

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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 Patience of the Saint

There is no doubt that patience and forbearance is something which is a trademark character of the true Saint. Whenever harm is caused to them, they treat the person with kindness. They very rarely become angry and also consider themselves as one of the lowest of creatures. In other words, in front of others, they try to make themselves look as ordinary as possible without having any airs or pride.

The same with one of the great Saints of his era, namely Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Uthman Heeri – *may Allah be pleased with him*. Once a person decided to test his patience and forbearance and invited him for a meal. However, went the Saint reached there the person informed him that there were no more food available. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Uthman Heeri – *may Allah be pleased with him* – did not display anger and quietly walked back.

However, the person again followed him and mentioned that there was more food available. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Uthman Heeri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - returned to the house of this person. But when he came near the house, the person informed him that there was no more food and Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Uthman Heeri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - turned back. He did not display any displeasure or anger.

When the person saw this amazing behaviour, he mentioned to Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Uthman Heeri - *may Allah be pleased with him*, "Hadrat! My intention was merely to test your patience and forbearance and nothing else. There is also no doubt that I have never met someone who has such immense patience and forbearance as you."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Uthman Heeri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied that this was nothing and that even a dog behaved in this manner. If you chase it away, it runs away and if you call it, to comes forward.

When the person heard this amazing reply, he became an even greater admirer of the great saint. (Kimiyah Sa'adat)