

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*

Imam bin Hambal was firm on the Truth

It is reported that when Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was sent to prison due to the issue surrounding the matter of the Qur'an, there was already a person before him in prison.

When this person heard the story of why the great Imam had been imprisoned, he replied, "I am a thief and robber and I was imprisoned because of these crimes and even though they have committed all types of oppression against me while I have been in prison, I am still convinced that I will be freed. In other words, even though I am someone whose life is based on falsehood, still I am convinced about this. You on the other hand are someone whose mission is based on absolute truth and therefore, you must never leave the path of truth and always remain firm on this."

It is mentioned that when Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was released from prison, he also used to make Du'a for this person as he made Du'a for others. He took the name of this person when he used to make Du'a and used to convey Thawaab to the person through his Du'a.

One day, his son, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Ahmed - *may Allah be pleased with him* - asked him, "Who is this person whose name you take in your Du'a?"

The great Imam replied, "This is the name of one of my teachers."

His son replied that this name did not appear in his Sanad or certificate.

The great Imam replied, "When I was in prison, this person taught me how to be firm on truth."

In the book *Safinatul Awliyah*, it is mentioned that no matter how much of punishment was given to Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - later on, he remained firm in his belief that the Qur'an was not a creation but the Divine Word of Allah Almighty.

It is said that once, the chains were loosened around his hands and he was brought in front of the public. Suddenly, two hands appeared from the Unseen and covered his body. At that time, a certain portion of his body became visible because his clothes had fallen a little. When those in authority saw this miracle, they released him. But Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - passed away soon after. When his Janazah was being carried hundreds of birds appeared and covered his Janazah. When they saw this miracle, thousands of Fire-worshippers and Jews accepted Islam and began to read the Kalimah aloud.