



In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Abu Dhar Al-Gifari (radi allahu anhu)

Struggle for Equality

Introduction:

Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatahu, Ya Muslims may Allah the Bestower of Mercy, have mercy upon you as you transverse upon this path of seeking beneficial knowledge ameen. Alhamdulillah, I praise, glorify and magnify Allah the Most High, for surely he is above all imperfection. I bear witness that there is no true god worthy of worship except Allah alone (having no partners) and I bear witness that Muhammad ibn Abdullah is the slave and Messenger of Allah (salla allahu alaihi was salaam). I send the salaam and salaams upon the messenger of Allah, his family and his righteous companions.

Amma Ba'd

Review:

*Previously we were introduced to **Jundub bin Junada Al-Gifari** also known to us as **Abu Dhar al-Gifari**. We read that he was raised in a valley of the Desert amongst the Gifar tribesmen. Their creed was to commit robbery, and invade other tribes to exist or survive. The people of Gifar lived in poverty and misery. We have understood that (Abu Dhar) would enter the desert and be amazed at the many stars above him causing him to wonder about the universe and its vastness. We discovered that (Abu Dhar) and the tribesmen would visit Mecca once a year, like all of the other tribal Arabs, to worship the idols in that their idols would forgive them the past sins of the year.*

So now, we continue to read to find out what happens next? InshaAllah...

Be attentive, listen, read, and reflect upon what you learn.

Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala says:

“Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah, of them some have fulfilled their obligations and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed in the least.”

Surah 33:23

Review Section Materials/Explanation

Review the previous section on Abu Dhar les.5.1. Review the vocabulary. Then read pages 17- 23 on Abu Dhar. Once you have read the text. Reflect upon the vocabulary and its meanings. Arrange the words or word phrases in **alphabetical order**.

Write an essay to discuss what you imagine living in the desert would be like. **Interview** a Muslim you know from a foreign country, asked them to " **paint you a picture** " with words of course of how it is to live there. Use as many of the vocabulary words as possible if not all of them in your essay. To **complete your exercise**, explain the condition of the Gifar tribesmen in your own words. This will ensure that you have understood the description of the people.

Questionnaire: Lesson 5. 2

Abu Dhar Al-Gifari

1. Explain why the Gifar tribesmen did not take heed to the message coming from the man called Muhammad ﷺ when they visited Mecca.
2. Abu Dhar did not travel this time with the tribesmen to Mecca. However, their return and discussion about the new prophet peak his interest. What happen next?
3. What is Abu Dhar's brother's name? How did he play a roll in the search for truth?
4. During your research for Wadden Valley in last week's lesson what area did you find it in?
5. Using your map, mark the distances of about two days travel to Mecca. Assuming that would be the path that Abu Dhar traveled, to do this you will need to know the speed at which camels travel... read [All About Camels](http://www.thmsadaqagroup.org/Camels.pdf) (<http://www.thmsadaqagroup.org/Camels.pdf>)
5. How did the prophet ﷺ respond when Abu Dhar asked him to chant some poetry?
6. Give a description of the correct way to listen to the Qur'aan? Provide proof for your answer.
7. Why is it important for you to say "there is no **true** god, or **real** god, or no **deity who has a right**" to be worshipped except Allah alone, and not just to say the words "there is no god"?
8. Who is the companion who saved Abu Dhar (radi allahu anhu) from being beaten to death?
9. List the orders that the Prophet ﷺ gave to Abu Dhar before sending him back home.
10. What was the name of the other tribe that Abu Dhar called to Islam after all of the Gifar tribe accepted Islam?

Previous companion discussion:

1. Grudge and Anger are two traits that caused the Jews and their supporters to join hands. What was the Prophet ﷺ doing to combat this strategy amongst the Muslims? (Abu Bakr)
2. From where did the Muslims obtain their first pledge of protection? (Abu Bakr)
3. What was the threat that the Prophet ﷺ gave to Umar when he visited him in Dar Al-Arqam House? (Umar ibn Al-Khattab)
4. When the Muslims returned to Makkah as an army, how many Muslims marched into the city to conquer it? (Umar ibn Al-Khattab)

Vocabulary Review: Please read directions above on previous page.

<i>Patience</i>	<i>Dominating</i>
<i>Perseverance</i>	<i>Central Government</i>
<i>Enchanted</i>	<i>Customs</i>
<i>Terrified</i>	<i>Atrocities</i>
<i>Tyranny</i>	<i>Diminished</i>
<i>Miserable</i>	<i>Damascus</i>
<i>Alienation</i>	<i>Monks</i>
<i>Bargained</i>	<i>Recant</i>
<i>Compromises</i>	<i>Negotiating</i>

The Golden Series of the Prophet's Companions
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Map Skills Lesson:
Finding Co-ordinates; Types
of maps.; Badr.



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WHERE was the battle of Badr?

[Badr Hunayn](#) (virtual link) is a town in Al Madinah Province, western of Saudi Arabia

1. Find the co-ordinates for Badr. It is about 80 miles from Madinah
2. How can you distinguish between the directions for North and South by following the sun?
3. Find the co-ordinates for Medina $24^{\circ}28'N$, $38^{\circ}36'E$
4. Give several names for the city of Madinah.

Badr Hunayn Map: Assistant

http://www.map4travel.com/maps/saudi_arabia/badr_hunayn.php

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Research: Is Al-Madinah and Medinah the same place?

*Try to remember there are different types of maps; you can use one that will make the task easier for you to figure out where the city is, and how long it will take you to travel in distance from one place to the other etc...

Climate maps, Economic or resource maps, Physical maps, Road maps, and Topographic maps, Geologic, Biogeographic maps, and 3D maps.

For more info see: Types of Maps

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/glossary/projections.shtml>

Color Me Activity: Mark the place for Badr, Madinah, Al-Madinah, Ta'if and Tabuk



Thought:

Abu Dhar (radi allahu anhu) marched on foot from Al-Madinah to Tabuk so that he could fight for the Sake of Allah along side the Prophet (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam). Hmm... how many miles did he walk in the blazing hot sun?