

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَالَمِينَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَنْ يُصْلِّي عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon

His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

Molten Iron used by Nabi Sulayman

Alayhis Salaam

Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam* had a great likeness for strong and powerful forts and bastions. However instead of bricks and mortar, there had to be something much stronger than this material. Hence, the idea of metal. However, where could Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam* find so much of metal was another concern. However, Allah *azza wajal*, in His Infinite Mercy, bestowed upon him a spring which could ooze out metal when he wanted it to. This was also a miracle of Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam* that he could acquire this metal in liquid form whenever he wished. Prior to Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam*, the idea of molten metal was not known to anyone. (Qassasul Ambiyah, 393)

Imam Najjaar also explains that Allah *azza wajal* had revealed to Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam* those places on earth where molten lava could be acquired and also where molten iron could be found. Ibn Katheer says that according to the narration of Qatadah this was in Yemen where there was a spring that had molten metal coming from it. These special and unique places had also been revealed to Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam* at that time. (Al Bidaayah wan Nihaayah)

The Qur'an does not exactly explain the manner in which Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam* actually acquired this product. However in Surah Saba (34), verse 12 the Qur'an declares:

وَأَسْلَنَا لَهُ عَيْنَ الْقِطْرِ

“We made to flow a stream of molten brass for him.”

The fact that he was able to acquire molten brass and also able to travel through on the wind were all the miracles of Nabi Sulayman *'Alayhis Salaam*. Therefore, since they are to be found in the Holy Qur'an, it is necessary that we believe in these things.

There are also certain idiots who make a joke of these miracles and say that they are mere fairy tales. They also try to bring in their own fancy explanations into this subject. The Muslims should not pay attention to these misguided people and should make sure that they believe with sincerity on these miracles displayed by the Prophets and the Awliya.