

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* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

The Fate of Insulting the Holy Prophet

It is reported that once a person was sitting near the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and eating with his left hand. When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - saw this, he commanded, "Eat with your right hand." However, this person in a state of pride replied, "I cannot eat with my right hand." When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard this answer, he replied, "You will not eat with your right hand." The narrator then explains that thereafter this person was never able to take his right hand towards his mouth. In other words, he was immediately punished for disobeying a direct command of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. (Muslim Shareef)

It is reported that there was once a person who was riding his horse in between Safa and Marwah. Bear in mind that in those days, both of these holy places were outside the

Haram Shareef. He had many slaves and servants who were also travelling with him. Due to his actions, the place was also becoming extremely constrained for other people as well. Many people who were trying to walk also became very angry at the behaviour of this person and the great pride and arrogance which he was displaying. People also gave him many dirty looks. He was also a tall person and his eyes were also considered very large.

It is mentioned that a few years later, one of the people who had performed Hajj with this person saw him sitting on the bridge which led into Baghdad Shareef. He was begging. This person asked him, “Are you not that person who performed Hajj during a certain year and you were surrounded by your slaves and servants? And where you not person who even made the road small for others as well?”

He replied that indeed he was that person.

The person then asked him what had happened to him and how come he was now begging from people. He replied, “I had adopted pride and arrogance in that place where pious and noble people display humility and respect. As a reward, Allah Almighty had bestowed upon me humiliation and disgrace in that place where disgraced people are also humiliated.”

A person who insulted the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and his ultimate disgrace.

A current report has been presented in this regard. The narrator of this incident is a famous scholar from Egypt named Shaikh Ahmed Shaakir.

He narrates, “Once, the Governor gave a special award to a blind intellectual named Taha Yaseen. He displayed immense respect and decorum for this blind person. However, the Khatib of this Masjid, then began to praise the Governor to such a degree that people were surprised. Perhaps, his intention was to create a good name for himself among the government people and within political circles. This Khatib mentioned the following words, ‘A blind person approached the Ameer named Taha Yaseen, however, the Ameer did not turn his head away and was not displeased.’

“However, as soon as the Jumu’ah Salaah was complete, the father of the narrator, Shaikh Mohammed Shakir, announced to everyone, ‘Wake up and re-perform your Salaah. His Salaah was not accepted and it is now Waajib upon us to re perform our Salaah. The reason is that this Khatib has clearly insulted the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - and has therefore committed Kufr.’

“The incident in question is about the sudden appearance of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Umme Maktum - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who had appeared at that time when the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - was presenting the message of Islam to the leaders of Mecca Shareef. Obviously, since this was a very sensitive moment, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - was not pleased with the sudden appearance of this blind companion. It is also mentioned that he turned away his blessed face from this person.

“Therefore, this Khatib under discussion was trying to indicate to people that this Governor was greater than the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - because he had not turned away from this blind person, Taha Yaseen. This was certainly clear Kufr and hence the remark made by Shaikh Mohammed Shaakir that people should re-perform their Salaah.

“As a matter of fact, this ignorant Khatib also felt the Divine Wrath of Allah Almighty in this world and what is in the Hereafter, remains to be seen. I then saw that this same Khatib, who was once one of the famous people and who was among the special dignitaries of his period, was standing on the door way of one of the Masjids and looking after the shoes of people who were entering the Masjid! One could clearly see humiliation on his face and because I knew him and he also knew me, I made sure that he did not notice me.” (Sunairi Awraaq)