

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 Niece of Zun Nun Misri

Hadrat Sayyiduna Zun Nun Misri - *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates:

“I had a niece who was considered among the beloved servants of Allah Almighty. (In other words, she was among the Awliya). Once, she disappeared for an entire month and no one was able to find her. Even I had no idea where she had disappeared to. I then kept fast during the day and spent the night in Ibadah all the while pleading to Allah Almighty to reveal to me her whereabouts. One night, a voice said to me, ‘The person you seek is in a certain valley.’ I was also surprised as to how she had reached such a far off place.

“I then took enough water and food and reached that valley. However, I could not find her at that place. The food and water began to be a great burden to me. I was also extremely tired and decided to rest a while. However, as I placed my head on the ground, I felt someone pulling my leg and when I opened my eyes, it was the same niece of mine.

“She then smiled and asked me what these bags contained. I told her that it was food and water. I said that since she had disappeared for nearly a month, hence the need for this food and water. She then revealed to me, ‘O my beloved uncle, I was once standing in the Mimbar and I began to think that it is the same Creator Who is the Creator of the earth, the heavens, the places which are dry and those which are wet, the places which has inhabited and the places which are uninhabited. I then made the intention that in one month, I will make Ibadah to Allah Almighty in all these different places. Consequently, I arrived in this valley to see His Greatness and I have been here for nearly forty days. I have seen His Greatness with the vision of Ainul Yaqeen. Allah Almighty has also made me independent of all creation.’ She then wept a little and remained silent.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Zun Nun - *may Allah be pleased with him* - continues, “I also felt extreme hunger and decided to ask her for something to eat.” However, before I could say anything, she said, ‘O my beloved uncle! Perhaps you are hungry?’ I replied that I was indeed hungry. She then looked towards the heavens and said, ‘O my Creator! My beloved uncle is hungry and what my state is with You, he also wishes to see that as well.’”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Zun Nun - *may Allah be pleased with him* – states, “Even before she could complete her words, a white substance like snow began to fall from the sky. I then asked her where this Mann and Salwa appeared from and she informed me that this would come later. Suddenly, little birds also appeared and this Mann and Salwa began to descend upon us. There is no doubt that before she could leave, I noticed that I had also been included among the Kaamileen, (in other words the Awliya).” (Nawaadir Al Qalyubi)