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Anas ibn Malik رضي الله عنه said we were sitting with the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم who said

**“A man from the people of Paradise is coming to you”** An Ansari man came whose beard was dishevelled by the water of Wudu, dripping - carrying his shoes in his left hand.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> day the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم repeated the same; the same man came in the same way!

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم left, Abdullah ibn Amr ibn Aas رضي الله عنه followed the Ansari & said, **“I am in an argument with my father, I have sworn not to enter my home for 3 days, may I stay with you?”** he said **Yes!**

Abdullah رضي الله عنه stayed three nights with the man looking carefully at all his actions. Whenever he went to bed, the man would remember Allah عز وجل, then rest until he woke up for morning prayer.

Abdullah رضي الله عنه only heard good words coming from his mouth but didn't see anything exceptional?

After three nights passed, Abdullah رضي الله عنه did not see anything special, so he asked him

**“O servant of Allah, I have not been in an argument with my father, nor have I cut off relations with him. I heard the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم say 3x that a man from Paradise was coming to us & you came. I thought I would stay with you to see what you are doing so that I could follow, but I did not see you do many extra good deeds. So why did the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم convey this about you?”**

The Ansari said, **“I am only as you see, EXCEPT that I find no malice within myself towards the Muslims, nor do I envy anyone** for the good that Allah has given them.” Abdullah رضي الله عنه said, **“This is the reason why, (you're a Jannati) for we have been unable to do that.”** (Musnad Ahmad)

**MALICE, RANCOUR, HATRED, ANIMOSITY, ANGER, ENVY** – Heavy loads that burden the Heart & Mind. Free yourself, lighten your heart, **LET IT GO** to allow the peace to instil & blessings to infuse.

“Do not envy one another, do not inflate prices for one another, do not hate one another, do not turn away from one another, do not undercut one another in trade, but be slaves of Allah and brothers. A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim: he does not oppress him, nor does he fail him, nor does he lie to him, nor does he hold him in contempt. Taqwa is right here X3 (heart). It is evil enough for a man to hold his brother Muslim in contempt.” (Muslim)

Ramadan is merely 10 days away – the Goal of Ramadan is to achieve Taqwa - التَّقْوَى هَاهُنَا

You may be Physically & Mentally ready for Ramadan, but is your Heart?

Is it clogged? Contaminated? full of anger? If so, then no blessings or mercy from Allah ﷻ will enter. Reflect on how after 30 days of Ramadan most have no real internal change of the heart...

If you had an ache in your heart, you would go to the cardiologist. All the hatred you carry in your heart; cleanse it - Seek Shifa with Allah ﷻ & His Messenger ﷺ

**MAJOR GOAL OF RAMADAN & LIFE – ACHIEVE QALBIN SALEEM**

“No wealth or children will benefit, except one who comes to Allah with a sound heart.” (26:88-89)

**EASIEST FAST** is to fast from eating & drinking – a 7 year old can do it.

**HARDEST FAST** is to fast with a pure heart – not many can do that.

The Prophet ﷺ told us that our deeds are presented to Allah ﷻ on 3 occasions:

**1. DAILY** – Fajr & Asr **2. WEEKLY** – Monday & Thursday **3. ANNUALLY** – Sha’baan

“Verily, Allah looks down in middle night of Sha’ban & He forgives all of His creatures, **except** for an idolater or one **filled with malice.**” (Ibn Majah)

“The gates of Paradise will be opened on Mondays & on Thursdays, and every servant who associates nothing with Allah will be forgiven, **except for the man who has a grudge** against his brother. It will be said: **Delay these two until they are reconciled X2** (Abu Dawud)

Imagine all your efforts, sacrifices, worship, Tahajjud, Tilawah, Tasbeeh, Sadaqah, Hajj, Umrah, Jumu’aat, Ramadanaat on **HOLD – PAUSED – PENDING** – until you drop your grudge/hatred!

You may be an outwardly good practicing Muslim – “can please forgive so and so” – **NO WAY!**

What’s the point of all this worship if it does not soften your heart?

Whatever that person did to you – is it worth for **ALL YOUR A’MAAL TO BE DELAYED?**

You fought, he did not return your money, she said something negative, rumours, ungrateful, lies...

You don’t have to be best friends – just give them the right of a Muslim – Say **Assalaamu Alaykum**

Don’t boycott them completely - Text, Call, Greet, if they hang up, block you, or walk away- no problem. **Alhamdulillah you’re safe – your heart & your actions are protected & advanced!**

Mistah رضي الله عنه was a poor man – Muhajir & cousin of Sayyidna Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq رضي الله عنه

When the rumour of Sayyidah Aisha رضي الله عنها came out – Mistah was one of those who spread them. Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه was taking care of all his needs, food - bills. Imagine the pain, hurt & anger Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه felt His Daughter - Wife of the Prophet - Mother of Believers. Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه said that's it - no more help. Allah سبحانه وتعالى then sent Gibrael عليه السلام to inform Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه - an Ayah that will be recited until Qiyamah!

**“And let not those of virtue among you and wealth swear not to give [aid] to their relatives and the needy and the emigrants for the cause of Allah, and let them pardon and overlook. Would you not like that Allah should forgive you? And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.” (24:22)**

Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه said **“Yes I want Allah to forgive me”** he called Mistah, forgave him & said **“I will never stop supporting you.”** The Ayah came, hit his heart & he applied it - how many do we hear/apply?

**NOW IMAGINE THAT MAN, WOMAN, COUSIN, FAMILY, FRIEND, ENEMY... FORGIVE THEM!!!**

Mistah رضي الله عنه spread a rumour of **ADULTERY** – not a small accusation – but Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه forgave him!

Whatever people have done to you – is it bigger & greater than what Mistah رضي الله عنه did?

Forgive them – for your own sake – stop punishing yourself – **LEARN TO LET GO, HEAL & MOVE ON!**

Otherwise perhaps from last Ramadan, all your Ebaadaat, Umrah, Tahjjud, Salah, Sadqah, Qu'ran, Hajj will be on **HOLD** – they will **NOT** be lifted to Allah سبحانه وتعالى to be accepted.

**“It is not Halal for a Muslim to keep apart from his brother for more than three days, for one who does so and dies will enter Hell”. (Abi Dawud)**

**For most of us here - Shaytan won't come at us & say commit adultery, drink alcohol gamble...**

**Shaytan will say Don't talk to him, Don't visit him, Don't forget what he did to you. What you went through. He/She ruined your family, Job, Life, Health... IGNORE SATAN & CLEANSE YOUR HEART!**

**Abdullah ibn Mas'uud رضي الله عنه was in the market - he used to put his money in his turban.**

**A thief came & quickly took his money & ran. People cursed the thief & said may Allah cut your hands. Abdullah ibn Mas'uud رضي الله عنه raised his hands & said “Ya Allah if he needed that money, then put Barakah in it. If he stole that money to commit sin, then make this his last sin.”**

**Hasan al-Basri's رضي الله عنه neighbour said “I heard Hasan perform Tahajjud – all night he was repeating – “Ya Allah, forgive the person who committed Zulm against me.” The neighbour said “I wish I was from the people who wronged you” He asked, why did you repeat it so much? Hasan al-Basri said**

**“But whoever pardons and makes reconciliation - his reward is [due] from Allah.” (42:40)**

**Make peace in your heart & mind – send a message of Peace – “I know we have issues, but I ask Allah to forgive me and forgive you.” Stop punishing yourself - Forgive yourself & others**

**Allow yourself to heal & for your deeds to be raised – LET IT GO –**

**اللَّهُمَّ طَهِّرْ قُلُوبَنَا وَاسْتُرْ عَيْبُونَنا وَاغْفِرْ ذُنُوبَنَا وَاشْرَحْ صُدُورَنَا - اللَّهُمَّ بَغْلِنَا رَمَضَانَ**