

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِي بَأْنُ يُصْلِي 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*

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## Respect for decision even it opposes yours

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It is reported that Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* once had a wife named "Aasiyah" whose meaning was "disobedient." However, if there were names whose meanings were not appropriate, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* was in the habit of changing this name. Consequently, he had the name the "Aasiyah" changed to "Jamilah."

The son of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, Hadrat Aasim, was from this mother. While Hadrat Aasim was young, his father had given Aasim's mother divorce. This was in the time of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* used to live in Quba and he later settled in Madina shareef.

One day, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* was travelling through Quba when he saw Hadrat Aasim in the company of other children. As a father would normally do out of love for his child, he hugged his son and made him sit on his horse with him. He also wanted to take his son with him. However, someone had informed the mother, Jameelah, of what was happening and she came running. She then grabbed the reins of the horse and declared that Asim was her beloved son and that she would not allow him to leave. She also told Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* that she would only allow Hadrat Aasim to stay with her and that Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* was not allowed to take him with him.

However, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* was not prepared to leave his son and this became a long and heated debate. Finally, this issue was presented in the court of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. Both of them presented their sides of the story and their own respective testimony.

After listening to both sides, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* informed everyone that Asim was to live with his mother. Such were the greatness of these blessed souls that when Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* heard this decision, he merely lowered his head and said nothing. The little boy was then left with his mother. (Al Farouq, 12)