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Abu Bakrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: During the days (of the battle) of the Camel, Allah benefited me with a word that I had heard from the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) after I had been about to join the Companions of the Camel and fight along with them. When the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) was informed that the Persians had crowned the daughter of Khosrow as their ruler, he said: "A people who appointed a woman to be in charge of their affairs will never succeed."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

Abu Bakrah (may Allah be pleased with him) says that Allah, the Almighty, benefited him on the battle of the Camel with a word that he had heard from the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him). That benefit was such that he did not set forth to participate in the civil strife. He had heard the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) say — when he was told that the Persians crowned the daughter of Khosrow as their queen after her father's death: "A people who appointed a woman to be in charge of their affairs will never succeed." It means that those who give women high public positions of presidency, ministry, management, or judiciary achieve no good to the nation. The reason is that Allah, the Almighty, gave men a merit over women in their own nature and made men stronger and more resourceful than women in taking up such positions.

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