

# THE GREAT LIGHT

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(Mohammad's  
Childhood?)

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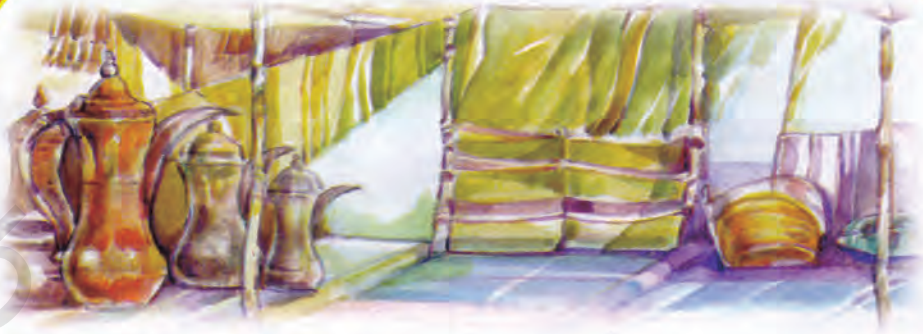
**This is my present  
to every Muslim  
girl and boy all  
around the world.**

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Mohammad (may peace be upon him) returned to Makkah from Badia where he was living with Halima, his wet nurse, when he was about three years old. Amena, his mother, was very happy to see her little boy strong and healthy. She hugged him while her tears were rolling down her cheeks. She had really missed him.

عَادَ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - إِلَى مَكَّةَ مِنَ الْبَادِيَةِ حَيْثُ  
كَانَ يَعْيشُ مَعَ مَرْضِعَتِهِ حَلِيمَةَ السَّعْدِيَّةِ وَكَانَ عُمُرُهُ ثَلَاثَ  
سَنَوَاتٍ. وَرَأَتْهُ أُمُّهُ قَوِيًّا صَحِيحَ الْبَدَنِ، فَفَرِحَتْ بِهِ، وَاحْتَضَنَتْهُ  
بَعْدَ أَنْ افْتَقَدَتْهُ وَقْتًا طَوِيلًا، وَسَأَلَتْ دُمُوعَهَا عَلَى خَدَّيْهَا.



Soon **Mohammed** became close to his grandfather, **Abdul Muttalib**. He spent most of his time with him. **Abdul Muttalib** was the chief of **Quraish**. Everybody respected him. He kept **Mohammed** with him as he listened and discussed **Quraish** men`s problems.

وَفَرَحَ عَبْدُ الْمُطَّلِبِ بِعَوْدَةِ حَفِيدِهِ مُحَمَّدٍ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ -  
الَّذِي لَمْ يَكُنْ يُفَارِقُهُ. وَكَانَ عَبْدُ الْمُطَّلِبِ رَجُلًا حَكِيمًا  
يُحِبُّهُ رِجَالُ قُرَيْشٍ وَيَحْتَرِمُونَهُ. وَكَانَ عَبْدُ الْمُطَّلِبِ  
يُجْلِسُ حَفِيدَهُ مُحَمَّدًا مَعَهُ وَهُوَ يُنَاقِشُ أُمُورَ الْقَبِيلَةِ.



Thus, **Muhammad** at a young age, saw how his grandfather advised and solved the problems of his tribe. He admired and looked up to him. **Muhammad** was a happy child. He was raised by a kind and loving mother and a wise and gentle grandfather.

وَهَكَذَا، رَأَى مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - مُنذُ نُعُومَةِ أَطَاغِرِهِ جَدَّهُ  
يُنصِحُ أَهْلَ قُرَيْشٍ وَيُحِلُّ مَشَاكِلَهُمْ، فَأَحَبَّهُ وَتَعَلَّقَ بِهِ. فَنشأ  
مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - سَعِيدًا بَيْنَ أُمِّ طَيِّبَةٍ وَجَدِّ حَكِيمٍ.



However, his happiness did not last long. One day, **Amena** thought she should visit her relative in **Yathreb (Madina)** and decided to take her son **Mohammad** and his nanny **Um-Ayman** with her, as this would give **Mohammad** a chance to visit his father`s grave.

وَلَكِنَّ هَذِهِ السَّعَادَةُ لَمْ تَدُمْ، فَقَدْ فَكَّرَتْ **أَمِنَةُ** فِي أَنْ  
تُسَافِرَ إِلَى **يَثْرِبَ (الْمَدِينَةِ)**؛ لِرِيزَارَةِ أَقَارِبِهَا، وَقَرَّرَتْ أَنْ  
تَأْخُذَ مَعَهَا **أُمَّ أَيْمَنَ** الْحَاضِنَةَ، وَابْنَهَا **مُحَمَّدًا** لِرِيزَارَةِ قَبْرِ أَبِيهِ.



**Mohammad** was excited to go on this trip. He spent a month with his relatives and played with their children. When **Mohammad** and **Amena** were on their way back to **Makkah**, **Amena** was weak, she became very sick and died.

كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - مُشْتاقًا لِهَذِهِ الرَّحْلَةِ،  
وَقَضَى شَهْرًا مَعَ أَقَارِبِهِ، فَكَانَ يَلْعَبُ مَعَ أَوْلَادِهِمْ. ثُمَّ قَرَّرَتْ  
أَمِينَةُ الْعُودَةَ إِلَى مَكَّةَ، وَفِي طَرِيقِ الْعُودَةِ ضَعُفَتْ صِحَّةُ  
أَمِينَةَ، وَمَرَضَتْ مَرَضًا شَدِيدًا، ثُمَّ مَاتَتْ.



**Mohammad** cried. Tears were running down his cheeks when his nanny hugged him. It was a great tragedy for him to lose his mother . He was only about six years old. **Mohammad** and his nanny felt sad as they continued their journey to **makkah**. His grandfather, **Abdul Muttalib**, took him to his own home. So, he became more fond of his grandfather.

بَكَى مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - وَأَنْهَالَتْ دُمُوعُهُ عَلَى خَدَيْهِ  
عِنْدَمَا اخْتَضَنَتْهُ أُمُّ أَيْمَنَ. فَلَقَدْ كَانَ مَوْتُ أُمِّهِ مَصْدَرَ حُزْنٍ  
شَدِيدٍ لَهُ، وَهُوَ فِي السَّادِسَةِ مِنْ عُمُرِهِ. وَكَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - وَأُمُّ أَيْمَنَ يَشْعُرَانِ بِالْحُزْنِ أَثْنَاءَ رِحْلَتَيْهِمَا إِلَى مَكَّةَ.  
وَعَاشَ مُحَمَّدٌ فِي بَيْتِ جَدِّهِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ، فَازْدَادَ تَعَلُّقُهُ بِهِ.





**Abdul Muttalib**, who was becoming weak with old age, stayed in bed most of the time. **Mohammad** spent most of time beside him. He was listening to his grandfather as he asked his friends and relative to take care of his grandson. then **Abdul Muttalib** died when **Mohammad** was eight years old. **Mohammad** felt sad and lonely.

وَكَانَ عَبْدُ الْمُطَّلِبِ قَدْ أَصْبَحَ شَيْخًا كَبِيرًا، فَكَانَ يَجْلِسُ فِي فِرَاشِهِ وَيُجْلِسُ مُحَمَّدًا - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - مَعَهُ، وَيُوصِي أَقَارِبَهُ بِالْعِنَايَةِ بِحَفِيدِهِ الصَّغِيرِ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ عَبْدُ الْمُطَّلِبِ عِنْدَمَا كَانَ عُمُرُ مُحَمَّدٍ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - ثَمَانِي سِنَوَاتٍ، فَشَعَرَ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - بِالْحُزْنِ وَالْوَحْدَةِ.



Abu Talib, Mohammad's uncle, was a powerful and well respected man among Quraish. He took his orphaned nephew to live with him.

He and his kind wife, Fatima, gave young Mohammad a lot of love and care. Mohammad grew up in his uncle's loving family. He played with his cousins and the Quraish children.

كَانَ أَبُو طَالِبٍ - عَمُّ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - رَجُلًا يَحْتَرِمُهُ  
أَهْلُ قُرَيْشٍ وَيَخْشَوْنَهُ. وَقَدْ أَخَذَ ابْنَ أَخِيهِ مُحَمَّدًا - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ  
وَسَلَّمَ - لِيَعِيشَ مَعَهُ، وَأَحَاطَهُ بِالْحُبِّ وَالرَّعَايَةِ هُوَ وَزَوْجَتُهُ  
فَاطِمَةُ. وَنَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - فِي بَيْتِ عَمِّهِ، وَكَانَ  
يَلْعَبُ مَعَ أَبْنَاءِ عَمِّهِ وَأَقْرَانِهِ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ.



At that time, boys his age were tending the sheep. **Mohammad** started to take care of his uncle's sheep. He was taking his uncle's herd to green place called **Ajjad**. He liked being a shepherd. This was one way to help his kind uncle and to have time to think about the world around him.

وَفِي تِلْكَ الْفِتْرَةِ، كَانَ الْأَوْلَادُ الَّذِينَ فِي عُمُرِهِ يَرْعُونَ الْأَغْنَامَ، فَكَانَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَرْعَى أَعْنَامَ عَمِّهِ. فَيَأْخُذُهَا إِلَى أَرْضِ خَضْرَاءَ تُسَمَّى (أَجْيَادًا). وَكَانَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُحِبُّ الرَّعْيَ. وَقَدْ أَتَاكَ لَهُ هَذَا الْعَمَلُ بِأَنْ يُسَاعِدَ عَمَّهُ، وَأَنْ يَتَأَمَّلَ الْكُونَ مِنْ حَوْلِهِ.



Most of the men in **Quraish** were merchants. They took business trips to **Bilad-Ashaam (Syria)** and Yemen on caravans. They would load their camels with goods to exchange. They made two trips a year: one in the summer to **Bilad-Ashaam** and one in the winter to **Yemen**

كَانَ مُعْظَمُ رِجَالِ قُرَيْشٍ يَعْمَلُونَ بِالتَّجَارَةِ، فَكَانُوا يُسَافِرُونَ إِلَى بِلَادِ الشَّامِ وَالْيَمَنِ فِي قَوَافِلٍ، فَيَحْمِلُونَ الْجِمَالَ بِالْبَضَائِعِ، وَيَقُومُونَ بِرِحْلَتَيْنِ فِي الْعَامِ: وَاحِدَةً فِي الصَّيْفِ إِلَى بِلَادِ الشَّامِ، وَالْأُخْرَى فِي الشِّتَاءِ إِلَى الْيَمَنِ.



Like most of **Quraish**, **Abu Talib** was a merchant. He was thinking whether to take with him newpnew to one of his business trips. **Mohammad** was about twelve years old. He was looking forward to go on this trip. **Abu Talib** was preparing to join the caravan. **Mohammad** asked his uncle if he could go with him on the trip.

وَكَانَ أَبُو طَالِبٍ تَاجِرًا مِثْلَ أَهْلِ قُرَيْشٍ، وَقَدْ فَكَّرَ فِي أَنْ يَأْخُذَ مُحَمَّدًا مَعَهُ فِي إِحْدَى رِحَالِ التِّجَارَةِ. وَفِي الثَّانِيَةِ عَشْرَةِ مِنْ عُمُرِهِ، تَطَلَّعَ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - إِلَى أَنْ يَذْهَبَ مَعَ عَمِّهِ فِي رِحْلَةٍ تِجَارِيَّةٍ. وَذَاتَ مَرَّةٍ، كَانَ أَبُو طَالِبٍ يَسْتَعِدُّ لِيُدْحَقَ بِالْقَافِلَةِ الْمَسَافِرَةِ، فَطَلَبَ مِنْهُ مُحَمَّدٌ أَنْ يَذْهَبَ مَعَهُ فِي هَذِهِ الرِّحْلَةِ.



After some thoughts, **Abu Talib** agreed. **Mohammad** was very happy because not many children at his age would have the chance to go on long journeys. When the caravan reached the **Bosra Market**, **Abu Talib** met **Priest Bahira**, who invited them for a meal.

وَبَعْدَ تَفْكِيرٍ وَتَرَدُّدٍ، وَافَقَ أَبُو طَالِبٍ عَلَى سَفَرِ مُحَمَّدٍ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - الَّذِي فَرِحَ بِهِدِهِ الْفُرْصَةَ الَّتِي لَمْ تَتَوَفَّرْ لِلْأَطْفَالِ الَّذِينَ فِي مِثْلِ سِنِّهِ. وَعِنْدَمَا وَصَلَتِ الْقَافِلَةُ إِلَى سُوقِ بُصْرَى، قَابَلَ أَبُو طَالِبٍ الرَّاهِبَ بَحِيرًا، الَّذِي دَعَاهُمْ إِلَى تَنَاوُلِ الطَّعَامِ.



**Priest Bahira** who was christian and had read the holy books noticed many signs indicating that **Mohammad** was the "**Expected Messenger**". He asked **Mohammad** few questions. Then he said to **Abu Talib** that a prophet was coming from the **Arab** world and that **Mohammad** had all the siges.

كَانَ الرَّاهِبُ بَحِيرًا مَسِيحِيًّا، قَرَأَ فِي الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ،  
فَلَا حَظَّ عِلْمَاتٍ تُشِيرُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا هُوَ "النَّبِيُّ الْمُنْتَظَرُ".  
وَسَأَلَ بَحِيرًا مُحَمَّدًا عِدَّةَ أَسْئَلَةٍ، ثُمَّ أَخْبَرَ أَبَا طَالِبٍ بِأَنَّ النَّبِيَّ  
الْمُنْتَظَرَ سَوْفَ يَأْتِي مِنْ جَزِيرَةِ الْعَرَبِ، وَأَنَّ عِلْمَاتِ النَّبُوَّةِ  
مَوْجُودَةٌ فِي مُحَمَّدٍ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ -



He asked **Abo Talib** not to talk his nephew into the heart of **Bilad-Ashaam** for **Mohammad's** safety. **Abo Talib** finished his business quickly and returned home to **Makkah**.

**Mohammad** enjoyed the journey and started helping his uncle in his business. Under **Abo Talib's** care and guidance, **Mohammad** grew up to become a healthy and brave young man.

طَلَبَ بَحِيرًا مِنْ أَبِي طَالِبٍ أَلَّا يَدْخُلَ بَابِنَ أَخِيهِ بِلَادِ  
الشَّامِ، حَتَّى لَا يُؤْذِيَهُ أَحَدٌ. فَأَنْهَى أَبُو طَالِبٍ تِجَارَتَهُ  
بِسُرْعَةٍ وَعَادَ إِلَى مَكَّةَ. وَكَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ سَعِيدًا بِهَذِهِ الرَّحْلَةِ.  
وَبَدَأَ يُسَاعِدُ عَمَّهُ فِي تِجَارَتِهِ. وَتَحْتَ رِعَايَةِ عَمِّهِ نَشَأَ  
مُحَمَّدٌ شَابًا قَوِيًّا شَجَاعًا.