

‘Abbad ibn Bishr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ

Level: Beginner

‘Abbad ibn Bishr al-Ansari was one of the noble companions known for his bravery and devotion to Islam. He was born in Medina and belonged to the Aws tribe. ‘Abbad accepted Islam at a young age through the teachings of Mus‘ab ibn ‘Umair, who was sent by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to preach Islam in Medina. From that time, ‘Abbad ibn Bishr became one of the most prominent Muslims in the city.

‘Abbad ibn Bishr was known for his deep faith and strong piety. He loved reciting the Qur'an and was devoted to obeying Allah and His Messenger. One night, while the Prophet ﷺ was with him in the dark, ‘Abbad was holding a staff, and it miraculously lit up the path for him until he reached his home. The Prophet (peace be upon him) once heard him reciting the Qur'an and asked ‘A'ishah, "Is this the voice of ‘Abbad ibn Bishr?" She replied, "Yes." The Prophet ﷺ then said, "O Allah, forgive him."

In one of the battles, the Prophet ﷺ instructed ‘Ammar ibn Yasir and ‘Abbad ibn Bishr to guard a road leading to the Muslim camp. ‘Abbad asked ‘Ammar, "Would you like to guard the first or last part of the night?" ‘Ammar replied, "You guard the first part of the night." ‘Abbad began his watch, turning his face towards the path, and started praying while standing guard. While he was performing his night prayer, a polytheist shot an arrow at him, injuring him. But ‘Abbad did not break his prayer; instead, he removed the arrow and continued praying. The enemy shot him a second time, and again, he removed the arrow and continued his prayer.

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When the third arrow hit him, he removed it, completed his prayer, then woke ‘Ammar and informed him of the attack. When ‘Ammar woke up, the attacker fled. ‘Ammar asked ‘Abbad, "Why didn't you wake me when the first arrow hit you?" "I was reciting a surah that I enjoyed, and I did not want to stop the prayer for anything." ‘Abbad replied.

‘Abbad was one of the bravest leaders in many battles, including the Battle of Badr and the Battle of Uhud, where he demonstrated unmatched courage. In the Battle of Badr, he played a significant role in the Muslims’ victory over Quraysh, showcasing his fighting skill and bravery. He also participated in the Battle of the Trench, where he was among those who helped dig the trench around Medina to defend it. During that time, he guarded the Prophet’s tent, fearing that some polytheists might sneak in and assassinate the Prophet ﷺ.

One of the stories that highlight his bravery and dedication is the story of his martyrdom in the Battle of Yamamah. This battle was against Musaylimah the Liar and his followers who had apostatized. ‘Abbad participated in that battle and fought bravely. He had seen in a dream that the heavens opened, and he entered it before it closed behind him. The next day, he was martyred after killing about twenty of the apostates. He said to his companions before the battle, "O Ansar, rise and fight as you used to fight alongside the Messenger of Allah ﷺ." ‘Abbad fought until he was martyred, leaving behind a remarkable example of courage and faith. ‘Abbad was a symbol of piety and bravery, leaving an indelible mark on the history of Islam.



TRUE OR FALSE

1. 'Abbad ibn Bishr was born in Mecca.
2. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once asked A'ishah if the voice he heard reciting the Qur'an was that of 'Abbad ibn Bishr.
3. 'Abbad ibn Bishr was injured during the Battle of Uhud and continued to fight without stopping.
4. 'Abbad ibn Bishr participated in the Battle of the Trench, where he guarded the Prophet's tent.
5. 'Abbad ibn Bishr was martyred in the Battle of Uhud.

FILL IN THE BLANK

'Abbad ibn Bishr was born in _____ and belonged to the _____ tribe. He accepted Islam at a young age through the teachings of _____, who was sent by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to preach in Medina. One night, while the Prophet ﷺ was with 'Abbad, his staff miraculously _____ the path for him until he reached his home. When the Prophet ﷺ heard 'Abbad reciting the Qur'an, he asked _____, "Is this the voice of 'Abbad ibn Bishr?" During his guard duty, 'Abbad ibn Bishr was shot by an enemy's arrow while _____. In the Battle of _____, 'Abbad ibn Bishr played a significant role in the Muslims' victory over Quraysh. 'Abbad ibn Bishr participated in the Battle of the _____, where he helped dig the trench around Medina. Before the Battle of Yamamah, 'Abbad ibn Bishr had a dream where the heavens _____ before it closed behind him. 'Abbad ibn Bishr was martyred after killing about _____ of the apostates during the Battle of Yamamah. The Prophet ﷺ once asked _____, "Would you like to guard the first or last part of the night?" during the battle. 'Abbad ibn Bishr was known for his deep _____ and strong _____ to Islam. After being shot a third time while praying, 'Abbad ibn Bishr completed his prayer and _____.

QUIZ

Multiple Choice Questions:

1- Who instructed 'Abbad ibn Bishr to guard the road during the battle?

- a) Abu Bakr
- b) Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
- c) 'Ammar ibn Yasir
- d) Bilal ibn Rabah

2- What was 'Abbad ibn Bishr doing when he was shot by arrows during his watch?

- a) Sitting and resting
- b) Praying
- c) Talking to 'Ammar
- d) Eating

3- Where was 'Abbad ibn Bishr born?

- a) Mecca
- b) Medina
- c) Kufa
- d) Basra

4- In which battle did 'Abbad ibn Bishr have a vision of the heavens opening before his martyrdom?

- a) Battle of Uhud
- b) Battle of Badr
- c) Battle of Yamamah
- d) Battle of the Trench

5- What did 'Abbad ibn Bishr do when the first arrow hit him during his prayer?

- a) He stopped praying and went to fight.
- b) He removed the arrow and continued praying.
- c) He called for help.
- d) He ran to the camp.

QUIZ

Answer the Questions

- 1- Why did 'Abbad ibn Bishr continue praying despite being shot by arrows?
- 2- How did 'Abbad ibn Bishr's actions during the Battle of Badr contribute to the Muslims' victory?
- 3- What was the significance of 'Abbad ibn Bishr's dream before the Battle of Yamamah?
- 4- How did 'Abbad ibn Bishr demonstrate his commitment to protecting Prophet Muhammad ﷺ during the Battle of the Trench?
- 5- What lesson can we learn from 'Abbad ibn Bishr's story of enduring injuries without abandoning his prayer?



Explain what happened to ‘Abbad ibn Bishr while he was guarding the Mulims’ camp at night.

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