

# Bilal ibn Rabah

Level: Beginner

Bilal ibn Rabah was a black slave owned by one of the leaders of Makkah named Umayyah ibn Khalaf. Bilal was intelligent, trustworthy, and had a beautiful voice, and his master respected him for his good character. But everything changed when Prophet Muhammad ﷺ called the people of Makkah to Islam. Bilal quickly accepted Islam and became one of the first Muslims.

Bilal's master, Umayyah, became angry and insisted that Bilal worshiped the idols and not Allah. Bilal refused and said that he would not worship anything other than Allah alone and would never associate any other deity with Him.

Umayyah ibn Khalaf insisted that Bilal must leave Islam but Bilal insisted that he will never leave Islam. Umayyah started torturing Bilal severely. He would take him to the desert of Makkah at noon when the sand was burning hot. They would put chains and iron on his neck, hands, and feet and put a big rock on his chest that would take a group of men to carry. They would beat him and put a rope around his neck and pull him on the burning sands of Makkah while telling him to curse Allah and worship the idols. But Bilal was strong in his faith and he would say his famous words "Ahadun Ahad (only one God, only one God)."

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One day, Abu Bakr passed by Bilal and Umayyah was beating him with a whip. Upon seeing that, Abu Bakr asked Umayyah, "Are you not afraid of Allah for treating this poor man this way?" Umayyah replied, "You and your friend Muhammad ruined him by making him follow this new religion." Abu Bakr offered to buy Bilal with a lot of money, and Umayyah agreed.

Abu Bakr bought Bilal and set him free. Bilal stayed with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and because he had a beautiful voice, the Prophet ﷺ appointed him as the official caller to prayer, known as the "mu'adhin" in Arabic. He became known as the "Mu'adhin of the Prophet."

Bilal ibn Rabah passed away in Damascus, Syria, around the year 20 AH during the caliphate of Umar ibn al-Khattab. He lived his final years in Syria, dedicating his life to worship and service in Islam.

# QUIZ



## FILL IN THE BLANK

1. Bilal was tortured by being placed on hot \_\_\_\_\_ in the desert with a heavy rock on his chest.
2. Bilal's famous words during his torture were "\_\_\_\_\_."
3. Bilal passed away in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, Syria.



## TRUE OR FALSE

1. Bilal ibn Rabah was tortured because he refused to leave Islam.
2. Umayyah ibn Khalaf freed Bilal after he accepted Islam.
3. Bilal was chosen by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as the first mu'adhin.

## ANSWER THE QUESTION

How does Bilal's perseverance under severe torture inspire Muslims today?



# Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What was Bilal ibn Rabah's position before he became a Muslim?
  - A. A wealthy merchant
  - B. A slave
  - C. A leader of Makkah
  - D. A farmer
2. What was Bilal's response to the torture he endured from his master?
  - A. He cursed Islam
  - B. He worshipped idols
  - C. He remained steadfast and said, "Ahadun Ahad"
  - D. He ran away
3. Who freed Bilal from slavery?
  - A. Umar ibn al-Khattab
  - B. Abu Bakr
  - C. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
  - D. Ali ibn Abi Talib

**What role did Abu Bakr play in Bilal's life?**

**What qualities made Bilal suitable to be chosen as the mu'adhin of the Prophet ﷺ?**

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