

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*

Immense Knowledge of Rasoolullah

Every genuine Muslim is fully aware that Hadrat Sayyiduna Mohammed bin Ismail bin Mughayrah - *May Allah be pleased with him* - is considered as one the greatest Muhaddith in the history of Islam. This is also one of the reasons that he was given the title of “Ameerul Mo’mineen fil Hadith”.

During his early childhood his eyes began to lose vision and through the Du’a of his mother, his vision was restored. Hadrat Sayyiduna Mohammed bin Ismail bin Mughayrah - *May Allah be pleased with him* - had visited nearly a thousand teachers and had recorded numerous Ahadith from them. He had memorized nearly a hundred thousand Sahih Hadith and nearly two hundred thousand non-Sahih Hadith. Everyone knows that his immense contribution to Islam is his masterpiece the *Sahih Bukhari*. This was completed in sixteen years. The great Imam passed away in 256 A.H.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Bukhari - *May Allah be pleased with him* - records from Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik - *May Allah be pleased with him* - that when the famous religious leader of the Jews, Abdullah bin Salaam, heard that the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - had arrived in Madina Shareef, he went to meet the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*.

When he had presented himself in front of the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, he asked, "I wish to ask you three questions which besides a Prophet no one else will be able to answer. They are:

1. Which is one of the first signs of Qiyamah?
2. Which will be the first food eaten by the people in Jannah?
3. Why does a child sometimes resemble the mother and sometimes the father?

When the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard these questions, he mentioned, "Just now Jibra'eel Ameen had given me the answers to these questions."

Abdullah bin Salaam asked, "Among the Angels, he is considered as the enemy of the Jews."

When the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard this, he recited the 97th, 98th and 99th verses of Surah Baqarah which are:

قُلْ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِجِبْرِيلَ فَإِنَّهُ نَزَّلَهُ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ
وَهُدًى وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَجِبْرِيلَ
وَمِيكَالَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٨﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ ۖ وَمَا
يَكْفُرُ بِهَا إِلَّا الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾

Say (O Muhammad), "Whoever is an enemy to Jibra'eel - for it is he who has brought down

this Qu'ran to your heart by Allah's command, confirming the Books before it, and a guidance and glad tidings to Muslims. - "Whoever is an enemy to Allah, and His angels and His Noble Messengers, and Jibreel and Mikaeel -, then (*know that*), Allah is an enemy of the disbelievers." We have indeed sent down to you clear signs; and none will disbelieve in them except the sinners.

The Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then continued, "The first sign on the Day of Judgement is that there will be a large fire which will gather people from the East and move them together to the West. The first food for the people of Jannah will be the heart (liver) of the fish. When the sperm of the male overpowers the semen of the female, then the child is similar in appearance to the father and when the female semen overpowers that of the male, then the child is similar in appearance to the mother."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Salaam - *May Allah be pleased with him* - heard these answers, he immediately recited the Kalimah and accepted Islam. He said, "The Jews are people who are always accusing others without basis. If they come to know that I have accepted Islam, then they will certainly accuse and blame me without any valid reason. Therefore, it is better that you first inquire from them about me."

When the Jews arrived in front of the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, he asked them, "What do you people have to say about Abdullah. What type of person is he?" They replied, "He is the best among us and a leader who is the son of a leader."

The Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then asked them, "What would you say if he accepts Islam, (will you still accept him.)?"

The Jews replied, "May Allah protect him from this."

At that moment, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Salaam - *May Allah be pleased with him* - appeared from behind the door and recited the Kalimah in front of these people. When the Jews saw that he had indeed accepted Islam, they began to say, "He is the worst among us and the son of the worst person among us." They continued to heave other insults against him.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Salaam - *May Allah be pleased with him* - mentioned to the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - that this is what he was afraid of in the first place. (Sahih Bukhari, #4480)

It is at this moment that Allah Almighty revealed the 10th verse of Surah Ahqaf which is:

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَكَفَرْتُمْ بِهِ وَشَهِدَ شَاهِدٌ مِّنْ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ
عَلَىٰ مِثْلِهِ فَأَمَنَ وَاسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

Say, "What is your opinion - if the Qur'an is from Allah and you have rejected faith in it, and a witness among the Descendants of Israel has already testified upon this and accepted faith, while you became arrogant? Indeed Allah does not guide the unjust."

Since Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Bukhari - *May Allah be pleased with him* - had recorded this from Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik - *May Allah be pleased with him* - it is important that we mention something about this eminent companion. He was a person who served the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - for nearly ten years as his personal servant. In fact, at time, the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - used to also call him "Ya Zal Uzunain" or "the person with two ears". His mother is the famous female Ashaabiyah named Sayyidah Umme Sulaim - *May Allah be pleased with her*. During the time of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *May Allah be pleased with them* - he was the Aamil of Bahrain. He had immense love and reverence for the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and whenever he mentioned the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - he used to weep intensely in remembrance of the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. He lived till the age of ninety and passed away in Basrah. When he passed away, Murarriq Ajali declared, "Today half the knowledge in the world has been raised."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Salaam's - *May Allah be pleased with him* - full name is Abdullah bin Salaam bin Haarith and he is a descendent of Nabi Yusuf bin Yaqub -

peace be upon them. During the days of ignorance, his name was Haseen and when he accepted Islam, the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - gave him the name "Abdullah". When the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - arrived in Madina Shareef, this eminent companion went to meet him and when he saw the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - he declared, "I swear by Allah that this can never be the face of a false person."

He was the first person to hear the advice of the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - that one should make the Salaam common among people. People should be fed, family relationship should be strengthened and when people are sleeping at night, then one should busy oneself with Ibadah. He passed away in 34 A.H. (Usdul Ghaabah, Vol. 3)