

HAZRAT KHADIJA (RA)

The first of the Muslims



"She believed in me when the whole world refuted me and she attested to my veracity when the whole world accused me of falsehood. She offered me compassion and loyalty with her wealth when everyone else had forsaken me."

[The Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw)].

Born	Full Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Titles	Demise
555 AD	Khadijah bint Khuwaylid	Khuwaylid ibn Asad	Fatima bint Zai'dah	Tahira (<i>pure</i>), Khadijah al-Kubrah (<i>Khadija the great</i>)	619 AD

Early Life and Character

Hazrat Khadijah (ra) was born into a noble and wealthy family. Her father was a respected merchant, and after his passing, she took over the family's business. She was known for her fair dealings, piety, and generosity. Even before the advent of Islam, she was famous for helping the poor, providing dowries for women, and assisting her relatives. Unlike the majority of the Quraish, Hazrat Khadijah (ra) never believed in or worshipped idols.

Marriage to the Holy Prophet (sa)

She married twice before the Holy Prophet (saw); both of her husbands passed away during the earlier years of her life. At the age of 40, Hazrat Khadijah (ra) married the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), who was 25 years old.

Despite the age difference, their marriage became an epitome of love, respect, and unwavering faith. Allah blessed Hazrat Khadijah (ra) with children from the Holy Prophet (saw) – four sons, Qasim, Tahir, Tayyab and Abdullah, and four daughters, Hazrat Zainab(ra), Hazrat Ruqayya(ra), Hazrat Umm-e-Kalsoom(ra) and Hazrat Fatima-tul-Zohra(ra). All the male children borne by Hazrat Khadijah (ra) passed away during her lifetime. Following the Holy Prophet's (saw) example, Hazrat Khadijah (ra) patiently endured the trials of losing her children.

Support for Islam and the Holy Prophet (saw)

When the Holy Prophet (saw) received his first revelation at age 40, Hazrat Khadijah (ra) was the first to believe him. Her unwavering faith in him was evident when she comforted him after his first experience with the revelation, saying, "Allah will never disgrace you [how can God do such a thing], while you are kind and considerate to your relations, help the poor and the forlorn and bear their burdens? You treat guests with honour and help those who are in distress." Throughout the early years of Islam, Hazrat Khadijah (ra) provided unwavering moral and financial support, sacrificing her wealth to aid the Holy Prophet (saw) and the Muslim community.

Aam-ul-Huzn (The year of grief)

Hazrat Khadijah (ra) passed away in 619 AD, the same year as the Holy Prophet's (saw) uncle, Hazrat Abu Talib passed away. This year became known as the "Year of Grief." The Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) said, "Of all the women in Paradise, the most noble are Hazrat Khadijah bint Khuwaylid, Hazrat Fatimah bint Muhammad, Hazrat Mariam bint Imran, and Hazrat Asiya (wife of Pharaoh)." The Holy Prophet (saw) once said to Hazrat Kahdijah (ra) "That was Gabriel (as) and he said to give Salam to you. He brings glad tidings of a resting place in paradise for you, a place where there shall be neither fatigue nor racket nor clamour."

So, Let us give our Salam to this noble and grand woman, one to whom the Master and Creator of this Universe sent His Salam. Salam to you O Khadijah Al-Kubrah (ra) !