

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 *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*

The Justice of Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allah 'Anhu* on Hurmuzaan

A very famous Iranian General by the name of Hurmuzaan, while engaged in battle with the Muslims, ran away from the battle and took refuge in another city. However, the Muslims captured him and his army. They then released him after he promised that they will pay the Jizyah.

On the third occasion, he took refuge in the town of Tustar and locked himself inside the castle. He only agreed to come out and surrender if the Muslims promised that they would deliver him directly to Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allah 'Anhu*.

When he arrived in Madina Shareef, he made sure that he adorned himself with all the royal regalia so that everyone would know that he was a famous General. He also approached Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allah 'Anhu* with the purpose of seeking security for his life. At the same time, he also understood that he had betrayed the

Muslims on many occasions and had gone against his promises many a times. Therefore, while he was hopeful that his request would be acceded to, he was also fearful of what might happen.

When he entered the Masjid to meet Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu*, the great leader of the Muslims was resting with his turban as his pillow. As people began to gather in the Masjid, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu* awoke due to the noise which was created around him.

As Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu* looked up and saw a person standing in front of him dressed in full royal regalia. He asked the people around him whether this was Hurmuzaan. They replied that this was the famous Hurmuzaan. As he looked at this person standing in front of him, he declared to all the Muslims who were present, “I seek refuge in Allah *azza wajal* from the Fire of Hell and also seek His Divine Help. All Praise is for Allah *azza wajal* Who has made Islam the cause of this person's embarrassment and humiliation. O Muslims! You should hold fast to the teachings of Islam and embrace the teachings of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu ‘Alayhi Wasallam*. If you do this, you will never be humiliated because the world is nothing but deception.”

The people also informed Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu* that this prisoner was once the Governor of a certain region and that he had personally wanted to meet the leader of the Muslims. Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu* replied, “As long as he is wearing this clothing and regalia, I am not prepared to speak to him.”

Hurmuzaan then removed all the royal regalia and entered in ordinary clothing. Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu* asked him, “What is your reason for continuously breaking your promise to me?” Hurmuzaan replied, “I am afraid that before I give my excuse, you will kill me.”

However, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu* replied, “Fear not, your excuses will be listened to.”

Hurmuzaan then asked for some water. When the water was given to him, he declared, “I am afraid that perhaps I might be killed while drinking this water.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar *Radi Allah ‘Anhu* then declared, “Do not have any fear, as long as you do not drink the water, no harm will reach you.”

When Hurmuzaan heard this, he immediately dropped the cup of water and all the water spilled on the floor. He then said, "If this is the condition set by you, then I cannot be killed."

When he saw what had just happened, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allah 'Anhu* was extremely upset and angry at the deceit and cleverness of this person. However, Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik *Radi Allah 'Anhu*, who was also present, replied, "O Ameerul Mo'mineen, he is quiet right. You did say that as long as he does not drink the water, nothing would happen to him and he has not yet drunk the water. Therefore, he is under your protection." Others in the crowd also agreed with this.

Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar *Radi Allah 'Anhu* then declared, "O Hurmuzaan, you have deceived me. However, I will not deceive you because Islam does not deceive anyone. Islam has also never taught people something like this."

Such was the impact of this on Hurmuzaan that he later became a Muslim. He also received a yearly stipend from the National Treasury and began to live in Madina Shareef.