



The Prophetic Household

Khadija Bint Khuwaylid was a wealthy woman of great repute among the Quraysh. She was engaged in trade, hiring men to sell her merchandise in different lands. She, too, had heard about the young man of noble character who was the most trustworthy of all of the men of the tribe. Since he ﷺ had such honourable character, she wished him to take her merchandise to trade it in Syria.

When the Prophet ﷺ agreed to the trade trip and all arrangements were made, Khadija sent with him one of her servants, Maysara. Maysara observed many things about the Prophet ﷺ which he later reported to Khadija.

They stopped to rest on their journey and the Prophet ﷺ sat under the shade of a tree near a monk's cell. The monk came up to Maysara and asked him about the man resting beneath the tree. When Maysara reported that he was a man from the Quraysh, the monk exclaimed, "none but a prophet ever sat beneath this tree!"

The Prophet ﷺ and Maysara continued on their journey and were able to sell all the merchandise they possessed and even managed to double Khadija's earnings. One day, when the sun was at its zenith and the heat was intense, Maysara saw two angels shielding the Prophet ﷺ from the sun.

All this Maysara reported to Khadija. In seeking an explanation for these events, she sought out her cousin, Waraqa Ibn Nawfal. He was a Christian scholar who had studied the scriptures. Upon hearing what Maysara had related to her, Waraqa Ibn Nawfal proclaimed, "If this is true, Khadija, verily Muhammad is the prophet of this people. I knew that a prophet of this people was to be expected. His time has come."

Learning all this, in addition to knowing about his noble and trustworthy character, Khadija proposed marriage to the Prophet ﷺ and they were married soon thereafter. Khadija would be the mother of all the Prophet's children, except Ibrahim.

