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10th Ramazan was the demise date of Umm al Mu'minin Khayr al Nisa – Sayyidah Khadija al Kubra *~razi Allahu anha~* the First Beloved Wife of RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~*. We have collected some Hadiths on her Merits in the below lines.

Allah Almighty & Sayyiduna Jibrail sent her 'Salams' {Greetings}!

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah *~razi Allahu anhu~* narrated that:

“Once <Sayyiduna> Jibrail came to the Prophet <while he used to be in the Cave of Hira> and said: “O RasulAllah! This is “Khadija’ coming to you with a dish having meat soup <and some other food>. When she reaches you, convey her the ‘Salam’ of her Lord <Allah Almighty>, and my ‘Salam’; and give her the Glad-tidings of the Palace made up of precious Stones and Pearls {‘Qasab’} in Paradise, where there will be neither any Noise nor any trouble (toil & fatigue)!” {Sahih al Bukhari; H # 3820}

Dear Readers,

Imagine the Beloved RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* in the Cave of Hira in Makkah meditating and worshipping Allah Almighty, and receiving Revelation, and Sayyidah Khadija *~razi Allahu anha~* bringing Food to the Prophet in the Cave at the age of 55 + climbing the mount Hira! Those who have been to Mount Hira know the difficult terrain and the difficulty of climbing this blessed mountain! But, such was the devotion, love and selfless service of Umm al Mu'minin *~razi Allahu anha~* that she used climb up the mountain to serve food to the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~*! It is on this service of hers that Sayyiduna Jibrail informs the Prophet of her coming so that the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* can Welcome her with the ‘Salams’ of Allah Almighty and Sayyiduna Jibrail and inform her the Glad-tidings of a Palace in Paradise!

Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik *~razi Allahu anhu~* narrated that:

“Once <Sayyiduna> Jibrail came to the Prophet when <Sayyidah> Khadija was with him. <Sayyiduna> Jibrail said to him: “Verily! Allah Almighty sends ‘Salams’ on <Sayyidah> Khadija!” Upon this, <Sayyidah> Khadija *~razi Allahu anha~* said: “Verily! Allah Almighty is ‘Salam’ and May there be ‘Salam’ on Jibrail and May there be ‘Salam’, ‘Rahmah’ of Allah, and ‘Barakah’ upon you <i.e. Jibrail>!” {Wa Alayka Salamu wa RahmatuAllahi wa Barakatuhu}.” {Sunan al Kubra of Imam Nisai; H # 10, 206 * Mustadrak al Hakim; H # 4856}

The above Hadith is of another occasion when Sayyidah Khadija *~razi Allahu anha~* was with the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* in their house.

Sayyidah Khadija is 'Khayr al Nisa' {Best of the Women}!

Sayyiduna Ali bin Abu Talib *~razi Allahu anhu~* narrated that the Beloved RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* said: "The Best of the Women is <Sayyidah> Maryam <in her era> and **the Best of the Women is <Sayyidah> Khadija <in her era>.**" {Sahih al Bukhari; H # 3815}

Palace of Pearls in Paradise!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa *~razi Allahu anha~* said: "I did not feel jealous of any of the wives of the Prophet as much as I did of<Sayyidah> Khadija, though she died before the Prophet married me; I often heard the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* mentioning her and **Allah Almighty informed him to give her <Sayyidah Khadija ~razi Allahu anha~> the Glad-tidings that she would have a Palace of Precious Stones and Pearls {‘Qasab’} in Paradise;** and whenever the Prophet slaughtered a sheep, he would send it to her friends so much that it would suffice for them." {Sahih al Bukhari; H 3816}

It is from Sayyidah Khadija that the Beloved RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ had Children and Progeny!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa *~razi Allahu anha~* said: "I did not feel jealous of any of the wives of the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* as much as I did of Khadija though I did not see her. The Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* used to mention her very often, and whenever he slaughtered a sheep, he would cut its parts and send them to the Friends of <Sayyidah> Khadija. When I sometimes used to say to him: "<You treat Khadija *~razi Allahu anha~* in such a way> As if there is no woman on Earth except <Sayyidah> Khadija!" The Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* would say: "**Khadija was of such and such lofty merits, and it is from her that I had children!**" {Sahih al Bukhari; H # 3818}

The Love of Khadija is Nurtured and Bestowed to RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ Divinely!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa *~razi Allahu anha~* said: "I did not feel jealous of any of the wives of the Prophet as much as I did of<Sayyidah> Khadija, though I did not find her era <she died="" before="" the="" prophet="">~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ married me>; Whenever the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* used to slaughter a sheep, he used to say: "Send some of it to the friends

of <Sayyidah> Khadija!” Sayyidah Ayesha ~razi Allahu anha~ says: “Once I became angry and said: “Khadija!” The Prophet ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ said: “**The Love of <Sayyidah> Khadija was Bestowed to me!**” {Sahih al Muslim; H # 2435}</she>

The Beloved RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ never Married in her Lifetime!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa ~razi Allahu anha~ stated: “The Beloved RasulAllah never married other women in the lifetime of <Sayyidah>Khadija, until she passed away.” {Sahih al Muslim; H # 2436}

One of the Four Greatest Women of All Mankind to be Followed!

Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik ~razi Allahu anhu~ narrated that the Beloved RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ said: “Sufficient for you<for following> among the Women of the Worlds {‘Alameen’} are <Sayyidah> Maryam bint 'Imran, <Sayyidah> Khadijah bint Khuwaylid,<Sayyidah> Fatima bint Muhammad and <Sayyidah> Asiyah the wife of Pharaoh {‘Firawn’}.” {Jami’ al Tirmizi; H # 3878}

One of the Four Most Superior Women of All Mankind!

Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Abbas ~razi Allahu anhu~ narrates that the Beloved RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ drew four lines in the ground and asked: “Do you know what this is?” The Sahaba (Companions) replied: “Allah and His Rasul know better!” Then the Beloved RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ said: “From the Women of Paradise Four are Superior to others: <Sayyidah> Khadijah bint Khuwaylid, <Sayyidah> Fatima bint Muhammad, <Sayyidah> Asiyah bint Mazahim - the wife of Pharaoh and <Sayyidah> Maryam bint Imran.” {Fazail al Sahaba; H # 250 & 259 of Imam Nisai * Sahih Ibn Hibban; H #7010 * Mustadrak al Hakim; H # 3836}

One of the Four Superior Leaders of the Women of Paradise!

Salih narrates that <Sayyidah> Ayesha ~razi Allahu anha~ said to <Sayyidah> Fatima ~razi Allahu anha~: “Shall I not tell you some good news? I have heard the Prophet ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ say that only four women are the Leaders of the Women of Paradise:<Sayyidah> Maryam bint Imran, <Sayyidah> Fatima bint RasulAllah, <Sayyidah> Khadija bint Khuwaylid and Pharaoh’ s wife, <Sayyidah>Asiyah.” {Fazail al Sahabah; H # 1336 of Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal}

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Sayyidah Khadija's Necklace Reminds the Prophet of her!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa *~razi Allahu anha~* narrated that: "When the people of Makkah sent about Ransoms {*'Fidya'*} for their prisoners <after loosing in the Battle of Badr>, <Sayyidah> Zaynab - the daughter of RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* sent some property to ransom Abul Aas <her husband>, sending among it a Necklace of hers which <Sayyidah> Khadija had had, and (which she) had given to her when she married Abul Aas. When the Beloved RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* saw it, he felt great sorrow and extreme tenderness <as it="" reminded="" him="" of="" sayyidah="" khadija="">~razi Allahu anha~> and the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* said <to the Sahaba>: "If you consider it appropriate, then you should free her prisoner for her and return to her what belongs to her, (it will be well)." They replied: "Yes!"</as>

The Beloved RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* then made an agreement with him <Abul Aas> that he should let <Sayyidah> Zaynab come to him, and the Beloved RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* sent <Sayyiduna> Zayd bin Haritha and a man from the 'Ansar' (the Helpers from Madinah) and said to them: "Wait in the valley of 'Yajaj' till <Sayyidah> Zaynab reaches you, then you should accompany her and bring her back." {Sunan Abu Dawud; H # 3878}

The First to Bring 'Iman' and Accept 'Islam'!

Sayyiduna Rabiya Sa'di *~razi Allahu anhu~* narrates that: "Once, I went to meet <Sayyiduna> Huzayfah al Yamani *~razi Allahu anhu~* in Masjid al Nabvi, at that time he was saying: "<Sayyidah> Khadija bin Khuwaylid was the First to Bring 'Iman' on Allah Almighty and His Rasul from amongst the women of the worlds!" {Mustadrak al Hakim; H # 4846}

Imam Ibn Shihab al Zuhri *~razi Allahu anhu~* states: "<Sayyidah> Khadija was the First to Bring 'Iman' on the Prophet from amongst the women!" {Mustadrak al Hakim; H # 4844}

The Prophet Used to Miss Sayyidah Khadija Dearly!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa *~razi Allahu anha~* narrates: "Once <Sayyidah> Hala bint Khuwaylid – the sister of <Sayyidah> Khadija asked the permission of the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* to enter <the house>. **On this, the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* remembered the way <Sayyidah> Khadija used to seek permission and that upset the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~*.** He said: "O Allah! Hala!" So I became jealous <and angry> said: "What makes you remember an Old woman amongst the old woman of the Quraysh of red gums who died long ago, and in whose

place Allah Almighty has given you somebody better than her!” {*Sahih al Bukhari; H # 3821*}

None is Better than Sayyidah Khadija from the Wives of the Prophet!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa *~razi Allahu anha~* states: “Whenever the Prophet used to mention <Sayyidah> Khadija, he used to praise her excessively. One day I became angry and I said: “You mention the one with red cheeks (*gums*) too often, even after Allah Almighty has bestowed you better wives than her in her replacement!” The Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* said: “**Allah Almighty has not provided me someone better than her in her replacement! She was such a lady that she brought ‘Iman’ {Faith} at a time when everyone rejected me, and supported me with her wealth when everyone refused to do so and Allah Almighty gave me Children through her, whereas He did not give me children from other women!**” {*Musnad Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal; H # 24908*}

The High Regard for the Friends & Admirers of Sayyidah Khadija!

Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik *~razi Allahu anhu~* narrated: “Whenever something was presented to the Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~*, he used to say: “Take this to the house of so and so woman because she is a friend of Khadija! Take this to the house of so and so woman for she used to Love Khadija!” {*Al Adab al Mufrad; H # 232*}

Sayyidah Khadija was Gifted the Grapes of Paradise in this World!

Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa *~razi Allahu anha~* narrated that the Beloved RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* gave <Sayyidah> Khadija – the grapes of Paradise to eat in this world!” {*Sharh al Zarqani alal Mawahib LaDunya; 4: 376*}

Sayyidah’s Demise!

Khayr al Nisa Umm al Mu’minin Sayyidah Khadija *~razi Allahu anha~* passed away at the age of 65 years on 10th Ramazan in Makkah al Mukarramah, Three (3) before Hijrah <to *Madinah al Munawwarah*> and after passing 25 years in the devoted service of the Beloved RasulAllah *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~*. The Prophet *~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~* himself stepped into her grave and laid her to rest in the famous graveyard of Makkah – ‘Jannat al Mualla’. No Funeral Prayer {*Salat al Janaza*} was held for her, as the command for such prayers had not yet been revealed.

Important Note: The Wahhabi Salafi Najdi Government destroyed the Blessed Grave of Sayyidah Khadija and the Dome which stood over her Grave in ‘Jannat al Mualla’, Makkah al Mukarramah when they seized the blessed lands of Hijaz in

1923-6 C.E. In the subsequent years, they demolished the Blessed House of Sayyidah Khadija ~razi Allahu anha~ where the Prophet ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~ lived with her for 25 years near the Mount Safa, and constructed Public Toilets over it! May Allah Protect us from the 'Fitnah' of Wahhabiya Salafiya and degraders of the Prophet and his noble Household {'Ahl al Bayt'}! Amin!

The First-ness & Some Specialties of Sayyidah Khadija!

- i. Sayyidah Khadija ~razi Allahu anha~ was the First Wife of the Beloved RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~!
- ii. She was the First to Accept Islam and Bring 'Iman' on Allah and RasulAllah ~sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam~!
- iii. She was the First to have Heard the Ayahs (Verses) of the Holy Quran after it was revealed (*the First Ayahs of Surah al Alaq and Surah al Fatiha!*)
- iv. She was the First to have consoled and comforted the Prophet!
- v. She was the First to Sacrifice and Submit her wealth for the Sake of Islam.
- vi. She is the First 'Umm al Mu'minin' {*The Mother of the Believers*} of Muslims.
- vii. She is the First to have bore the Prophet Children! (*The other being Sayyidah Mariya al Qibtiya.*)
- viii. She is the First to have Prayed 'Salah' along with the Prophet!
- ix. She is the First to have Received 'Salams' from Allah Almighty and Sayyiduna Jibrail from amongst the women! (*The other being Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqa ~razi Allahu anha~ who too received 'Salams' from Allah Almighty and Sayyiduna Jibrail!*)
- x. She is the First to have Received the Glad-tidings of Paradise in this World!
- xi. She is the First to have Received Food from Paradise in this World! (*the other being Sayyidah Fatima ~razi Allahu anha~*)
- xii. She is the First from the Leaders of the Women in Paradise from this 'Ummah' (*Nation*)!
- xiii. She is the First of the Prophet's wives to have passed away!
- xiv. Sayyidah Khadija ~razi Allahu anha~ is 'Khayr al Nisa' (*the Best of All Women*) and the Mother of 'Afzal al Nisa' – Sayyidah Fatima al Zahra (*The Most Meritorious of All Women*) ~razi Allahu anha~!
- xv. She is the Maternal Grandmother of All 'Ahl al Bayt' (*the Progeny and Children of the Prophet*)!

Al Fatiha!

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