

THE BLESSED DAUGHTERS OF RASŪLULLĀH ﷺ

Ruqayyah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

Ruqayyah ﷺ is the second daughter of Rasūlullāh ﷺ and Khadījah ﷺ. She was born when Rasūlullāh ﷺ was thirty-three years of age. She was nurtured by the finest couple ever to live. She embraced Islam with her mother, Khadījah ﷺ, and pledged her allegiance to Rasūlullāh ﷺ. [Tabaqāt Ibn Sa'd]

Ruqayyah ﷺ was first married to Abū Lahab's son, 'Utbah. However, he divorced her before consummation, when the verses condemning Abū Lahab were revealed. Ruqayyah ﷺ bore this heartache with perseverance, in support of her father. Rasūlullāh ﷺ soon thereafter married her to 'Uthmān ﷺ at the instruction of Allah. They made a fine couple; the women of Quraysh would say, "The finest couple ever seen by man, is Ruqayyah and her husband, 'Uthmān." [Tafsīr al-Qurṭubī] They were the first couple to emigrate to Abyssinia. Hence, Rasūlullāh ﷺ said, "'Uthmān is the first to emigrate with his wife in Allah's path after Nabī Lūṭ ﷺ." [Al-Bidāyah wa al-Nihāyah]

The couple was blessed with a baby boy in Abyssinia, whom they named 'Abd Allāh. 'Abd Allāh passed away at the age of six. The couple later emigrated to Madīnah Munawwarah and thus have the distinctive privilege of emigrating twice in Allah's path.

Before the Battle of Badr, Ruqayyah ﷺ had taken ill, suffering from measles. Rasūlullāh ﷺ instructed 'Uthmān ﷺ to stay behind and take care of her. Ruqayyah ﷺ passed away on the Day of Badr, Friday, 17th of Ramaḍān 2 AH. Rasūlullāh ﷺ visited her grave after returning from Badr and sought forgiveness for her, before addressing her with the words, "Join our noble predecessor, 'Uthmān ibn Maz'un." [Ṭabaqāt Ibn Sa'd] May Allah be pleased with her.



Umm Kulthūm رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

Umm Kulthūm ﷺ is the third daughter of Rasūlullāh ﷺ and Khadījah ﷺ. She is younger than Ruqayyah ﷺ and elder than Fāṭimah ﷺ. She was nurtured by the most superior couple ever to live. Like her sisters, she professed Islam and pledged allegiance at the hands of Rasūlullāh ﷺ with her mother. [Usd al-Ghābah]

She was first married to 'Uṭaybah, the son of Abū Lahab, who divorced her after Sūrah al-Lahab was revealed, condemning his father and mother. She emigrated to Madīnah in the company of her family and the family of Abū Bakr ﷺ. [Al-Bidāyah wa al-Nihāyah]

After the demise of Ruqayyah ﷺ, 'Umar ﷺ offered his daughter, Ḥaṣṣah ﷺ, to 'Uthmān ﷺ, but he politely declined. 'Umar ﷺ informed Rasūlullāh ﷺ of this, who remarked, "Someone superior to 'Uthmān will marry Ḥaṣṣah, while 'Uthmān will marry someone superior to Ḥaṣṣah," i.e., Umm Kulthūm. [Al-Iṣābah] 'Uthmān ﷺ married Umm Kulthūm ﷺ, thus becoming the only man in history to have ever married two daughters of a prophet, earning him the title Dhū al-Nūrayn (The Possessor of Two Lights).

Umm Kulthūm ﷺ passed away in Sha'bān, 9 AH, at the age of approximately twenty-five. Rasūlullāh ﷺ performed her Ṣalāt al-Janāzah and prayed for her forgiveness. Before her burial, Rasūlullāh ﷺ was seen weeping at her grave. May Allah be pleased with her.

