

GOLDEN  
STORIES OF  
ABU  
BAKR  
AS-SIDDEEQ ﷺ



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# Preface

A true Muslim knows with full conviction that in this universe, after the Prophets and Messengers, the most noble and exalted personality is that of Abu Bakr ؓ. When I began writing about Islam's eminent personalities, my attention was first drawn to the Rightly Guided Caliphs. In an attempt to enlighten and inform the new generation of Muslim youth about these exalted personalities, I have compiled this book, which offers a glimpse into the blessed life of Abu Bakr As-Siddeeq ؓ. He was, without doubt, a person of refined character, had great faith and exquisite manners.





He was blessed with the friendship and companionship of the Prophet ﷺ long before he attained Prophethood. Abu Bakr ﷺ earned the honour of being among the first Muslims who pledged allegiance to the Prophet ﷺ and from then until the end of his life, Abu Bakr ﷺ spent every moment serving and obeying the Prophet ﷺ, and submitting completely to Islamic rulings.

The extent of his love and devotion to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was such that he readily sacrificed his entire life and wealth. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ also loved him immensely and bestowed on him the honour of being his closest Companion during the migration to Al-Madinah. During his final illness and in the days before his death, the Prophet ﷺ appointed Abu Bakr ﷺ to lead the Muslims in prayer and made it clear that Allah and the Believers would not accept any other person as the *Imam* of Muslims. Throughout his life, the Prophet ﷺ kept Abu Bakr ﷺ at his side, and very often the Prophet ﷺ would mention the names of both Abu Bakr ﷺ and 'Umar Ibn Al-Khattab ﷺ when speaking of himself. This close companionship was so pleasing to the Lord of the Worlds, Allah made certain that Abu Bakr As-Siddeeq ﷺ would be buried next to the Prophet ﷺ. On the Day of Resurrection, when the Prophet ﷺ rises from his grave, Abu Bakr ﷺ will follow him. On the Day of Judgment, when the Prophet ﷺ is stationed at *Hawd-e-Kawther*, Abu Bakr ﷺ will be with him. And while the Prophet ﷺ will be the first of all the Noble Prophets to knock on the Gate of Paradise, his Companion in the cave, Abu Bakr ﷺ will be the first among the *Ummah* to knock on the Gate.

After the death of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, the gaze of all of his noble Companions was fixed on Abu Bakr ﷺ. The Muslim community did not delay in electing Abu Bakr ﷺ as the *Khalifah* of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.

Faced with various trials and tribulations, including Musailamah "The Liar", those who refused to pay *Zakah*, and the apostates who rejected Islam, Abu Bakr ﷺ proved himself to be a true and decisive leader. Abu Bakr ﷺ rose up and said: "Say to the army of Usamah ﷺ to proceed to where our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ordered them to proceed." But when the bravest of the noble Companions namely Ali Ibn Abi Talib ﷺ and 'Umar Ibn Al-Khattab ﷺ objected to this saying to Abu Bakr ﷺ



"You are sending out this army at a time when the city of Al-Madinah is endangered from every side, who then will defend it against an attack?" Abu Bakr ؓ responded saying, "The army of Usamah Ibn Zaid will be dispatched under all circumstances, because I cannot untie the flag that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ had himself tied." When someone said, "The commander, Usamah ؓ, is very young," Abu Bakr ؓ answered him with firm faith and resolve: "Abu Bakr will never accept the dismissal of the one who was appointed as the leader of the army by the Prophet ﷺ." The army of Usamah Ibn Zaid ؓ then proceeded toward Balqa' and returned after defeating the enemy and waving the banners of victory.

When some of the tribes refused to pay *Zakah*, Abu Bakr ؓ announced: "Unsheathe your swords. The *Shari'ah* of Muhammad ﷺ will never be changed in my presence. Force will be used against the person who, during the lifetime of the Prophet ﷺ, used to give a camel's headband and now refuses to even do this."

Abu Bakr ؓ chose Khalid Ibn Al-Waleed ؓ to deal with the false prophet, Musailamah "The Liar". In addition, when surrounding tribes apostatized and attempted to conquer Al-Madinah, Abu Bakr ؓ, addressed his Companions: "The apostates will not be allowed to reach Al-Madinah. We will leave Al-Madinah and attack their settlements, and I will lead this army." History shows that Abu Bakr ؓ took decisions that were one-hundred percent correct. Within two years he was able to establish peace and security throughout the land.

This book is for the new generation of Muslim youth. It is my heartfelt wish that it helps them develop a sincere love for Abu Bakr As-Siddeeq ؓ. It is my fervent hope they are informed about his great personality, excellent manners and exalted character. They would then appreciate his hard work and sacrifices to defend Islam and to spread its message to the far corners of the Earth. Today, there are hundreds of thousands of Muslims who look to Abu Bakr As-Siddeeq ؓ as a role model. Many have followed his example and earned the title, "Siddeeq".

Abu Bakr ؓ displayed a high level of *Tawakkul* and trust in his Creator.



He had a remarkable intellect, wisdom and insight. His primary objective in life was to believe and obey the Messenger of Allah ﷺ without question and to fulfil the commandments of Allah to the best of his ability. It is pitiful to see how many people will bring misery on themselves in the Hereafter because of their disrespect for Abu Bakr As-Siddeeq's distinguished qualities and high rank among the Companions of the Prophet ﷺ.

Dear Readers! This book is a compilation of "golden" accounts from the blessed life of Abu Bakr ؓ. During the production of this book every effort was made to ensure that not a single account was taken from false or weak narrations. By the Grace and Mercy of Allah these accounts are based on truth and are drawn from authentic and trustworthy sources. I would like to acknowledge senior colleagues at Darussalam, Professor Muhammad Zulfiqar, Abdul Waghied Misbach and Qari Muhammad Iqbal Abdul Aziz, for their full cooperation in the organization, editing, research and revision of this book. I am grateful to these gentlemen for their help in making this book better for our readers. I am also thankful to senior artist Shahzad Ahmad for the great love and sincerity with which he designed this publication.

I would like to add that this book will soon be translated into many other languages, *Insha-Allah*.

﴿رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ﴾

*Rabbana Taqabbal Minna Innaka Antas Sami'ul 'Aleem*  
(Our Lord! Accept from us. You are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing)

A servant of Allah striving to spread  
the message of the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*.

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# Introduction

This book provides detailed and insightful glimpses into the extraordinary life of the first Caliph of the Muslims, Abu Bakr As-Siddeeq ؓ and his massive contribution to all of humanity: First as a principled and disciplined young person in Makkah; a successful businessman; embracing Islam under the tutelage of the Prophet ﷺ and finally laying the groundwork for Islam's spread across the globe.

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Abu Bakr ؓ understood selflessness: He was savagely beaten for supporting the Prophet ﷺ in those early days when only a few Makkans had embraced Islam. He was wealthy and spent much of his money in the way of Allah, including helping the poor and freeing slaves like Bilal ؓ.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Abu Bakr's life was his complete devotion and belief in the Prophet ﷺ, particularly in those early days when so many others were so sceptical that the Prophet ﷺ was indeed the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.





And when the Prophet ﷺ passed away, it was Abu Bakr ؓ who insisted that the Prophet's instructions in matters of warfare, peace, and personal conduct were followed to the letter. For example, this included ensuring that Usamah ؓ, then only 18 or 20 years of age, according to some accounts, led part of the Muslim army against the apostates, despite objections from older and more experienced Companions of the Prophet ﷺ. This was because Usamah had been the choice of the Prophet ﷺ.

A great thinker and strategist, he was able ensure that Islam's spread was accompanied by winning over the hearts and minds of conquered people's and protecting vital economic sectors in those regions.

Abu Bakr ؓ rejected all forms of flashy and conspicuous consumption. He shocked many of his contemporaries by wearing simple clothes of rough material. And when he passed away, he insisted that the stipend he had received from the Muslim treasury for his day-to-day expenses, be offset by the sale of his garden.



He was truly a man for all ages, encompassing all aspects of a complete individual, as an intellectual, Companion of the Prophet ﷺ and Caliph.









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