

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

Hazrat 'Umar Accepts Islam

Radi Allahu 'Anhu

Sayyidah Fatimah binte Khattab *Radi Allahu 'Anha* is the sister of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. She and her blessed husband, Hadrat Sayyiduna Saeed bin Zayd *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, were very early Muslims. However, due to their fear of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, who at that time was a staunch enemy of Islam, they kept their conversion to Islam very secret.

However, when Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* heard about their conversion to Islam, he was extremely furious and he rushed to their house in a state of fury. When Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* reached there, he could hear someone reading the Qur'an. As he knocked on the door and announced who was at the front door, everyone in the house stopped what they were doing. When his sister opened the door, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* shouted out, "O enemy of your life! Have you accepted Islam?" He then attacked his brother-in-law and severely

beat him as well. When his sister tried to save her husband, she was also slapped so viciously that her blessed face also began to bleed.

His sister, who was after all the sister of Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, then stood bravely in front of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* and declared, "O 'Umar! You may do whatever you wish, but we will never turn away from Islam." When he heard these words and also saw the blood streaming from the face of his blessed sister, he became a little calmer and then declared, "Bring what you have been reading in front of me."

When Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* saw these pages and saw a few words from Surah Hadeed, it was like his entire world had changed. When he reached the verse, "bring faith in Allah *azza wajal* and His Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*," he could not control himself and he suddenly began to weep. His body also began to tremble. Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* suddenly read the Kalimah.

He then left and walked briskly to the house of Hadrat Sayyiduna Zaid bin Arqam *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* and again proclaimed the Kalimah in the blessed presence of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. He then took all the Muslims to the Ka'ba and publicly announced that he had accepted Islam. (Usaabah, 8/161)

Lesson

If a person remains firm on his or her belief, then through the Divine Grace of Almighty *azza wajal*, they are blessed with steadfastness in Imaan. There is no doubt that the person who opposes such a person, one day, they will also become soft in front of this person.

When a person opposes truth, he does so because of the evil whisperings of the Satan. However, when he sees that the person in front is firm and steadfast and is not prepared to abandon their Islamic beliefs, then he releases that there is no way in which he can mislead this person; then eventually, he leaves the person. Those females who experience such hardship in their homes, when certain members of their family are not acting according to Islam, should learn a lesson from this incident. They should not become discouraged and continue to propagate the truth and the message of Islam.

As the blessed sister of the Muslims, Hadrat Sayyidah Fatimah binte Khattab *Radi Allahu 'Anha* displayed courage which eventually makes those who oppose you when you are continuing to spread the message of Islam; eventually to accept your message. What is needed from our Muslim sisters is firmness and the conviction of Islam.

At the same time, when we see that a person is an open enemy of Allah *azza wajal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, we must not support that person and continue to have dislike in our hearts for that person. Bear in mind that like and dislike cannot be determined by our Nafs, it is determined by Pleasure of Allah *azza wajal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*.

The Quran declares in Surah Taubah, verse 24:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسْكَنٌ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ ط
وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ؕ

“Say, ‘If your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your tribe, and your acquired wealth, and the trade in which you fear a loss, and the houses of your liking - if all these are dearer to you than Allah and His Noble Messenger and fighting in His way, then wait until Allah brings about His command; and Allah does not guide the sinful.’”

We make sincere Du’a in the Divine Court of Almighty *azza wajal* that He blesses our Muslim sisters with firmness and being steadfast in Islam. Aameen.