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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 Slave who was a Majzub

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman bin Muhazzab - *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates:

One day I arrived in the marketplace where slaves were being sold. I noticed the auctioneer pointing at one slave and saying, “I am selling this person with his faults.”

I then asked him, “What faults does the person have?”

He replied, “Ask him yourself.”

I then turned to the slave and asked, “What faults do you possess?”

The slave replied, “O my master! There are many defects which I possess. I also do not know which defect has become well known among people which I can reveal to you.”

I again asked the auctioneer, “Tell me which defect he has.”

He replied that he was suffering from insanity.

I asked the slave since when he was suffering from this illness. Was it during one a year, once a month or every week?

He replied, “O my master, when the illness overtakes the heart, then this travels through the entire body. And when it overpowers a certain limb, then the drink of intoxication spreads all over. The intellect is also lost in the remembrance of the beloved. The heart is overtaken, the limbs become silent and those who are illiterate, consider it to be insanity.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman - *may Allah be pleased with him* - explains that he came to understand that this servant was actually one of the beloved servants of Allah Almighty.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman bin Muhazzab - *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates:

I then asked the auctioneer how much he was selling this slave for and he replied for two hundred Dirhams. I then paid him two hundred Dirhams and took the slave home with me.

When we reached the house, I asked him to enter the house but he refused to do so and said, “Do you have a wife in the house?”

I replied that indeed I did have a wife.

He then said that he could not look at a ghair-mahram.

I said that he had permission to do so.

But he replied, “I seek refuge in Allah Almighty from this. I will remain in the porch and whenever you require, you may call me from this place and I will complete that task in this area as well.”

I then kept quiet and left him in this state.

A while later, I brought some food to him but he mentioned that he was fasting. During the night, I again brought him some food but he mentioned that he was not hungry. He continued to remain on the porch the entire night. In the middle of the night, when I went to see him, I noticed that he was standing in Salaah and he was unaware of my presence. After the Salaah, he placed his head in Sajdah and wept a lot. I also heard his pleas in Sajdah which were, “O Allah! The stars have set, the eyes of people are closed, yet You are the One Divine Being Who keeps everyone alive. You are the Divine Being Who sleep does not overtake. O my Creator! You have placed the earth and made everyone meet his beloved, yet, You are the actual focal point of Love and Reverence. O my Creator! If You remove me from Your Court and Divine Entrance, at whose door will I be able to present myself. If You punish me, this is Your Divine Justice and if You pardon me, this is Your Divine Grace.”

The slave then sat upright and raised his hands weeping. He then said, “O Allah Almighty! There is no doubt that through Your Divine Grace, the Saaliheen and the Aarifeen have gained salvation. Those who have irked have been given the power to ask for forgiveness through Your Power. Please pardon my sins, even though I am not someone who entitled for this Divine Grace.”

I then entered my house and was surprised by what I heard.

In the morning, I went to him and asked him how he had slept, (even though I knew that he had not slept). He replied, “O my master! Can that person sleep whose destination is the Fire of Hell, who will be presented in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty and whose is fearful of his sins?”

He then wept for a long time. When I saw this, I said to him, “Go, I have freed you for the sake of Allah Almighty.”

He replied, “O my master! At first, I used to receive two rewards. The first for the worship of the Allah Almighty and the second was for serving you. Now I will only receive one reward. May Allah Almighty protect you from the Fire of Hell”.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then mentions that he handed this slave some money, but he refused to accept anything and declared, “The Master who bestows sustenance is Someone Who will always remain alive.” He then left the house and his face was full of sadness and I have no idea where he disappeared to. (Ar Rouad Al Faa’iq)

How much these beloved servants of Allah Almighty wish to see the Allah Almighty? At the same time, how much of regret they displayed by anything form of Ibadah which was lost. If you can also see the oceans of people that stand in this state of wishing to see the Creator, indeed you would be surprised at their state. Among their qualities, Allah Almighty explains in Surah Zaariyaat, verse 17:

كَانُوا أَقْلِيلًا مِّنَ الْأَيَّلِ مَا يَهْجِعُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

“They used to sleep only a little during the night. And used to seek forgiveness before dawn”.