

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ 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*

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## What did they say in their last breath

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There is no doubt that the last words of a person is always something which people remember. At the same time, such words also prove the status and the manner in which a person lived his or her life. Since this is a very important subject, it is vitally important that we present these issues from the lives of the eminent sons of Islam.

Sayyidah Sayyidah Ayesha – *May Allah be pleased with her* – narrates: “During the final day of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *May Allah be pleased with him* - he became unconscious. I then declared, ‘My beloved father, certainly death is difficult upon you. However, when he heard my words, he regained consciousness and said, ‘O my beloved daughter, on which day did the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - pass away?’ I replied that it was on a Monday. He then asked me which day this was. I replied that it was also a Monday. He then mentioned, ‘Tonight, I will also leave this world.’

“He then continued, ‘My beloved daughter, there are a few marks on my kurta made by saffron and I want you to wash these off and add another two pieces of cloth and bury me with these.’ I then said that these were very old. He reminded me that new clothes were for those who were living. He then mentioned that his Ghusal should be performed by his wife Asma binte Umais – *May Allah be pleased with her* - and my son Abdur Rahman will also help and assist in this Ghusal. I have no wish that besides these people anyone else should see my naked body.” (Izaalatul Khafa, 2/42)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *May Allah be pleased with him* - then nominated Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *May Allah have mercy upon him* - as the leader of the Muslims. People then asked him, “You have made such a severe temperamental person a leader of the Muslims? What answer will you give in the Divine Court of the Almighty Allah?” He replied, “I will reply that I have left the best person as the leader of the Muslims.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *May Allah be pleased with him* - then called Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *May Allah be pleased with him* - and gave him some advice. He then passed away a little while later. At the last minute, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *May Allah be pleased with him* - was reading the 19<sup>th</sup> verse of Surah Qaf which is:

وَجَاءَتْ سَكْرَةُ الْمَوْتِ بِالْحَقِّ

“And there has come the severity of death with truth.”