

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَانْ يُصْلِلُ 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*

The Daughters who Stood on Truth

Hadrat Mohammed bin Saweed Tahaan - *May Allah have mercy on him* - narrates, “On the day in which the great Imam and a symbol of piety and greatness, namely Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *May Allah have mercy on him* - was been whipped in public, we were present in front of Hadrat Sayyiduna Asim bin Ali - *May Allah have mercy on him*. There were also others among us such as Ibn Ubaid bin Salaam, Ebrahim bin Abu Laith, etc. Hadrat Sayyiduna Asim bin Ali - *May Allah have mercy on him* - then asked those around him, “Is there anyone among you people who is brave enough to accompany me to the Khalifah so that we can ask him why he is been so oppressive to such an eminent Imam and scholar?”

At that moment, no one came forward. Most of them released that they would be approaching a tyrant leader. However, among these people, a person named Ebrahim bin Abu Laith stood up and declared, “O Abul Hasan! I am prepared to come with you”. When he saw the bravery of this person, Hadrat Sayyiduna Asim bin Ali - *May Allah have mercy on him* - surprisingly asked him, “O young man! Are you prepared to follow me in this regard? Think carefully about your decision. And also ponder about the person we are going to meet.”

However, this young man replied that he had already thought carefully about his decision and wanted to go home for a few minutes just to remind his daughters that he was undertaking a very important task and duty. He also wanted the opportunity to give them advice on following and obeying the true religion. This person then returned to his residence.

We also thought that perhaps this person had also gone to prepare his Kafan and make last minute arrangements for his burial because approaching someone like this Khalifah was actually inviting death.

After a few minutes, he returned. Hadrat Sayyiduna Asim - *May Allah have mercy on him* - then asked him whether he was ready and he admitted that he was now ready. He also admitted that he had mentioned to his children that he was going to approach the Khalifah and when he left, they were crying as well.

While they were preparing, at that moment, a person arrived with a letter from the daughters of Hadrat Sayyiduna Asim - *May Allah have mercy on him*. In this letter, it was mentioned, “O our father! We have heard that a tyrant has imprisoned the great Imam, Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *May Allah have mercy on him* - and is also delivering punishment on him in public. They are also forcing him to admit that the Qur'an is a creation of man. We urge you not to move away from your mission. Fear nothing and remain steadfast. Even if the Khalifah wants you to say something contrary, never allow yourself to do this. It is better that we receive news of your death while you were fighting for the truth than receive news that you had supported tyranny. If you lose your life, it is better than for you to lose your Imaan.”