

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصْلَى 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

The Guests of Rabia

Basariyyah

Radi Allahu 'Anha

It is mentioned that there was once two guests who arrived at the blessed residence of Sayyidah Rabi'a Basariyyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha*. They mentioned among themselves that if she offered them some food then it would indeed be their lucky fortune because this was a place where they would acquire Halaal sustenance without any doubt.

It so happened that at that moment in her house there were only two pieces of bread or rotis. Sayyidah Rabi'a Basariyyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha* placed these in front of them. However, before they could eat, a beggar appeared at the front door and pleaded for some help. Sayyidah Rabi'a Basariyyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha*

then took both of this bread which was in front of the guests and handed it to this beggar.

When her guest noticed this, they were very surprised but kept silent. A few moments later, a female servant arrived with freshly baked bread and handed it to her. Sayyidah Rabi'a Basariyyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha* then counted the bread and noticed that there were only eighteen bread in this tray. She then said to this female servant, "Perhaps you have made a mistake. This bread does not belong to me. Perhaps it belongs to someone else. As a matter of fact, if these breads actually belonged to me, there would have been twenty bread and not eighteen." The female servant continued to insist that this belonged to her but Sayyidah Rabi'a Basariyyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha* continued to insist that it should be returned to the person who had baked this bread.

When this female servant reached her house, she informed her master of what had happened. However, when her master heard this, she informed this female servant to add two more bread to this tray and deliver it to the great Saint. When this was once again delivered to Sayyidah Rabi'a Basariyyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha*, she first counted this bread and then placed it in front of her guests. They continued to eat this bread but could not hide their confusion.

When they had finished eating, she mentioned to them, "When I had given these two pieces of bread to the beggar, I then mentioned in the Divine Court of Allah *Almighty*, 'O Allah! You have promised that for every one, You will reward me with ten and I have complete certainty in Your Divine Promise.' That is the reason that when this female servant had brought these freshly baked bread, I knew that according to the Divine Promise of Allah *Almighty*, it had to be twenty and not eighteen. I was also certain that there had to be some mistake. This is the reason that I sent this female servant back and when she brought back twenty bread, I then accepted this as a Divine Promise.'" (Tadkiratul Awliyah. 49)

Lesson

There is no doubt that the Qur'an is a book in which there is no place for doubt. The Qur'an itself certifies to this in Surah Baqarah. This is the reason that the pious Muslims of the past had complete trust in the words of the Qur'an. They also knew that whatever Allah *Almighty* had promised, that was sure to happen and occur. They never allowed any doubt to enter their minds in this regard.

In Surah Al An'am, verse 160, the Qur'an declares that:

مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَاٰ وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجَزِّي إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ۱۶۰

Whoso brings one good, then for him there are ten like thereof, and whose brings an evil, shall not be recompensed but to its equal and they shall not be wronged.

We should also display that same type of certainty in the Divine Words of Allah *Almighty*. Yet, today the affairs have gone the complete opposite. If there is a fake person who has no beard, wears old and tattered clothing, wears fancy necklaces around his neck and every finger of his has a ring and this same man informs us that there is some danger in our future through his false tongue, then our hearts become worried and concerned. Our innocent Muslim sisters are then prepared to give away hundreds of thousands to these fake "peers" and "bawas" to remove this imagined danger.

Yet, when the Qur'an speaks about those who will be punished for not obeying Allah *Almighty* and when the Qur'an speaks about our Ibadah and the rights which we owe to the Creator *Almighty*, no fear is created in the hearts of these same Muslim sisters. They also have no interest in following the advice of the Qur'an but listen intently to the words of these fake "peers" and "bawas."

These same Muslim sisters would spend hours back-biting and falsely accusing others, yet they would find no time to perform Ibadah!