

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدٍ أَدَمَ كَمَا يَحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

A Great Orchard Ruined in Moments (Quranic Story)

This incident occurred a few days later after Hazrat ‘Isa – peace be upon Him – was raised into heavens. There was an orchard, known as Dardaan, two miles away from the city of San’a in Yemen. The owner of the orchard was a very pious and generous man. He would call the poor and needy at the time of harvesting the fruits and made announcements to take whatever fruits fall by the force of the wind or if they fall from his baskets, and in this manner, a lot of fruits would go to the poor.

When the owner of the orchard passed away, his three sons became the owners of the orchard but they were very big misers. They came up with the decision that if they invite the poor to collect the fruits then a lot of it will go to them and their wives and children will run short. Hence, all three of them took an oath that they will go before sunrise and pluck the fruits, so that the poor will not come to find out.

Due to their ill intentions, Allah Almighty set fire to the orchard in the night which had burnt the entire orchard into ashes while they were unaware of it.

They woke up at the latter part of the night according to their plan and left for their orchard quietly. They spoke softly on their way so that the poor would not be aware of their plan but when they approached the orchard they were surprised to see the burnt trees, and one of them said, “We have come to a different place and forgot the way.” But then one of

them who was better compared to the other two, said, “We did not forget the way but Allah Almighty has deprived us of fruits, therefore you should recite the Tasbeeh of Allah and then all began to recite:

سُبْحَنَ رَبِّنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

'Glory is to our Lord, undoubtedly, we had been unjust (in depriving the poor from their right).'

(Al-Qalam 68, Verse 29)

All three of them blamed one another and at the end, they said:

عَسَى رَبُّنَا أَنْ يُبَدِّلَنَا خَيْرًا مِّنْهَا إِنَّا إِلَى رَبِّنَا رَاغِبُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

It may be that our Lord will give us in exchange another better than it, we do humbly turn to our Lord.

(Al-Qalam 68, Verse 32)

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood – may Allah be pleased with Him – stated that when they repented to Allah with true heart then Allah Almighty accepted their repentance and granted them another orchard in lieu of the former one which bore much more and bigger fruits than the previous one did. The name of the orchard was Haiwaan. Each grape of the orchard was so big that one bunch of it would become a burden of a mule to carry.

Abu Khaalid Yamaani said, “When I visited the garden I saw the bunches of grapes in that orchard were the size of an ebony man.”

(Saawi Vol. 4, p. 2216)

Lesson:

We learned from this incident that good intentions and generosity results as an abundance in wealth and the effect of misery and ill intentions leads to ruins and destruction. We also learned that by sincerely repenting Allah Almighty restores the lost bounties and grants even more. How true!

ذَٰلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَّشَاءُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ وَسِعُ عِلْمِهِ ﴿٥٤﴾

This is the bounty of Allah, He gives it to whom He pleases. And Allah is All-Embracing, All Knowing.

(Al-Maaidah 5, Verse 54)

(Ajaibul Quran p. 210-211)