

### **Ali Bin Abi Talib (5)**

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Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) narrated that one day the prophet (pbuh) came out wearing a cloak (upper garment or gown). He (pbuh) accommodated Ali, Fatima, Al-Hasan and Al-Husain under the cloak and recited "Allāh intends only to remove from you the impurity [of sin], O people of the [Prophet's] household, and to purify you with [extensive] purification" [Al-Ahzab 33:33].

This is, oh Muslims, one of the most honourable and purest Muslim families. A family that brought together the honourable and precious Fatima the daughter of the prophet (pbuh) with Ali Bin Abi Talib and produced the two sweet grandchildren in this world for the prophet (pbuh) ;Al-Hasan and Al-Husain. Fatima is the daughter of the leader of the righteous and the first master and the former and later peoples. Her mother is Khadija bin Khuwailid, one of the best ladies of the worlds. Fatima was the youngest of the prophet (pbuh) children and the most beloved to him. She married Ali Bin Abi Talib in the year 2 Hijri after the battle of Badr and she gave birth to Al-Hasan and Al-Husain and Um Kulthum. She died six months after the death of the prophet (pbuh). The prophet (pbuh) said to her: "oh Fatima, aren't you satisfied of being the most excellent of all the women of the believers" and he (pbuh) said about her sons: "Al-Hasan and Al-Husain are the masters of the youths of paradise and Fatima is the master of their women except Mariam Bint Imran". This honourable family was the most beloved families to the prophet (pbuh) and one of the finest examples that should be taken as role model.

Ali Bin Abi Talib, despite his special status with the prophet (pbuh) and in the Muslim community, was taking care of his family and sought a living by his hard work. He went out to work and earned his living without taking any advantage of his kinship with the prophet (pbuh). Their life was very simple but filled with some hardship as this incident reflects:

Ali said: "I said to Fatima, 'I have heard that Allah has sent some servants to your father so why do you not go to him and ask him for a servant, for grinding flour and doing other work is exhausting you.' The next day she went to her father (pbuh) who asked her:" Dear daughter, what did you want?" she felt shy and said: 'I came to greet you'. So we (Ali and Fatima) went together and I (Ali) said: 'O Messenger of Allah, I'll tell you. Fatima drew water from the well so much that the rope marked her chest' and have ground with the mill so much that her hands formed calluses'. We heard that some slaves were brought to you. So, I told her to come to you and ask for a servant to help her". The prophet (pbuh) replied: "By Allah, I will not give to you and leave the Ahl al-Suffah starving, with nothing that I can spend on them. But I will sell them (the slaves) and spend the money on them (Ahl al-Suffah)." Ali and Fatima then went back to their house without getting a servant despite their suffering and complaints and despite Fatima being the daughter of the prophet (pbuh) and Ali being his cousin and the husband of his daughter! But the compassionate and merciful prophet (pbuh) went to their house where he found them covering themselves with a blanket which, if they covered their heads with it, their feet would show, and if they covered their feet with it, their heads would show. They wanted to get up but the prophet (pbuh) asked them to remain as they were. He (pbuh) said: "shall I teach you something that is much better than a servant you asked for." They replied: yes. He (pbuh) said:" words that Jibril taught me, after each prayer say "Subhan-Allah" (Glory to Allah) 10 times, "Alhamd-u-Lillah" (Praise is for Allah) 10 times, and "Allah-u-Akbar" (Allah is the Greatest) 10 times. And when you go to bed say "Subhan-Allah" (Glory to Allah) 33 times, "Alhamd-u-Lillah" (Praise is for Allah) 33 times, and "Allah-u-Akbar" (Allah is the Greatest) 34 times." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) was affected by this prophetic education. Even when he became the Caliph, he abandoned this worldly life and lived a modest and simple life because he maintained the way of the prophet (pbuh). He said: 'by Allah, I never failed to do that from the time I heard it from the prophet (pbuh)'. Someone asked him, 'Not even on the night of Siffeen (civil war during Ali's caliphate)?' He said, 'Not even on the night of Siffeen.'

Those words are the remembrance of Allah which fills hearts with the light of belief and make them connected to Allah and realise the reality of this world. Try to apply this, oh Muslim, every time your soul desire the enjoyment of this worldly life or what the others have go back to the remembrance that the prophet (pbuh) thought to his family. Continue doing it with persistence and see how Allah almighty will bless your heart with the light of his remembrance, only then you will feel satisfied with whatever is written for you "Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allāh. Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allāh hearts are assured." [Raad 13:28].

Yes, oh Muslims, hearts are assured and the impurity and whispers of Shaytan are removed only by the remembrance of Allah. The remembrance of Allah reassures against fright, confusion and troubled hearts of loss of business, expectation of loss or not achieving what is intended. Allah says "Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you to immorality, while Allāh promises you forgiveness from Him and bounty. And Allāh is all-Encompassing and Knowing. He gives wisdom to whom He wills, and whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good. And none will remember except those of understanding." [Al-Baqarah 2:268-269].

Shaytan threatens you with poverty so he put within your souls the greed and eagerness, he urges you to scarcity and orders immorality. Allah is the one who divides provision as he is the holder of the heavens and earth and he is the one who gives wisdom in order to manage that provision following the successful conduct and useful ways to reach goals and objectives. This wisdom lighten your heart and therefore guide it to all good "And none will remember except those of understanding" [Al-Baqarah 2: 269].

### Second khutba

Some mistakes by people in prayer:

We got many complaints that some people, especially non Arabic speakers, talk during the Khutba. On the other hand, some Arabic speakers also speak or play with their mobile during the translation of the khutba. Most of complaints came from the sisters section. Remember that you should listen to the khutba, some scholars even prohibited talking during the khutba using the evidence of the prophet (pbuh)'s saying: "If you (even) ask your companion to be quiet on Friday while the Imam is delivering the sermon, you have in fact talked irrelevance" and in another hadith "touching stones [during the sermon] is counted as talking irrelevance". Those hadiths underline the importance of listening to the khutba for the sake of seeking knowledge and benefiting from it. The prophet (pbuh) divided the people who attend Friday prayers by saying: ""There are three types of people who attend the Jumu'ah: one, a man who is present but speaks [during the sermon]; two, a man who is present and makes supplications - in his case, Allah may give him what he asks, if He wishes, or He may not give him what he asks, three, a person who is present and observes silence and does not step over the necks of the Muslims nor harm anyone - for him, there is expiation from that Jumu'ah until the next Jumu'ah plus an additional three days as Allah has said: 'He that does good shall have ten times as much to his credit.'"

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