

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 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*

Status of Abu Bakr and 'Umar

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that once Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - looked at Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and smiled. He then asked, "O ibn Khattab! Do you know why I had looked at you and smiled?"

Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied, "Allah and His Prophet know better."

Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - declared, "On the night of Arafat, Allah Almighty had turned to you with Divine Grace and Mercy and had made you the key of Islam." (Ar Riyad Al Asar)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that on one Monday when Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - was very

ill he raised the pardah or covering of his room and saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - performing the Salaah.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that when he saw the blessed face of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - he felt that it was a part of the moon and he was also smiling. "It was also very close that we became guilty of fitnah, (in other words of breaking our Salaah to see him due to the joy of seeing him well). He then dropped the covering and it was on that day that he departed from this world." (Riyaadul Asar)