

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*

The Generosity of the Holy Prophet

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that once a person appeared in front of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and declared, "I have been destroyed. During the day in Ramadaan, I had sexual relationship with my wife."

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - advised him to free a slave. However, the person replied that he did not have any slaves.

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then advised him to keep fast continuously and he replied that he did not even have the strength to do this as well.

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then asked him to feed seven orphans.

He replied that he did not have the means to even do that.

At that moment, a pouch was presented to the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - was filled with dates. He then asked the blessed Ashaab where the person was who had asked these questions. The person was then brought forward. The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - handed this person the pouch of dates and told him to give this as charity. When he heard this command, he replied, "Shall I give it to someone even needier than me? (I swear by Allah that between the plains of Madina Shareef, there is no one who is more needy than me)."

When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard this, he smiled so broadly that again his beard became clearly visible. He then informed the person that he and his family could eat these dates. (Sahih Bukhari, Hayaat As Sahaabah)