

SAYYIDUNĀ

# Jābir ibn Abdillāh

MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM

Jābir رضي الله عنه narrated:

Rasūlullāh صلى الله عليه وسلم sought forgiveness on my behalf 25 times on the night of al-Ba'ir.

[Musnad Ahmad, 3/337]

Jābir ibn Abdillāh al-Ansārī رضي الله عنه accepted Islam before the hijrah of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. He attended the second pledge of Aqabah and is the youngest of those who attended this pledge.

He participated in all the battles alongside the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, with the exception of Badr and Uhud. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم sought forgiveness for him on the night of the camel 25 times.

He is responsible for feeding the entire Muslim army during the Battle of Khandaq, a spectacular miracle awarded to him. He was one of the warriors in the Khabat expedition, the army who were provided with a huge sea creature as sustenance after suffering extreme hunger.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم loved Jābir رضي الله عنه dearly. He visited him when the latter was ill, enquired about his marital life and financial condition, and displayed much affection towards him.

After the demise of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, Jābir رضي الله عنه participated in the wars against the apostates during the era of Abū Bakr رضي الله عنه. Later, he fought against the Romans as well as the Persians.

Jābir رضي الله عنه acquired a great amount of knowledge from the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. He reports 1540 hadīth on a range of subjects. He had a circle of learning in the Masjid al-Nabawī wherein he would impart knowledge to the people. He was also one of the Muftīs of Madīnah.

He was blessed with a long life of 94 years, 80 years of which he spent in Islam. He passed away in Madīnah and is buried there.

- The entire army who were digging the Trench prior to the Battle of Khandaq ate a full meal at the house of Sayyidinā Jābir رضي الله عنه from a single kid goat, some baked bread, and barley prepared by his wife. [Sahīh al-Bukhārī, 52/304]
- Sayyidunā Jābir رضي الله عنه participated in the coastal expedition under the leadership of Sayyidunā Abū 'Ubaydah ibn Jarrāh رضي الله عنه. Allah عز وجل provided them with a huge fish from the sea called al-Ambar after they had suffered extreme hunger. Although they numbered three hundred, they lived off the fish for half a month. They reported the incident to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم who observed, "It was your sustenance that Allah had taken out for you (from the sea). Do you have any of it with you to give us to eat?" They sent some for The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and he ate from it." [Sahīh al-Bukhārī, 59/648]
- Sayyidunā Jābir رضي الله عنه participated in 19 expeditions during the lifetime of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. [Sahīh Muslim, 19/4466]