



*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*

*You should have by now read the previous accounts related about Abu Bakr As-Siddiq, Umar bin Al-Kitab, Uthmaan bin Affan, and Ali bin Abi Talib (The four rightly guided caliphate). We have discussed from our readings some of the hardships, struggles, trials, and fitnah that did befall the Muslims during those times. We have learned the tremendous qualities of good manners, courageousness, honor, truthfulness, and zeal made for the sacrifices of Islam, and for establishing the belief that all of mankind should have and that is to Worship Allah Alone.*

*In this next section, we shall continue to learn about the companions of our beloved messenger, those who stood firm in their belief, never wavering, never finding fault in what was presented to them and guiding the people to stay upon that which the messenger Muhammad (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) came with, the Qur'aan and Sunnah.*

*Be attentive, listen, read, and reflect upon what you learn. Think about your own lives, the lives of the people around you and see if you can implement some of the qualities of these great men in your homes and communities but most of all in yourselves!*

*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*

*Vocabulary: vocabulary is designed to increase your knowledge about the subject being discussed. Complete the assignments to the best of your ability inshaAllah.*

*Review the previous section on Ali bin Abi Talib. Study the new vocabulary. Then read pages 4 – 17 on Abu Dhar. Once you have read the text. Reflect upon the vocabulary and its meanings. Define the words or word phrases. Write a paragraph using as many of the new vocabulary words as possible if not all of them. To complete your exercise, write a sentence for each vocabulary word. This will ensure that you are using the word in the right context it was intended.*

### **Questionnaire: Lesson 5. 1**

#### **Abu Dhar Al-Gifari**

1. Who is the publisher for the books we are studying?
2. The publisher states that they wish to achieve two task with this series of books, what are those two task that were mentioned?
3. Fill in the Blanks. The Prophet ( ﷺ ) said about him: "May Allah have mercy on \_\_\_\_\_ for he \_\_\_\_\_ alone, \_\_\_\_\_ alone, and \_\_\_\_\_ alone."
4. What are the two qualities that great men display when they face challenges?
5. How did Abu Dhar spend his nights during the early years of his life and before Islam?
6. Give a description of the Arabian Peninsula. Draw a detailed map of it and its surrounding areas. Use an online globe to assist you. (refer to map skills below...)
7. What is meant by, "seeking trivial pleasures at night"?
8. Where was the first Islamic State established?
9. Why were the Arabs encouraged to stop burying their daughters alive?
10. What type of people were accepting Islam in the beginning of the call?
11. The Quraish knew that the Prophet ( ﷺ ) was trustworthy, but they resorted to calling him what?
12. What is Abu Dhar's full name?
13. Describe the life style of the Gifar tribesmen.
14. What was Abu Dhar amazed about every time he entered the desert?
15. Why did the Gifar tribesmen take a part in the rites performed by the inhabitants of Makkah?

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*Previous companion discussion:*

1. The Prophet ﷺ, in the previous discussion gave the meaning for the word strong, what was it?
2. Relate the circumstance for the problems that Ali (radi allahu anhu) was faced with regarding the death of Uthmaan (radi allahu anhu)?
3. Can you write in your own words the tragic event of Ali's stabbing and who was responsible for that?
4. What is the meaning of the phrase "eye of the storm"?

*Vocabulary: Please read directions above on previous page.*

*Patience*

*Perseverance*

*Enchanted*

*Terrified*

*Tyranny*

*Miserable*

*Alienation*

*Bargained*

*Compromises*

*Dominating*

*Central Government*

*Customs*

*Atrocities*

*Diminished*

*Damascus*

*Monks*

*Recant*

*Negotiating*

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**WHERE IS TAIIF?** See larger map <http://www.asia-atlas.com/middle-east.htm>

Ta'if is a mountain city in the Hijaz Mountains near Mecca and Jeddah.

1. What body of water runs along the border Near Mecca and Ta'if?
2. What is the approximate distance from Mecca to Medinah?



Research: Can you find a description of Wadden Valley (desert)?