

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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## They Loved the Holy Prophet

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It is mentioned that on the day when Mecca Shareef was captured by the Muslims, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - was making Tawaaf. There was a person named Fadaalah who was also following him. The intention of this person was to kill the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*.

When he came nearer the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - looked at him and asked, “Are you Fadaalah?”

He replied that he was Fadaalah.

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then asked him, “What is it that you keep hidden in your heart?”

He replied that there was nothing hidden in his heart. When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard this reply, he smiled broadly and said, "Make Taubah in the Divine Court of the Allah Almighty."

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then placed his blessed hand on the chest of this individual. Later on, this same person admits, "No sooner had the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - raised his blessed hands when he became the most beloved creation in my sight." (Ibn Hishaam; Seerat)

It is reported that when the Ansaar came to swear allegiance on the second occasion, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - gave them the message of Islam and also recited the Qur'an for them. He also encouraged them to accept Islam. He then asked, "Do you people swear an oath that you will protect me as you protect your women and children?"

Hadrat Sayyiduna Baraa bin Ma'rur - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied, "Yes, (we swear) in the Name of that Divine Being Who has sent you with truth that we will protect you as we protect our women and children. We are people who are trained in warfare and people who carry weapons and this is something we achieved from our elders."

Abu Hathim then said, "O Prophet of Allah- *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him!* There is also doubt that we have a pact of friendship with the Jews which were going to cancel. Do you agree to this and if Allah Almighty gives you victory, will you return to your nation and leave us alone?"

When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard this, he smiled and replied, "My blood is your blood, my respect is your respect, I am from you and you are from me, I will fight against those who fight against you and I will give safety to those whom you have given safety to." (ibn Hishaam; Seerat)

**Their sense of Imaan.**

It is mentioned that prior to the pact of Hdaybiyah, the Meccans sent Urwah bin Mas'ud As Saqafi to inspect the state and condition of the Muslims. When he arrived, he mentioned that the Quraish will not allow them to enter Mecca as a conquering army. He said, "They have also prepared themselves. I also advise you that these people who are with you are this moment from different tribes, they will abandon you and run. You will be left alone."

When he heard these words, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - angrily replied, "I will command you to kiss the private area of Laat. You think we will run from you?"

He asked, "O Muhammad! Who is this person?"

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - replied, "This is the son Abu Quhafah".

He then continued to address the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - directly and even wanted to hold the beard of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. Before he could do this, Hadrat Sayyiduna Mughayrah bin Shubah - *may Allah be pleased with him*, who was standing next to the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - as guard, shouted, "Do not touch the beard of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - with your filthy and dirty hands. If you continue to do this, I will break your hands."

When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - saw the extreme bravery of one his beloved companions, he smiled broadly.

When Urwah asked the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - who this person was, he replied, "This is the son of your own brother Mughayrah bin Shubah."

Ibn Shihaab writes, "When Ash'as bin Qais at the head of the Bani Kandah appeared in Madina Shareef, they were eighty riders. Before coming to meet the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - they made sure that they oiled their hair and combed it properly. They also applied Surmah to their eyes and wore clean and bright

jubbas which had silk embroidery at the ends. Only then, did they approach the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - saw them, he asked, "Have you people not yet accepted Islam?" They replied, "Yes indeed, we have accepted Islam." The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then (had them remove the silk embroidery) and throw it away. (Ibn Hishaam; Seerat)

It is mentioned that Hadrat Sayyiduna Jafer bin Abu Talib - *may Allah be pleased with him* - arrived from Abyssinia on the same day when the Fort of Khyber was captured. When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - saw him, he hugged him warmly and kissed him on his forehead. He also mentioned to others around him that he was unaware of whether he was more happy to see his companion or whether happier at the conquest of Khyber. (Ibn Hishaam).

In other words, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - displayed immense love and affection for his beloved companions and family. In like manner, they also returned the same amount of love and respect for him. We can see that they did not even allow anyone who was not a Muslim to speak to him how they wanted. They did not even allow anyone who was not a Muslim to touch his blessed beard.

It is sad to note that in the present age, people will think about their families before they think about the respect which is owed to the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. If their families are non-Sunnis, they will sit and eat with these people simply because the person is a family member. They will think nothing of the fact that this person had insulted the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and the dignity of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*.

But when we look at the story above, we will see that a nephew did not even allow his own uncle to touch the blessed beard of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - simply because this person was not a Muslim. If we look at the blessed lives of the Ashaab and the lives of the Muslims of today, there is certainly a vast difference. This is reason that our enemies of today will look at us and laugh and when they saw the blessed Ashaab, they would cower like frightened animals. That means that all our power, wealth, status, and position equals to nothing in the present

climate. We can shout, scream and howl as much as we can, no one would be prepared to listen to us. We have forgotten that the key to success is total love and respect for the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, for his blessed family and for his blessed companions.