

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَلِدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَانُ يُصْلِّي 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*

Pardah in the time of Grief

It is mentioned that once a female named Umme Khallaad placed a covering over her face and presented herself in the blessed court of the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. She was inquiring about her son who was martyred in the path of Islam. As she was passing along the street, someone asked her, "You are inquiring about the state of your son to the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and yet you are in Pardah?"

Umme Khallaad replied, "If my son has passed away, that is so, however, my modesty has not passed away."

(Abu Daud, 1/336)

Lesson:

Only that person can fully understand the sadness and grief they experience when they lose someone very close. It is also seen that sometimes in this state, our Muslim sisters go out of control and even seem to forget where they are in that moment. At times, they are oblivious of what they are saying and what they are wearing. Bear in mind that when a person loses their senses in this manner, they become uncontrollable.

However, this is the state of ordinary Muslims. As for the special servants of Allah *azza wajal*, they have a different outlook in life and they also behave completely differently. No matter what type of difficulties used to visit them, they never lost control over their senses and their behaviour. This is clearly seen from the example of Umme Khallaad *Radi Allahu 'Anha*.

In like manner, our sisters should also try to adopt the behaviour and the manners of these blessed sisters of Islam. If one displays patience and makes sure that all Islamic etiquettes are being followed, there will be major reward for that person.

This behaviour of Umme Khallaad *Radi Allahu 'Anha* should also be a lesson for our Muslim sisters. One should remember her words very carefully which are that even though she has lost her son, but she did not lose her modesty. This informs us that these blessed people used to always make sure that they practised proper Pardah and Islamic dressing.

It is a tragedy that in the present time those things, which earn the Divine Anger of Allah *azza wajal* and the anger of the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, which some of our Muslim sisters have adopted.

We make sincere Du'a that Allah *azza wajal* protect our Muslim sisters from these un-Islamic dressing and behaviour. If only the Muslim sisters of the modern age could study the behaviour of the early Muslim sisters and adopt this behaviour, it would certainly earn for them reward in both the worlds. Aameen.