

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَأْنُ يُصْلِّي 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*

He Stood like a Stick in Ibadah

Hadrat Sayyiduna Mansur bin Mu'tamar Kufi – *may Allah be pleased with him* – was considered as one of the most eminent Muhaddith of his era. He was also the student of such giants as Hadrat Sayyiduna Hasan Basri, Ebrahim Nakh'i, Sa'eed Bin Jubair, Mujaahid – *may Allah be pleased with them* – etc. Hadrat Sayyiduna Mansur bin Mu'tamar Kufi – *may Allah be pleased with him* – was also extremely pious and spent most his time in Ibadah and Dhikr.

In fact, due to his continuous weeping, he had also lost his vision. For nearly seventy years, Hadrat Sayyiduna Mansur bin Mu'tamar Kufi – *may Allah be pleased with him* – used to fast during the day and spend the entire night in Ibadah. Hafiz Abdul Haq Ashbili – *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates that he had a neighbour who used to take her daughter at night to the roof to sleep. (Obviously, due to the heat in the Arab region, this continues until the present day). When the last part of the night appeared, they used to return to the lower part of the house.

The little girl used to notice Hadrat Sayyiduna Mansur - *may Allah be pleased with him* - perform his Ibadah on the roof but had no idea what he was doing. When the great Saint passed away, she asked her mother, that there used to be a piece of stick on the roof of the neighbours house but that she could no longer see that piece of stick. However, her mother replied, "That was not a piece of stick, that was Hadrat Mansur - *may Allah be pleased with him* - that used to stand in Ibadah."

She mentioned that she had noticed this for a long time and was surprised to hear that it was actually the silhouette of someone in Ibadah. She asked where this person was and the mother replied that the great Saint had passed away. When she heard this explanation, the little girl was so impressed and touched that she also decided to follow this example. It is reported that this same female remained alive for twenty years and in the same manner, she used to fast during the day and spend the entire night in Ibadah.

Hafiz ibn Katheer reports that once Hadrat Sayyiduna Urwah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - saw someone rush through his Salaah. He called the person to him and said, "My dear brother! There was not a thing which you could have not asked Allah Almighty in your Salaah. I am someone who continues to ask Allah Almighty for any need in my Salaah even if I need a little salt. I seek that from the Allah Almighty." (Al Bidaayah)