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Abdullah bin Abbas (Radiyahallahu Anhu) was very young at the time, the prophet (Sallahuhu Alaihi wa sallam) left this world. But Allah SWT blessed him with the Fikr of Ummah more than his age, he started thinking, "the prophet (Sallahuhu Alaihi wa Sallam) has left this world but still large number of Sahaba Ikram (Radiyahallahu Anhum) are alive to bless us with prophetic knowledge, before their demise from this world we should learn knowledge of Deen from them so that the prophetic teachings remain protected."



With this concern he met with another Sahaba (Radiyahallahu Anhu) and expressed his concern to him. He was very happy but his concern was "both of us are very young. So many great and eminent Sahaba (Radiyahallahu Anhum) are still there. who will be learning from us when all the great personalities are there to teach Deen?"

Abdullah bin Abbas (Radiyahallahu Anhu) was not discouraged. He thought to keep going alone to learn knowledge of Deen although nobody is accompanying him.



He then started going to all the Ansaar and Muhajireen Sahaba Ikram (Radiyahallahu Anhum) to learn whatever knowledge they learnt from Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam), From one door to other door, he used keep moving to learn Ilm of Deen. He was the cousin of Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wa Sallam) but he never thought of his position rather kept seeking knowledge from different people.



He had great Adaab too, when he would go to any place to seek knowledge and found the Sahaba (Radiyallahu Anhu) is asleep, he would not knock the door to wake him up rather spread his shawl in front of the door and wait there until he wakes up. when the person would wake up they used to tell him "Abdullah you are the cousin of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam), you could have call us to go to you, why did you take all the trouble to come to us and wait here?"

He used to answer, " I must come to you, I am a student and you are my teacher."



When the Sahaba Ikram (Radiyahallahu Anhum) would ask him "how long did you wait here?" Then he would answer he was been sitting here for pretty long time, they would say, "how pity! you could've awaken us from sleep" but he would answer "I did not want to disturb you for my sake"

Desert life was mostly hot but his thirst for knowledge was so much that he would not care the weather or any other circumstances.



There was no Madrasah in every places like nowadays, learning knowledge was not so easy, he had to travel from here to there in hot weather just for learning one Hadeeth. That's how, many years passed and he kept learning and learning until a time came because of his devotion to learn knowledge, people started to call him "Bahrul Ulum" (the ocean of knowledge) An "Hibr-ul-Ummat" (The most learned man of Ummah) he was considered the most learned person of his time. Even Amirul Mumineen Hadrat Umar (Radiyallahu Anhu) would ask him about different Shar'ee issues.



Because of his Devotion to knowledge Allah SWT blessed him with such knowledge that, people started coming to him in groups and in huge numbers to learn knowledge. The same person whom he went initially to accompany him to learn knowledge said,

" This boy has surely proved himself more intelligent than us "

He earned this respect because of his humbleness and steadfastness of learning knowledge, he never thought him as the family member of Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) rather humbled himself and worked hard to learn knowledge of Deen. My dear little hearts, knowledge is very noble, let's make efforts and scarifies-es with humbleness and steadfastness to learn knowledge of Deen. May Allah gives you all beneficial knowledge. Ameen.

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