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Quran Stories

The Generation of the Caliphate - Preliminary Level

# THE THREE WHO STAYED BEHIND FROM THE JIHAD



The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) announced the expedition to Tabuk to the Muslims, urging them to prepare and equip themselves with armor, swords, and supplies.

Ka'b ibn Malik procrastinated in preparing himself and was deceived by his own youth and strength.

He kept telling himself that if he decided to finish his preparations, he could do so in a short time, which led him to delay further.





When he learned that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) had departed with the army, he resolved to prepare himself and join them the next day. However, he didn't act immediately but continued to delay his preparations until the time for departure had passed.

By then, only the hypocrites and the elderly remained in Medina.

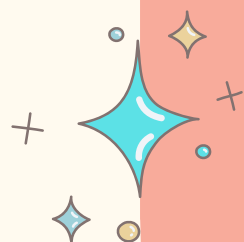
He was deeply distressed over his negligence.

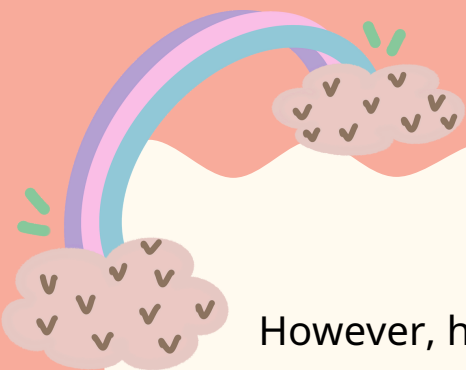




When Ka'b realized that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) had finished the battle and was returning to Medina, he was filled with anxiety and despair.

He was unsure how to justify his absence from the jihad and wondered whether he should fabricate an excuse to avoid the Messenger's displeasure.





However, he reminded himself that Allah knows both the secrets and what is revealed, and how could he lie when Allah was aware of everything?

Feeling ashamed before Allah, he understood that there was no escape except through honesty.

Allah loves truthfulness and those who are truthful.





When Ka'b came to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) and was asked about his absence, Ka'b (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "By Allah, O Messenger of Allah, I knew that if I lied to you to gain your approval, Allah might become angry with me.

And if I spoke the truth, you would know that I was at fault and had no excuse.

I was in the full strength of my youth and vitality, hoping that Allah would forgive me for my truthfulness."





The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) accepted his honesty and told him to wait for Allah's judgment.

Ka'b then asked if there were others like him, and he was informed that Murarah ibn ar-Rabi' and Hilal ibn Umayyah were in the same situation.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) addressed them in the same manner as he did with Ka'b.





The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) instructed the people to avoid speaking to the three of them, which was extremely hard for them.

This lasted for fifty days as a test from Allah to see whether they would remain patient or become displeased.

However, they endured all this, hoping that Allah would forgive and pardon them.





On the fiftieth day, after praying Fajr, Ka'b was on the roof of his house when someone called out loudly: "O Ka'b ibn Malik, rejoice!" Ka'b fell in prostration, realizing that Allah had accepted his repentance.

In his overwhelming joy, he took off his clothes and gave them to the bearer of the news, as it was all he had.





Ka'b then hurried to the Messenger of Allah  
(peace be upon him), and the people  
welcomed him and congratulated him on  
Allah's forgiveness.

When he entered the mosque, he saw the  
Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him)  
sitting with the people around him.

Ka'b greeted the Messenger of Allah (peace  
be upon him), who congratulated  
him in return.





Ka'b decided to give away all his wealth except for one portion as charity to Allah.

He told the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) that Allah had saved him only through truthfulness, and he vowed never to speak except the truth.

Ka'b (may Allah be pleased with him) was known for his truthfulness and never intentionally lied.





Allah revealed verses about him and his truthfulness, instructing Muslims to be truthful like Ka'b, Murarah, and Hilal.

**Allah said** which can be translated as:

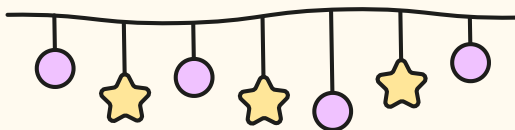
**"O you who believe! Be afraid of Allah,  
and be with those who are true  
(in words and deeds)**

[Quran Translated Meaning, Surah At-Tawbah 119].





Indeed, truthfulness **is salvation**  
and elevation for its bearer,  
while **lying** results in **disgrace and regret.**



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