

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Food from Unknown Sources

There are many miracles or Karaamat which people reveal about this Saint and that Saint, but very few people mention the Karaamat which appeared at the blessed hands of the eminent 'Ulama of Islam. Bear in mind that these blessed souls are actually the very foundation of Islamic principles and Islamic knowledge. There are thousands of Karaamat which appeared from the hands of these eminent souls of Islam, yet people hardly mention them. Among these is the following.

It is mentioned that once Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Abu Thur and Hadrat Mohammed bin Al Kakam - *may Allah be pleased with them all* - were sitting together in one gathering. There is also no doubt that this was the genuine Ijtimah-e-Muhadditheen of their era. They remained in the Masjid discussing various issues until 'Isha. After 'Isha, they all retired to the residence of Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him*.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then made them sit and entered his house. After a few minutes, he returned with a smile on his face. Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - asked him the reason for this happiness and he replied, “A very strange thing has occurred in the house tonight. When I left the house to perform the Maghrib, there was not a single thing in the house to eat. However, just now, when I entered the house, there was so much of food and different varieties of food that everyone in the house were also shocked. My wife had also mentioned that when I had left for the Maghrib Salaah, someone had knocked on the door and she had instructed the children to see who was at the door. They narrate that they had seen a most handsome looking person at the door and his entire being seemed full of Nur. He then handed the children this huge platter of food and mentioned that they should enjoy the sustenance of Allah Almighty and also give thanks.”

In this platter there were nearly twenty different variety of food. Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then placed this in front of his esteemed guests and they all sat together to eat. The miracle is that after eating this food, they did not feel hunger for the next whole month.

The balance of the food was then given to the family of Hadrat Sayyiduna Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and in spite of them eating as much as they could, the food still remained the same. The four Imams then realised that this was a special sustenance sent to them from the Divine Court of Allah Almighty and the person who had brought this was actually an Angel.

The son of the great Imam, namely Hadrat Saleh bin Ahmed - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that as long as this platter remained in the house of the great Imam, their house always had food and drink. At the same time, food and drink used to sometimes appear from completely unknown sources. (Thamaraat Awraaq)