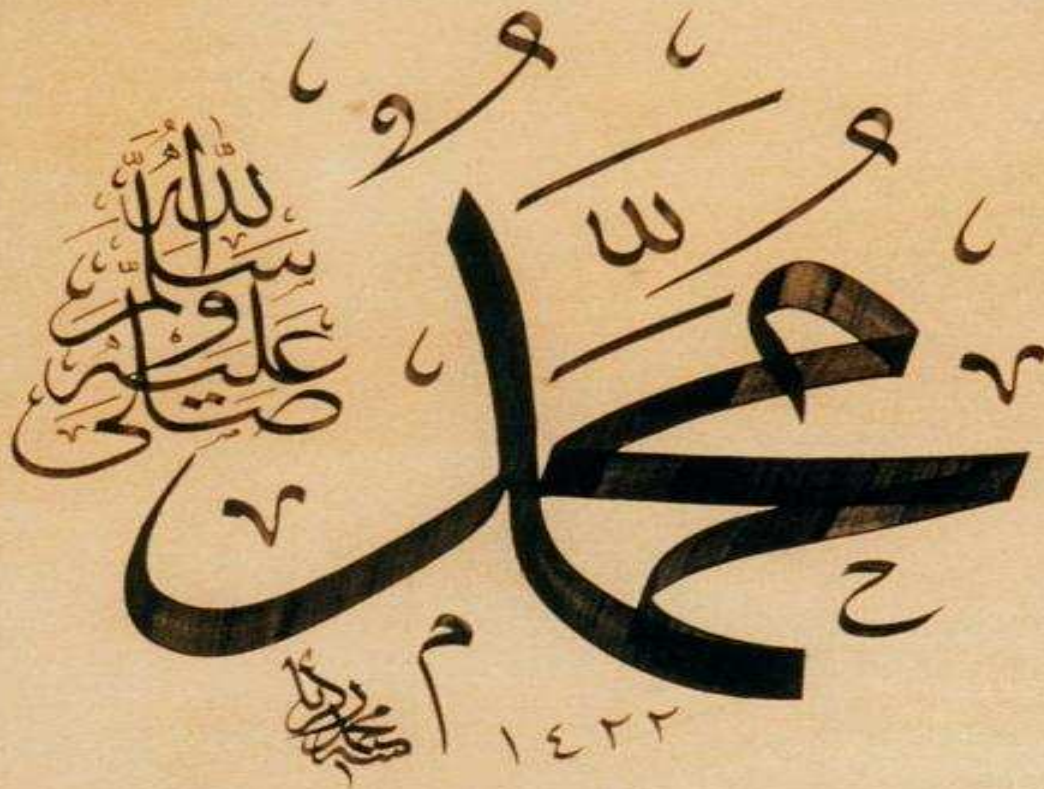


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Business trips to Syria

- Most of the Arabia is made up of deserts and dry mountains. Most of the people used to raise sheep and camels. They would settle down where they could find water and their main occupation was farming.
- The people of Makkah were more advanced and their main occupation was business. Their business caravans would go to Syria in summer and to Yemen in winter.

Business trips to Syria

Hadrat Khadijah bint Khuwayld

- Hadrat Khadijah was a business woman living in Makkah. She was a very wealthy woman
- Her title is 'al-Kubra' – the grand, because she was very rich and she helped Holy Prophet with her wealth.
- She was a widow. She was married twice but both her husbands had passed away.
- She was very kind and chaste woman. She had very good morals and manners. Even during that period of ignorance, she was known as 'al-Tahira': The most chaste woman.

Business trips to Syria

- Hadrat Khadijah was the most successful and rich woman in Makkah. She was so rich that the sale goods of all other sellers equalled the sale goods of Hadrat Khadijah alone. She employed workers who took her goods to other cities for sale. When they returned back to Makkah, they would get paid from Hadrat Khadijah.
- Hadrat Abu Talib was not a wealthy man, so he could not send his own business caravan to Syria. Nor Holy Prophet could start his own business. So he worked for others.
- Once a business caravan was heading for Syria and Hadrat Khadijah was also sending her sale goods in that caravan. She was looking for a honest person who could take her items.
- When Hadrat Abu Talib heard this, he encouraged Holy Prophet to take up this position. He said to Holy prophet that if you offer your services to Hadrat Khadijah, she will definitely take you on due to your honesty.
- But Holy Prophet had the best of the characters. He did not feel comfortable in asking favours from others. So he replied: 'Perhaps she may ask for my services herself.'

Business trips to Syria

- Hadrat Khadijah also knew about the trustworthiness and honesty of the Holy Prophet. She wanted the Holy Prophet to take her sale items to Syria.
- She herself sent an invitation to the Holy prophet to trade on her behalf. She agreed to pay double commission to the Holy Prophet. Holy Prophet accepted this invitation. Hadrat Khadijah sent one of her servants to look after Holy Prophet. His name is Maysarah.
- Holy Prophet travelled to Syria in the business caravan and sold all the goods. He then bought some Syrian goods to bring back to Makkah.
- In this trip, Holy Prophet made more profit than any other previous business trips by other traders. This was due to the honesty, trustworthiness and openness. Customers liked to buy from him because they knew he would not lie to them and they would get good products.
- When this caravan returned to Makkah, Maysarah narrated all that had happened during the trip to Hadrat Khadijah.
- He informed her about Holy Prophet's strong and high character, honesty, truthfulness, caring and being kind to others, having good decision making and business skills.

Marriage to Hadrat Khadijah

- Hadrat Khadijah was married twice and both her husbands had passed away. Afterwards, other chiefs of Makkah wanted to marry her, but she always declined them because of their lack of good character.
- Hadrat Khadijah was a woman of great intelligence and noble birth. When she heard about the good inner and outer qualities of the Holy Prophet, she thought that if she wants to marry again, she would marry a person like Holy Prophet.
- She was not sure if Holy Prophet would want to marry an old woman like herself. She sent her friend, Nafisah, to Holy Prophet to find out his opinion regarding marry Hadrat Khadijah.

Marriage to Hadrat Khadijah

- Nafisah went to Holy Prophet and asked him: 'Why don't you marry?' Holy Prophet replied: 'I don't have enough wealth to meet the expenses.'
- Nafisah said: 'Don't worry about the expenses. What would you say to a woman of beauty, wealth and position who is willing to marry you? Would you marry her?' Holy Prophet replied: 'Who is that woman?' Nafisah said: 'Khadijah.'
- Since Holy Prophet knew about the good character and noble birth of Hadrat Khadijah, he said he was willing to marry her. Nafisah became very happy and returned to Hadrat Khadijah.

Marriage to Hadrat Khadijah

- Hadrat Khadijah was very pleased to hear the answer of Holy Prophet. She then sent a message to Holy Prophet to see her.
- When Holy Prophet visited her, she said: 'Oh cousin, [Holy Prophet was a distant cousin of hers] I admire you because of your good position among your people, your honesty and good manners and because you are a man of your word.'
- Then she made her proposal to marry him. Holy Prophet was pleased with this proposal and he accepted it.
- She requested that Holy Prophet should send his uncle, Hadrat Abu Talib, to her uncle, Amr bin Asad to arrange the wedding.

Marriage to Hadrat Khadijah

- Holy Prophet with Hadrat Abu Talib went to see the uncle of Hadrat Khadijah. Hadrat Abu Talib spoke on behalf of Holy Prophet.
- Hadrat Abu Talib praised the nobility and high character of his nephew and said that he wished to marry Hadrat Khadijah.
- Amr bin Asad was very happy with this marriage and thus this marriage took place with the agreement of the elders.

Marriage to Hadrat Khadijah

- This was the first marriage of Holy Prophet.
- He was about 25 and Hadrat Khadijah was around 40 years old.
- From this marriage, Holy Prophet had six children: two boys and four daughters:
 - Qasim
 - Zainab
 - Ruqayyah
 - Umm Kalthoom
 - Fatimah
 - Abdullah
 - [Later, Holy Prophet had another baby boy, Ibrahim, from another wife, Maria]
- Hadrat Qasim passed away after few years.
- Hadrat Abdullah passed away while he was a baby.
- All four daughters lived on. But three of the daughters, Zainab, Ruqayyah, Umm Kalthoom passed away during the life of Holy Prophet.
- Only Hadrat Fatimah lived on after the passing away of Holy prophet. But she also left this world only after six months of Holy Prophet leaving this world.