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# LOWER YOUR WING

## The First Lady of Islam





In the Name of Allah,  
The Compassionate, The Merciful



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Birds, soaring and diving, must end their flight slowly. Landing and lowering their wings is harder than taking off and stretching their wings.

Like a bird coming down from sky to earth that slows its wing beats and lowers them to gently touch land so was the Command of **ALLAH** (Glorified be He) to His Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him) regarding believers:

**(And lower your wing to those of the believers who follow you)<sup>(1)</sup>**

<sup>(1)</sup> Translated meanings of Ash-Shu'ara' 26: 215.



Lower your wing  
Lay down your pride  
Let go of your own life  
Adopt patience  
Give and care for people  
Relieve their burdens  
Remove their ignorance  
Let not your eyes overlook them  
Man or woman, young or old, rich or poor,  
strong or weak, enslaved or free  
Humble yourself to them, O Muhammad  
(peace and blessings be upon him)  
And turn the darkness into light



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At the age of twenty-five, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) married his first wife and the First Lady of Islam, Khadijah bint Khuwailid (may Allah be pleased with her), the woman of the greatest honor among her people. Fifteen years older than the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), she was the mother of all his children except Ibrahim (may Allah be pleased with him). They lived together for about twenty-five years until she died when he (peace and blessings be upon him) was fifty years old.

To her alone the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) came running after receiving the first Revelation. She believed and supported him, saying, **“By Allah, Allah will never disgrace you.”**<sup>(1)</sup> After her death the Prophet (peace and blessings



<sup>(1)</sup> Lady ‘Aishah, Sahih Al-Bukhary, Book of Tafsir Al-Qur’an, Hadith no. 4572.





be upon him) remained loving and remembering of her. “She believed in me when people disbelieved me. She trusted me when people belied me. She consoled me with her wealth when people deprived me, and Allah, the Exalted and the Glorious, blessed me with children from her and did not grant me children from other wives.”<sup>(1)</sup>

Lady ‘Aishah, a witness to his love and loyalty to Lady Khadijah, said, “I never felt jealous of any of the Prophet’s wives as I did of Khadijah, although I did not see her, but the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to mention her very often. Sometimes, he (peace

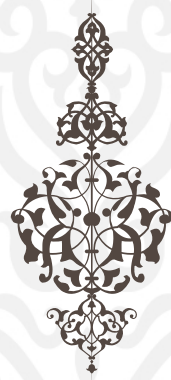


<sup>(1)</sup> Lady ‘Aishah: Musnad Ahmad, Book of Al-Ansar, Hadith no. 23719.



and blessings be upon him) would slaughter a sheep, cut it into parts, and send it to the friends of Khadijah. I might have said to him, ‘As if there was no woman on earth except Khadijah.’ He (peace and blessings be upon him) would say, ‘She was such-and-such (praising her noble qualities), and I had children from her.’”<sup>(1)</sup>

Lady ‘Aishah narrated, “Once Halah bint Khuwailid, Khadijah’s sister, asked permission of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) to enter, which reminded him of Khadijah’s way of asking permission, and it (the memory) pleased him. He (peace and blessings be upon him) said, ‘O Allah! Halah



<sup>(1)</sup> *Sahih Al-Bukhary, Book of Al-Manaqib, Hadith no. 3534.*



bint Khuwailid!’ It made me jealous. I said, ‘What makes you remember one of those old women of Quraish with red gums (i.e., a toothless mouth) who died long ago, and Allah has given you a better one instead?’”(1)

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) explained it one day, when Lady ‘Aishah made him angry and exclaimed, ‘Khadijah!’ Her love was something out of his hands, something instilled in his heart. **“Her love is bestowed upon me,”** he (peace and blessings be upon him) said.(2)



(1) *Sahih Muslim, Book of Fada’il As-Sahabah, Hadith no. 4467.*

(2) *Lady ‘Aishah, Sahih Muslim, Book of Fada’il As-Sahabah, Hadith no. 4464.*

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