

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُدُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَالسَّلَامَ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنْ يُصْلِي 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*

To Behave like the Mushriks

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Waaqid Laithi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - reports that when the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - left Mecca Shareef for the expedition of Hunain, there were many Muslims in this army who had just accepted Islam. They then passed a tree on which the Mushriks used to hang their weapons and as a mark of respect and worship, they used to go around this tree. The name of this tree was "Zaat Anwaat".

As we have mentioned that were people in this army who had just accepted Islam. They were not so familiar with the rules and regulations of Islam and at the same time, the actual concept of Shirk and worshipping idols was something they were getting to grips with.

When some of them saw this tree on the road side, they approached the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and said, "O Prophet of Allah, also

nominate a special tree for us on which we can also hang our weapons and we will also call it ‘Zaat Anwaat’ as these Mushriks also refer to this tree as ‘Zaat Anwaat’.”

When the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - heard this request, he was clearly shocked and surprised. He then said to them, “What are you people asking me? You are acting like the people of Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - who asked Nabi Moosa - *peace be upon him* - to allow them to create an idol as the disbelievers had created one for themselves so that they could also worship this idol as the Kuffaar worshipped their idol.”

Thereafter, as a warning, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - mentioned to them, “I swear by Allah, (that if you do this) you will walk on the path of those people who were before you.” (Tirmidhi Shareef, Musnad Imam Ahmed)