

# Excellence of the Noble Family & Companions of Nabí ﷺ

## Hazrat Zaynab bint Jahsh رضي الله عنها

**Name:** Zaynab bint Jahsh

**Title:** Ummul Hakam

**Birth:** 17 years before Prophethood

Zaynab bint Jahsh was the cousin of Rasulallah ﷺ - her mother was the sister of the father of Rasulallah ﷺ. She accepted Islam in the early years. She married Hazrat Zayd ibn Harithah ﷺ but this marriage could not continue and she was divorced. After her Iddat she married Rasulallah ﷺ by the command of Allah Ta'ala as mentioned in Surah Al Ahzab. This Nikah took place in 5 A.H. when she was 35 years old. She felt honoured that while all the other respected wives were given in marriage to Rasulallah ﷺ by their guardians, it was Allah Ta'ala who facilitated this Nikah for her.

She was a most generous woman and spent excessively in the path of Allah. She also fasted frequently.

Hazrat Ayesha (Radiyahallahu Anha) narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said to his respected wives: "The one that will reach me first (after death) is the one with the longest hands." (Sahih Muslim)

Regarding this virtue, the respected wives understood this to be literally referring to the physical length of their hands. So they measured their hands and found that the hands of Hazrat Saudah (Radiyahallahu Anha) were the longest. However, when Hazrat Zaynab (Radiyahallahu Anha) was the first of them to pass away they understood that Rasulallah ﷺ was referring to the most generous of his respected wives.

She passed away in 20 AH at the age of 50. Hazrat Umar (Radiyahallahu Anhu) led her Janazah Salah.

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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