

Forgiveness of the Oppressor

When it was morning in Muzdalifah, Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) repeated the du'aa for the forgiveness of his Ummah. This du'aa of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) was now accepted for even the oppressor, due to which Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) laughed or smiled. Noticing this, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Sayyiduna 'Umar (radhiyallahu 'anhuma) asked Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), "May my mother and father be sacrificed for you! This is not a time during which you would normally smile, so what is it that caused you to smile? – May Allah Ta'ala always keep you (happy and) smiling!"

Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) explained, "When the enemy of Allah Ta'ala, Iblees, came to know that my du'aa was answered and my Ummah was forgiven, he began to take sand and throw it over his head, asking to be destroyed (as his efforts were now wasted). It was the sight of his anguish that caused me to smile." (Sunan Ibni Maajah #3013)

Places of Punishment

When Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) reached Batnu Muhassir, which is a place between Mina and Muzdalifah, he urged the camel to move faster as this was the place in which the punishment of Allah Ta'ala had befallen the people of Abrahah. (*Juz-u Hajjatil Wadaa'* pg. 104)

Although many years had passed since the punishment, Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) did not wish to be in a place that witnessed the punishment of Allah Ta'ala. Another example of this is the following incident:

On the way to Tabuk, when Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) passed by Hijr, the ruins of Thamood, he instructed the Sahaabah (radiyallahu 'anhum) to move on quickly and said to them, "Do not enter the dwellings of those who have oppressed themselves except in the condition that you cry, out of the fear that the same punishment may afflict you."

Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) also prohibited them from drinking or drawing water from its well. The Sahaabah (radiyallahu 'anhum) said, "We have already pulled out water and made our dough (using this water)." Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) commanded them to dispose of the dough and throw away the water.

Thereafter Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) covered himself with his shawl and rode his horse swiftly until he passed through and left the area. (*Saheeh Bukhari #3378, #3380 & Majma'uz Zawaaid #10376*)

Hence, we need to be careful and avoid all places of sin and vice as these are factors that speedily attract the wrath and punishment of Allah Ta'ala.

Slaughter Me First

When Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) was slaughtering the camels, five or six of them began rushing to Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), as each wished to have the honour of being slaughtered by his blessed hand first. (*Sunan Abi Dawood #1765*)

Even animals such as camels were brimming with such love for Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) that they were eager to sacrifice their lives in order to earn the honour of being slaughtered at the blessed hand of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam).

If we claim to have love for Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), then the very least that we can do is sacrifice our desires in order to revive the sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) and live our lives according to his Deen. The next time we are tempted to abandon the sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), let us place the knife of the sunnah on the neck of our desires and spill the blood of true love.