

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَالَمِينَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَانْ يُصْلِي 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*

Back was bent in the Fear of Allah

It is reported about Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* that his back had already bent while he was still quite young. Many people tried in vain to ask him how this had happened but Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* refused to tell anyone what had happened or when it had happened. There was one student of his though who kept insisting but Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* remained silent.

One day, when this student kept insisting Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* revealed, "Once, one of my teachers who was considered among the eminent teachers of his era and from whom I had learnt many branches of knowledge, when his time of death approached, he said to me, 'O Sufyan! Do you know what has transpired with me? For fifty years, I have educated people about obeying Allah *azza wajal* and have also educated them about refraining from sinning. However, now the light of life is about to an end and Allah *azza wajal* has informed me that I am not fit to enter His Divine Court.'

“When I heard this declaration of my teacher, with the fear of Allah *azza wajal*, my back actually broke. Many people actually heard my back breaking. I continued to weep and it came to a situation where even blood appeared through my urine and I became extremely ill. As I became very sick, I visited a doctor who was also Christian. At first, he did not know what I was suffering from and began to examine me closely. He then checked my pulse and then said, ‘It is my opinion that among the Muslims there is no young man like this today whose internal organs have burst through the fear of Allah *azza wajal*.’”

(Hikaayatus Saaliheen, 46)