

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*

Hadrat 'Umar accepts Islam

Sayyidah Fatimah binte Khattab - *may Allah be pleased with her* - is the sister of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*. She and her husband, Hadrat Sayyiduna Saeed bin Zayd - *may Allah be pleased with him*, were very early Muslims. Due to their fear of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*, who at that time was a staunch enemy of Islam, they kept their conversion to Islam very silent.

When Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - heard about their conversion to Islam, he was extremely furious. He went to their house in this state of fury. When he reached the front door, he could hear someone reading the Holy Qur'an. As he knocked on the door and announced who was at the front door, everyone in the house stopped what they were doing.

When his sister opened the door, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* -shouted out, "O enemy of your life! Have you accepted Islam?"

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - attacked his brother-in-law and severely beat him as well. When his sister tried to save her husband, she was also slapped so viciously that her blessed face also began to bleed. His sister, who was after all the sister of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then stood bravely in front of him and declared, “O ‘Umar! You may do whatever you wish, but we will never turn away from Islam.”

When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - heard these words and also saw the blood streaming from the face of his blessed sister, he became a little calmer and then declared, “Bring what you have been reading in front of me.”

When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - saw these pages and saw a few words from Surah Hadeed, it was like his entire world had changed. When he came to the verse, “bring faith in Allah and His Prophet” he could not control himself and he suddenly began to weep. His body also began to tremble. He read the Kalimah.

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then got up and walked briskly to the house of Hadrat Sayyiduna Zaid bin Arqam - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and again proclaimed the Kalimah in the blessed presence of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*. He then took all the Muslims to the Ka’ba and publicly announced that he had accepted Islam. (Usaabah, 8/161)

If a person remains firm on his or her belief, then through the Divine Grace of Allah Almighty, they are blessed with steadfastness in Imaan. There is no doubt that the person who opposes such a person, one day, they will also become soft in front of this person.

When a person opposes truth, he does so because of the evil whisperings of the Satan. However, when he sees that the person is firm and steadfast and is not prepared to abandon their Islamic beliefs, then he realises that there is no way in which he can mislead this person; then eventually, he leaves the person.

Those females who experience such hardship in their homes when certain members of their family are not acting according to Islam should learn a lesson from this incident.

They should not become discouraged and continue to propagate the truth and the message of Islam.

As the blessed sister of the Muslims, Sayyidah Fatimah binte Khattab - *may Allah be pleased with her*, displayed courage which eventually makes those who oppose you when you are continuing to spread the message of Islam; eventually to accept your message. What is needed from our Muslim sisters is firmness and the conviction of Islam.

At the same time, when we see that a person is an open enemy of Allah and His beloved Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - we must not support that person and continue to have dislike in our hearts for that person. Bear in mind that like and dislike cannot be determined by our nafs, it is determined by the Pleasure of Allah Almighty and His beloved Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*.

The Holy Qur'an declares in Surah Taubah (9), verse 24:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسْكَنٌ تَرْضَوْنَهَا حَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

Say, "If your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your tribe, and your acquired wealth, and the trade in which you fear a loss, and the houses of your liking - if all these are dearer to you than Allah and His Noble Messenger and fighting in His way, then wait until Allah brings about His command; and Allah does not guide the sinful."

We make sincere Du'a in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty that He blesses our Muslim sisters with firmness and being steadfast in Islam. Ameen.

