed it on the head of the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) and said:

O Khadija (SA)! The feature that will be yours tonight is not for anyone but you. No one can get this virtue from an Arab or a non-Arab. So be blessed with the grace and honor you have received.

After that, the people seated Hazrat Khadija (SA) next to the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) and all the people left. Hazrat Khadija (SA) spent her whole life with the Holy Prophet (SAWW) in the best possible way and as long as Hazrat Khadija (SA) was alive, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) did not marry any other woman. Hazrat Khadija (SA) became believer of the Holy Prophet (SAWW), confirmation of prophecy and attained the status of high authority (*a'ala illiyyeen*) within the palaces of heaven.

The author of the book Bihar Al-Anwar (Allama Majlisi) has mentioned that: In some versions, after the poems, it has been narrated that: When the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) was left alone with his bride, Allah Almighty commanded Gabriel (AS) to take a little musk, amber and camphor and sprinkle it on the mountains of Makkah. When Gabriel (AS) did the same, every street and corner of Makkah smelled of perfume. Even men in solitude asked their wives: What kind of perfume is this? So she would say: This is the fragrance of Hazrat Khadija (SA) and Muhammad (SAWW).¹ A part of this narration has been mentioned by

¹ بحار الأنوار، ج 16، ص 77-20

Khatam-ul-Muhaddithin Sheikh Noori.¹ Also, some part of this narration has been mentioned by Ibn Athir.²

The author says that I have mentioned this narration in detail because this narration contained many miracles and peculiar matters about the Holy Prophet (SAWW), which shows that he (SAWW) had the Wilayah of *Taqwiniyyah* even before his (SAWW) appointment (*Besat*).

Also, this news is describing many of the virtues of Hazrat Khadija (SA). And in the same way is describing the virtues of Hazrat Abu Talib (AS), Hazrat Hamza Asadullah. I urge the readers to read this narration in detail so that they may know about such pure and saintly personalities. You will also be able to find out about the vile and vicious beings against these personalities, who at that time had hatred and malice in their hearts for this chief of the upright religion - on the dust of whose feet may the souls of me and the worlds be sacrificed. O Prophet of Mercy, O Beloved of the Absolute King! Intercede for us on the Day of Judgment, deservedly (*bahaqqe*) of your daughter Siddiquah Tahira (SA), whose ribs were broken and her son was killed, and in the charity of her mother who is Syeda Nisa (chief of women) Khadija Kubra (SA).

¹ مستدرک وسائل الشیعة، ج 14، ص 203

² آسد الغابة في معرفة الصحابة، ج 7، ص 81



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