

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 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*

How the Companions lived in this World

Hadrat Sayyiduna Salman Farsi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates, “I once married a female from the Bani Kandah tribe. When I reached her front door, I called out her name but she did not answer. I then asked her, “Tell me, are you deaf or are you dumb because it seems like you are unable to hear.”

She replied, “O blessed companion of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, I am neither deaf nor dumb but have a sense of bashfulness.”

When I entered her room, I noticed that there were material hanging all over and very expensive gifts laying around the room and there were also silk coverings everywhere. I then asked her, “Tell me, is your room suffering from fever because you seemed to have covered it with material or has the Ka’ba come to the tribe of Bani Kandah?”

She replied that this was not the case and that a bride is expected to beautify her room. When I raised my head, I noticed that there were servants standing in front of her who had brought some food.

I then mentioned to her that I heard the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - saying, "That person who sleeps on a warm and soft bed and wears clothing (which makes him) famous and he travels in (a mode of transport) which is very outstanding and elaborate and consumes food of his own personal choice, he will never smell the fragrance of Jannah."

When she heard these words, she declared, "O blessed companion of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, I make you a witness that whatever is in the house, I have given all of it in the Path of Allah Almighty. I have given all my servants in the Path of Allah Almighty. For a few morsels of food, I will continue to serve you as a wife."

When the blessed companion heard these words, he declared, 'May Allah Almighty shower His Divine Mercy on you and also aid and assist you.' (Al Hulyah Abu Na'eem)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Jabir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "Once the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - passed by the corpse of a dead goat baby, he then asked, 'Is there any among you who will be prepared to purchase this for one Dinaar?'

The blessed companions replied, "None of us will be prepared to purchase this even if it is only one Dinaar."

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then declared, "I swear by Allah Almighty that with Allah Almighty, this world is even more insignificant than the dead body of this goat's infant." (Sahih Muslim Shareef)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sahl bin Sa'ad narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "Even if the entire world was equal to one wing of a mosquito with Allah Almighty then He would have not even given a gulp of

water to a disbeliever.” (In other words, such is the insignificance of this world that the only reason that even a Kaaafir is being given water to drink is because the value of the world is absolutely zero). (Jamia Tirmidi Shareef)

In other words, such is the stupidity of people that they continue to run after something which is not even equal to one wing of a mosquito. People will only understand the folly of their action on the Day of Judgement, but for many people it will be too late to cry and weep. Therefore, now, we need to think about these things.

The examples of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Ubaidah

It is reported that in the era of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was the Governor of Syria. (Bear in mind that in that period Syria was not what it is today. In those days, it encompassed countries like Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon).

Hence, it was a very huge area. Imagine the ruler of such an area and the immense wealth and riches he had under his control. In fact, daily, huge amounts of riches used to come to Madina Shareef. The central figure of this immense Islamic countries was also Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*. One day, he decided to visit some of these lands to carry out an inspection.

During his visit to the headquarters of this area, he mentioned, “O Abu Ubaidah, I also wish to inspect the place where you stay as well.”

Others were under the impression that he wanted to inspect this house for obvious reasons. After all, he was going to visit the residence of the most powerful person in this region and perhaps, his house was also the most massive mansion in the whole area. He also wanted to see what wealth had been kept in this house.

When he mentioned his wish, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Ubaidah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - said to him, “O Ameerul Mo’mineen! What is the value of visiting my house? My house is such which will only bring tears to your eyes.”

However, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - insisted that he wanted to see his house.

They then travelled through the city until they arrived in a dry and desolate area and even Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - himself was surprised and even asked him where he was leading him to. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Ubaidah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - assured him that the house was very near.

Finally, they arrived at an old and simple-looking house which was made from mere date leaves and branches. He then mentioned that this was his house. When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - entered the house, he found nothing but a mere MUSALLAH or piece of mat. He then asked, “O Abu Ubaidah! Is this where you live? There is nothing in this house, there are no dishes, there is no food or drink, nothing whatsoever. How do you live in this place?”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Ubaidah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied, “O Ameerul Mo’mineen! This is all I need to survive. The mat is something on which I read my Salaah and during the night, I also use it to sleep on.”

He then raised his hand towards the ceiling and retrieved a small bowl and mentioned that this was the bowl he used for eating. When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - looked at this bowl, he noticed that it was filled with water and there were a few pieces of bread that were soaking inside it.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Ubaidah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then continued, “O Ameerul Mo’mineen! Day and night I am busy in government issues, and therefore, do not have the time to prepare any food for myself. However, there is a lady who prepares bread for me for the next two three days. I then keep this bread and when it becomes hard, I soak it in water and before going to sleep, I eat some of this.”

When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - heard this account, his eyes filled with tears.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Ubaidah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then told to him, “I did inform you beforehand that when you see my house, you will start to weep.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then declared, “O Abu Ubaidah! The affairs of this world has certainly affected all of us but I swear in the Divine Name of Allah Almighty, you are exactly the same as you were in the time of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*. This world has caused no effect on you.” (Sayr ‘Alaamul Nublah)

These were the true Dervishes. These were the real royalty who sat on the thrones of kings and lived as true Dervishes and not name-sake Dervishes.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that once Hadrat Sayyiduna Salman Farsi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - became very ill and Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’ad bin Abi Waqqas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - went to visit him. He noticed that the eminent companion was weeping. He then asked, “Why are you weeping? Have you not enjoyed the blessed company of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*?”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Salman Farsi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied, “I am not weeping of this. I am not weeping because I am leaving the world. I am also not weeping because I dislike the Hereafter. I am weeping because the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - had taken a pact with us and I am afraid that we have not kept this pact.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’ad - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then asked him about the pact he was remembering and he said, “The same amount of possession is sufficient for you as is sufficient for a traveller. However, O Sa’ad! Whenever you begin to govern then fear Allah Almighty and when you distribute, also fear Allah Almighty and when you intend to undertake any work, also fear Allah Almighty.”

It is mentioned that when Hadrat Sayyiduna Salman Farsi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - passed away and they added what he had left behind, it was only 24 Dirhams. (Ibn Maja, Al Huliya)

What is this building?

Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that once the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - was going somewhere with his blessed companions when he noticed a building with an arch. He then asked who had built this. The blessed Ashaab informed him that a certain person had built this who was an Ansari. When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard this, he did not say anything (but from his reaction, one could see that he was angry).

When the person who had built this place once appeared in front of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and greeted him in front of everyone, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - turned away his blessed face. (In other words, although he returned the greeting silently, still he turned away his face from the person).

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - acted in this manner a few times. This person then approached some of the eminent Ashaab and mentioned to them what had happened. These companions then mentioned the entire incident to him and also mentioned the reason that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - could be angry.

When the person heard this, he went back to his house and demolished it until it was equal to the ground level. A few days later, when the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - was walking past this same area, he inquired about the house which once stood there. The blessed companions then narrated the entire even which took place after this.

Later on, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - declared, "Beware! This construction on the Day of Judgement will become a curse for the one who built it. (In other words, it will become a source of punishment for the person except for those things which are absolutely necessary and without which, a person cannot survive). (Abu Daud)