

Core Curriculum

4 Prophethood in Islam

4.1 **A Brief Biography of the Prophet Muhammad (s): The Prophet's Childhood (PART I of III)**

Question: Why did the Prophet migrate to Medina?

Answer: To flee persecution and assassination attempts on his life

Question: Did Abū Ṭālib convert to Islam?

Answer: Yes, he was of the best of Muslims, however, in order to preserve his power so that he could defend the Prophet, he kept his Muslim identity secret from most people.

Question: Did the King of Abyssinia convert to Islam?

Answer: We are not 100% sure, but we know he respected Islam and the Qur'an very much.

Question: Did the Prophet ever go on offensive wars?

Answer: No, all of his wars were defensive in nature. He never began wars.

Question: Why did the Prophet marry multiple women after the death of Khadijah?

Answer: The Prophet only married them in order to create tribal alliances so that he could defend Islam which, at the time, was under threat. At the height of his power after the conquest of Mecca, he did not take any additional wives.