

SAYYIDINA ABU BAKR AS SIDDIQ

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About the Speaker: Alimah Sobia Ahmed

Alimah Sobia Ahmed was born and raised in the United States and received her BA in Sociology and Arabic and Islamic Civilization with double honors from the University of Chicago and Masters of Education from the University of Illinois. In 1999, she migrated to Lahore with her husband following the early tradition of rihla, or journeying for the sake of seeking divine and sacred knowledge. In Lahore, she pursued an intensive full-time study of the classical disciplines of Islamic learning, known as Dars Nizami, for four years. In 2003, she was formally certified as an Alimah and was awarded the Alimiyyah degree, certifying her to teach the disciplines of Qur'an, Tafsir, Hadith, Arabic Grammar & Linguistics, Beliefs & Creed, and Islamic Law & Legal Theory (Fiqh & Usul).

For over fifteen years, she has been the direct student of the honorable Shaykh Zulfiqar Ahmad (Hafizahu Allah) and has consistently remained in his close and constant company having been fortunate to accompany him on many of his travels. Under his guidance, for the past ten years, she has been tirelessly teaching classical Islamic learning and guiding women on the spiritual path to become closer to Allah. To date, she has taught over one thousand women live and online and has graduated over 50 women as alimahs.

Her students have included college and university students, young professionals, mothers, and homemakers. She has lectured and taught at masjids, universities, institutions, and private residences in the United States, across the United Kingdom, and in Pakistan where she maintains her home with her husband and four children.

In 2005, she and her husband founded Zaynab Academy under the guidance of the honorable Shaykh Zulfiqar Ahmad. In 2008, Zaynab Academy Online was founded becoming the first all-women's online Islamic educational institute dedicated to classical Islamic learning and spirituality. To date, Zaynab Academy Online's courses and programs have been attended by over one thousand students from over twenty countries across the world.

About Zaynab Academy Online

Zaynab Academy Online (for women) was founded in 2009 by Sobia and Kamaluddin Ahmed as a nonprofit, nonpartisan and nonpolitical educational institute dedicated to classical Islamic learning and spirituality. The Classical Islamic Learning courses offered by Zaynab Academy are designed to

introduce women to the classical methodology of Islamic knowledge and scholarship through a modern educational approach. The philosophy of the courses offered is distinct in its embrace of the entire academic tradition of the Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jama'a with respect for all scholars of Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh, and Usul al-fiqh. Moreover, our courses highlight the importance of spiritual purification (tazkiya) and inner reform (islah).

Biography: Sayyidina Abu Bakr As-Siddiq ﷺ

- ❖ **Name:** Abdullah bin Abi Quhafah, Abu Bakr ﷺ
- ❖ **Father:** Abu Quhafah
- ❖ **Mother:** Salma, also known as Umm Khayr ﷺ.
- ❖ **Wives**
 - ❖ Qutaila bint Abdul Izza (divorced her)
 - ❖ Hadhrat Umm Rumman ﷺ
 - ❖ Hadhrat Habibah ﷺ
 - ❖ Hadhrat Asma ﷺ
- ❖ **Children:**
 - ❖ Hadhrat Abdur Rahman bin Abi Bakr ﷺ
 - ❖ Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abi Bakr ﷺ
 - ❖ Hadhrat Muhammad bin Abi Bakr ﷺ
 - ❖ Hadhrat Asma bint Abi Bakr ﷺ
 - ❖ Hadhrat Ayesha bint Abi Bakr ﷺ
 - ❖ Hadhrat Umm Kulthum bint Abi Bakr ﷺ
- ❖ Those who converted to Islam at the insistence of Sayyidina Abu Bakr ﷺ were:
 - ❖ Sayyidina Uthman Ibn Affan ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Al-Zubayr ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Talha Ibn Ubayd-Allah ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Abdur Rahman bin Awf ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Sa`d ibn Abi Waqqas ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Abu Ubaidah ibn al-Jarrah ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Abu Salama ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Khalid ibn Sa`id ﷺ

- ❖ Sayyidina Abu Hudhaifah ibn al-Mughirah ﷺ

- ❖ Freed slaves including:
 - ❖ Sayyidina Bilal ibn Ribah ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Abu Fakih ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Ammar ibn Yasir ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Abu Fuhayra ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyida Lubaynah ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyida Al-Nahdiah ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyida Umm Ubays ﷺ
 - ❖ Sayyidina Harithah bint al-Muammil ﷺ

Events in the Life of Sayyidina Abu Bakr As-Siddiq ﷺ

Circa 573
C.E.

• Born

613 C.E.

• Persecution formally started

615 C.E.

• Migrated to Abyssinia

617 C.E.

• Faced boycott by Quraish

620 C.E.

• Hadhrat Ayesha ﷺ engaged to the Prophet ﷺ

622 C.E.

• Migration to Madina

624 C.E.

• Battle of Badr

625 C.E.

• Battle of Uhud

627 C.E.

• Battle of Trench

628 C.E.

• Treaty of Hudaibiya and Campaign of Khayber

630 C.E.

• Father converted.
• Conquest of Makkah. Battle of Hunain and Taif. Tabuk.

631 C.E.

• Amir-e-Hajj

632 C.E.

• Passing away of the Prophet ﷺ Caliphate started

633 C.E.

• False apostasy movements resolved

Circa 634
C.E.

• Passing away from this world

Merits of Sayyidina Abu Bakr as-Siddiq ﷺ

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّ مِنْ أَمَنِّ النَّاسِ عَلَيَّ فِي صُحْبَتِهِ وَمَالِهِ أَبَا بَكْرٍ وَلَوْ
كُنْتُ مُتَّخِذًا خَلِيلًا غَيْرَ رَبِّي لَاتَّخَذْتُ أَبَا بَكْرٍ وَلَكِنْ أُخُوَّةُ الْإِسْلَامِ وَمَوَدَّتُهُ لَا يَبْقَيْنَ فِي
الْمَسْجِدِ بَابٌ إِلَّا سُدَّ إِلَّا بَابَ أَبِي بَكْرٍ

Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) is reported to have said:
Behold, of all people the most generous toward me in regard to his
companionship and his property was Abu Bakr and were I to choose anyone
as my bosom friend, I would have chosen Abu Bakr as my dear friend, but
(for him) I cherish Islamic brotherliness and love. There shall be left open no
window in the mosque except Abu Bakr's window **(Bukhari)**

قال سمعت عبد الله بن مسعود يحدث عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم أنه قال لو كنت
متخذًا خليلًا لاتخذت أبا بكر خليلًا ولكنه أخي وصاحبي وقد اتخذ الله عز وجل صاحبكم
خليلًا

'Abdullah b. Mas'ud ﷺ reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him)
as saying: If I were to choose a bosom friend I would have definitely chosen
Abu Bakr as my bosom friend, but he is my brother and my companion and
Allah, the Exalted and Glorious has taken your brother and companion
(meaning Prophet himself) as a friend. **(Muslim)**

عن عائشة قالت قال لي رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم في مرضه ادعي لي أبا بكر أباك وأخاك
حتى أكتب كتابا فإني أخاف أن يتمنى وتمن ويقول قائل أنا أولى ويأبى الله والمؤمنون إلا أبا بكر

Hadhrat A'isha ﷺ reported that Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him)
in his (last) illness asked me to call Abu Bakr, her father, and her brother too,
so that he might write a document, for he feared that someone else might

be desirous (of succeeding him) and that some claimant may say: I have better claim to it, whereas Allah and the Faithful do not substantiate the claim of anyone but that of Abu Bakr **(Muslim)**

أن امرأة سألت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم شيئاً فأمرها أن ترجع إليه فقالت - يا رسول الله
أرأيت إن جئت فلم أجدك قال أبي كأنها تعني الموت قال فإن لم تجدني فأتي أبا بكر

Muhammad b. Jubair b. Mut'im reported on the authority of his father that a woman asked Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) about something but lit, told her to come to him on some other occasion, whereupon she said: What in your opinion (should I do) if I come to you but do not find you, and it seemed as if she meant that he might die. Thereupon he said: If you do not find me, then come to Abu Bakr. **(Muslim)**

أخبرني عمرو بن العاص أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم بعثه على جيش ذات السلاسل
فأتته فقلت أي الناس أحب إليك قال عائشة قلت من الرجال قال أبوها قلت ثم من قال عمر
فعد رجالاً

'Amr b. al-'As رضي الله عنه reported that Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) sent him in command of the army dispatched to Dhat-as-Salasil. When 'Amr b. al-'As came back to the Holy Prophet (may peace be upon him) he said: Who amongst people are dearest to you? He said: A'isha. He then said: Who amongst men? He said: Her father, and I said: And who next? He said: Umar. He then enumerated some other men **(Muslim)**

عن محمد بن الحنفية قال قلت لأبي أي الناس خير بعد رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال أبو
بكر قلت ثم من قال ثم عمر وخشيت أن يقول عثمان قلت ثم أنت قال ما أنا إلا رجل من
المسلمين

Narrated Muhammad bin Al-Hanafiya: I asked my father ('Ali bin Abi Talib رضي الله عنه), "Who are the best people after Allah's Apostle?" He said, "Abu Bakr." I asked,

"Who then?" He said, "Then 'Umar. " I was afraid he would say "Uthman, so I said, "Then you?" He said, "I am only an ordinary person. **(Bukhari)**

عن ابن عمر رضي الله عنهما قال كنا في زمن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم لا نعدل بأبي بكر أحدا ثم عمر ثم عثمان ثم نترك أصحاب النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم لا نفاضل بينهم

Narrated Ibn 'Umar رضي الله عنهما : During the lifetime of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم we considered Abu Bakr as peerless and then 'Umar and then 'Uthman (coming next to him in superiority) and then we used not to differentiate between the companions of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم **(Bukhari)**

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَا لِأَحَدٍ عِنْدَنَا يَدٌ إِلَّا وَقَدْ كَافَيْتَاهُ مَا خَلَا أَبَا بَكْرٍ فَإِنَّ لَهُ عِنْدَنَا يَدًا يَكْفِيهِ اللَّهُ بِهَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَمَا نَفَعَنِي مَالٌ أَحَدٍ قَطُّ مَا نَفَعَنِي مَالُ أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَلَوْ كُنْتُ مُتَّخِذًا خَلِيلًا لَاتَّخَذْتُ أَبَا بَكْرٍ خَلِيلًا أَلَا وَإِنَّ صَاحِبَكُمْ خَلِيلُ اللَّهِ "

Narrated Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "There is no favor due upon us from anyone, except that we have repaid him, with the exception of Abu Bakr. Verily upon us, there is a favor due to him, which Allah will repay him on the Day of Judgment. No one's wealth has benefited as Abu Bakr's wealth has benefited me. And if I were to take a Khalil, then I would have taken Abu Bakr as a Khalil, and indeed your companion is Allah's Khalil **(Tirmidhi)**

Our Chief Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه : Hadhrat Umar رضي الله عنه

عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ، قَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ سَيِّدُنَا وَخَيْرُنَا وَأَحَبُّنَا إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ .

It is narrated from Hadhrat Umar رضي الله عنه that he said Abu Bakr is our chief, and the best of us, and the most beloved of us to the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم **(Tirmidhi)**

Hadhrat Abu Bakr ؓ : The Prophet S.A.W's Companion of the Cave

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ لِأَبِي بَكْرٍ " أَنْتَ صَاحِبِي عَلَى الْحَوْضِ
وَصَاحِبِي فِي الْغَارِ "

Narrated by Ibn 'Umar ؓ that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said to Abu Bakr:
"You are my companion at the Hawd, and my companion in the cave."
(Tirmidhi)

A Gathering in Which Abu Bakr ؓ is Present...

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا قَالَتْ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَا يَلْبَغِي لِقَوْمٍ فِيهِمْ أَبُو
بَكْرٍ أَنْ يُؤْمَهُمْ غَيْرُهُ "

Narrated 'Aishah ؓ that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "It is not befitting
that a group, among whom is Abu Bakr, be led by other than him." **(Tirmidhi)**

The Tabūk Expedition

سَمِعْتُ عُمَرَ بْنَ الْخَطَّابِ، يَقُولُ أَمَرْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْ نَتَصَدَّقَ فَوَافَقَ ذَلِكَ
عِنْدِي مَالًا فَقُلْتُ الْيَوْمَ أَسْبِقُ أَبَا بَكْرٍ إِنْ سَبَقْتُهُ يَوْمًا قَالَ فَجِئْتُ بِنِصْفِ مَالِي فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَا أَبْقَيْتَ لِأَهْلِكَ " . قُلْتُ مِثْلَهُ وَآتَى أَبُو بَكْرٍ بِكُلِّ مَا عِنْدَهُ فَقَالَ " يَا أَبَا
بَكْرٍ مَا أَبْقَيْتَ لِأَهْلِكَ " . قَالَ أَبْقَيْتُ لَهُمُ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ قُلْتُ وَاللَّهِ لَا أَسْبِقُهُ إِلَى شَيْءٍ أَبَدًا

"I heard 'Umar bin Al-Khattab ؓ saying: 'We were ordered by the Messenger
of Allah ﷺ to give in charity, and that coincided with a time in which I had
some wealth, so I said, "Today I will beat Abu Bakr, if ever I beat him." So I
came with half of my wealth, and the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "What did
you leave for your family?" I said: "The like of it." And Abu Bakr came with
everything he had, so he said: "O Abu Bakr! What did you leave for your
family?" He said: "I left Allah and His Messenger for them." I said: '[By Allah] I
will never be able to beat him to something.'" **(Tirmidhi)**

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ، أَنَّ أَبَا بَكْرٍ، دَخَلَ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ " أَنْتَ عَتِيقُ اللَّهِ مِنَ النَّارِ "

Narrated by 'Aishah رضي الله عنها that Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه entered upon the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, so he said: "You are Allah's 'Atiq from the Fire." (Tirmidhi)

The First Man to be Resurrected After the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " أَنَا أَوَّلُ مَنْ تَتَشَقُّ عَنْهُ الْأَرْضُ ثُمَّ أَبُو بَكْرٍ ثُمَّ عُمَرُ ثُمَّ آتَى أَهْلَ الْبَقِيعِ فَيُحْشَرُونَ مَعِيَ ثُمَّ أَنْتَظِرُ أَهْلَ مَكَّةَ حَتَّى أُحْشَرَ بَيْنَ الْحَرَمَيْنِ "

Narrated Ibn 'Umar رضي الله عنهما that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "I am the first for whom the earth will split, then Abu Bakr, then 'Umar. Then the people of Al-Baqi; they will be gathered with me. Then I will await the people of Makkah until they are resurrected between the Two Sacred areas." (Tirmidhi)

The First to Enter Jannah from This Ummah

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " أَتَانِي جِبْرِيلُ فَأَخَذَ بِيَدِي فَأَرَانِي بَابَ الْجَنَّةِ الَّذِي تَدْخُلُ مِنْهُ أُمَّتِي " . فَقَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَدِدْتُ أَنِّي كُنْتُ مَعَكَ حَتَّى أَنْظُرَ إِلَيْهِ . فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " أَمَا إِنَّكَ يَا أَبَا بَكْرٍ أَوَّلُ مَنْ يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي " .

Narrated Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Gabriel came and taking me by the hand showed the gate of Paradise by which my people will enter. Abu Bakr then said: Messenger of Allah! I wish I had been with you so that I might have looked at it. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم then said: You, Abu Bakr, will be the first of my people to enter Paradise. (Abu Dawud)

Programs Being Offered at Zaynab Academy Online

Zaynab Academy Online offers a variety of programs and courses to cater to women with different backgrounds and occupations.

Below is a list of programs offered at Zaynab Academy Online

Degree Program: Online English Classical Islamic Learning (An 'Alimah' Course)

- Online English Classical Islamic Learning is a **3-year degree program** especially designed for women who wish to study the classical methodology of Islamic knowledge and scholarship through a modern educational approach. This course encompasses a variety of classical disciplines such as Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh, and Usul al-fiqh.

Registration: Ongoing

Diploma Program: The Qur'an Program

- The Qur'an Program is a **two-year free online diploma course** covering the translation and commentary of the entire Qur'an based on authentic hadith, classical sources of scholarly tafsir, and the lives and teachings of the siddiqeen and saliheen. The Qur'an Program is taught via live audio streaming by Ustadha Alimah Sobia Ahmed with occasional lectures by her husband Shaykh Mufti Kamaluddin Ahmed.

Registration: Ongoing

Certificate Program: Foundations

- Foundations in classical Islamic learning and spirituality is a series of **short courses** designed by Zaynab Academy Online to meet the needs of students, young professionals and other busy women who want to progress in their Islamic Knowledge and spiritual development.

Ongoing Foundations Courses—Registrations Open

December 9, 2013 to February 27, 2014.

Course duration: 12 weeks

Class will meet once a week

- **THE FORTY**

A free online course based on Imam Nawawi's collection of forty ahadith of the Prophet ﷺ.

- **HALF OF FAITH**

Learn the basics of the *fiqh* of purification.

This course aims to teach students the basics of the *fiqh* of purification. It will address the following topics:

- Purity of Water
- Types of Filth and Purification from them
- Wudu (ablution), Ghusal (ritual bath), Tayyamum (Dry Ablution)
- Menstruation and Post-natal bleeding

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