

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*

Do not make a Decision in Haste

It is said that Abu Amar bin Sharaahil Shu'bah was someone connected with the tribe of Hamdaan which inhabited parts of Southern Arabia. He was from one of its branches, the Shu'hub.

Abu Amar bin Sharaahil Shu'bah was born in the 19th year of Hijrah. He also took part in the rebellion against Abdur Rahman bin Ash'ath and due to the fact that those who took part in this rebellion were to be punished by Hujjaj, he escaped to Farghanah which was controlled by Qutaybiyah bin Muslim. A few months later he was pardoned by Hujjaj. The Khalifah of the period, namely Abdul Malik, called him to Damascus. He was also sent as a representative to Constantinople. Imam Shu'ba is considered to be a very eminent Muhaddith and Jurist. He passed away in 110 ah. (Mu'aarif Islam, 11/739.741)

This same Imam Shu'ba narrates that, "I was once sitting in the blessed company of Qadi Shurayh *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. Suddenly, a female who was crying profusely presented herself and began complaining about her husband. The husband was not at house at the time. As she sat down, she continued to weep heavily. I then said to Qadi Shurayh *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, 'May Allah *azza wajal* keep you in peace, I am of the opinion that this female is certainly a very oppressed person and it seems like her rights have certainly been violated.'

"Qadi Shurayh *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* then asked me, 'On what basis, do you believe that this female's rights have been violated and that she is certainly the oppressed one?'

"I replied that it was because of the amount of tears she had shed and that she seems to be crying without stopping. Qadi Shurayh *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* however replied, 'As long as the truth is not known and the actual story is not known, we should not be hasty in making a decision. The reason for this is that when the brothers of Nabi Yusuf *'Alayhis Salaam* presented themselves in front of their father, they were also crying profusely, and yet, they are the people who had oppressed Nabi Yusuf *'Alayhis Salaam*.'"

In other words, we are been taught not to treat things on their face value. What might seem apparent from the outside, may not necessarily be the actual story.