

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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*, his Family & Companions

LESSONS FROM SURAH HAJURAAAT

In Surah Hajuraat, verses 11-12, the Qur'an declares:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِّنْ قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ
وَلَا نِسَاءٌ مِّنْ نِّسَاءٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُنَّ ۚ وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَلَا
تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ ۚ بِئْسَ الْإِسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ ۚ وَمَن لَّمْ يَتُبْ
فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿١١﴾

“O believers! Let not the men scoff at the men, perchance they may be better than those whom they scoff, and nor the women at other women, perchance that they may be better than those women whom they scoff, and do not taunt one another and nor call one another by nick-names. What a bad name it is, to be called a disobedient (person) after being a Muslim, and those who repent not, they are the unjust.”

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ ۚ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ وَلَا
تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبِ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا ۚ أَيَحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَن يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ
مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾

“O believers! Avoid most suspicions, verily some suspicion is a sin and do not look out for faults and do not backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would abominate it. And fear Allah, Verily Allah is Oft Returning, Merciful.”

In these verses, six important laws are been explained. Three which are apparent and three which are committed in secret. All six of these transgressions are acts which completely destroy brotherhood and love. They create dislike, real enmity between families and sometimes even death and murder.

It seems like the Satan has placed his finger somewhere in this and then leaves it to mankind to complete the rest. It is reported that once the Satan was asked as to how he creates an argument and fight between two people. He replied that it was not a difficult task. All it took was one touch of his evil finger. Satan then took the person to a sweetmeat shop and then dipped his finger into a sweet and rubbed it on the wall. Suddenly flies gathered around this spot. With the arrival of flies came the arrival of little lizards who wanted to eat the flies. Suddenly, there appeared cats that wanted to eat the lizards and there was a dog outside that wanted to attack the cat. The shop owner then chased the dog away. Suddenly, the owner of the dog appeared and started to argue with the owner of the sweetmeat shop!

In these verses, Allah *azza wajaal* has discussed five transgression in a summarised form while the sixth which is back-biting, has been discussed more in depth. This is the method that we will also use to analyse these issues. In this regard also, women have also been clearly pointed out. In all of these issues, one becomes guilty of heap-ing scorn on the creation of Allah *azza wajaal* which is indeed a very serious crime. If one insults another person by calling him a lame person and he is naturally lame, or someone a blind person and he is naturally blind, then without doubt, he is guilty of insulting the Divine Power of Allah *azza wajaal* Who has created these individuals the way they are. A disabled person has not become disabled through his own effort. Even if a person had the power to create himself, why would he even allow himself to be disabled?

In the Hadith Shareef, instead of seeing a disabled person and scoffing at him, one is advised to read the following Du'a:

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ الَّذِي عَافَانِي مِمَّا ابْتَلَاكَ بِهِ عَمَّ فَضْلِنِيْ عَلٰى كَثِيْرٍ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقَ تَفْضِيْلًا

Translation: “All Praise is for Allah *azza wajal* Who has saved me from this defect, a defect which he has affected you with. And He also made me excellent over many of His other creatures.”

There is also a great possibility that the person who you are making a joking of or scoffing at may be cured of this ailment and it may befall you. Remember that Allah *azza wajal* has the Power over all things!

There is also a great possibility that the person you are scoffing at may even be better than you. If we look at the exterior appearance of Hadrat Sayyiduna Bilal *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu*, he may have not possessed the exterior appearance of what people look for these days. He was not white in colour, he had no house or mansion, nor had he a business. But what was his status! This is that person whom Hadrat ‘Umar *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* used to address as “Sayyiduna Bilal.” The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* heard his footsteps in Jannah. The entire world is below him and Hadrat Sayyiduna Bilal *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* is above everyone on the roof the Ka’ba! This clearly proves that the scale which we use presently to measure respect and status is certainly far from what Islam has commanded us.

In Surah Hujuraat, verse 13, Allah *azza wajal* educates us about the actual scale which we should be using. The Qur’an declares: “O people! We created you from one man and one woman and made you branches and tribes that you may recognize one another. Undoubtedly, the most respected among you in the sight of Allah is he who is more pious, verily, Allah is Knowing, Aware”.

At the same time, by condemning innocent Muslims, you are actually condemning yourself because Allah *azza wajal* has called all Muslims brothers one to another.

This same message from the Hadith Shareef

Hadrat Numan bin Basheer *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates that the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* has declared that, “You will see the Muslims among themselves (display) love among themselves, kindness and mercy like one body. And when one part of this becomes ill, the entire body becomes ill.” (Bukhari; Muslim Shareef)

In other words, when one part feels pain, the entire body feels uncomfortable. The entire body then gets together to remove this discomfort. As long as that one part is uncomfortable, the rest of the body is not at peace.

In another Hadith Shareef, it is explained that one Muslim is like a wall for another Muslim. One part makes the other stronger. As one removes one brick from a wall, it becomes weak. In like manner, by insulting the parents of another Muslim is like insulting your own parents and in like manner, to perform sin with another Muslim female, is like performing sin with your own female relatives. The same with finding fault with another innocent Muslim. It is like faulting fault with your own self.

Help even an oppressor!

Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* has declared that, “Help your brother whether he is oppressed or an oppressor.” When the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* was asked as to how an oppressor would be helped, he replied, “To make him stop from causing oppression is to help him.” (Mishkaat Shareef)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn ‘Umar *Radi Allahu ‘Anhuma* narrates that the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* has declared that, “A Muslim is a brother of another Muslim.” Bear in mind that a biological brother is lessor than a Muslim brother because this relationship has been created by Allah *azza wajaal* and His Prophet *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam*! Hence, this relationship and connection has to be extremely strong and powerful. One should not leave his brother alone, oppress him and leave him without help. If you are busy in fulfilling the needs of your fellow Muslim, Allah *azza wajaal* is busy in fulfilling your need. If you are busy in removing any worldly difficulty of a Muslim, Allah *azza wajaal* will remove your difficulty on the Day of Judgement. If you cover the faults of any Muslim in this world, Allah *azza wajaal* will conceal your faults on the Day of Judgement. (Bukhari; Muslim Shareef).

The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* has stated that, “A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim, he does not oppress him and neither does he think low of him.” Remember that the centre of piety is the heart and it is not befitting for a Muslim to oppress another Muslim either in his wealth or in respect. Hadrat Anas *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates that the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* has stated that, “I swear by that Divine Being in Whose Power is my life, a person cannot be a complete (Muslim) until and unless he does not love for his (Muslim) brother what he loves for himself.” (Bukhari; Muslim Shareef)

Sin committed by the tongue

From the verses in Surah Hujuraat, we learn that all of these sins are committed by

the tongue. We come to realise that as much as the tongue can commit good and noble deeds, in like manner, it can also be guilty of evil as well. The ‘Ulama have also declared that of a hundred sins nearly eighty are performed by the tongue while twenty are performed by other parts of the body. It can be said that the tongue is the representative of the body. Whatever comes to one’s mind and is understood through one’s intelligence, is uttered by the tongue. In the same manner, the tongue is also connected to the heart. When good words are uttered, the heart becomes happy and when evil words are uttered, the heart becomes sad and troubled. The tongue can become a means of entering Jannah and a means of entering Hell. In the Hadith Shareef, a similar message is portrayed where it is mentioned that in the morning the rest of the body pleads to the tongue to control itself because if it does not, then they would be become victims of a severe beating, etc.

How should you control it?

A companion once asked, “O Prophet of Allah *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam*! What do you fear the most from me?” The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* touched his tongue and indicated that the greatest threat was the tongue. When the companions asked him how it could be controlled, the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* replied, “Keep it in control. Spend the majority of time in your house. (In other words, when you finish your work, go home immediately) and continue to weep about your sins and transgressions.”

The seriousness of back-biting

This is indeed a very serious crime even though it may not be a lie! If a person does not have a fault and a certain fault is mentioned about that person, then that is obviously a false accusation which is even greater than back-biting. Back-biting is to mention a certain type of defect which a person has when that person is not present. Once Sayyidah Ayesha *Radi Allahu ‘Anha* described Sayyidah Safeeyah *Radi Allahu ‘Anha* as being short. (In reality this was the truth, however, it was said when she was not present). When the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* heard this, he replied, “You have mentioned such as word about her that if it was placed in an ocean all the water would become spoilt and bitter.”

By back-biting about a certain Muslim, the good traits of that Muslim are ignored. Other sins are such which can be forgiven through good deeds or through making Taubah, however, back-biting is such a crime which cannot be forgiven until and

unless the victim does not forgive. If the victim is far away or has passed away, then one needs to make Du'a for that person and have hope that Allah *azza wajal* will forgive you.

Back-biting is the food for the people of Hell!

Once someone spoke ill of another person in front of Imam Husain *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. The great Imam replied, "Remain silent! This is the food for the people of Hell". It is also considered as back-biting when one indicates through one's hand, one's eyes and writings at another's person's defect. In like manner, if one speaks ill of another person's behaviour, deeds, clothing or body when the person is not present, all this would be also classified as back-biting. Once, Nabi Moosa *Alayhis Salaam* was informed that, "Even if the Taubah of a person back-biting is forgiven and even if the victim has forgiven this person, the back-biter would still be among the last to enter Jannah."

The dire consequences of back-biting!

Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates that the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has stated that, "On the night of Me'raj, I passed such a group of people whose finger nails were like red copper. They were also scratching at their faces and chest. When I asked Jibra'eel Ameen *Alayhis Salaam* about them, he replied, 'These are those people who used to eat the flesh of others (meaning back-bite) and used to (try) and destroy the respect (of these people).'"

In another Hadith Shareef, it is mentioned that, "I travelled past a group of people whose flesh from their sides were being cut and they were being told to eat this same flesh as they used to eat the flesh of their brothers on earth. When I inquired from Jibra'eel about these people, I was informed that these were those people who were guilty of back-biting and finding faults in others."

Try to find the good in creation!

Once Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* was travelling with his companions when they saw a dead dog on the side of the road. His companions remarked, "How foul smelling is this dog." Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* replied, "Look at how bright the teeth of this dog is." People are very quick to find faults but very delayed in finding good in someone.

Once Nabi 'Isa *Alayhis Salaam* passed by a pig and he declared, "Go in peace." His companions asked, "Are you making Du'a for this cursed creature?" He replied, "You people should make it a habit of uttering good words." (Mu'atta Imam Malik).

Hadrat Imam Basri *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* explains that if someone back-bites in front of you about another person, do not trust that person because he would also back-bite about you to.

Someone once approached a Saint and informed him that a certain person had mentioned a certain thing about him. When the Saint heard this, he replied, "You have come to visit me after so long, yet, it is a tragedy that the minute you arrived, you committed three grave sins. The first is that you have tried to lower the esteem of a fellow Muslim in front of me. The second is that you have turned my heart towards thinking bad which prior to this was free and thirdly, in my eyes, you have become a Faasiq (sinner)." In other words, someone who wishes to deliberately lower the dignity of another Muslim. If these are the rights which one Muslim has over another, imagine the rights we owe to other creatures who cannot speak?

Islam has taught us animal rights!

Islam is a complete way of life and besides teaching us about how we should interact and behave with people, it has also taught us how to behave with other creation as well. It is Islam which has taught us about over burdening an animal. Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* once declared that, "Within the domain of my Khilaafat, if a sheep (or goat) suffers from a rash and cannot find a remedy for itself, I have fear that Allah *azza wajaal* would not ask me about it."

During his Khilaafah, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* instructed his Governors to only permit so much of weight which was to be carried by a camel. These are just some of the teachings which were taught by the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*.

A camel which wept in the blessed court of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*!

Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates that once a camel of a certain Ansari had run away and this person presented himself in the court of the beloved

Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and complained about this. He also informed the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* that he was afraid to go near the camel. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then went towards this camel and when the camel saw who was coming, it ran towards the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* making its normal sound and placed its head at the feet of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. It also began to weep. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then informed this Ansaar, "The camel is complaining about you. Behave properly with it." He then placed the rope around the neck of the camel and handed it back to the Ansaar.

When a religion is able to educate us about the rights of all of these creatures of Allah *azza wajaal*, will it actually ignore teaching us about the rights which we owe to other humans?

The camel which came for help!

Hadrat Abdullah bin Jafer *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates that once the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* entered the garden of certain Ansari in which there was also a camel present. When this camel saw the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* it approached him with tears flowing from its eyes. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* went towards it and passed his blessed hands over its neck and hump and it stopped crying. He then asked who the owner of this camel was. A young man from the Ansaar approached and declared that this was his camel. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* declared, "Why do you not fear Allah *azza wajaal* (about) the rights of this animal when He has made you the owner of this animal. The reason is that this camel is complaining to me that you keep it hungry and also oppress it." (Abu Daud Shareef)

Nine very important points are derived from this:

1. Even the animals called on the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* for help and assistance. It also proves that he is the Prophet of all creation.
2. Even the camel realised that this Prophet could help, hence it approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* for help. I wonder whether people would pass a Fatwa of Shirk on this camel?
3. The Prophetic mercy is upon all creatures.
4. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is able to understand the language of every creature in creation.

5. To weep in the court of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is a great gift.
6. No matter how immense the burden, the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is able to remove that burden if there is sincerity in our Du'a and plea.
7. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is able to give strength to someone by merely passing his blessed hands over their body.
8. When the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is troubled by the suffering of a single camel, how concerned must he be about our well-being?
9. When the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has so much of compassion for a mere animal, how will he be able to see his Ummah enter the fire of Hell on the Day of judgement? Therefore, all the stories of him coming to the aid of his Ummah are certainly true.

In spite of all that we have read, yet, the Muslims continue to display ignorance when it comes to helping and assisting other Muslims. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is a Prophet who even came to the aid of camels and other creatures as we have seen on numerous occasions.

However, we see the destruction of Kashmir, Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, the killing of innocent Muslims in Burma and other parts of the world every day, but we continue to live as if nothing is happening in the world to Islam and the Muslims. If the Muslims of our country are only able to create a platform which can be termed a platform of objection and then strive to collect petitions against what is happening to Muslims and submit this to various media platforms and guilty governments, even though on an international level, it might not do much. However, in the Divine Court of Allah *azza wajaal* we would be considered as Muslims who took some action.

We would not be considered as Muslims who stood by idly while innocent Muslims were being oppressed and slaughtered. We would at least be considered as Muslims who came to the aid of one part of the body when it was troubled. It must be remembered that a revolution is started by one single man and the idea or thought he has in his mind. We should stop having this inferior complex and think that since financially we are weak therefore we cannot change an international issue. We have forgotten the power of Du'a, the power of the pen, the power of speech, etc.

The Battle of Badr, Uhud, etc. are examples of how a small group of people could change the world. If the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah sat together, they have the strongest

weapon which no so called super-power possesses and that is the power of Imaan. Islam has proven to us that monetary might or military might did not change the world. It was Imaan that changed the world. Let us not have our trust on any other means, let us march forward with the power of Imaan and we will definitely see a change.

Look at the examples of our Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and how he changed the world.

An entire tribe became Muslims in one single moment!

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates from his blessed father:

“Once they were sitting in the blessed company of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* when a person from the Bani Sulaim approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. He was also holding a piece of Gur or sugar which he was taking back to his camp. He then asked about this gathering and he was informed that this was a gathering where the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* was present. He then approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and declared, ‘No woman has given birth to a bigger liar (Ma’azallah) than you and there is no one that I dislike more than you. If I was not in a hurry (at this moment), I would attack and kill you and create happiness (for my tribe).’”

“Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* then replied, ‘O Prophet of Allah! Give me permission that right now, at this moment, I behead this man.’ The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* declared, ‘O 'Umar! Tolerance and patience is an integral part of Prophethood.’ The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then asked him why he was behaving in this manner and he continued to swear on various things in the name of Lat and Uzza, (the famous idols of that era).

“He then challenged the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* by saying that as long as that piece of sugar in his hand did not testify to the truthfulness of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, he would never accept Islam. He then threw the piece of sugar at the blessed feet of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then addressed this piece of sugar and asked it to testify to his Prophethood. The piece of sugar then testified to the truth of Islam and the Prophethood of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi*

Wasallam. When this Bedioun heard this, he also recited the Kalimah. He also declared, 'I arrived here having the most dislike for you than any other person in this world and at this moment, you are more beloved to me than my own life and children.'

"When he returned to his tribe, there were nearly a thousand tribe members fully armed ready to attack the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. He then informed them that he had accepted Islam and when they heard this, all of them also accepted Islam. When the beloved Nabi went forward to meet them, they rushed towards the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and started to kiss him and requested that he give them an order to obey. He informed them that they should await further orders as they would be under the command of Khalid bin Waleed *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*."

The narrator of this Hadith Shareef informs us that the first large group of people that accepted Islam all at once were from the Bani Sulaim. (Dalaa'ilun-Nubuwwah)

The goats fell at his feet in Sajdah

Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates:

"Once the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* entered the orchard of a certain Ansaar. He was also accompanied by Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* and other members of the Ansaar. In this orchard there were some goats also. When they saw the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, they immediately fell into Sajdah. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* then declared, "O Prophet of Allah! We have more right than these goats to make Sajdah to you." The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* replied, "It is not permissible for my Ummah that a person should make Sajdah for another person. If it was permissible for someone to make Sajdah for another, then I would command that a wife makes Sajdah to her husband."

The camel became obedient

Hadrat Jabir bin Abdullah *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates:

"We were once on a journey with the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. On our return we arrived at the orchard of the Bani Najjaar. We came to know that

there was an extremely angry and powerful camel in this orchard which did not allow anyone to enter and whoever did so, this camel attacked them.

“The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* entered this orchard without any hesitation and called out to the camel. It then approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* bowing its head and sat in front of him. He then ordered that the reins of this camel be given to him. After placing this around its neck, he handed it back to its owner. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* then declared, “There is not a single thing in the entire heaven and earth which does not know (and recognize) that I am the Prophet of Allah except mischievous (and disobedient), men and Jinn.”

Hadrat Ya’la bin Marrah Saqafi *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates that, “We saw with our own eyes three miracles. Once while we were going somewhere we saw a camel that was carrying water. When it saw the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam*, it made a loud sound and approached him bowing its head in respect. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* then inquired whose camel this was. When the owner appeared, the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* requested him to sell the camel to him. The person replied that he would not do so, rather he was prepared to give this camel as a gift to the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* even though it was the only means for this family to survive. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* then declared, ‘If you can only remember why this camel behaved in this manner (after seeing me), then remember that it complained to me of being given very little food and being given extra work. Therefore, you should treat it properly.’”

The wolves spoke to a shepherd!

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Sa’eed Khudri *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates:

“Once there was a shepherd who was grazing his goats in the valley of Hurrah. Suddenly, wolves came and stole one of his goats. The shepherd ran behind this wolf. The wolf suddenly turned around and declared, ‘O shepherd, do you not fear Allah *azza wajal* that you wish to steal sustenance from us which Allah *azza wajal* has given us?’

“The shepherd replied, ‘It is indeed very strange that a wolf would sit on his tail and speak to me as a human speaks.’

“The wolf then declared, ‘Shall I not reveal even more strange news. Look, in this valley (Madina Shareef), there is a Prophet of Allah who is revealing what has happened in the past.’

“After this, this same shepherd arrived in Madina Shareef. Having placed his goats in the care of someone, he approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* and revealed the words of the wolves. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* replied, ‘The wolves were speaking the truth. Remember! One of the signs of (the approaching) of the Day of Judgement is that animals would speak to man. I swear by that Divine Being in Whose Power is my life, the Day of Judgement will not arrive until animals do not talk to man, until the shoe strap of a person does not speak to him and until (even the) whip of a person does not reveal to him what his family did while he was not present.”

Science has proven this in the modern age!

The words of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* has so clearly been proven in the modern age. The shoes of people and even their watches have hidden spy cameras and other latest gadgets which can clearly show a person what has happened. CCTV cameras are also a testimony to this. It not only reveals what happens in the house when a person is not present but also what conversation occurred during his absence. In other words, these modern gadgets have become like his shoe strap or his personal whip (or personal possession) which can spy on his behalf. It is indeed strange that people accept this, but refuse to believe that the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* had Knowledge of the Unseen! What more proof and testimony do you need when the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* is already revealing what is to occur hundreds of years in the future. It is also interesting to note that the name of the shepherd in this incident was Hibaar bin Aus Khuzaa’i who was a former Jew and who also gained the title of “Mu’alla maz Zahb” or “the one who was guided by the wolf.”

A piece of poisoned meat!

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Sa’eed Khudri *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates:

“Once a Jewish woman presented a complete carcass of meat to the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* which was grilled (as in a spit fire) and ready to eat. When the blessed companions wanted to eat this meat, the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu*

'Alayhi Wasallam immediately stopped them and declared, "One part of this meat has revealed to me that it has been poisoned."

"The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then sent a message to this lady to inquire whether she had poisoned the meat. She replied, "Yes, I wanted to see that if you were a false Prophet, people would be spared and if you were a true Prophet, Allah *azza wajal* will certainly warn you."

"The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then advised the blessed companions to continue eating after reciting the Name of Allah *azza wajal*. All of them ate this meat and no one was harmed."

Salaam from stones and trees

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates:

"I used to live with the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* in Makkah Shareef. Once while we were passing a certain mountain and also some trees, we heard a sound which was "As Salaamo Alaika Ya Rasoolallah."

A tree walked towards his blessed presence!

Ibn Buraydah narrates from his father:

"Once a Bedouin approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and said, 'O Prophet of Allah! I have brought faith in Islam, please show me a certain sign so that my belief becomes stronger.' The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* asked the person what sign he wanted to see and the person replied, 'Please command that tree to come towards you.'

"The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then commanded him to go and call the tree towards him. This Bedouin approached the tree and declared, 'O tree! The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is calling you to his blessed court.'

"It is further reported that the tree twisted to one side then the next and after pulling its roots out of the ground, it walked towards the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. The sound of "As Salaamo Alaika Ya Rasoolallah". The Bedouin then declared, "This is sufficient for me." The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

then commanded the tree to return to its original position.

“This Bedouin then requested that he be allowed to kiss the blessed head and feet of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* which the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* allowed. He also requested the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* to allow him to make Sajdah. However, the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* replied, “No one can make Sajdah for anyone else. If I had allowed it, I would have (at the beginning) instructed a wife that she should make Sajdah to her husband because a wife owes a great favour (to her husband).”

A tree came to make Salaam while he slept!

Hadrat Ya’la bin Marrah Saqafi *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates:

“Once we were on a journey with the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* and we camped at one place. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* then fell asleep. Suddenly, a tree, tearing itself from the ground, came towards the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* and it became a shadow over him. After spending a little time, it returned to its position. After he awoke, we revealed what had happened. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* then declared, “This tree had sought permission from Allah *azza wajaal* to greet me and hence it was given permission.”

In other words, the tree did not come to create a shadow over him only, it actually came to make Salaam! This proves that even the trees recognised him as the true Prophet. Even those trees which he did not call himself came willingly to greet him and considered this action as a blessed action. It also proves that even while the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* was asleep, he was fully aware of what was happening around him which is why he revealed how this tree was given Divine Permission in the first place.

In regard to this, Imam Boseri *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* has stated in his “Qasidah Burdah” that:

لَا تُنْكِرِ الْوَحْيَ مِنْ رُؤْيَاہِ إِنَّ لَهُ
قَلْبًا إِذَا نَامَتِ الْعَيْنَانِ لَمْ يَنْمِ

Translation:

“One cannot refute Divine revelation coming to him, even while he slept.
Because his blessed heart in spite of his eyes sleeping- remains awake”.

A religiously ill doctor became well!

Hadrat ibn Abbas *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* narrates:

“A person from the Bani Amir bin Sa’sa once approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam*. He was a doctor who used to treat (many) people. He then said to the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam*, ‘O Muhammad! You reveal certain things to people (which is beyond their intellect to comprehend), shall I not also treat you?’

“The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* then called a date tree which fell in Sajdah. After picking itself up, it then approached the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* and stood in front of him. The beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* then declared to it, ‘Return to your position’ and it returned to its position. This physician then declared, ‘By Allah! I will never belie any of your word in the future.’ He also informed his tribe never to belie the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam* in future.

Imam Boseri *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu* has also indicated to this in “Qasidah Burdah Shareef”

جَاءَتْ لِدَعْوَتِهِ الْأَشْجَارُ سَاجِدَةً
تَمْشِي إِلَيْهِ عَلَى سَاقٍ مُبْلَا قَدَمٍ

Translation:

“At your call, the tree came (towards you) in Sajdah,
(It came) without feet while walking on its knees”.

As if the branches of this tree on the route, wrote a beautiful line in praise of you. (in other words, the line of its path was as if it was writing something in praise of the beloved Nabi *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam*.