

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوَلَدِ 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 Wise Words from an Enemy

Imam Tabarani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - records that once a Muslim army was dispatched under the command of Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar bin Al Aas - *may Allah be pleased with him* . When this army decided to camp on a certain plain in Alexandria, the ruler of the opposition requested that he speaks to one of the Muslim leaders. Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar bin Al Aas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then went to meet this person.

The ruler of the opposition then mentioned the following words to the great Muslim. He mentioned, “There is no doubt that the message of your Prophet is nothing but the truth. As you people, there were also Prophets that appeared to us. We remained firm on their teachings, however, later on, such kings and rulers appeared among us who completely ignored the teaching of these Prophets. They started to follow their carnal

desires and personal wishes. With the result of this, they dropped from a mighty position to the lowest state on earth. This is the reason that other nations soon overpowered us. Therefore, hold fast to the teachings of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. If you do this, no one will be able to defeat you and success will always follow you. Whoever wishes to destroy you, their power and kingdom will always be at your feet. However, if you ignore the teachings of your Prophet and become like us and start to worship your personal desires then the road between us will be wide open. In that time, you will never be greater than us in numbers or in strength."

When this person had completed his words, Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar bin Al Aas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentioned that he had never met a more wiser council than this person before. (Hayaat As Sahabah)