

Excellence of the Noble Family & Companions of Nabi ﷺ

Hazrat Bilal ibn Rabaah رضي الله عنه

Hazrat Bilal ؓ was of African origin and was born from the slaves of the Banu Jumah tribe. He accepted Islam in the early days and was the first person to publicly proclaim his faith in Makkah. He participated in Badr and all the battles that took place thereafter. Umayyah ibn Khalaf was one of his chief tormentors when he accepted Islam. Allah Ta'ala made it such that Hazrat Bilal ؓ himself killed him in the Battle of Badr.

First Muazzin in Islam

Hazrat Bilal ؓ was given the profound honour of being appointed as the first Muazzin in Islam by Rasulallah ﷺ. He would call out the Azaan for Rasulallah ﷺ in Madinah Munawwarah and when the Muslims were travelling. (Ustdul Ghabah)

Footsteps in Jannah

Hazrat Abu Hurairah ؓ narrates that Nabi ﷺ once asked Hazrat Bilal ؓ at the time of Fajr Salah, "O Bilal ؓ! After embracing Islam, which action do you hope will greatly benefit you from the actions you carry out? Verily I heard your footsteps before me in Jannah (in a dream) last night." Hazrat Bilal ؓ replied, "The action I carry out, which I hope will greatly benefit me, is that whenever I make Wudhu, at any time of the day or night, I perform Salah after making Wudhu (I perform the Salah of Tahiyatul Wudhu)." (Sahih Muslim)

Towards the end of his life Bilal ؓ settled in Syria and passed away there in 20 A.H. at the age of 63. According to some narrations he is buried in Damascus and according to others he is buried in Halab.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mughaffal ؓ narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said: "(Fear) Allah, (fear) Allah regarding my Sahabah. (Fear) Allah, (fear) Allah regarding my Sahabah. Do not make them a target of criticism after me. Whoever loves them, it is based on love for me that he loves them. Whoever hates them, it is based on hatred for me that he hates them. Whoever harms them, harms me. Whoever harms me, harms Allah. Whoever harms Allah, very soon Allah will seize (punish) him". (Mishkat)



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