

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَأْنُ يُصَلِّي 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 Drought in Nabi Moosa's time

It is mentioned that once there was a severe drought among the Bani Israeel. It hadn't rain for many months. People then approached Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - and said, "O Kalimullah! Please make Du'a to Allah Almighty so that He can send rain to us."

Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - then ordered his people to accompany him outside the city limits so that he could make Du'a for rain. It is said that there were more than seventy thousand people who gathered on this plain. Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - then made Du'a in the following words, "O Allah! Please grace us with rain and with Your Divine Mercy. The small innocent children, animals which cannot speak, the sick and ill, all of them are in need of Your Divine Mercy. Please feel sorry for them and cover us with Your Divine Grace."

He continued to make Du'a and yet no rain was seen for miles. In fact, the heat of the sun actually began to increase. Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - was extremely surprised and asked Allah Almighty the reason why the Du'a was not been accepted.

Allah Almighty replied, "There is a person among you who has continuously disobeyed me for nearly forty years and he has also insisted on committing sin and transgression. O Moosa! Command the people that this person should leave and it is through him that the rain does not appear and until he does not leave this place, the rain will not appear."

Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - then replied, "O Allah Almighty! I am a frail person and my voice is also weak. There are nearly seventy thousands of them present, how will my voice reach all of them?"

However, Allah Almighty answered, "Your duty is to make the call and it is Our duty to deliver your voice."

Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - then called out to his people, "O that person who is a sinner and someone who disobeys the Creator. That person who has continued to disobey Allah Almighty for nearly forty years and has earned the Divine Wrath of Allah Almighty. Please leave this crowd and because of your black deeds, we are robbed of the Divine Mercy of Allah Almighty".

When this person heard this call, he looked left and right and saw that no one was moving from his place. He then understood that this message was meant for him. He also knew that if he left in front of everyone, it would be his day of great shame and embarrassment. People will laugh at him and at the same time, he thought that if he did not leave, others would be robbed of the rain which was dearly required at this time.

He then took his shawl and covered his face. He became very guilty of his past sins and transgressions and displayed immense regret for all of this. He then made a silent Du'a. "O Allah Almighty! How Merciful and Beneficent are you that in spite of me disobeying You for nearly forty years, you continued to give me a chance but today, I have arrived in this place as your obedient servant and slave. Please accept my Taubah and pardon me and protect me from this embarrassment and humiliation."

Even before he could complete his words, suddenly the sky was filled with rain clouds and it began to rain. Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - in surprise asked, "O Allah Almighty! How come the rain has appeared and yet, no one has left this crowd?" Allah Almighty replied, "O Moosa, that person through whom I had stopped the rain, it is through that person that the rain has appeared because he had made sincere Taubah."

Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - then asked to be shown this person so that he could meet him, however Allah Almighty declared, "O Moosa! When I did not embarrass this person when he did not make Taubah, how can I embarrass him now when he has made sincere Taubah?"

In this way, no one among the Bani Israel came to know who this person was.

Another important point we learn from this incident is the power of a Prophet. We see that the blessed voice of Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - was able to reach nearly seventy thousand people without a microphone! It also reminds us that when Hadrat Ghous Paak - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to address the people in Baghdad Shareef, even in that time there were hundreds of thousands of people present in this function, yet the voice of this great Saint used to reach every person in this function. This clearly teaches us that when a servant reaches the stage of greatness and closeness with Allah Almighty, then his voice also develops the power to speak to thousands at once.