

## The Death of Sa'ad, Mu'adh's Son

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Shortly after Sa'ad had pronounced sentence on the Krayzah he returned to the Mosque in Medina where his condition continued to deteriorate. The Prophet (sa) visited him frequently and then one night as he entered he found Sa'ad in a semi-unconscious state.

He sat down near his head and tenderly cradled it close to his chest then supplicated saying, "O Allah, in sincerity Sa'ad has labored on the Path with Your Messenger attending to every aspect, take now his soul with the best acceptance in the way that You take the souls of Your creation." Sa'ad, who had supplicated sometime before that his soul should be taken if he had served his purpose, regained consciousness and opened his eyes and said in a weakened voice, "Peace be upon you, O Messenger of Allah (sa), I bear witness that you have delivered your message."

When Sa'ad was comfortable, the Messenger of Allah (sa) left his tent and a few hours later Angel Gabriel came to tell him that Sa'ad had passed away. The funeral arrangements were made and men, women and children walked in his funeral procession. As his bier was carried to his grave its bearers were surprised how light it seemed. When they reached the grave the bier was placed at its side and the Prophet (sa) led the funeral prayer.

As Sa'ad's bier was lowered into his grave the Prophet's face turned ashen and he exclaimed, "Exalted is Allah!" three times, whereupon the exaltation was taken up by the mourners. After a short pause the Prophet (sa) said, "Allah is the Greatest!" and once again his mourners repeated the exaltation.

A little while after the funeral the Prophet (sa) was asked what had caused his face to suddenly turn ashen, whereupon he told his inquirer, "The grave closed in upon your companion and he felt constructed, and if any man could have escaped it, it would have been Sa'ad. Then, Allah relieved him from it." The bearers also commented to the Prophet (sa) upon the lightness of Sa'ad's bier as he had been a large person and they expected it to have been heavier whereupon the Prophet (sa) told them that he had seen angels bearing his bier along with them.

### The Forgiveness of Abu Lubabah

Several days later, just before the dawn prayer when the Prophet (sa) was in the home of Lady Umm Salamah, he told her that he had received news that Abu Lubabah had been forgiven. It was wonderful news and Lady Umm Salamah was given permission to convey it to him. Immediately, Lady Umm Salamah went to the door of her room that opened into the Mosque and called to Abu Lubabah saying, "Abu Lubabah, good news, Allah has relented toward you."

Several men had already gathered in the Mosque to await the dawn prayer, when they heard the good news they raced toward him to untie the ropes, but Abu Lubabah stopped them saying, "Do not untie me, let the Messenger of Allah (sa) set me free with his own hands." When the Prophet (sa) entered the Mosque Abu Lubabah told him that he wished to give a third of his property in charity to atone for his action. The Prophet (sa) accepted and loosened the ropes that bound him and his property was given to the poor.