



Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) received nubuwwah (prophethood) on a Monday, and he was around forty years old at the time. After Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) was made the Nabi and prophet of Allah Ta‘ala, the first thing that the angel, Jibreel (‘alaihi salaam), taught him, was to perform wudhu and salaah.

Jibreel (‘alaihi salaam) stamped his heel on the ground, and this made a spring of water start to flow. He then made wudhu to show Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) how to make wudhu. After he finished, Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) also made wudhu. Thereafter, they performed two rakaats of salaah, with Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) following Jibreel (‘alaihi salaam). In this manner, Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) learnt how to perform salaah.

Thereafter, Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) returned home where his beloved wife, Sayyidah Khadeejah (radhiyallahu ‘anha) accepted Islam. After she accepted Islam, Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) taught her how to make wudhu and perform salaah.

That evening, while they were performing salaah together, Sayyiduna ‘Ali (radhiyallahu ‘anhu), who was a young boy, came and saw what they were doing. He was surprised, because he had never seen someone performing salaah before. Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) then gave him da’wah and invited him to become a Muslim and worship one Allah alone. Sayyiduna ‘Ali (radhiyallahu ‘anhu) told Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) that he wanted to think about it before he decided.

The next day, which was Tuesday, he came to Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) and accepted Islam. After him, the freed slave of Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam), Sayyiduna Zaid bin Haarithah (radhiyallahu ‘anhu), also came and accepted Islam.

The Ulama explain that the first woman to accept Islam was Sayyidah Khadeejah (radhiyallahu 'anha). The first child to accept Islam was Sayyiduna 'Ali (radhiyallahu 'anhu). The first slave to accept Islam was Sayyiduna Zaid bin Haarithah (radhiyallahu 'anhu), and the first man to accept Islam was Sayyiduna Abu Bakr (radhiyallahu 'anhu).

Insha-Allah, we will next learn the story of how Sayyiduna Abu Bakr (radhiyallahu 'anhu) accepted Islam.

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