

THE BLESSED DAUGHTER OF RASŪLULLĀH ﷺ

Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

Fāṭimah ﷺ is the youngest, most beloved, and most virtuous daughter of Rasūlullāh ﷺ. Her title is al-Zahrā,' and her agnomen is Umm Abihā. Born when Rasūlullāh ﷺ was either 35 or 40, she was nurtured by Rasūlullāh ﷺ and Khadijah ﷺ in the first home of Islam, and grew up to become a mirror image of her father. 'Ā'ishah ﷺ affirms, "I have not seen anyone who resembled Rasūlullāh ﷺ closer in his ways, mannerisms, and etiquette—the way he stood and sat—than Fāṭimah, the daughter of Rasūlullāh ﷺ." She also said, "I have not seen anyone who resembled Rasūlullāh ﷺ closer in speech and dialogue than Fāṭimah." [Al-Adab al-Mufrad]

She embraced Islam with her mother and sisters and pledged allegiance to Rasūlullāh ﷺ, making her one of the early adherents of the faith. Despite her tender age in the Makkan period, she supported her father in his mission. When the polytheists dumped the intestines of a camel upon the back of Rasūlullāh ﷺ while he prostrated to his Rabb before the Ka'bah, Fāṭimah ﷺ rushed in to shove the intestines off his back. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī] She emigrated to Madīnah with the family of Rasūlullāh ﷺ and the family of Abū Bakr ﷺ, making her from the forerunners of the Muhājirīn in Allah's path. [Siyar A'lām al-Nubalā']

In 2 AH, Rasūlullāh ﷺ married her to 'Alī ﷺ, who gave her 500 silver coins as dowry — the dowry he stipulated for his daughters and the dowry he gave his honourable wives. [Al-Ṭabaqāt al-Kubrā] He supplicated for increased blessings for the couple and their progeny. Allah blessed the couple with five righteous children: Ḥasan, Ḥusayn, Muḥassan, Zaynab, and Umm Kulthūm. The lineage of Rasūlullāh ﷺ continues from Fāṭimah, through Ḥasan and Ḥusayn ﷺ. Fāṭimah ﷺ passed her days in Madīnah caring for her husband and nurturing her children.



The couple lived a life of simplicity and renunciation of the world, with very few worldly belongings. Rasūlullāh ﷺ did not approve of Fāṭimah ﷺ wearing a gold chain and draping a decorated curtain in her home. She parted with these to win his pleasure. [Musnad Aḥmad] When the couple requested Rasūlullāh ﷺ for a slave to assist with her strenuous household chores, Rasūlullāh ﷺ taught them to recite Allāhu Akbar 34 times, Subḥān Allāh 33 times, and Alḥamdu lillāh 33 times before retiring to bed, notifying them that this is better for them than a slave. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī]

She lost all her sisters during the Medinan period and her brother, Ibrāhīm. Her father passed away in 11 AH. During his final illness, Rasūlullāh ﷺ informed her of his imminent demise and that she would be the first of his family members to join him. She was grief-stricken at his demise and lived for only another six months before undergoing a short illness and passing away, as Rasūlullāh ﷺ foretold. [Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim]

Fāṭimah ﷺ embodied amazing qualities, including courage, patience, simplicity, renunciation of the world, care, perseverance, obedience, submission, and modesty. Rasūlullāh ﷺ announced that she is one of the four most superior women to ever live; she is a Queen of the Ummah; one of the four queens of Jannah; and that her sons, Ḥasan and Ḥusayn, are the leaders of the youth of Jannah. [al-Sunan al-Kubrā]

