

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

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

Seeking Blessings from Holy Relics

It is reported that when anyone used to become sick and visit Sayyidah Asma binte Abu Bakr *Radi Allahu 'Anhuma*, she used to take out a Jubbah belonging to the Holy Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* and dip this blessed Jubbah Shareef in some water and give the person that water to drink. With the Barakah of this blessed Jubbah Shareef, the person used to also become well and recover from his or her illness. (Musnad Imam Ahmed)

Lesson

There is no doubt that the blessed belongings of the pious is also a means of great blessing. They become a great source of Divine Blessing as well. Our pious predecessors always bore this in mind and never forgot these important lessons in Islam. The above incident is a clear example of this fact.

When we look at the Qur'an itself, we will find many examples of this nature. It is mentioned that when Nabi Yaqub *Peace be upon him* lost his vision, at that time, his son Nabi Yusuf *Peace be upon him* ordered that his blessed Kurta be placed on the eyes of his father. When this was done, his vision was once more returned.

In Surah Yusuf, verse 93 to 96, the Qur'an declares:

اَذْهَبُوا بِقَبِيصِي هَذَا فَالْقُوهُ عَلَى وَجْهِ أَبِي يَأْتِ بَصِيرًا ۚ وَأْتُونِي
بِأَهْلِكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٩٣﴾

Go with this shirt of mine, put it on my father's face, he shall recover his sight.
And bring all your family together.

وَلَمَّا فَصَلَتِ الْعِيرُ قَالَ أَبُوهُمْ إِنِّي لَأَجِدُ رِيحَ يُوسُفَ لَوْ لَا أَنْ تُفَنِّدُونِ



When the Caravan departed from Egypt, their father here said, 'No doubt, I find the scent of Yousuf, if you say me not that I am doted.

قَالُوا تَاللَّهِ إِنَّكَ لَفِي ضَلَالِكَ الْقَدِيمِ ﴿٩٤﴾

The sons said, 'By Allah, you are infatuated with the same old love.

فَلَمَّا آتَا جَاءَ الْبَشِيرُ أَلْقَاهُ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ فَارْتَدَّ بَصِيرًا ۚ قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ

لَكُمْ ۖ إِنِّي أَخْبَرْتُكُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾

Then when the bearer of glad-tidings came' he laid that shirt on the face of Yaqoob, forthwith his sight came back. He said, 'Did I not say to you, hat I know those glories of Allah which you know not.

In the Hadith Shareef, it is reported by Sayyidah Umme Ateeyah *Radi Allahu ‘Anha* that when they were busy giving Ghusal to the beloved daughter of the Holy Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him*, the Holy Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* told to them that when they were finished, they should call him. When they were finished, they called him and the Holy Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* then gave them his blessed shawl which is used in the lower part of the body and said to them, “Place this with her body.” (Bukhari Shareef; Muslim Shareef)

We should also make concerted effort to protect and look after the blessed relics of the pious. At the same time, in which ever way we can give Barakah to others through this, we should also endeavour to do so. May Allah *Almighty* give us the strength and Imaan to protect these blessed relics. Aameen.