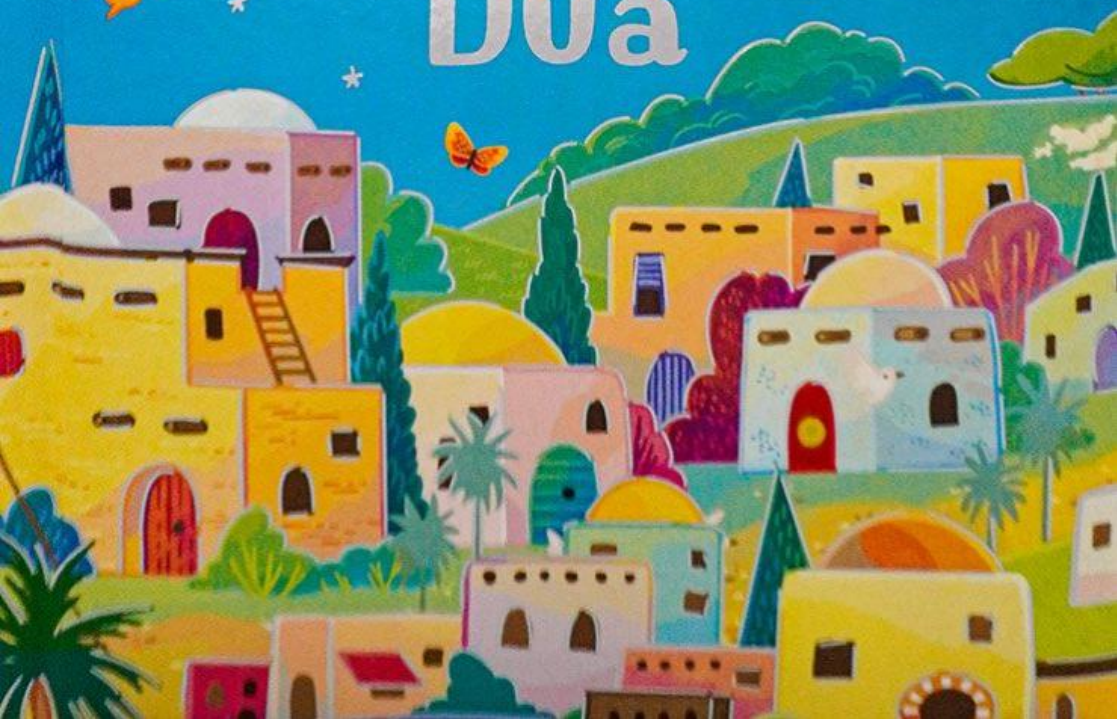


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Khadija bint Khuwaylid

Give her the glad tidings of having a place made of pearls in Paradise.

Sahih
al-Bukhari



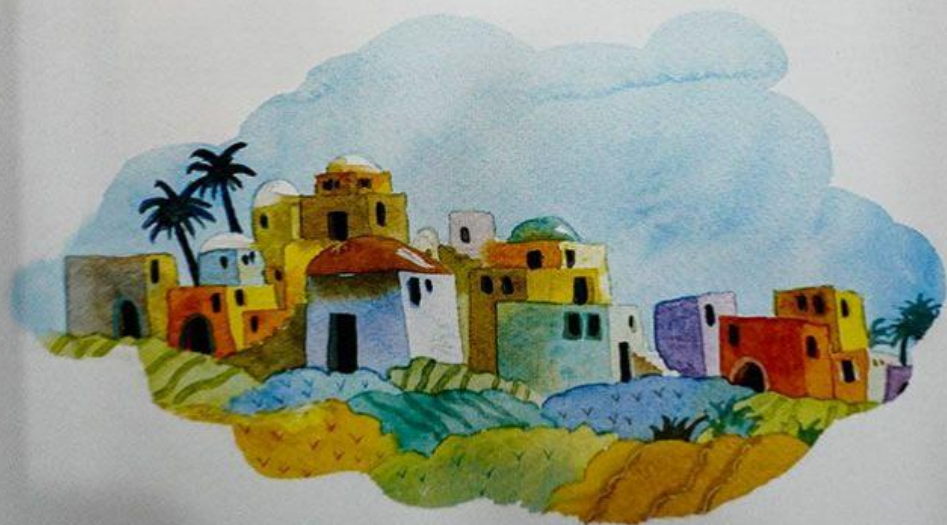
Among the Sahabiyat (the women who had seen the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and believed in him) Khadija Bint Khuwaylid has a special place. She was the first wife of the Prophet and she was the first Muslim. She supported the Prophet when the Quraysh strongly objected to his preaching Islam after he had had prophethood bestowed upon him by Allah. The Quraysh and the other tribes of Arabia harassed and tortured the Prophet very badly, but Khadija stood by him like a rock and helped him. She proved to be a trusted wife who gave all that she had to please Allah and His messenger. She supported Islam with all her heart.



اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ حَسَنْتَ خُلُقِي فَحَسِّنْ خُلُقِي.

O Allah, You have made my body beautiful,
so beautify my character also.

Khadija came from a respectable Quraysh family of Makkah. Her father was Khuwaylid ibn Asad, a Makkan nobleman. Before her marriage to the Prophet, she had already been married twice. But, both her husbands had died. Her first husband was Abu Hala ibn Zararah. After his death, she was married to a merchant called Atiq ibn Ayidh, who also died a few years later. Khadija had two sons from her first marriage and a daughter from her second marriage. A kind and honourable lady, Khadija was noble in character, and the people of Makkah respected her a lot.



Khadija Hires the Prophet

*When she reaches you, greet her on behalf of her lord
and on my behalf.*

Sahih
al-Bukhari



Whatever her husbands had owned came to Khadija after their deaths so that she became one of the wealthiest women in Makkah. She took control of her second husband's business and managed it quite well. She hired men to trade on her behalf. After the death of her second husband, Khadija was looking for somebody to take her caravan of goods to Syria. In those days the best known and most profitable

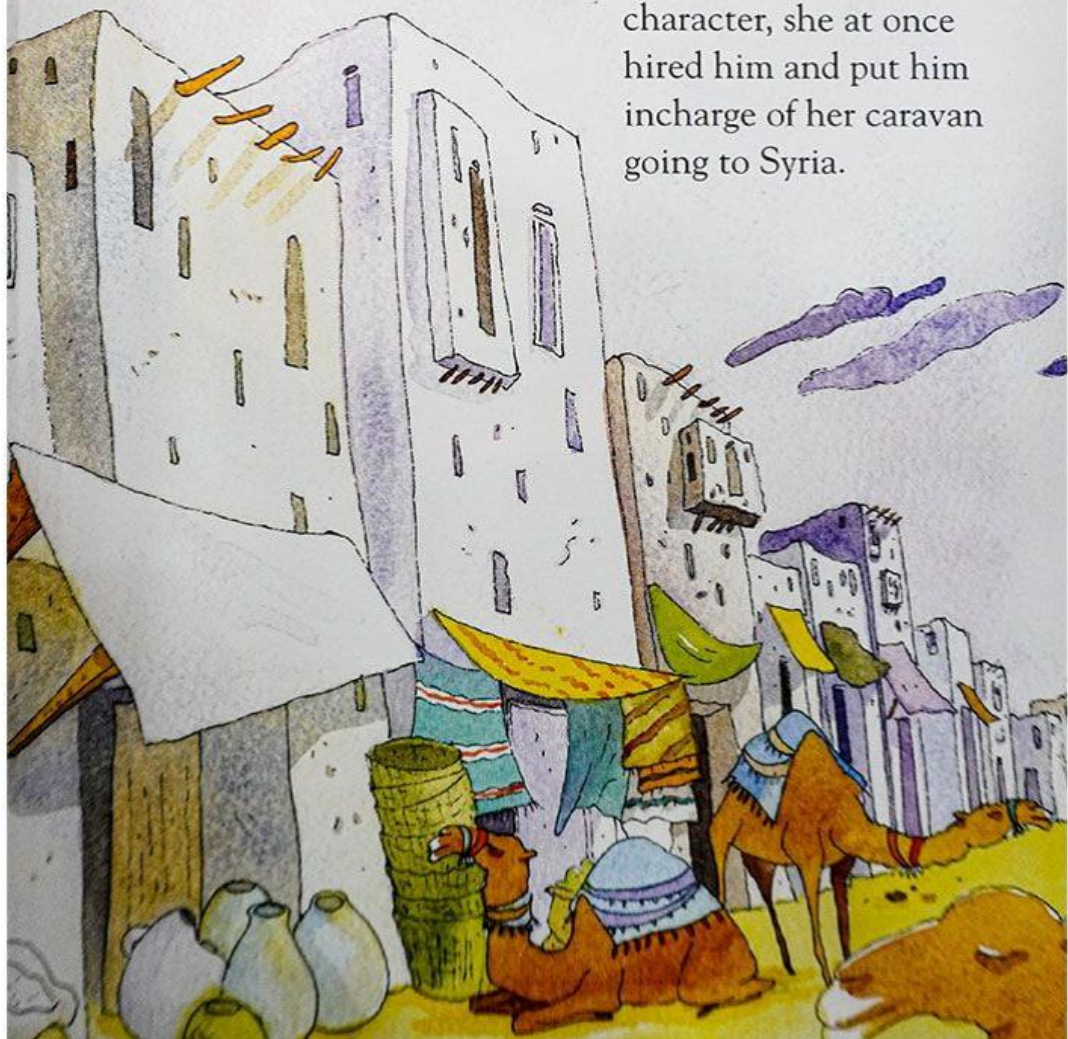


اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مُوجِبَاتِ رَحْمَتِكَ وَعَزَائِمَ
مَغْفِرَتِكَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ وَالْغَنِيمَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ
بَرٍّ وَالْفَوْزَ بِالْجَنَّةِ وَالنَّجَاةَ مِنَ النَّارِ.

O Allah, I ask You for the things that cause Your mercy, the means of Your forgiveness, safety from every sin, advantage from every good deed, success in getting paradise and deliverance from fire.

caravan route stretched from Yemen in the south to Syria in the north.

When the Prophet's uncle, Abu Talib, heard that Khadija was going to hire a person to take her caravan to Syria, he went to Khadija and asked her to employ his nephew. Since, Khadija had heard of the Prophet's honesty and good character, she at once hired him and put him incharge of her caravan going to Syria.



The Caravan Returns to Makkah

The best woman of paradise is Maryam bint Imran and the best woman of the world is Khadija.

Shahi
al-Bukhari



The Prophet went on this trip to Syria accompanied by Khadija's servant Maysarah. They travelled a long distance and reached Syria and then the Prophet traded in the market of Syria with caution and intelligence. They made a big profit and returned to Makkah after travelling again for many days. When the caravan from Syria returned to Makakh, Khadija was amazed to see the profit her caravan had made thanks to



اللَّهُمَّ هَوِّنْ عَلَيْنَا هَذَا السَّفَرَ وَاطْوِعْنَا بُعْدَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ
أَنْتَ الصَّاحِبُ فِي السَّفَرِ وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ.

O Allah, make this journey easy for us and roll up its distance from us. O Allah, You are my Companion in the journey and protector in my home.

the Prophet. Khadija was greatly impressed by the Prophet's honesty and trustworthiness. Maysarah, Khadija's slave, also praised the Prophet. He told Khadija, "I have never met anybody more honest or more trustworthy than Abu Talib's nephew."



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