

SAYYIDUNĀ

Abdullāh Ibn Mas'ūd

MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM

The Prophet ﷺ said:

If I were to appoint anyone a leader without any consultation, I would appoint Ibn Umm Abd (Abdullāh Ibn Mas'ūd).

[Al-Tirmidhī, 4178]

Abdullāh ibn Mas'ūd ؓ is a prominent Sahābī of the Prophet ﷺ. He accepted Islam at the hands of the Prophet ﷺ and participated in the second emigration to Abyssinia as well as the hijrah to Madīnah.

He accompanied the Prophet ﷺ in all the major battles, including Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Khaybar, the Conquest of Makkah, Hunayn and Tabūk. He remained closely attached to the Prophet ﷺ and ardently served him and is thus famed as the Carrier of (the Prophet's ﷺ) shoes, miswāk, and ablution water container.

He learnt a major portion of the Qur'ān directly from the Prophet ﷺ and memorised the entire Qur'ān. Noted for his extensive knowledge of the Qur'ān and Sunnah, he is accepted as an accomplished Mufassir, Muhaddith, and Jurist. He transmits 884 ahādīth from the Prophet ﷺ.

He relocated to Kūfah during the khilāfah of Umar ؓ. He taught the people of the city Qur'ān and developed their understanding of Dīn. On his arrival, Alī ؓ was pleased to see so many Fuqahā' in Kūfah and remarked, "May Allah have mercy on Ibn Umm Abd. He has certainly filled this city with knowledge."

The Prophet ﷺ praised him in many ahādīth and listed him first among the four Qurrā' he commanded the Ummah to learn Qur'ān from.

He lived humbly and content with Allah's Decree in his favour and departed from this world in 32 AH at the age of 63. He is buried in Jannat al-Baqī'. May Allah be pleased with him.

- Sayyidunā Abū Mūsā al-Ash'arī ؓ relates, "My brother and I came from Yemen. For a period of time, we considered Ibn Mas'ūd from the members of the Prophet's ﷺ family because we saw him and his mother entering the house of the Prophet ﷺ frequently." [Al-Bukhārī, 3763]
- Sayyidunā Abū Mas'ūd ؓ proclaimed, "I do not know whether the Prophet ﷺ has left after him anyone having better knowledge of what Allah has revealed than the man who is standing, (indicating to Ibn Mas'ūd)." [Muslim, 2461]
- Sayyidunā Alī ؓ said concerning Sayyidunā Abdullāh ibn Mas'ūd ؓ, "He learnt the Qur'ān and Sunnah, then desisted [from learning other than that]. And sufficient is that as knowledge." [Al-Tabaqāt al-Kubrā, 2/346]
- Sayyidunā Amr ibn al-Āṣ ؓ asserts, "I can bear testimony that the Prophet ﷺ passed away and loved two men, viz. Abdullāh ibn Mas'ūd and Ammār ibn Yāsir." [Siyar A'lām al-Nubalā', 1/345]



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