

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*

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## Young Boy exposes a Munafiq

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One day the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - was sitting in the Masjid educating the Ashaab about Islam and purifying their inner being. There was a young child and his uncle who were also present. This small boy had actually accompanied his uncle into the Masjid. He was only eight years old. However, his uncle, whose name was Julaas bin Suwaid, was a confirmed Munafiq and he tried to hide his real feelings from the Muslims around him. Such was the behaviour of these Munafiqs that they joined the Muslims in the five daily Salaah and also fasted with the other Muslims. They also went for Umrah with other Muslims but in their private gatherings, they completely belied the message of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* -.

The nephew of this Munafiq that approached his uncle and said, “O my uncle, when I heard the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - describing the

events on the Day of Judgement, it was if I was actually looking at Qiyamah unfolding in front of me.”

When his uncle heard this comment, in a fit of jealousy and arrogance he replied, “My child! If Muhammad is true, then we are even worse than donkeys (Ma’azzalah).”

When the little boy heard this statement, the colour of his face changed and his body became frigid with anger. It was like someone had stabbed him. In a fit of anger he declared, “O my uncle! There is no doubt that you used to be the most beloved to me, however, right now, there is no one more despicable in my eyes than you. My uncle! There are now only two options open to me. Either I hide from the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - what you have just said and become guilty of someone who had deceived the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - or, I reveal the words of disrespect which you have mentioned and whatever happens will happen.”

When Julaas bin Suwaid heard these comments from his young nephew, he bravely replied, “You are only a young boy. People will never believe you. Therefore, if you want, you can go and say whatever you want to say.”

The young boy then bravely approached the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - and sat in front of him.

He then bravely declared, “O Prophet of Allah! This person, Julaas bin Suwaid who is my uncle, has become guilty of being deceitful to Allah Almighty and His Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*. Therefore, from the beginning, I would like to announce in the Divine Court of the Allah Almighty and the court of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - that I am completely innocent of this.”

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - asked, “What did he actually say?”

The little boy declared, “He had mentioned the words that, ‘I swear by Allah Almighty that if Muhammad is true, then we have gone beyond the donkeys (in stupidity).’”

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then gathered the blessed Ashaab and discussed this issue with them. Some of them mentioned, "O Prophet of Allah! This is still a young child. Please do not accept his words. In fact, he does not even understand what he is saying. Julaas bin Suwaid is an elderly person, very intelligent and he also performs the Salaah with us."

When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard the comments of the blessed Ashaab, he remained silent and did not utter a word. When the little boy realised what was happening, he began to weep. He was also extremely disappointed and his little body also began to tremble. He then looked towards the sky calling out to the Divine Creator in the following manner, "O my Creator! If I am truthful in what I have said, then please prove me correct and if I have spoken a lie, then prove me a liar."

Even before the little boy could rise from the gathering, Jibra'eel Ameen appeared from above the seven heavens and came to substantiate the words of the little boy. His words are echoed in the 74<sup>th</sup> verse of Surah Taubah which is:

يَحْلِفُونَ بِاللّٰهِ مَا قَالُوا وَلَقَدْ قَالُوا كَلِمَةَ الْكُفْرِ وَكَفَرُوا بَعْدَ إِسْلَامِهِمْ  
وَهُمْ وَآلِهِمْ فِي سَوَاءٍ وَمَا نَقَمُوا إِلَّا أَنْ أَغْنَاهُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ فَإِنْ  
يَتُوبُوا يَكُ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَإِنْ يَتَوَلَّوْا يُعَذِّبُهُمُ اللَّهُ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَ  
الْآخِرَةِ وَمَا لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿٧٤﴾

"And they swear by Allah Almighty that they did not say it; whereas indeed they had certainly uttered the words of disbelief, and after having entered Islam turned disbelievers and had wished for what they did not get; and what annoyed them except that Allah Almighty, and His Noble Messenger, made them prosperous with His grace? So if they repent, it is better for them; and if they turn away, Allah will afflict

them with a painful punishment - in this world and the Hereafter; and they will have neither a protector nor any supporter in the entire earth.”

When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - called Julaas bin Suwaid to inquire from him about his Kufr, he began to make all types of funny excuses. He also swore that he had never said anything against the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* -.

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then recited the verse in Surah Taubah and made it clear to him that he had indeed committed Kufr and that he should make Taubah.

After this, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - called the little boy and when he appeared in front of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - declared, “Welcome to that blessed child whose testimony has been established by the Divine Creator even beyond the seven heavens.” (Tafseer Durre Mansur, 3/463/464)

Muslims should be aware that the blessed child in this incident is none other than the blessed companion, Hadrat Sayyiduna Umair bin Sa'ad bin Ubaid bin Numan Ansari - *may Allah be pleased with him*-. It is mentioned that when this verse was revealed, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - held the ears of this little boy and declared, “O child! Your ears have certainly heard these words and your Creator has also testified to this.” (Al Isti'aab)

This is also the same blessed companion who was made the Governor of Hums by Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He also settled in Syria and passed away there as well.

In other words, he was considered as being among the eminent companions of his era. In fact, such was his honesty and dedication to the truth that when he passed away, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - declared, “If only there were more people like Umair who could be placed in charge of Muslim affairs and governance.” (Usdul Ghabah)