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Hostility towards the companions

- Hadrat Abu Bakar – Once he recited the Holy Quran in Masjid Haram and people became angry.
- They beat him so much that he became unconscious.
- This is how the unbelievers treated him even though he was one of the richest and well-known business person in Makkah.

Hostility towards the companions

- Similarly, when Hadrat Uthman's uncle found out that Hadrat Uthman has embraced Islam, he used to punish quite a lot.
- He used to wrap Hadrat Uthman in smelly leather and leave him in scorching heat.

Hostility towards the companions

- When Hadrat Sa'ad became Muslim, his mother tried her best to revert Sa'ad back to the old religion.
- But Hadrat Sa'ad was a strong Muslim.
- Finally, his mother said: "If you don't do what I tell you to do, then I will go on a hunger-strike. I will not eat or drink and stay in burning heat till I die. If I die like that all the people would disrespect you for not listening to your mother."

Hostility towards the companions

- Initially, Hadrat Sa'ad did not pay any attention to this. His mother started her hunger-strike and became extremely weak.
- When Hadrat Sa'ad realised his mother is determined to carry on with her strike, he said to her:
 - 'O my dear mother, you well know that if you have 100 lives and each one of your life is taken away one by one, I will still not leave Islam. Now its up to you if you want to eat or not.'

Hostility towards the companions

The Holy Quran also says:

وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا ۗ وَصَاحِبُهُمَا فِي
الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا ۗ وَاتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَيَّ ۚ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ



15. If your parents try to make you worship other than Me, then do not obey them; but behave with them In the world kindly, and follow the Path of that person who turns to Me In repentance and In Obedience. You will all return to me and I will tell you what you used to do.

[Surah Luqman, 31]

Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

- **Hadrat Bilal**
- He was the slave of Ummaya bin Khalaf. Hadrat Bilal accepted Islam at the very early stage of Islam.
- When Ummaya found out about Hadrat Bilal's conversion, he became extremely angry. He promised to punish Hadrat Bilal unless he leaves Islam.
- He used to put a rope around Hadrat Bilal's neck and walk him around in the streets of Makkah, making fun of him and pulling the rope to hurt his neck.
- Hadrat Bilal continued saying: 'Allah is one, Allah is one; I refused to accept Laat, Uzzah, Habal and Naila [names of the Makkan idols] as gods.'

Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

- Ummaya bin Khalaf used to starve.
- In the afternoon he would make Hadrat Bilal lie on the burning sand and put heavy stones on his chest.
- Ummaya would ask Hadrat Bilal to leave Islam. The burning sand of Makkan desert would melt his skin, but Hadrat Bilal continued saying: 'God is one. I do not associate anyone with Allah.'
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Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

- Ummay would also make Hadrat Bilal lie on burning coals. But Hadrat Bilal was strong in his Iman. All this violence and punishments could not deter him from Islam.
- Finally, Hadrat Abu Bakar purchased and freed Bilal from Ummaya. Hadrat Abu Bakar exchanged Bilal with one of his strong and important servant.

Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

- The Makkans were surprised as to why would Abu Bakar give away his most important servant who looks after his business for a weak servant.
- They spread the rumours that Bilal must have done a favour to Abu Bakar and in exchange Abu Bakar has freed Bilal.
- But Allah Almighty knew the intentions of Hadrat Abu Bakar. To answer back the Makkans, Allah revealed verses in the Holy Quran, praising Hadrat Abu Bakar:

Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

وَمَا لِأَحَدٍ عِنْدَهُ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ تُجْزَىٰ إِلَّا أَتْبَغَاءَ وَجْهِ رَبِّهِ الْأَعْلَىٰ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلَسَوْفَ يَرْضَىٰ ﴿٢١﴾



19. and he does not have any favour on him which he has to re-pay back,
 20. except only the desire to seek the pleasure of his Lord, the Most High;
 21. He surely will be pleased (when He will enter Paradise).
- [Surah Lail, 92]

Similarly, Hadrat Abu Bakar also bought and freed the mother of Hadrat Bilal.

Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

- She was a female servant of a Makkan.
- When she accepted Islam, her owner beat her so much that she lost her eyesight.
- Once Abu Jahal taunted her that idols have taken away her eyesight.
- But she quickly replied:
 - ‘The idols cannot take or give anything. This is the order of my Allah. He can return my eyesight if He wishes.’

Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

- Allah Almighty answered her call and cured her eyes and returned her eyesight.
- But rather than pondering and believing, the Makkans accused the Holy Prophet to be a magician.
- Hadrat Zanayyrah had a daughter.
- Hadrat Abu Bakar also bought and freed both of them.
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Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

- Hadrat Abu Bakar's father advised him:
 - 'O son, why do you free these weak and needy people. If you want to purchase and free servants, then choose stronger ones who may be able to help you in your time of need.'
- Hadrat Abu Bakar replied: 'Whatever I do, I do it to seek the pleasure of Allah. I want my Allah to be pleased with me.'

Makkans' treatment of the Muslim servants

Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran:

فَأَمَّا مَنْ أَعْطَىٰ وَاتَّقَىٰ ﴿٥﴾ وَصَدَّقَ بِالْحُسْنَىٰ ﴿٦﴾ فَسَنِيَرُهُۥ لِلْيُسْرَىٰ ﴿٧﴾ وَأَمَّا مَنْ بَخِلَ
وَأَسْتَغْنَىٰ ﴿٨﴾ وَكَذَّبَ بِالْحُسْنَىٰ ﴿٩﴾ فَسَنِيَرُهُۥ لِلْعُسْرَىٰ ﴿١٠﴾

5. as for Him who gives (in charity) and keeps his duty to Allâh and fears him,
6. and believes in the truth and good things.
7. we will make smooth for Him the Path of ease (goodness).
8. but He who is greedy miser and thinks himself self-sufficient.
9. and rejects the good things;
10. we will make smooth for Him the Path for evil;

[Surah Lail, 92]

Hostility towards the companions

- **Hadrat Khubbab**
- He was from a free family but made into a slave.
- He was a blacksmith. When he accepted Islam, his owner gave him severe punishments.
- They used to put burning iron rods on his head.
- Once Hadrat Khubbab requested Holy Prophet to pray for him.
- Holy Prophet prayed:
 - ‘O Allah, help Khubbab.’

Hostility towards the companions

- Because of this prayer, the master of Hadrat Khubbab received severe headache.
- None was able to cure her headache.
- Someone suggested that she should keep her head hot to lessen the pain of her headache.
- Now it was Hadrat Khubbah who used to heat up iron bars and put them on the head of his owner.
- Through this, she used to feel less pain.

Hostility towards the companions

- Similarly, once Holy Prophet was leaning against the Ka'abah that Hadrat Khubbab came to him.
- Again he narrated the punishments he receives from the Makkans.
- He also asked Holy Prophet:
 - Why don't you pray for us that Allah saves us from these punishments?'
- On hearing this, Holy Prophet stood up and his face became red.

Hostility towards the companions

- He said
 - ‘O Khubbab, when people before you accepted the true religion, the unbelievers used iron combs to peel away meat from their bodies, but they did not disbelieve in Allah.
 - For some believers, people put a saw on their heads and cut the whole body into two pieces, but they still did not disbelieve in Allah.
 - O Khubbab, listen. Indeed Allah will spread Islam in the whole of the Arab.
 - Then people will not fear anyone except Allah.’

Hostility towards the companions

- **Ammar bin Yaser**
- When Ammar and his parents became Muslims, the unbelievers also gave them punishments with fire.
- Holy Prophet also comforted them and promised them then entry into Paradise for the difficult time they had in this world.