

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ 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*

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# Saint marries his daughters to a poor

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There is no doubt that when a person thinks about whom his daughter is going to marry it is one of the most delicate decisions that he has to make in his life. Only those people will understand the sensitivity of this who have had their daughters married. In fact, many fathers actually fail in this regard.

In fact, in the present age, most fathers will first make sure that the would be husband is financially stable before they even think about making a decision. In the present world, to think that a father would turn away a rich son-in-law for a very poor person is beyond the imagination of anyone. However, in the early days of Islam, which is certainly the really glorious days of Islam, not only was this possible, but it also occurred on a daily basis.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - is considered as one of the most eminent of the Taba'een. He was born in the second year of the rule of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *May Allah be pleased with him* - in one of the houses of the blessed Ashaab. He passed away at the age of seventy five in 94 A.H.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - was blessed with meeting eminent Ashaab of their era. He was also the son-in-law of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah - *May Allah be pleased with him*. Because of this, he had the special opportunity of gaining immense knowledge from this great companion. In fact, most of his reports are actually directly from Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah - *May Allah be pleased with him* - himself. He was considered as one of the greatest scholars and Saints of his era.

Maymun bin Mehraan reports that when he arrived in Madina Shareef and asked people about the greatest Jurist in the blessed city, people pointed him to the house of Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him*. According to ibn Habban, he was considered as a leader among the people of Madina Shareef. It is reported that even when the eminent Saint and scholar, Hadrat Sayyiduna Hasan Basri - *May Allah be pleased with him* - was confused about any intricate issue, he used to write to Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - for an answer.

Such was his immense piety and Taqwah that once Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn 'Umar - *May Allah be pleased with them* - mentioned that if the Holy Prophet - *May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - had met this person, he would have been very pleased. Such was Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib's - *May Allah be pleased with him* - punctuality when it came to Salaah that it is mentioned that for forty years, he never missed one Salaah with congregation. The days referred to as the days of Hurrah is also famous. These are the days when there was a dispute between Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Zubair - *May Allah be pleased with him* - and Yazeed.

When the people supported Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibin Hanzalah - *May Allah be pleased with him* - and broke their allegiance to Yazeed, in a fit of revenge, the tyrant attacked Madina Shareef and murdered many people. This spate of murders continued for nearly three days. In fact, the blessed streets of Madina Shareef became so dangerous

that no one dared come out. However, even in this time, Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - was brave enough to walk the streets and enter the Masjid. When people saw the behaviour of this great Saint, many of them remarked, "Look at this insane old man, even in this time, he is not prepared to leave the Masjid."

During the time of Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - he also refused to swear allegiance to the corrupt leaders and because of this he suffered terribly at the hands of these tyrants.

Since Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - was also one of the most eminent Muslims of his era, it also meant that the general masses would follow his lead. Because of this, he was severely mistreated by the tyrant rulers of his era. After a while, a person named Abu Bakr bin Abdur Rahman was sent to speak to him. After he had returned, Hishaam asked him, "Has Sa'eed become a little more accommodating after been punished?" Abu Bakr replied, "After the manner in which you treated him, in fact, I swear by Allah Almighty he has become even more stubborn and adamant."

Abdul Malik then began to think to himself that if this person is not afraid of being punished in public then perhaps, it would be better to enslave him through some wordily action. It is mentioned that the great Saint had one daughter who was not only pretty but also well educated. The ruler then thought to himself that if he could make Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - to allow his daughter to marry the next person in line for leadership, perchance, the great Saint would have a change of heart and start to support the current leadership. After all, in this manner, Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa'eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - would also become a family member of the ruling party.

He then sent the Governor of Madina Shareef, namely Hishaam bin Ismail Al Makhzumi, who was also considered a great friend of the Saint, to convince him. When he person arrived at the residence of the great Saint, he did not mention his purpose immediately. In fact, he spoke about various issues and then said, "You are fully aware that the ruler has also made the intention to make the population swear allegiance to

his two sons, Waleed and Sulayman. However, before this occurs, it is the wish of the ruler that Waleed blesses himself by becoming your son-in-law.”

When Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - these words, in extreme anger, his entire face changed colour. He then said that he was not prepared to accept any of these conditions. Because of his refusal, the great Saint was again publicly punished and humiliated, but he remained adamant in his decision. He then began to think of a proper son-in-law and found a poor and unknown young man from the Quraish whose name was Abu Widaa’a.

In the fact, the famous historian, ibn Kalakan records the entire incident from Abu Widaa’a himself. He narrates, “I used to always sit in the gathering of Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him*. However, once I did not attend the lessons for some time and when I finally attended his classes, he asked me, ‘Where have you been for so long?’ I replied that my wife had passed away. He mentioned that I should have informed him so that he could have also participated in the Janazah and the other burial rites. He then asked whether I was interested in getting married again. I replied, “May Allah grace you with immense Barakah! Who would want their daughter to marry someone as poor and simple as me. I am not a person that has any status or standing in the community and besides two or three Dirhams, I own nothing else.’ He asked me whether I would be prepared to marry someone of his choice and I agreed to this.

“He then recited the Divine Praises and the Durood and Salaam and then handed me a few Dirhams and married his daughter to me. I then arose, but all the time I was confused on what I should do. I then read the Maghrib Salaah. On that day I was also fasting and decided to eat something. However, I had nothing except a little barley bread and some olive oil. While I was eating this, I heard a knock on the door. I asked who it was and the answer came that it was, ‘Me, Sa’eed.’ I also thought that it would be another person called Sa’eed because the great Saint was someone who never went anywhere except to the Masjid and to his house in over forty years. When I opened the door, I was shocked to see that it was indeed the eminent Saint.

“When I saw him, I began to have doubts that perhaps he had changed his mind and had come to cancel the marriage. I then said, ‘O Abu Mohammed, why did you

inconvenience yourself. If you had called, I would have visited you.’ However he mentioned that today, he needed to visit me. He said that since I was alone and yet married, it would not be proper for me to spend the night alone. Therefore, he had brought my wife along. He then asked his daughter to enter and after closing the door, he left.

“When my wife entered, I then called the neighbours because both of us were embarrassed. When they had gathered, they asked me what the problem was. I explained to them what had happened. When my mother heard about this, she also arrived. She said that I was not allowed to touch my wife for three days while she had the young bride prepared as per custom. I then remained away from her for three days. On the fourth day, when I approached my wife, I noticed that she was extremely pretty and was someone who was a Haafizah of the Qur’an and well learned in Islamic Law. She also knew the rights of a wife. I then remained in the house for nearly a month so that she would be comfortable and only attended the classes of the eminent Saint after a month.

“I greeted him and he returned the greeting. He did not mention anything to me until everyone had left. After they had left, he inquired about my wife (his daughter) and I mentioned that everything in the house was well. He told me that if she did anything which was not proper, I should be strict and severe. However, there was nothing like this which took place. I then returned home.”

This is the state of the daughter of one of the greatest Saints, Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him*, of his period. Someone who had been sent a proposal by the son of a King. This oppression against Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’eed bin Musayyib - *May Allah be pleased with him* - continued until his final moments in this world. It is mentioned that these tyrants used to whip him in public when it was extremely cold and then throw cold water over him. (Ibn Kalakan, 207)