

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ 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*

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## The Sabr Displayed by a Lady

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Hadrat Sayyiduna Asma'i - *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates:

Once, I was travelling with a friend of mine. We entered some unknown area and became lost. In the distance, we could see a camp and we decided to approach this tent. When we reached the tent, we made Salaam as loudly as possible so that someone could hear us. An old female appeared from this tent. She also greeted us. When she asked us who we were, we mentioned that we were travellers who had become lost.

She then told us, “Please wait a while so that I can fulfil my rights to you.”

She then entered the tent and told us to turn away. She covered herself in Pardah and appeared again. She gave us a shawl to place on the ground and wait a little so that when her son comes he would be able to take care of our needs.

As we sat on the shawl, we noticed a rider in the distance who was approaching the tent. When she saw this, she said that the camel belonged to her son but the rider on the camel was certainly not her son. When the rider appeared in front of the camp, he addressed the female and said to her, “O Umme Akeel! May Allah Almighty bestow His Divine Grace upon you in regards to your son.”

The female then inquired whether her son had passed away and the rider replied, “Yes”.

She then asked him how her son had passed away and he explained that some of the camels had bolted and one of them had pushed her son into a well. When she heard this, she remained calm. She did not cry but rather she said to the rider, “Please jump off your camel and take care of my guests. There is a goat in front of this tent. Please have it slaughtered and prepared for these guests of mine. ”

When the food was placed in front of us, we continued to be amazed by the immense Sabr of this female. She had not allowed herself to commit anything which was against the Shari’ah. In fact, she was more concerned in making sure that her guest were taken care of.

After we had eaten, she asked, “If there anyone among you who can recite to me a verse from the Qur’an. If you are able to do this, you would certainly do me a great favour.”

I then mentioned that I would certainly be able to recite a verse from the Qur’an for her. She said that I should recite a verse which explains the excellence of Sabr and Shukr. I then recited the 155 and 156<sup>th</sup> verse of Surah Baqarah, which is:

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ  
وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ۚ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾  
الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٦﴾

“And We will surely test you with some fear and hunger, and with paucity of wealth and lives and crops; and give glad tidings to those who patiently endure. - Those who say when calamity befalls them, “Indeed we belong to Allah and indeed it is to Him we are to return.”

She asked whether these were the exact words of the Qur'an and I mentioned that indeed this was so. She then thanked me and made Du'a for me as well. She started to recite the Salaah and also declared, “Without doubt, my son Akeel has arrived in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty.” She mentioned this on three occasions.

She made Du'a in the following words, “O Allah! As You have commanded, that is what I have fulfilled. Please also fulfill Your Divine Promise and certainly, You never break Your Promise. ” (Uyunul Hikaayah)

Such was the amazing behaviour of this female that it is difficult to find a female of this quality in the present age. In today's time, females are in the habit of screaming on top of their voices and crying. Some pull their hair, some beat their faces and some perform actions which are too ghastly to describe. We also make Du'a that Allah Almighty blesses us as well with the immense Sabr which He had blessed this female with. Ameen.