

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

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

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

To be firm in your Faith and not Compromise your Deen

There was once a person in Madina Shareef who used to sell Ittar and her name was Asma binte Makhramah.

One day, she brought Ittar to sell to Sayyidah Rubai binte Mu'awwiz *Radi Allahu 'Anha*. She then said to Sayyidah Rubai *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, "Are you the daughter of that person who killed his master (in other words, Abu Jahl)."

However, Sayyidah Rubai binte Mu'awwiz *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* became angry when she heard this statement and replied, "No, I am the daughter of that person who killed His servant (Abu Jahl)."

When the Ittar seller heard this reply, she replied, "It is Haraam upon me that I sell my Ittar to you."

Sayyidah Rubai *Radi Allahu 'Anha* finally declared, "It is also Haraam upon me that I should purchase your Ittar. The foul smell which I can smell in your Ittar, I do not get this foul smell from any other Ittar."

Later on, Sayyidah Rubai *Radi Allahu 'Anha* used to say, "Her Ittar was not foul smelling, but I did this merely to spite her because she was singing the praises of Abu Jahl." (Al Isti'aab, 4/183)

Lesson

Hadrat Sayyidah Rubai binte Mu'awwiz *Radi Allahu 'Anha* was a person from the Ansaar and was also the daughter of the blessed companion, Hadrat Sayyiduna Mu'awwiz bin Afraa *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. This was one the blessed companions that had killed Abu Jahl in the Battle of Badr.

There is no doubt that a true Muslim is that person who loves that which is loved by Allah *azza wajal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. He also hates that which is disliked by Allah *azza wajal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*.

The Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has stated that, "He who gives for the sake of Allah *azza wajal*, who does not give anything but for the sake of Allah *azza wajal*, who befriends someone (for the sake of Allah *azza wajal*) and is an enemy of someone (for the sake of Allah *azza wajal*, has perfected his Imaan." (Bukhari Shareef)

In Surah Al Imran, verse 28, the Qur'an declares that:

لَا يَتَّخِذِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ
فَلَيْسَ مِنَ اللَّهِ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا أَنْ تَتَّقُوا مِنْهُمْ تُقَةً^ط وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ^ط وَإِلَى
اللَّهِ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٢٨﴾

“The Muslims must not befriend the disbelievers, in preference over the Muslims; whoever does that has no connection whatsoever with Allah, except if you fear them; Allah warns you of His Wrath; and towards Allah only is the return.”

Hadrat Moulana Na'eemudeen Muradabadi *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* explains: “It is Haraam to have intimate friendship and love for the disbelievers and to make them one's confidant. There is no permission to include them in one's actions or transactions. Yes, if there is fear of loss of life or property, then in this case, outer or transparent interaction is permitted.”

From the above incident, it also gives our Muslim sisters a clear and apparent message that the pious Muslim sisters of the past did not think twice of breaking their connection or relationship with anyone who was an enemy of Allah *azza wajaal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. When certain people are questioned on why they seem to have this close connection with the disbelievers, they give the feeble excuse that they did not see such people insult Islam or the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*.

We present a few words of advice for such Muslim sisters.

1. Do you not consider that those have insulted this religion and those who have insulted the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* as having performed an evil act?

The answer will certainly be yes. If this is the case, have you not considered it your duty to bring to the attention of everyone else, the mistakes and heresy of these people? Certainly, you will answer no, I have not done so. The reason for this is very simple. When a person likes someone or has affection for that person, then they do not look at

the faults of that person. Even if there are mistakes which are clearly seen, still too, the person tries to explain this in a positive manner and tries to save this connection or friendship.

Therefore, when you are worried that this friendship with those who insult Islam can cause damage, why do you not ask these people to stop insulting Islam?

If some of these non-Muslims restrict themselves from openly insulting Islam because they consider themselves your friends, then we ask you this question. When their true identity and reality becomes apparent, will you then see who they actually are? However, by that time, it will be too late, because you would have already earned the Divine Wrath of Almighty *azza wajal*.

2. Where did you learn this lesson that only when someone insults the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* in front of you, then you should not make that person your friend and when someone insults them behind your back or when you are not present, it is fine to make them your associates or friends?

Is there such an example among the blessed Ashaab?

3. Are you aware of the basis of Aqaa'id which governs Islam. What are the rights of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*? Are you aware of what is necessary for us to believe in and what is considered as Mustahab? Are you aware of what is permissible to be attributed to the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and are you aware of what is Haraam to refute against his blessed being? Are you aware of the rules which make a person misled?

It is important that our Muslim sisters should be educated about those issues which completely contradict the Laws of Islam.

4. There are many who have insulted Islam and these have been explained to us by the 'Ulama and those in charge of religion. It does not mean that if you did not see it happen in front of you, therefore you should disbelieve it.

We all know that certain snakes are poisonous, we will not touch a snake to find this out. However, if someone makes the statement that she has never seen a snake bite someone or kill someone, therefore she does not believe it. Everyone listening to this argument will say that this person is the enemy of the brain.

In Surah Ma'idah, verse 82, the Qur'an declares:

تَرَى كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتَوَلَّوْنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۚ لَبِئْسَ مَا قَدَّمَتْ لَهُمْ أَنفُسُهُمْ أَن
سَخِطَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَفِي الْعَذَابِ هُمْ خَالِدُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾ وَلَوْ كَانُوا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ
وَالنَّبِيِّ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مَا اتَّخَذُوا هُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَكِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾
لَتَجِدَنَّ أَشَدَّ النَّاسِ عَدُوًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا ۚ وَلَتَجِدَنَّ
أَقْرَبَهُمْ مَّوَدَّةً لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّا نَصْرِي ۚ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَسِيسِينَ
وَرُهَبَانًا وَأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾

“You will see that many of them make friends with the disbelievers; what an evil thing they had sent ahead for themselves, for Allah’s Wrath came upon them and they will remain in the punishment, forever. Had they believed in Allah and this Prophet and what is sent down upon him, they would not befriend the disbelievers, but most of them are disobedient. You will certainly find the Jews and the polytheists as the greatest enemies of the Muslims; and you will find the closest in friendship to the Muslims those who said, ‘We are Christians’; that is because scholars and monks are among them, and they are not proud.”

This is the state of that person who is an open enemy of Islam. As for those who are your relatives, you are commanded to even break off relationship with them also if they refute or contradict the message of Islam.

In Surah Taubah, verse 23, the Qur'an declares:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا آبَاءَكُمْ وَإِخْوَانَكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ إِنِ اسْتَحَبُّوا

الْكُفْرَ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ ۖ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

“O People who Believe! Do not consider your fathers and your brothers as your friends if they prefer disbelief over faith; and whoever among you befriends them - then it is he who is the unjust.”

Since this advice pertains to the protection and safety of Imaan which is the most valuable asset a person possesses, hence this discussion has become lengthy. Our Muslim sisters are urged to remove the glasses from their eyes and think carefully before associating themselves with anyone.

Almighty *azza wajal* is only close to those who are the true supporters of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and to those who love and revere the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. As for those who are not Sunnis, they will never enjoy this Divine Blessing.