

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Dua' of Protection of Hadrat Ebrahim bin Adham

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman Qarashi *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates that they were once travelling on a journey with the great Saint Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim bin Adham *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. They were travelling for three days in the Hijaz and there was nothing to eat or drink.

He narrates: "I actually sat on one side due to the immense hunger I felt. When he saw the signs of hunger on my face, he also sat on the ground. I sat next to him. Suddenly, a fresh piece of bread fell on my lap. He picked it up and instructed me to eat it. I had only eaten half the bread but I was already full.

We then resumed our journey. During this journey, we passed by a caravan and a lion had blocked our path. Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim bin Adham *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* walked towards the lion and said, 'If you have been given any command pertaining to

us, then complete that command. If you have none, then leave this place.' The lion immediately turned around and left that place.

The entire caravan then approached him and said, 'Ya Sayyidi! If you have a Du'a to give us, we will highly appreciate it because we feel great fear in this journey.'

He then gave them a Du'a:

'O Allah! Protect us with Your Divine Mercy which never sleeps. Keep us in Your Divine Beneficence in which the slightest harm cannot enter. And with this Mercy and Beneficence, let us not be harmed. Our centre of hope is only Your Divine Being.'

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* then continues:

"After a while, I did meet a person from this same caravan and he said, 'By Allah! When we had read this Du'a which Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim bin Adham *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* had given us, no animal, thief or anything dangerous came near us.'

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates:

"This person then joined us on a ship. Suddenly a strong wind had rised and the waves became huge. The ship began to sink and everyone was sure that he would drown. Everyone started to scream and cry and this same person then shouted to everyone, 'O people! There is a very pious person with us in this ship and he has the following greatness, (he then described the various noble qualities of Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim bin Adham *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*). Come let us ask him to make Du'a for us.'

We then approached the great Saint. We saw that he was lying on one side of the ship while a shawl covered his head. (In other words, in all this pandemonium, he was actually resting!). I then woke him up and said, 'Hadrat, look at the condition of these people, they are in such difficulty.'

He picked up his head and said, 'O Allah! You have shown us Your Divine Power, please show us your Divine Favour.'

While he was still saying these words the entire ocean became calm and the ship continued on its journey.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* states:

“When we alighted from the ship, we continued on our journey. As we walked, I started to feel extremely hungry. I complained to him about my hunger. He took a container and climbed up an ordinary tree. When he returned, the container was filled with ripe delicious dates. I had never eaten such delicious dates before in my life. At night, I also felt great thirst and told him about it. He then said ‘drink’ and I saw a container of water hanging in the air. I drank from this container and the miracle of this water was that after that moment, I was able to keep fast in the hottest of days, but I never felt hungry or thirsty. By Allah, these are the chosen servants of Allah *azza wajal*.”

What can we say about the greatness of such people who have never allowed anyone else into their heart except Allah *azza wajal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. (Ar Roud)