

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*

Prisoners of Badr should have been Killed

It is mentioned that when the Battle of Badr was over, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - asked his blessed companions advice on what should be done with the prisoners. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - advised that since some of these people were the uncles and nephews of the Muslims and that ransom should be taken from them and thereafter they should be released. He was also of the opinion that perhaps these people would eventually become Muslims and supporters of Islam.

However, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentioned, "If there is someone who is from my family, he should be given to me so that I can have him killed. Aqeel should be given to Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and a certain person should be given to Ameer Hamza - *may Allah be pleased*

with him. In this manner, we should display the fact that we have no mercy for the disbelievers and the Mushriks.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the advice of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was accepted and not his advice and hence, ransom was accepted from these people.

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - continues, “The next day, when I appeared in front of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - and Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - I noticed that they were weeping a lot. I then asked them the reason for this weeping so that I could also join them and earn reward and also appear as someone who was with them. However, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - declared that they were weeping because of the issue of ransom.”

In other words, the Qur’anic verse had made it clear that the prisoners should have been killed instead of being ransomed. In other words, Allah Almighty had chosen the Hereafter for the Muslims and not the wealth of this world. (Imam Ahmed, Abu Daud, Tirmidi, etc).

It is mentioned that prior to the Battle of Badr, there was a special covering which was prepared for Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - and his beloved friend, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - were at this place making special Du’a.