

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*

Refuses all Worldly needs

It is reported that Hishaam was the fourth son of Abdul Malik bin Marwan. He became the ruler after Yazeed bin Abdul Malik. It is reported that during his rule, the Turks continue to rebel against the government. However, when Hishaam nominated Nasr bin Sayyar to be the Governor of Khuraasan, the first thing he did was remove the Jizyah on all the new Muslims. With the result the Turks also began to accept Islam in droves. It is also mentioned that the General of Hishaam, namely Saeed Hareeshi, also defeated the Turks on many occasions in places like Azerbaijan etc. There were also many battles against the Romans and many victories against the Romans.

It is reported that during the rule of Hishaam, Hadrat Sayyiduna Zaid bin Imam Zainul Aabideen - *May Allah be pleased with him* - also rose against the then government and was promised supported by the people of Kufah. However, when the time came to help and support, they all deserted him. It was Hadrat Sayyiduna Zaid - *May Allah be pleased with him* - that gave these people the title of "Raafidi." During the final battle, this eminent son of Islam was severely injured by an arrow and passed away through this

injury. Hishaam, on the other hand, ruled for nearly nineteen years and died in 125 A.H. (Taarike Islam, 788,802)

It is reported that once the brother of Sulayman bin Abdul Malik, Hishaam bin Abdul Malik bin Marwan, arrived to perform the Hajj. While making Tawaaf, his eyes fell on a most pious and noble looking Saint. This was none other than Hadrat Sayyiduna Saalim bin Abdullah bin 'Umar - *May Allah be pleased with them*. This Saint was carrying his sandals in his hand while making the Tawaaf. His clothes and turban were also very simple.

Hishaam then approached him and asked, "If you have any need, please inform me." Saalim bin Abdullah - *May Allah be pleased with him* - replied, "I feel extremely ashamed that while I am in the House of the Allah Almighty, I should ask someone else for help."

When the so-called Khalifah heard this reply, his face turned red with anger. He considered this as a personal insult.

When Hadrat Sayyiduna Saalim - *May Allah be pleased with him* - left the Haram Shareef, he followed the great Saint. He again approached the great Saint and said, "Now that you have left the Baitullah, if you have any need, please inform me."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Saalim - *May Allah be pleased with him* - inquired, "Do you wish to know about any wordily need or any need in the Hereafter?"

Hishaam replied, "To fulfil any need of yours in the Hereafter is beyond me. However, if there is any wordily need you might have, please inform me."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Saalim - *May Allah be pleased with him* - replied, "I do not ask for anything wordily even from the actual Owner of the world, why would I ask for something wordily from someone who does not even own it?" After saying this, he continued to his residence while Hishaam could only stand watching him all the time. (Al Bidaayah wan Nihaayah, 9/235)