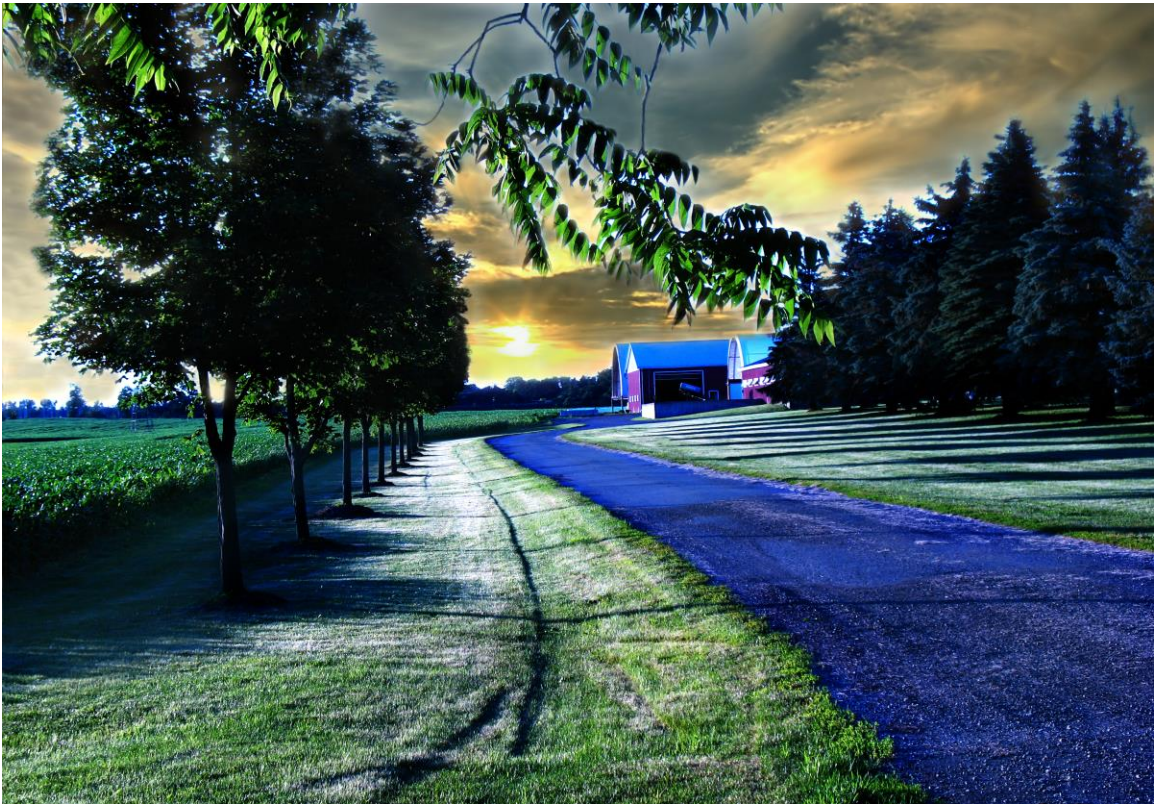


# THE JOURNEY OF OUR DAILY LIVES



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**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL**

## **Introduction**

The following are many true stories of life's conduct about the good, the bad, and the ugliness in our daily routine. These stories have many valuable lessons to learn from, not only for adults, but for children as well. The lessons from these stories are given in parables and examples with Qur'anic verses to prove their true facts, because there are over two hundred verses from the Holy Qur'an to prove the true facts in the lessons from these stores. This in turn, will also make it easy for one to understand the Holy Qur'an, and the blessed gift and virtues of Zikr. This will also make it easy for one to grasp the full understanding of how trust in Allah Almighty (*swt*), love for Him, and love for all his blessed Prophets, and Angels shine's in one's life. Like the beautiful moon shines though a dark cloud. Included also is stories of an amazing bird who does Zikr of Allah (*swt*) all day long, and through this blessed act, he was given a new life as well.

Some clues which will also help with the understanding that evil will not escape justice, nor good its reward, also peaceful ways to settle conflicts. The healing and cure for the infliction from evil eyes, evil tongue and witchcraft, also the symptoms from these three evil weapons. It also contains some advice for women, about themselves, and the upbringing of their children, and how they can teach them about Allah (*swt*) and his kindness, and about Shaitan and his mischievous conduct, etc. May Allah (*swt*) bless and reward us all (*Ameen*) Always remember, every sorrow is linked with ease and joy; trust in Allah (*swt*) is the key to this joy. Thank you! love, peace and unity hold the keys to the heaven's gates.

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# ***THE JOURNEY OF OUR DAILY LIVES***

**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL**

**THE CIRCLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**Section 1 - Part 1: *Haseena's dedication to her humble Shaykh.***



*His Eminence Pir-e-Tariqat Hazrat Allama Maulana Muhammad Abdul Wahab  
Siddiqi R.A.*

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

This dedication is to my dearest Shaykh (*ra*). He was a very faithful and sincere servant of Allah (*swt*) Almighty and a true lover and follower of our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*).

Hazrat Saheb (*ra*) was very humble and kind to everyone. He displayed patience and his calmness amid much provocation. It was a gift that he rightfully earned through his obedience and his discipline to Allah (*swt*) Almighty and His beloved Rasool ﷺ, (*owbp*). He proved to Allah (*swt*) and to the people that he was well worthy of his good and kindness.

He was always friendly and pleasant in his manners and his actions, and always generous in his advice to the people. Hazrat Saheb (*ra*) always dressed simply but carried with him a grace of premiership in such a manner that his taqwa was expressive from just looking at his face. People were dazzled in just his presence and

were absolutely absolved in his direction.

Through love and affection of Hazrat Saheb (ra) such was the intensity of the transformation that people within his community and abroad who were deemed to be totally immoral, corrupted, and unfair in their dealings totally changed themselves.

Hazrat Saheb's (ra) recitation of the Holy Qur'an was remarkable. Anyone who had the opportunity to listen to him, at the moment of his recitation their hearts usually filled with joy. It was not a dream neither a fantasy, it was real and very delightful. Many hearts were set free from the Shaitaan's whispering. His Tilawat of the Holy Qur'an was so beautiful and melodious that many Shaykhs and Qaris from all over the world, especially Egypt, used to visit Hazrat Saheb (ra) and take personal recordings of his recitation. Even Non-Muslims were attracted to Hazrat Saheb (ra) rendition of Al-Qur'an. *Masha-Allah Wala Hau-la Wala Qu-wata Illa Bil-La Hil-Alee Yil-Azweem*

Hazrat Saheb (ra) was not only my spiritual teacher; he was my adviser, and my leader. He was also my hope, my strength and my hero. He was not only an Alim; he was a journalist, an author, an academic, a lecturer and a political scientist as well.

His teachings and his mission was the Zikr of Allah (swt), spreading the message of Allah (swt) and His Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) and sending Darood and Salaam on our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) which led to peace, love and unity among the Muslim Ummah. As a true servant of Allah (swt) he was blessed with a quality that was absolutely outstanding, *Alhamdu-Lillah*.

The people who had the honour of meeting with him know exactly what I am saying. Those who were not fortunate enough to meet with this great humble friend of Allah

**(swt) should try to meet the fruits of his labour, which are his five children. They are his precious gifts, loving and wonderful children, in which anyone would be able to find most of his qualities.**

**I couldn't be more proud than I am right now, knowing that myself and my family were very fortunate and blessed to meet and host this great and pious servant of Allah (swt), and his family in my little home. May Allah (swt) bless and keep him in peace and tranquility. And may Allah (swt) bless his loving family, my family, and all of his mureeds to be united with him and our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) at our demise. Ameen.**

**'O Allah! (swt) Bestow wisdom on us and join us with the righteous in this world and in the hereafter.'**

**'And let our entry be by the gate of truth and honour, and likewise our exit by the gate of truth and honour. Bestow on us mercy and dispose of our affairs for us in the right way. Ameen.**

## **Section 1 - Part 2: Introduction**

Glory be to Allah (*swt*) Almighty, the Most High, full of Grace and Mercy. He created all things, including man. He gave to man a special place amongst His creation. He honoured man to be His agent, and to that end, endowed him with understanding, purified his affections and his spiritual insight, so that he could understand nature, himself and most of all to recognize Allah (*swt*) Almighty through His wondrous signs, and glorify Him in truth, reverence and unity.

For the fulfillment of this great trust (in Allah, *swt*), man was further given a will so that his actions reflected Allah's (*swt*) Almighty universal will and law, and so that his mind (freely choosing), could experience the sublime joy of being in harmony with the infinite, with the great drama of the world around him and his own spiritual growth.

Men fell from unity when his will was warped, bent and twisted. He chose the crooked path of discord, sorrow, pain, selfishness, degradation, ignorance, hatred and despair which caused disbelief to poison his life. He also saw the shapes of evil in the physical, moral and spiritual world, and within himself. Then his soul rose against him causing discord between kith and kin.

Man began to fear the strong and oppress the weak in order to boast his prosperity; he pursued phantoms for the truth and reality. This resulted in unity gone far from his mind. Peace, faith, love, justice and the light of eternal unity has shone in all ages among all nations. Through chosen Apostles ﷺ of Allah (*swt*) Almighty who came as man and dwelled among men, to share in joy and sorrow, who also suffered for and with mankind, so that their message and their lives might fulfill the eternal and unchanging purpose of the most High, to lead man to his noblest destiny (which is no other than Jannat).

Be it wealth or be it power, be it strength or be it youth, everything will vanish from

this world one day, as they come they will have to go. One day our proud selves will also have to lie in the cold earth, therefore we should seek the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty adhere to the teachings of all His Beloved Prophets ﷺ especially for our Beloved Prophet Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), and to all His Angels. If we love and respect Allah's (swt) Almighty commandments we shall surely find Him (Allah swt Almighty).

The past never returns, so we must try our best to disregard the evil inclinations of temptation, power and wealth. Instead we should be quite patient, and with the aid of our faith, seek the path of benevolence. This path will for sure find the great treasures of love, respect and obedience of the teachings of all the Prophets ﷺ, especially our Beloved Prophet Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), the Purifier, the leader of the two worlds, the seal of all Prophets ﷺ.

If we are obedient to our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), it is like the morning sunshine, the brilliance of the full moon, which will act as a lamp in our lives to guide us in this world and in the darkness of our graves.

If we want to be loved by Allah (swt) Almighty then we must first love all His Prophets, and His Angels. As a reward, He will bless us with guidance, which will save us from the calamities of this fleeting world and the hereafter. If we happen to fall into a trap of the devil, He will bestow upon us a treasure of patience, knowledge, wisdom and understanding to steer us out of the devil's clutches. We will also be blessed with wisdom, as to how we can help our offspring achieve excellence in their daily lives.

Allah (swt) Almighty is so merciful that He would also enable us to bring those who have gone astray back to the right path. This will happen only if we hold firm to our faith in Allah (swt) Almighty. Our actions both material and spiritual and our existence will beautify this world and the hereafter, *Ameen*.



**If we tread the righteous path, Allah's (*swt*) mercy, justice and sympathy will run through every vein in our body. This in turn will help us shun all the vanities of this world. By Allah's (*swt*) will, when this path is found, we will be crowned with many successes in this life and the hereafter.**

**We have to fear Allah (*swt*) Almighty, remember Him, serve Him and we shall surely find Him, *Ameen*.**

**Section 1 - Part 3: *The story of a courageous little girl (Haseena).***

**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL**

*Have We not expanded thee thy breast?-*

*And removed from thee thy burden*

*The which did gall thy back?-*

*And raised high the esteem (in which) thou (art held)?*

*So, verily, with every difficulty, there is relief:*

*Verily, with every difficulty there is relief.*

*Therefore, when thou art free (from thine immediate task), still labour hard,*

*And to thy Lord turn (all) thy attention.*

**Chapter 094: Verses 1-8: Al-Inshirah (Solace, Consolation, Relief)**

To begin I will relate an amazing story about a courageous little girl by the name of Haseena, whose love for Allah (swt) Almighty and His Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) was very sincere and strong, which led to a righteous chain. Now Haseena has grown up into an adult, she has managed through the continuation of her great love for Allah (swt) Almighty and His Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) to add many more links to the righteous chain that she rightfully achieved. *‘Alhamdu-Lillah’*

Haseena had struggled with injustice and oppression for most of her life. She is someone who loves Allah (swt) Almighty and she nourished this great love from childhood by loving the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), even though Haseena did not know anything about him. Haseena constantly recited and continues to recite Naats, Darood and Salaam for the Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), and it was due to this love that she was crowned with many righteous spiritual blessings and good virtues.

Whenever she felt sad in her youth she would cover her sad feelings by reciting Naat's or Darood Shareef, until she began to get stronger and stronger. This strength carried her through all the hard tasks of Allah's (swt) Almighty trials, and tribulations. She was now blessed with the spiritual benefit and wisdom to acknowledge the Shaitaan's handy-work. Haseena was always kind and helpful to others; she loves to cheer people up whenever they are sad. Haseena is one of Almighty Allah's (swt) servants who benefits from these few passages from the Holy Qur'an:

*O ye who believe! Fear Allah, and always say a word directed to the Right. 033.070*

*That He (Allah) may make your conduct whole and sound, and forgive you your sins.*

*He that obeys Allah and His Messenger has already attained the highest achievement.*

*033.071*

## **Section 1 - Part 4: Haseena's humble supplication through Zikr.**

Allah (swt) Almighty has further instructed us in his infinite wisdom to honour the Blessed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), in a worthy manner. For this reason, Milad Shareef functions have been widespread throughout the Muslim world, bringing to light the true value of sending Darood and Salaam to our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) In the remembrance of Allah Taala and his Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) whose life and deeds are recounted on such occasions as the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty as a source of inspiration and in it there are great blessings. The Holy Qur'an states:

*Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect. 033.056*

This topic has been the focus of many debates and controversy within the Muslim community. Many people take this passage literally and stand proudly to show their respect and to shower blessings onto our Beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) while others view this as a form of worship and idolization. Haseena wanted more than anything for people to open their hearts to the words of Allah (swt) Almighty, and to realize that He ordered us as believers to show respect to the Prophet ﷺ, (owbp). Although she was very strong in her faith and believed in spreading the knowledge of Islam to all who would listen, she knew that getting people to see the importance in this Ayah, was not going to be an easy task. She also knew that she could not simply explain this particular Ayah to people, she would have to base her argument on a story of fact so that they would be more inclined to accept what she was saying. For many nights she reminisced on events that had taken place throughout her life, as well as those that others had shared with her; but none would do. With that, she knew that the only way she was going

to get the insight that she was looking for was to go straight to the source; Allah (swt) Almighty Himself.

That night Haseena made Dua to Allah (swt) Almighty, and explained what she was trying to do, she wanted to put an end to the controversy relating to the message contained in Surah Ahzab. She begged Allah (swt) Almighty to show her a sign of something, whether it be a person or an animal, illustrating what was truly meant by this verse. With this done, she left her trust and faith in the hands of Allah (swt) Almighty and went to bed. Not long after falling asleep, she was blessed with a very beautiful dream. She dreamt that she was sitting front and center at a lecture of her pious and righteous Shaykh. The Shaykh called for water so that he could make Wadu. The water was brought to him; he put out his hands so that it could be poured into them. Haseena then rose to her feet and began to make Wadu from the Shaykh's hands. *Masha-Allah Wala Hau-la Wala Qu-wata Illa Bil-La Hil-Alee Yil-Azweem.*

When Haseena awoke she was beaming from ear to ear, for she knew that this was a rare and special dream. She wanted to share the blessings of this dream with her daughter. She quickly got out of bed and ran towards her daughter's room. Her daughter was still asleep, but she knew that it was important to wake her up. She opened the door to the room, but before she could say anything her eyes were immediately drawn to her daughter's cat, which up until now had been fast asleep on the desk. Her mouth was left opened at the sight she was witnessing, wondering if in fact she was still dreaming. The cat had immediately risen to his feet and was staring at her. She knew that this was the sign that she had asked Allah (swt) Almighty for, because the cat had never acted this strange. She walked over to her daughter and gently rubbed her face sharing with her the blessings of the dream she

had. She then walked over to the cat, who had now returned to his original position, stretched out her hands and said, "I was blessed with a dream of my respectful Shaykh, and do you want my Shaykh's blessings?" The cat looked at her, as if he understood every word that she spoke, and then licked her outstretched hands as if taking the blessings from her. This was something he had never done before. Haseena smiled, for she knew that she had been blessed this day more than she could have ever imagined. Alhamdu-lillah she was rewarded with what she had asked for.

She was now armed with the truth from Allah (*swt*) Almighty Himself, and with this she could spread the message and put an end to this topic of dispute. She knew that even after receiving this very important sign, not all people would be easily convinced, but she had been chosen by Allah (*swt*) Almighty to act as His vessel of truth, and she would not turn back now.

*But Allah doth call to the Home of Peace: He doth guide whom He pleaseth to a way that is straight. 010:025*

*To those who do right is a goodly (reward)- Yea, more (than in measure)! No darkness nor shame shall cover their faces! they are companions of the garden; they will abide therein (for aye)! 010:026*

## **Section 1 - Part 5: Haseena's struggles in life.**

Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

*To those who leave their homes in the cause of Allah, after suffering oppression,- We will assuredly give a goodly home in this world; but truly the reward of the Hereafter will be greater. If they only realised (this)! 016:041*

*(They are) those who persevere in patience, and put their trust on their Lord. 016.042*

*And He provides for him from (sources) he never could imagine. And if any one puts his trust in Allah (swt), sufficient is (Allah) for him. For Allah (swt) will surely accomplish his purpose: verily, for all things has Allah (swt) appointed a due proportion. 065.003*

Haseena was not always so fortunate to have the ability to ask Allah (swt) Almighty for something and receive it. This great gift was a reflection of years of dedication and sacrifice that she had given not only to Allah (swt) Almighty, but to those around her as well. She did not grow up with the happiest home life, but she made of it what she could and tried to shine light into the lives of those around her even though hers was dim. She befriended many of the elderly within her village, and would spend her days helping them with their chores and errands, combing their hair, or just sharing her sense of humor with them to cheer them up.

They all loved Haseena and could not say enough good things about her; it was through the kind words and well wishes of others that Allah (swt) Almighty planted the seed of love and dedication into her heart for Him and His Rasool ﷺ, (owbp). Haseena recognized this love from a very young age, although she was not aware of where it was coming from. She had not gone far in school and could not read or write, but despite this she was able to somehow pick up books of Naats and teach herself to recite them without having heard others recite them before. Being as young as she was, she did not fully grasp how miraculous this was. Once she had

learned a Naat she would place a copy of the Naat in one pocket of her dress, and all the other pockets with candies. She would then head out to look for the tallest tree that she could find, climb it and position herself on the highest limb, then with the most carefree attitude, she would pull out her copy and started to sing the Naat, Qaseeda or Munajat.

Haseena was so mesmerized by her own singing that she wouldn't even notice that people were yelling at her to come down from their tree. Learning these Naats gave Haseena a boost of confidence and a feeling of purpose. Having little to no education she was often made to feel like a disappointment, or embarrassment to her family, (especially her father). But Allah (*swt*) Almighty made her feel like the most loved little girl in the world. Through the love and blessings that she showered unto the Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*) each time she recited one line of a Naat, Allah (*swt*) poured His love onto her, so she did not miss the love which she did not received at home.

The people of Haseena's village were very much unified as a community and in Islam at this time. There were always Qur'anic programs, Milad Shareef, along with Tazeem at the Masjid or at someone's home. With her newly found confidence Haseena was the life of each function. Living in a small village, whenever there is a Qur'an and Milad program Haseena was always there, whether she was invited or not. If she was not already on the program, and the program was running out of time, she would yell from within the crowd that she did not have her turn to sing, and they would always accommodate time for her. Unfortunately things did not stay this way. People could not agree on certain aspects of Islam and so it broke off into different sects. One of the main disputes was about whether or not one should stand during Tazeem to show their respect for the beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*). Haseena's family was a part of the Sunni Muslim community who believed



very strongly in standing during Tazeem. This caused her family to be left out of certain functions. Being only a child Haseena had little comprehension to all these politics and so went about her business attending whatever functions she felt like.

She attended the function of a brother who was against standing during Tazeem. There were about two hundred people at this particular function as it was in preparation of a wedding. Things seemed to be going normally as far as she could tell, in the second part of the program which is the Milad Shareef, she got a chance to recite her Naat as usual, and then they began to recite Tazeem and Haseena rose to her feet as she usually did. It took a couple of seconds for her to realize that she was the only one out of the two hundred people that was standing for the Tazeem. People began yelling at her to sit down, but she refused and continued to stand brave and proud. Even after all of this Haseena was still in the dark as to what had just happened. She went home and proudly told her mother she was the only one who stood up for Tazeem at the function, and that everyone else was too lazy to stand up for the Tazeem. When she did not get the response that she had expected from her mother, it was then that she realized things had changed. When she questioned her mother as to why things were different now, her mother simply responded “You are too young to understand, just don’t go to functions that we are not invited to anymore.” Haseena took this very seriously, and listened to her mother with deep grievance.

The seed that Allah (swt) Almighty had planted in Haseena’s heart for the love of the Prophet ﷺ, (owbp) through her love of reciting Naats had been flourishing beautifully up until this point. She knew that she could not let the ignorance of a few people bring her spirits down. As she got older, she started taking a more active role in ladies’ religious meetings; she wanted to share her love of Naats and Salaams on the Beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) with others. It was through

**this involvement and this love that she met and fell in love with a man who loved reciting Naats, Darood and Salaam on the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) just as much as she did. Haseena was old enough now to understand that this was all Allah's (swt) Almighty doing. If it wasn't for that seed that Allah (swt) Almighty had planted in her heart years ago, her love for the Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (owbp) and her constant recitation of Naats would not have grown and led her to her future husband, who also follows and observes the same tradition as Haseena's.**

*Allah doth wish to lighten your (difficulties): For man was created Weak (in flesh).*

*004:028*

*O mankind! verily there hath come to you a convincing proof from your Lord: For We have sent unto you a light (that is) manifest. 004:174*

*Then those who believe in Allah, and hold fast to Him,- soon will He admit them to mercy and grace from Himself, and guide them to Himself by a straight way. 004:175*

**Section 1 - Part 6: Haseena and her husband's great effort to spread**

**Islam and the hard task of finding their Shaykh.**

*An Messenger, who rehearses to you the Signs of Allah containing clear explanations, that he may lead forth those who believe and do righteous deeds from the depths of Darkness into Light. And those who believe in Allah and work righteousness, He will admit to Gardens beneath which Rivers flow, to dwell therein for ever: Allah has indeed granted for them a most excellent Provision. 065.011*

After many years went by Haseena and her husband Abdul migrated to Canada. They found things to be very different than what they were used to. There were only two Muslim organizations established so it was very difficult to obtain information such as: prayer times, the Islamic calendar, and even Halal meat. The first couple of years were very difficult for Haseena and her family. Since things were not easily accessible their practices in Islam began to weaken, but not for Haseena. She approached her husband with the idea of forming their own organization. Abdul who was involved in organization activities prior to migrating to Canada loved this idea, as this was his dream before he came to Canada, and so they formed a Jamaat after living in Canada for only two years. Ten years later they formed another organization, which by Allah's (swt) grace are both fully established to this date. These were not the only things that Haseena accomplished after moving to Canada. She taught herself to read Qur'an which is indeed a great miracle and blessing from Allah (swt). She never attended a madrasah or had an Ustad. She received a flyer in her mailbox of the ninety-nine Names of Allah (swt), at the bottom it mentioned, "Choose any one of Allah's (swt) Names that is applicable to your need and desire and recite as a wazeefa for forty-one nights, Allah's (swt) willing your request will be fulfilled." She chose "knowledge" (Ya Aleemo) and did

a wazeefa for forty-one nights asking Allah (swt) Almighty to bestow knowledge on her so that she may learn to read Arabic.

One month after she attended a function and picked up a Dua book and began reciting it in Arabic as though she had known it all her life (*Alhamdu-Lillah*), and to her great surprise she was able to do the same with her Qur'an when she went home. She began to immerse herself in her Qur'an until she gained a very high level of spirituality. She was advised by a close friend of Abdul named Kamal (who is also a lover of Allah (swt.) And His Rasool ﷺ) that she needed to seek the guidance and teachings of a Shaykh, (a spiritual teacher). This was something very new to Haseena; she never knew that after attaining a certain level of spirituality, one may need a spiritual teacher whose advice would help to gain protection from the whispering or handy work of the Shaitaan, since the Shaitaan would more likely choose one who is righteous and God fearing as his prey. Haseena and her husband met with a Shaykh, but it proved unsuccessful for he was reluctant to help. Kamal then suggested that Haseena meet with his Shaykh. His Shaykh was very cooperative, and told Haseena that he was unable to help her for her spiritual status was very high and she needed someone who was higher than him. Haseena was very determined to find a Shaykh that would be able to help her. About two weeks later Haseena got a call from a friend, telling her that a relative in New York called her about a pious Shaykh currently visiting New York. Haseena was overjoyed upon hearing this news. Haseena called the Sister in New York, to request that the Shaykh come to her home. She was told that this particular Shaykh was a Wali Allah and that he does not stay at anyone house, but if she were to organize a Masjid where he could stay, then he would come. Haseena was persistent; she wanted the Shaykh to come to her home. She asked the Sister to give her phone number to the Shaykh so he could call her hoping that in speaking to him she could

convince him to come to her home. Haseena then called her parents as soon as she hung up the phone with the Sister in New York to tell them that not only did she find a Shaykh, but that he was also a ‘Friend of Allah (*swt*).’ Her father said that if that was indeed true, then the Shaykh would automatically (Through the inspiration from Allah *swt*.) know how desperately she wanted him to come, and he would come. Not long after she received a call from the Sister in New York, saying that before she could even relay the message to the Shaykh, he said “Call that sister in Canada and tell her that I am coming to her house.” *Subhan Allah*.

Looking back on all these miraculous events that took place in her life, Haseena knew that it all started from that tiny seed that was planted by Allah (*swt*) Almighty in her heart for Him and His Rasool ﷺ, (*owbp*). Had Allah (*swt*) Almighty not given her the strength to nourish that seed, none of these things would have been possible. Haseena managed to achieve a righteous chain, and through Haseena’s love of Naats and Salaam on the Beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*), Allah (*swt*) showered her with His blessings, and answered her prayers and her supplications. Through this chain Haseena was able to impact the lives of all those with whom she came in contact with. She was able to touch the lives of others and inspire them through the teachings of Islam, and through her sharing of Islam, she is being rewarded by Allah (*swt*), Almighty, Alhamdu-Lillah and so the righteous chain continues. Haseena great efforts and difficult task of finding a Shaykh was very successful. She wanted everyone who she knew to experience the great joy of meeting such a pious and righteous servant of Allah (*swt*) Almighty. Haseena and her husband invited everyone they knew, so that he would have a cheerful and delighted welcome for his first visit, and the joy for everyone to meet with this great spiritual leader who was none other than His Eminence Pir-e-Tariqat Hazrat Allama Maulana Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (*r.a.*)

Haseena said the joy that she felt when she saw his face for the very first time was like finding a precious stone knowing that it was yours to keep. Her heart was pounding with sincere joy, especially after realizing these few things:

1. Her guest Maulana Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi *r.a.* was Allah's (*swt*) Almighty precious gift to her and her family, through all of her hard efforts and sacrifices which she dedicated in her services to Allah (*swt*) and His Rasool ﷺ (*owbp*).
2. She was pleased to share her gift with her relatives and close friends.
3. She was pleased to know that through her, everyone who was in the gathering had the opportunity to meet a friend of Allah (*swt*).

Haseena said words could not express the real joy that she felt from the moment the Sister from New York called her to give her the good news of the Shaykh's decision to come to her home. And now that he is gone, the amount of joy which she felt receiving him, the same amount of hurt and sadness she felt losing him. All of her hope and trust is with Allah (*swt*) Almighty, that He would unite her and her family with him at the time of their death. Haseena's heart would not find peace and satisfaction until she knew that he would be there with the Angel of death to receive her and her family at the end of their journey in this life. She is working really hard along with her family to carry on his mission which is the Zikr of Allah (*swt*), and in spreading the messages of Al-Qur'an.

Haseena wanted more than anything to fulfill the desire of her Shaykh, but being uneducated she knew her task would be very tough, but this did not stop her. She tried to think of things that he would love to write about, and she did lots of special prayers and supplication to Allah (*swt*) Almighty to inspire her as to what topics she should write about so as to please him. Alhamdu-Lillah she was inspired by Allah (*swt*) Almighty to write stories, parables with examples with important lessons from

them, which would help the readers steer their lives into a decent and better one. This would in turn help to stop conflicts and bring peace to the Muslim Umma. Haseena hopes and prays that this would be pleasing to her Shaykh. Her prayers are for Allah (swt) Almighty to make her task easy for her and for Him to reward all the readers and all those who have assisted her, and pray for all of us to be united with our Beloved Shaykh at the time and after our death Inshaa Allah. *Ameen.*

*For, Believers are those who, when Allah is mentioned, feel a tremor in their hearts, and when they hear His signs rehearsed, find their faith strengthened, and put (all) their trust in their Lord; 008:002*

*Such in truth are the believers: they have grades of dignity with their Lord, and forgiveness, and generous sustenance: 008:004*

**Section 1 - Part 7:     *The most humble and wise way to stop conflict.***

*O ye who believe! Let not some men among you laugh at others: It may be that the (latter) are better than the (former): Nor let some women laugh at others: It may be that the (latter) are better than the (former) 049:011*

After Haseena's great struggle in finding her spiritual leader (who sadly passed away shortly after) she was laughed at, taunted with evil words, and ridiculed. She however, managed to hold on to the rope of faith and patience since her Shaykh stood up for her in the most humble and peaceful way, and this and other miraculous events that resulted from Haseena's supplication is what I would like to share with you. My objective is not just merely to tell stories, but to each lessons and give examples of how the men of Allah (*swt*) Almighty respond to situations of jealousy which could lead to conflict.

The very first time that Haseena's Shaykh came to visit her house a few people came with him, a couple of the ladies that followed the Shaykh and his family were very rude and jealous of Haseena . A few hours after they arrived at Haseena's house one of them approached her and said: "I was made to understand that you pray five times a day, well as far as I can see you have not achieved anything in your life so far!" Haseena was very taken back, but she responded "Really! Well if I have not achieved anything what is a friend of Allah (*swt*) Almighty doing in my house? Who sent him here? Did he come on his own? No, it was through the great effort of my prayers that Allah (*swt*) Almighty inspired him to be here." The woman had no response. Some people do not realize the importance of meeting a true and sincere friend of Allah (*swt*) Almighty or the honour of hosting him. It was indeed a great blessing for Haseena and her family to have experienced this great honour which the woman was too blind to see.

As the days progressed another woman went to the Shaykh, and right in front of



Haseena she complained that the soap and the toothpaste that Haseena was using was haram (unlawful in the sight of Islam). The Shaykh dealt with the matter in a most respectable way by smiling, he then asked Haseena to put one bar of soap and one tube of toothpaste in his suitcase so he could take it home for his personal use. This sent the message rather quickly to the complainant who remained quiet. A group of close relatives were also oppressing Haseena and her family, so one day the Shaykh asked to meet with them. Upon meeting with the family he said to them in a most humble way “If someone visits your home and your house is very dirty then that person would not want to come back for a second visit.” He then finished this parable by saying that he intended to come back to Haseena’s house as soon as he could possibly do so. He also mentioned that he traveled all over the world, but he never stayed more than two or three days at someone’s house, it was only with Haseena and her family that he stayed at for one week (*Alhamdu Lillah*). Haseena and her family loved the dust that their Shaykh walked on. This is what they had to say about him: *“Our Shaykh came into our lives from out of the blue and lit up our lives, like the moonlight that shines on the darkest nights, and when we were just beginning to enjoy our bright moon light, a dark cloud came and covered up our moonlight, but we received great satisfaction knowing that our moonlight is waiting behind the brilliant stars to receive us into his house of peace and tranquility. The journey of our lives in this world will not end until we are able to fulfill his mission which was to carry out the Zikr of Allah Almighty, and also spreading Islam through such mediums as: spiritual books, etc. May Allah (swt) Almighty grant us the wisdom, knowledge, and the understanding to accomplish these missions of our beloved Shaykh. Ameen.*

I wish Haseena and her family all the success in accomplishing the mission of their Shaykh. I do hope for the benefit of our actions that we manage to grasp some very

**important lessons as to how to act in situations of conflict as Haseena's Shaykh did.**

**Indeed he was a very God-fearing, humble, and pious man.**

*O My servants who believe! truly, spacious is My Earth: therefore serve ye Me - (and Me alone)! 029:056*

*Every soul shall have a taste of death in the end to Us shall ye be brought back. 029:057*

*But those who believe and work deeds of righteousness - to them shall We give a Home in Heaven,- lofty mansions beneath which flow rivers,- to dwell therein for aye;- an excellent reward for those who do (good)!- 029:058*

*Those who persevere in patience, and put their trust, in their Lord and Cherisher. 029:059*

## **Section 1 - Part 8:**

**Haseena was once again blessed with a true and inspiring dream.**

*Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:*

*Ye have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern (of conduct) for any one whose hope is in Allah and the Final Day, and who engages much in the Praise of Allah. 033:021*

*Is one whose heart Allah has opened to Islam, so that he has received Enlightenment from Allah, (no better than one hard-hearted)? Woe to those whose hearts are hardened against celebrating the praises (Zikr) of Allah! They are manifestly wandering (in error)! 039.022*

**I will now move to another true story that derives from a true dream that Haseena received when she asked Allah (swt) Almighty something very specific in her sincere supplication right after a Zikr program that she did with her family.**

**Sometime ago Haseena's son brought her a gift of a picture with a few artifacts of our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) such as: his toothbrush, strands from his beard, a picture of his slippers, and a picture of his footprint. Haseena wanted to know if these items were authentic, especially the footprints, so after doing the Zikr of Allah (swt), she asked Allah (swt) Almighty to show her in her dreams if the footprints in the picture was indeed that of the Beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp). So that same night right before she got up to recite her Tahajud Namaz she dreamt that a group of men were rushing to go and pray, and there was a big hole covered with a white sheet and the most beautiful foot in the gathering of the men stepped on top of the hole and did not fall through it. After everyone left Haseena went and pulled the sheet off to see if the hole was still there, and to her surprise it was (Allahu-Akbar) Allah (swt) Almighty is indeed the Greatest, and He is**

very merciful to His servants who are true in their faith and love for Him and his Rasool ﷺ, (owbp). Because of this dream Haseena concluded that the artifacts in the picture that her son brought for her is indeed the Holy Prophet's ﷺ, (owbp).

The next story deals with Haseena's daughter's cat. One night right after Haseena finished reciting Surah Yasin, and the Zikr of Allah (swt) her daughter was taking her cat upstairs, and the cat jumped right out of her arms and rushed over to a picture of the Masjid Al-Aqsa which they had on the floor, against the wall facing the east right where Haseena performed her prayers. The cat went up very close to the picture, almost as if he was going to kiss it, but instead he just stared at it for a very long time almost as if he saw someone. *Allaho Akbar.*

I will close this story with a short passage from the Holy Qur'an:

*When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me: Let them also, with a will, Listen to My call, and believe in Me: That they may walk in the right way. 002.186*

*Glory be to thee O Allah! And peace and salutations on our Beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (owbp).*

## **Section 1 - Part 9: *The miraculous story of Haseena's bird 'Lucky'***

*Allah has revealed (from time to time) the most beautiful Message in the form of a Book, consistent with itself, (yet) repeating (its teaching in various aspects): the skins of those who fear their Lord tremble thereat; then their skins and their hearts do soften to the celebration of Allah's praises. Such is the guidance of Allah: He guides therewith whom He pleases, but such as Allah leaves to stray, can have none to guide.*

039.023

Through the great blessings from the Zikr of Allah (swt) along with other good conduct in our lives we are able to achieve spiritual knowledge, wisdom and understanding in order that we may grasp the highest spiritual truths by parables and other means, which are given abundantly through the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty. Allah (swt) Almighty, the wise, instructed us in His infinite wisdom to celebrate His praises, and to honour His Blessed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), and to make the conduct of our lifestyle similar to that of our Beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), for his life and his example are indeed the best pattern for us to follow. They are also the key to our moral and spiritual progress.

For the benefits of those who would like to experience this spiritual blessings of joy and true guidance in the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty, I would like to share a couple of true stories by a sincere servant of Allah (swt) Almighty, and who is the lover of the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, who is none other than Haseena herself.

Haseena had a little parakeet named Lucky, and due to the numerous times that Haseena engaged in the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, Lucky also learned to do the Zikr as well. All day long Lucky would engage in Zikr, Naats, and Darood Akbar. Haseena loved Lucky very much. One day she was leaving the house to visit her sister who was very ill, and she had to go into the backyard to get something so she

decided to take Lucky out for some fresh air as she always did. So Haseena placed Lucky on her shoulder forgetting that his wing needed to be clipped, and as soon as she stepped outside Lucky flew away. He flew onto the roof of a house about 15 houses down from Haseena's house. Haseena ran after him calling him, but he ignored her. She went to see the owner of the house where Lucky was, and the owner took out his ladder for her to climb onto the roof to get Lucky, but as soon as she reached out to grab him he flew even further away, but this time he went out of sight.

Haseena went home and raised her hand in supplication and said: "Oh Allah (*swt*) Almighty my bird who loves to do your Zikr and who loves to do Darood and Salaam on our beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) just flew away. Please guide and protect him from all danger, and lead him to a good home, and if he will not be happy, or be protected from danger, then through your Zikr and through the Naats, Darood and Salaam that he does, please send him back to me. Onto you I leave my trust." *Ameen*. Haseena then left to go see her sister. She wanted to come home in the afternoon before it got too dark, so that she could continue to look for Lucky, but due to traffic she came home late. It was dark and cold that evening, the rain and the wind was very strong, so Haseena could not go out to look for Lucky. The next day after the morning prayer when the sun was out she left to go look around the neighborhood. There was a school in the area and Haseena observed the children rushing to the fence towards a tree. Haseena was curious about what the children were looking at, so she rushed over to the tree as well, to her surprise it was Lucky singing the praises of Allah Almighty (*swt*). All the children were amazed, they were saying, "Oh my gosh it is a bird, and it is singing so sweetly!" The children started climbing the fence to grab Lucky, and before Haseena could have told them not to go after him, for fear that he might fly away again, this was exactly

what happened. Haseena sat down and looked extremely sad. The children asked her what had happened, and Haseena told them Lucky is her bird, and he was singing the praises of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, the children were very surprised, and then apologized to Haseena.

After a couple of hours Haseena who was still wandering around the neighbourhood heard Lucky engaging in the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) while sitting on a tree in someone's backyard. Haseena rushed over to him calling him down, but he flew away again. So Haseena went home stressed out, and cried herself to sleep. Haseena slept for an hour and went to perform two rakaat nafl namaz, seeking Allah's (*swt*) help again. When she finished praying her husband returned home from Juma prayer, Haseena asked him if he heard Lucky yelling or singing anywhere in the neighborhood, and he replied, "Yes, I heard him singing Allah's (*swt*) praises a couple of houses down the street in one of the neighbor's yard, on a very tall tree, and I do not know how we are going to get him to come down". Haseena told her husband that by the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, Lucky himself will come down into her arms. Haseena then rushed out to go and get Lucky. When she got there she saw the couple and their child trying to coax Lucky down from their tree with some food, but he was ignoring them. Haseena approached the couple and told them that Lucky was her bird, and she then called him down out of the tree, but he did not listen to her until she started to recite the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty. Then Lucky started to jump from limb to limb until he flew right into her hands. The couple and their child looked on in amazement and said that prayer you said must be very great and powerful. Haseena told them it is called 'Zikr', the remembrance of God. They said that they would like to learn this prayer one day; Haseena said it would be her pleasure to come and teach them the Zikr of Allah (*swt*). After this Haseena held Lucky extremely close to her and rushed home with

him. *Subhan Allah.*

This is what the Zikr of Allah (swt) does, it gives additional spiritual guidance to make the impossible possible. Allah (swt) Almighty gives his gifts in abundance to his sincere Zakireen, and for the people who recite their regular five daily prayers. Allah (swt) gives His gifts in just measures. Allah (swt) Almighty ordered us to constantly remember Him even in the instances of the things that we eat, for we are ordered to pronounce Allah's (swt) name over the sacrifice of certain animals that we eat, the pronouncement of Allah's (swt) name is an essential part of the rites, and it is for the benefit of our own souls. Allah (swt) said that there is good news for those whom are humble, those who have fear for Allah's (swt) punishment, who have patience and are regular in their prayers and in his remembrance, and those who give to charity. It is those people who will receive Allah's (swt) mercies and forgiveness, and those people will be able to enjoy His paradise.

*Alif. Lam. Mim. 031:001*

*These are Verses of the Wise Book,- 031:002*

*A Guide and a Mercy to the Doers of Good,- 031:003*

*Those who establish regular Prayer, and give regular Charity, and have (in their hearts) the assurance of the Hereafter. 031:004*

*These are on (true) guidance from their Lord: and these are the ones who will prosper. 031:005*



## **Section 1 - Part 10:**

### **Another amazing story about Lucky's illness and his new life.**

Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*) said; the greater the sufferings and hardships on the people who are Zakireen, the higher their status will be in the Hereafter.

At the time of their deaths the Angels will shake hands with them on their death bed. The best amongst you (Man) are the (Zakireen) people whose very sight reminds one of Allah (*swt*) Almighty and His Beloved Rasool ﷺ, (*owbp*), who's words, add to one's knowledge, whose actions motivate one to work for Jannat. While the one whose actions turn the people away from the remembrance and praises of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, his sight can hardly inspire another to the remembrance of Allah (*swt*) and His Beloved Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*). The man of faith, who strengthens his faith by his righteous conduct, is like the man of clear vision, who sees things in the true prospective and walks with firm steps in the way of Allah (*swt*).

For the second time Haseena managed to hold onto her Jannatee bird Lucky. Through the Zikr of Allah Almighty. A few months ago her bird Lucky got very sick with something called Quaker mutilation syndrome, where he was plucking out his feathers and digging into his skin, this went on continuously for about four to five days. He had stopped talking and eating and he did not recite the Zikr of Allah (*swt*), Darood Shareef or recitation of Naats which he normally did on a daily basis.

Haseena got very worried and she tried to pray on him but was unsuccessful. She then recited some prayers over water, but he would not drink it, she also tried talking to him but even this did not work.

One morning after Fajr prayer she went and sat down by his cage and told him to

join her in doing the Zikr of Allah (swt). As she started to recite the Zikr of Allah (swt), to her great surprise, he also started to recite along with her. Haseena said she wanted to stop because tears were running down her cheeks like rain drops but she didn't stop. And from that day on Lucky was cured from his illness which could have cost him his life. Now he is stronger than before in doing the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty. *Allaho-Akbar.*

This miraculous bird that Haseena was blessed with (through her son's love for her) is indeed an example for us to see and believe in the greatness of Allah's (swt) Zikr.

As Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an Chapter 29 Verse 45:

*Recite what is sent of the Book by inspiration to thee, and establish regular Prayer: for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds; and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt. And Allah knows the (deeds) that ye do.029:045*

Through the Zikr of Allah (swt) which this bird has great love for, he was blessed with a new life and great intelligence. *Alhamdu-Lillah.*

**Section 1 - Part 11: Haseena's fear of Allah (swt) was removed through  
Zikr and her humble supplication**

*He prayed: "O my Lord! I have indeed wronged my soul! Do Thou then forgive me!"  
So (Allah) forgave him: for He is the Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 028:016*

*He said: "O my Lord! For that Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace on me, never shall I be  
a help to those who sin!" 028:017*

The remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty (His Zikr) should play an important part in every believer's life, and should be observed (along with the Meelad Shareef) on any happy occasion. In several Hadith's Rasoolallah ﷺ, (owbp) is quoted as referring to the fact that there are a class of Angels who wander in search of assemblies of those who are engaged in the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, and wherever they find those engaged in the Zikr and the Meelad Shareef functions they call each other and gather around them, and they pile up over each other until they reach the height of the sky. These are the real virtues of the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty.

The reflection itself is in every pious person who is constantly engaged in the Zikr of Allah (swt). We are also able to acknowledge the extent of his patience, which would guide him through good and ill fortune, and which would take him to his final goal, which is none other than Jannat (heaven).

Haseena dislikes the idea of disclosing, the virtuous gifts that she receives from Allah (swt) Almighty through her services and sacrifices which she is working really hard, by being constantly in prayers, supplications and in the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty.

Her reasons for sharing her experiences are to help those people who are having difficulty believing in dreams, supplications and in the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty. She was very much afraid that Allah (swt) Almighty might be upset at her for

sharing her experiences, her knowledge and her virtues. After finishing a Zikr session, she recited a special prayer and requested Allah (swt) Almighty to show her or one of her children a dream as to whether or not she was doing something right or wrong. While she was in supplication, her daughter was sleeping and she was blessed with the most beautiful dream. She dreamt that there were people piling up from the earth to the sky to see them, especially her mother (Haseena) and they were all dressing up to go out of their house to meet these people. Haseena was a bit hesitant to do so, but everyone in the house was telling her to go first so she listened to them and went out first. As soon as she stepped out, a balloon which was full with all kinds of beautiful stars in different colours burst open from the sky and all the beautiful stars started to fall on them.

Haseena's daughter said that, she could not describe the beauty of her dream in words, but it was a dream that she would always cherish and remember. *Ma-Sha Allah- Wa La Howla Wala Quwata Illa Bil-la Hill Alee-Yill Azweem.*

A week later Haseena had a beautiful dream as well. She was given two beautiful white stones with the Arabic writing of Allah (swt) Almighty on one stone and Muhammad ﷺ (owbp) on the other stone.

These dreams clearly show that Allah (swt) Almighty is indeed pleased with Haseena (and her family who have helped her). For her unselfish love which she has for her Muslim brothers and sisters, and for sharing her knowledge in a respectful and humble way.

A little advice from Haseena to all of her readers, "Please try to learn the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty and make it a practice to recite it daily. Do it for the love and pleasure of Allah (swt) Almighty. At the beginning when you start to recite it, you might find some difficulties in your lives, but don't let it stop you, just remember this little parable, 'A thief only goes where there is money (wealth)' meaning the

blessings from the Zikr will attract the shaitaan, but Allah (*swt*) Almighty will send relief from any pain or difficulties, just don't give up." Haseena and her family have suffered through much pain and grief but Al-hamdu-Lillah, they stuck together and worked very hard to fight the devil off and now Allah (*swt*) Almighty is rewarding them for their constant effort in engaging in His Zikr all the time. If we can see the rewards and benefits which Haseena and her family have received in this world, we can only imagine what their reward will be in the hereafter?

May Allah (*swt*) Almighty help all of us (the readers, helpers and those people who make the special effort to change their lifestyle into becoming better servants of Allah Almighty). *Ameen*.

May Allah (*swt*) Almighty bless us with the faith, courage, and the understanding to steer ourselves on the righteous path.

Lesson 1: Indeed the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty is the greatest thing in life without doubt. *029:045*

It works as a vehicle of a plane and Namaaz works as the airstrip, so both are important.

Lesson 2: Supplication through the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty is usually answered quickly (since it reaches Allah (*swt*) Almighty through His vehicle like the plane reaches to one's destination faster ).

Prayers without supplication do take a longer time to reach Allah (*swt*) Almighty; since it is a form of worshipping Allah (*swt*) Almighty.

Lesson 3: Allah (*swt*) Almighty is very pleased with the people who share their knowledge for good causes and not for worldly show. This is the same for giving charity as well or any good one does, which has to be done in sincerity, for the love and pleasure of Allah (*swt*) Almighty.

I am a very close friend of Haseena and I had the pleasure of seeing the way she

carries her life. All of the actions in her daily routine start out with the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty and His Beloved Prophet Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), and this are how she has taught her two children as well.

She would say to them, put the thought of Allah (swt) Almighty and His Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) on your minds before making any decisions.

Alhamdu Lillah so far this is working really well for her children, they are very humble and kind children, and they are lovers of Allah (swt) Almighty and His Beloved Prophet Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), and they have great love for their parents. *Alhamdu Lillah.*

**Lesson 4:** We were able to see how Allah (swt) Almighty gives guidance through dreams, and the importance of supplication and the virtue of Zikr.

*Behold! Joseph said to his father: "O my father! I did see eleven stars and the sun and the moon: I saw them prostrate themselves to me!" 012:004*

*Said (the father): "My (dear) little son! relate not thy vision to thy brothers, lest they concoct a plot against thee: for Satan is to man an avowed enemy! 012:005*

*Now with him there came into the prison two young men. Said one of them: "I see myself (in a dream) pressing wine." said the other: "I see myself (in a dream) carrying bread on my head, and birds are eating, thereof." "Tell us" (they said) "The truth and meaning thereof: for we see thou art one that doth good (to all)." 012:036*

*He said: "Before any food comes (in due course) to feed either of you, I will surely reveal to you the truth and meaning of this ere it befall you: that is part of the (duty) which my Lord hath taught me. I have (I assure you) abandoned the ways of a people that believe not in Allah and that (even) deny the Hereafter. 012:037*

*"O my two companions of the prison! As to one of you, he will pour out the wine for his lord to drink: as for the other, he will hang from the cross, and the birds will eat from off his head. (so) hath been decreed that matter whereof ye twain do enquire"...012:041*

*And of the two, to that one whom he consider about to be saved, he said: "Mention me to thy lord." But Satan made him forget to mention him to his lord: and (Joseph) lingered in prison a few (more) years. 012:042*

*The king (of Egypt) said: "I do see (in a vision) seven fat kine, whom seven lean ones devour, and seven green ears of corn, and seven (others) withered. O ye chiefs! Expound to me my vision if it be that ye can interpret visions." 012:043*

*"O Joseph!" (he said) "O man of truth! Expound to us (the dream) of seven fat kine whom seven lean ones devour, and of seven green ears of corn and (seven) others withered: that I may return to the people, and that they may understand." 012:046*

*(Joseph) said: "For seven years shall ye diligently sow as is your wont: and the harvests that ye reap, ye shall leave them in the ear,- except a little, of which ye shall eat. 012:047*

*"Then will come after that (period) seven dreadful (years), which will devour what ye shall have laid by in advance for them,- (all) except a little which ye shall have (specially) guarded. 012:048*

## **Section 1 - Part 12: Haseena's brief history**

### **Haseena's firm faith and courageous skills**

*In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. 001:001*

*Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds; 001:002*

*Most Gracious, Most Merciful; 001:003*

*Master of the Day of Judgment. 001:004*

*Thee do we worship, and Thine aid we seek. 001:005*

*Show us the straight way, 001:006*

*The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace, those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray. 001:007*

*O ye people! Adore your Guardian-Lord, who created you and those who came before you, that ye may have the chance to learn righteousness; 002:021*

*"Obey those who ask no reward of you (for themselves), and who have themselves received Guidance. 036:021*

This short biography is for the benefit of those who wish to be firm in their faith (as Haseena) but feel a sense of weakness during their life's path. From a very young age Haseena did not let the seed of righteousness rot that was planted in her heart. She nourished it through the constant remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty and by reciting Naats and Salaam on the Beloved Prophet ﷺ, (owbp). This tiny seed then grew into a beautiful tree with many virtuous branches such as:

1. At the age of nineteen Haseena was blessed with a faithful husband who also loved Allah (swt) Almighty and his Beloved Prophet ﷺ, (owbp)
2. She was blessed with two loving children who followed her footsteps.
3. When Haseena was 26 and her husband was 27 they migrated to Canada and were blessed with faith and guidance from Allah (swt) Almighty to form two successful religious organizations.
4. Haseena was illiterate, but she was blessed with the wisdom and the knowledge to



teach herself how to read both English and Arabic.

5. These blessings also led her to meet her spiritual advisor (a friend of Allah (swt) Almighty) and his respectful family.

6. The blessings of meeting this Wali-Allah led Haseena and her family to something virtuous that they were unaware of, which was the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty. The Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty has also been a benefit to many other people.

7. Since migrating to Canada Haseena never worked outside of the home, but yet her and her family have been financially comfortable (*Alhamdu-lillah*).

8. Haseena did not know how to sew, but yet she became an excellent seamstress, sewing beautiful clothes for her family without any patterns. (*Alhamdu-lillah*).

9. Haseena and her husband were also blessed with the special invitation from Allah (swt) Almighty to make their Hajj and Umrah.

10. Haseena has also blessed with a great sense of humor, inner strength, and spiritual insight which has helped her through many struggles.

11. Haseena is also blessed with many virtuous dreams, visions, and inspirations that have also helped her to help many others.

I would like to share a small secret with you, as much as Haseena and her family have achieved all these wonderful gifts from Allah (swt) Almighty they suffered a huge amount of pain and anguish, which all happened through envy and jealousy. Haseena and her family strived with their might and sought Allah's (swt) help with constant patience, faith and understanding. May Allah (swt) Almighty bestow on us His mercies and dispose of our affairs for us in the right way; Ameen.

Glory to Allah (swt) in whose hands is the dominion of all things. May He grant us forgiveness and mercy, for He is merciful to those who show mercy; Ameen.

*"Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah: for without doubt in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction. 013:028*

*"For those who believe and work righteousness, is (every) blessedness, and a beautiful place of (final) return." 013:029*

**Here is a copy of the Zikr: (Remembrance of Allah)**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**ALLAHUMMA SWALLAY ALA SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA ALA ALEE SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA BAARIK WA SALLIM WA SWALLAY ALAI  
(MINIMUM THREE TIMES)**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**YAA HAIYO YAA KAIYUM, LAA ILAHA ILLA ANTA SUBHANAKA  
INNE KUNTUM MINAZ ZALAYMEEN (MINIMUM FIVE TIMES)**

**ALLAHUMMA SWALLAY ALA SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA ALA ALEE SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA BAARIK WA SALLIM WA SWALLAY ALAI  
(MINIMUM TWO TIMES)**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**LAA HOWLA WALA QUWATA ILLA BILLA HIL ALEE YIL AZWEEM  
(MINIMUM FIVE TIMES)**

***THEN DAROOD SHAREEF:***

**ALLAHUMMA SWALLAY ALA SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA ALA ALEE SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA BAARIK WA SALLIM WA SWALLAY ALAI  
( MINIMUM TWO TIMES)**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**YAA ALLAHO, YAA RAHMANO, YAA RAHEEMO, YAA HAIYO, YAA  
KAIYUM (MINIMUM 5 TIMES)**

***THEN DAROOD SHAREEF:***

**ALLAHUMMA SWALLAY ALA SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA ALA ALEE SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA BAARIK WA SALLIM WA SWALLAY ALAI  
( MINIMUM TWO TIMES)**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**SALAAM UN QOWLAM MIR RABBAY RAHEEM (MINIMUM FIVE  
TIMES)**

***THEN DAROOD SHAREEF:***

**ALLAHUMMA SWALLAY ALA SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA ALA ALEE SAIYADINA WA MAULANA**

**MUHAMMAD, WA BAARIK WA SALLIM WA SWALLAY ALAI  
( MINIMUM TWO TIMES)**

**At this point it is preferable to take off the lights, then close your eyes and concentrate as if Allah Zawajal is in front of you, forget who you are, forget who is sitting beside you and recite in a loud tone for you about to do Zikr-bil-Jahr**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**SAA NU REY HIM AYA TINA FIL AFA KEE WA FEE ANFUSIHIM HATTA  
YATA BAIYANA LA HUM ANNA HUL HAQ**

**( REPEAT : ANNA HUL HAQ ; AT LEAST 20 TIMES THEN KALMA SHAREEF  
BELOW)**

**LA ILLA HA ILLAL LA HO MUHAMMADUR RASOOL LAL LAA (ONCE)  
THEN:**

**SWALLAAHO TA'ALA ALAI HE WASALLAM**

**THEN DAROOD SHAREEF :**

**ALLAHUMMA SWALLAY ALA SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA ALA ALEE SAIYADINA WA MAULANA  
MUHAMMAD, WA BAARIK WA SALLIM WA SWALLAY ALAI  
( MINIMUM TWO TIMES)**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**LAA ILLA HAA ILLAL LAA (MINIMUM 20 TIMES) THEN KALMA AND  
DAROOD SHAREEF**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**IL LAL LAAHU ILLAL LAA (MINIMUM 20 TIMES) THEN KALMA AND  
DAROOD SHAREEF**

**BISMILLAH HIR RAHMAA-NIR RAHEEM**

**ALLAHU (MINIMUM 20 TIMES) THEN KALMA AND DAROOD SHAREEF**

**At this point you perform what is called Pas-an-fas, with your eyes still closed, you breathe in ALLAH while turning your head to your right shoulder and you let out HU while turning your head towards your heart.**

**(minimum 7 times)**

**THEN RECITE THE FOUR KULS, SURA FATIHA, ALIF LAAM MEEM (AT  
LEAST 5 AYATS)**

**THEN MAKE DUA AND SALLATU SALAAM.**

## CIRCLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### Section 2

#### Section 2 - Part 1: *Haseena introduces herself*

Here are a few stories, parables and examples that Haseena wrote herself, in which she followed the pattern of her beloved Shaykh His Eminence Pir-e-Tariqat. Hazrat Maulana Muhammed Abdul Wahab Siddiqi r.a. with his ability to settle disputes and conflicts in a most humble and peaceful manner. She prayed that Allah (swt) Almighty grant the readers and the helpers as well, with the patience and understanding to grasp the full meaning and to see clearly the importance in her messages through the examples and parables of the short stories. She also pray that Allah (swt) Almighty bless, guide and protect all the readers who made the humble efforts to guard themselves from the corruptions of the Shaitan. Ameen. This humble declaration goes to her respectful Shaykh His Eminence Pir-e-Tariqat. Hazrat Maulana Muhammed Abdul Wahab Siddiqi r.a. who sadly departed from this world a few years ago. Inaa Lil-lahi Wah Inaa Ilaihi Raa Ji-oon, May Allah (swt) Almighty bless him (and all of us) and keep him in peace and tranquility. Ameen.

*Allah is He, than Whom there is no other god;- Who knows (all things) both secret and open; He, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. 059:022*

*Allah is He, than Whom there is no other god;- the Sovereign, the Holy One, the Source of Peace (and Perfection), the Guardian of Faith, the Preserver of Safety, the Exalted in Might, the Irresistible, the Supreme: Glory to Allah! (High is He) above the partners they attribute to Him. 059:023*

*He is Allah, the Creator, the Evolver, the Bestower of Forms (or Colours). To Him belong the Most Beautiful Names: whatever is in the heavens and on earth, doth declare His Praises and Glory: and He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise. 059:024*

*Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect. 033:056*

Assalaamu-Alaikum, Wa-Rahmatullahay Wa barakatahu,

I am Haseena, a humble servant of Allah (swt) Almighty.

*Say: "Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my death, are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds: 006:162*

It is a great honor and privilege for me to share the following stories and parables with you. Many of these stories especially in “The Circle of evil” are true. Some of the stories in the second section of “The Circle of righteousness” pertain to the facts of life’s conduct, and a couple of them pertain to the conflict in the Muslim Umma with regards to standing or sitting in respect for our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), this is the story about “Aqwab the Muslim convert” and the “King Masjoor” story. Other stories will reveal the virtues that one can receive through the Zikr of Allah Almighty (swt). The story entitled “Stoop to Conquer” will reveal how rewarding it is to throw away pride from our hearts through the fear of Allah (swt) Almighty’s punishment, and help benefit others who may be on the wrong path, in order to bring them onto the right path.

These stories and parables should not be taken lightly, they should be considered a guidance to help us steer our lives to the right direction (if needed). They will also describe how important it is to make humble supplication to Almighty Allah (swt). In the first and second section in “The circle of evil” there will be some horrific true stories, which will illustrate the damage that sins can cause which corrupt and disrupt innocent people’s lives, through cruelty, disloyalty, arrogance and hatred. We will also discover how easily someone can become caught up in the devil’s conduct, and how evil can destroy a man’s spiritual and material life. We will be able to acknowledge many more important points which will help eliminate any

questions that we may have had in our minds on these categories that my stories and parables are based on.

It is important to note that these stories and parables were not written from my imagination. They were done under the supervision of Allah Almighty (swt) through my hard task of studying and researching the Holy Qur'an. Through my prayers and humble supplications I was blessed with three important tools which are: wisdom, patience and understanding, these tools helped me gather together material for my stories and parables. I was glued to the Holy Qur'an, which was very challenging for me in the most splendid and noblest ways. I said this was challenging because I used to be illiterate. My noble task of studying Al-Qur'an being an illiterate person is also a miracle from Almighty Allah (swt) which I will always be grateful to him for. I am very grateful for the help from my faithful husband, my two loving children, and someone who is dear to me like a daughter, for all the hard efforts they made to help me with the typing and editing in order to put this book together. May Allah (swt) Almighty reward them with all the good things in this world and in the hereafter. Ameen.

We are travelers in this fleeting world, and our journey will not always be smooth and peaceful because we have to face the test of Almighty Allah (swt) and the calamities of the devil.

Almighty Allah (swt) says in the Holy Qur'an:

*Every soul shall have a taste of death: And We test you by evil and by good, by way of trial (in life), to Us must ye return.021:035*

There is no doubt about it; our faith will be tested (by Allah swt Almighty) in the conflicts of our practical life. Just to say we believe in Allah (swt) Almighty is not enough, He would put us through His tests like He did with all His Apostles ﷺ and Prophets ﷺ. Our tests will be applied to all kinds of circumstances in our daily life

and in relation to the environment around us.

Pain, grief and sorrow can be overcome if we take it the right way; we must not turn to evil, hate, envy and jealousy. If we constantly put all of our trust and faith in Allah (*swt*) Almighty, for sure we would get true guidance, strength and courage to make any self-sacrifice (*if necessary*) or give justice and kindness which will help us to learn how to hold on to the rope of patience, it would also help to purify ourselves.

Just like when we use fire to get rid of all snakes or rats etc. in a cane field that is about to be harvest.

Allah (*swt*) is one, the source and center of all affairs; we must work in discipline, harmony and unity, to put down evil. The Hereafter is sure, when personal responsibilities will be enforced. For the true and sincere servants of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, their will be the highest bliss, unmixed and everlasting. For those who defy Allah's (*swt*) law, there will be the deepest enduring misery.

To help me overcome my hard task on the journey of my daily life, with the help and guidance from Allah (*swt*) Almighty, the blessed treasure of His wisdom, knowledge and understanding, that was given to me along the way. I have decided to share my experiences with you, by exploring a few parables which helped me cross over many burnt bridges. In addition I have added some short stories that helped me to see the parables more clearly, and that has enabled me to stay away from the dangers in them. Also I was enveloped by the circle of evil which I will Insha Allah discuss along the way from my book the circle of evil.

Through our Beloved Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*), May Allah (*swt*) Almighty grant you the wisdom and the understanding of my parables, and short stories that will help to bring some peace and satisfaction to your hearts, as it did with mine.

## **Section 2 - Part 2: *Parable: The journey of our daily lives***

Our life in this world is like a boat in the ocean, some days are very rough and some days are very calm (*just like our daily life*).

To sail through the horror of the violent cruel waves of the ocean, our boat has to be very strong.

*We have to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the Allah-fearing. 002:177*

So we have to be prepared to accept the trials and tribulations we may encounter. (*Allah's swt test and the devil calamities*).

To guide (steer) our boat from the dangerous waves will not be an easy task for us, since the violent wind and waves would envelope us from all sides.

Indeed we have to depend on Almighty Allah (*swt*) for His Guidance to help us over ride the calamities in the world. To protect our boat from sinking due to a vicious storm would not be easy as well.

*(To avoid the devil's whisper would not be easy for us).*

To jump out from our boat into the rough ocean would be a very foolish thing to do. (*Less chance of survival*).

To lose our faith and try to run away from troubles facing us would likely put us in more trouble. We cannot run away from trouble, since we are weak in our faith and strength, the devil would always be after us, probably stronger every time, and if we give up early then we would become his slave (the devil).

To stay in our damage boat as long as we possibly can, and at the same time try to repair the damage would be the best and wise thing to do. We should not panic when worries or troubles fall on us, but we should turn to Allah (*swt*) Almighty and take all of our complaints to Him. *It would be a step in the right direction towards patience, courage and faith to overcome our difficulties in our daily life.*



There are all kinds of boats in the ocean (*likewise all kind of people in this world*).

Some boats are equipped with more than one engine (*the envious and spiteful people*) while other boats have no engine. *The boats without any engine here refers to the people who are very humble, kind and have lots of patience, also they could be very poor. The boats with more than one engine here refer to the people who are very unkind, greedy and jealous. The more they have is the more they want, they are never satisfied, they look around to see what other people have and would try to compete or surpass them, they want to be more superior or powerful than others. They would even go after the poor people to steal from them and would also try to destroy them and their family by bringing shame and disgrace upon them. Their prey are especially the righteous people so that they can stop doing righteous deeds, the oppressors never looked back as to how much Allah (swt) Almighty has bless them with.*

Allah (swt) Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

*“As for My servants, no authority shalt thou have over them”. Enough is thy Lord for a Disposer of affairs. 017:065*

*Your Lord is He that maketh the ship go smoothly for you through the sea, in order that ye may seek of His Bounty. For He is unto you most Merciful. 017:066*

Note: The power of evil over men is due to men limited free will, (in other words man own hands do evil) but those who loyally worship and serve Allah (swt) Almighty, evil has no power over them.

Some boats usually carries or tow another small boat, so that if they ran into trouble, they could use the smaller boat to seek help, also they can use it to rescue other people who maybe in distress.

*This explains the people who are righteous, pious and kind at heart, who are always willing to help others in distress, and whose advice can put a fire out (cool a fire) to bring peace, unity and love into one's heart and his distress home.*

**A good and capable captain has the ability to maneuver his boat through any roughness in the ocean, he may not be able to protect his boat from damage form adverse conditions, but he would never give up, he would take control of the situation because he care for his life and the lives of others in his boat and try to reach his destination safely.**

**Every bad beginning on a journey does make a good ending if we hold on strongly on the rope of faith and patience. This is how we must conduct ourselves and take control of any bad situation before it gets out of hand. Patience, communications, words of peace, wisdom and love will remove any fear and will lead to happiness, and by doing this Allah (swt) Almighty will be pleased, and in turn He would put smiles on our faces, and reward us in this world and in the hereafter.**

**Allah (swt) Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:**

*If any one does a righteous deed, it ensures to the benefit of his own soul; if he does evil, it works against (his own soul). In the end will ye (all) be brought back to your Lord. 045:015*

*Then Praise be to Allah, Lord of the heavens and Lord of the earth,- Lord and Cherisher of all the Worlds! 045:036*

*To Him be glory throughout the heavens and the earth: and He is Exalted in Power, Full of Wisdom! 045:037*

**Section 2 - Part 3: Parable : The Sea: Calm and deadly**

*He it is Who enableth you to traverse through land and sea; so that ye even board ships;- they sail with them with a favourable wind, and they rejoice thereat; then comes a stormy wind and the waves come to them from all sides, and they think they are being overwhelmed: they cry unto Allah, sincerely offering*

*(their) duty unto Him saying, "If thou dost deliver us from this, we shall truly show our gratitude!" 010:022*

*But when he delivereth them, behold! they transgress insolently through the earth in defiance of right! O mankind! your insolence is against your own souls,- an enjoyment of the life of the present: in the end, to Us is your return, and We shall show you the truth of all that ye did. 010:023*

The heart of men rejoice at sea when their ship goes smoothly with favorable winds, but when it turns into adversity and terror, then fear and helplessness step into their hearts. Then they cry and plead with Allah (swt) Almighty for His mercy and help. They even make vows for deliverances, and when Allah (swt) Almighty answers their cries and removes the dangers from their path, some of them, instead of giving thanks to Him, they totally forget their times of distress and celebrate in other ways. *This parable explains how men can be ungrateful and blind to the favours from Allah (swt) Almighty. Their hearts pounding heavily and eyes wide open to the terror of the huge waves and the harsh winds, seeking the mercy of Allah (swt) Almighty and making vows, but when the peacefulness and calmness of the sea came, which made them happy and comfortable, they forget all their promises. How sad for them, if only they knew.* The sincere servants of Allah (swt) Almighty, who love Him and have strong faith in Him, consider such adversity as a pleasure, for it enables them to get closer to Him through constant remembrance of their Lord.

*The lessons that we should take from this parable are:*

1. We should not only remember Almighty Allah (*swt*) in times of danger, but at all times.
2. We should observe when He answers our prayers, and always give thanks to Him.
3. We should fulfill our promises to Him and not be ungrateful.

All the great inventions and discoveries on which man pride himself are the fruits of that genius and talent which Allah (*swt*) has freely given to him of His grace. But the spirit of man remains petty, as is illustrated by this parable from the sea.

*When trouble touches men, they cry to their Lord, turning back to Him in repentance: but when He gives them a taste of Mercy as from Himself, behold, some of them pay part-worship to other god's besides their Lord,- 030:033*

*When We give men a taste of Mercy, they exult thereat: and when some evil afflicts them because of what their (own) hands have sent forth, behold, they are in despair! 030:036*

## **Section 2 - Part 4: Parable: The Rain : A Blessing from Allah (swt)**

*And among His Signs, He shows you the lightning, by way both of fear and of hope, and He sends down rain from the sky and with it gives life to the earth after it is dead: verily in that are Signs for those who*

*are wise. 030:024*

*It is Allah Who sends the Winds, and they raise the Clouds: then does He spread them in the sky as He*

*wills, and break them into fragments, until thou seest rain-drops issue from the midst thereof: then when He has made them reach such of his servants as He wills behold, they do rejoice!- 030:048*

**Rain comes down in drops and settles into the earth. Through the beautiful rain which is Allah's (swt) artistry, the womb of the earth is made fruitful to us, all kinds of useful grains, vegetables and fruits are produced for us and animals to enjoy, also the earth becomes beautiful with all kinds of colours, trees, flowers decked out in its beauty.**

**Some people who have beautiful farms and gardens etc. take all the credit themselves; thinking they have all the powers, they never even remember to thank Allah (swt) Almighty for the kind favours He has bestowed on them. Due to their pride and ungratefulness, despite of precaution they make take, everything they worked for so hard is destroyed. They lose all of their crops just when it was close to the time to harvest.**

*The proud and ungrateful people ask themselves.*

- 1. Where is the beautiful field I had yesterday?*
- 2. All that's left is ruin and misery. How could this happen to us?*
- 3. Everything we had is destroyed.*
- 4. How can we recover from this great loss?*

**5. How could Allah (swt) be so cruel?**

*Do they not travel through the earth, and see what was the end of those before them?*

*They were superior to them in strength: they tilled the soil and populated it in greater numbers than these have done: there came to them their messengers with Clear (Signs). (Which they rejected, to their own destruction): It was not Allah Who wronged them, but they wronged their own souls. 030:009*

**The lesson here is: Ungratefulness causes man to suffer. Pride caused the fall of shaitaan (devil) and the same will happen to those who follow his footsteps. All the great technologies which man prides himself and depends so much on, are really the favours which Almighty Allah (swt) has given to him by His grace, and can disappear in the twinkle of an eye. Allah (swt) Almighty is the greatest, and His warnings are for all, rich or poor, black, brown or white. He is never cruel or unjust to any of His creations. It is our own actions, whether good or bad that brings us the consequences of either good or bad.**

*Mischief has appeared on land and sea because of (the meed) that the hands of men have earned, that (Allah) may give them a taste of some of their deeds: in order that they may turn back (from Evil). 030:041*

*Thus does Allah seal up the hearts of those who understand not. 030:059*

*So patiently persevere: for verily the promise of Allah is true: nor let those shake thy firmness, who have (themselves) no certainty of faith. 030:060*

## **Section 2 - Part 5: Aqwab's Faith – The story about a Muslim convert**

Islam in itself is a precious gift and a special privilege given to us (mankind) by Allah (swt). If the acceptance is from the heart and not from the lips, then it is a great favour done to the one who accepts it from the heart. The merciful light of Allah (swt) will enter into their hearts and they will be able to receive true guidance. Sometimes the guidance comes in the form of a misfortune, calamity, in one's career etc.

Brother Aqwab who was a convert to Islam overheard a brother reciting the Holy Qur'an and he went up to him and asked him to explain what he was reciting. The brother told him that he was reciting *Chapter 8-Verses 22:* and he began to explain the verse to him:

*For the worst of beasts in the sight of Allah (swt) are the deaf and the dumb, those who understand not.*

Brother Aqwab immediately raised his hands in supplication to Allah (swt) and he prayed, "O! Allah (swt) please do not make my heart deviate now since Thou have guided me on the straight path. Please unite me with the sincere followers who are truly the Umma of our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), and grant me a double portion of wisdom, knowledge and the understanding to grasp the full meaning of your Holy Qur'an and to act accordingly. Provide for me and my family the light by which we should always walk straight in your path." Ameen.

Aqwab was so afraid after he learned this ayah from the Holy Qur'an (*For the worst of beasts in the sight of Allah (swt) are the deaf and the dumb, those who understand not*), that he didn't want to hurt a fly.

He had a very good friend named Feequm who used to take him around to religious functions, to the Mosque, and got him involved in gatherings of Zikr (*remembrance of Allah (swt)*), in which he started to find satisfaction of the heart through his sincere

prayers and his service to Allah (swt).

Aqwab had one son named Naseer and his friend Feequm had three sons, Ashhad, Hadeed, Haazal and one daughter named Aseela. One day Feequm went to his friend Aqwab and asked him to accompany him to cut down a tree. As they approached the tree, they saw an old man reciting Salaam (*Standing in respect of Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ owbp*) under the tree. They decided to wait until the man was finished, but Feequm grew impatient and eventually he was more than eager to cut down the tree. Aqwab said to him, “O! My friend, I beg of you, please don’t interrupt this old man from what he is doing. I am enjoying his recitation, he has such a melodious voice, I have never heard such a remarkable rendition and have never felt this great pleasure of happiness before. I am astonished to see so many beautiful birds singing along with the old man, and how the butterflies are all around him; it is an amazing sight so let’s wait until he is finished.” Aqwab stood and listened and to his amazement the birds started to hover over him as well, while Feequm stood restless, oblivious to everything around him. Aqwab said, “Maybe you should reconsider cutting down this tree, it seems as a blessed tree. It also seems to be very comforting for this old man, the birds and the butterflies seem very happy, so we should just go home.” Feequm replied, “Presently I am too upset to listen to you or to explain to you what the old man is reciting, you are new to Islam so you don’t have a clue what he is doing, I promise you that I will explain to you as soon as I cut down the tree.” Feequm started to rush over to the tree, but in his haste he tripped and fell, hitting his head on a rock which caused him to become deaf, dumb and even blind, the very things that Aqwab was afraid of. Aqwab became very distressed over his friend’s injury, he then raised his hands in supplication saying, “O! My Lord, I am grateful to you for the favours which Thou have bestowed upon me through my friend who inspired me to accept



Islam, for which I have no regrets. Today I fear for my friend Feequm for I know everything happens by your command and I believe that this is a sign of some sort, but cannot figure out what it is, so I am pleading with you to please enlighten me with guidance to acknowledge the mistakes of my friend Feequm.” Aqwab took his friend home and then he was taken to the hospital.

After several tests, the doctors could not find the reason as to why he became deaf, dumb and blind, and they were unable to find a cure. A day later Aqwab prepared himself for Morning Prayer. After he finished praying, still concerned about his friend Feequm he pleaded with Almighty Allah (*swt*) to guide him from His Glorious Qur’an, for an explanation that would enable him to understand the mistakes of his friend Feequm. He closed his eyes and randomly opened his Qur’an, and with his eyes still closed he used his finger to choose a verse. Upon opening his eyes, his finger was pointing to the following verse:

*Allah (swt) and His Angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him and salute him with all respect. (Chapter 33 Verse 56).*

Aqwab repeated the same routine again and this time he was pointing to the following verse:

*Say to them: If you do love Allah (swt), follow me, and Allah (swt) will love you, and forgive you your sins, for Allah (swt) is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 003:031.*

Aqwab did not have time to ponder upon its meaning as he had to accompany Feequm to court. His son Haazal was charged with fraud and Feequm wanted to go the trial. They were in courtroom and the clerk announced for all to rise for the entry of the Judge, (*it was the first time Feequm was in a courtroom, he did not know you had to stand up when the Judge entered in the court room*). Everyone but Feequm rose, for he was unaware of the instructions of the clerk. The Judge ordered him out of the court, for he viewed it as a form of disrespect. Aqwab tried to explain to the

Judge but he was also told to leave, so he took Feequm home without hearing the trial of his son.

Feequm was someone who always was in a haste to run from the second part of a function, and because he failed to sit in many assemblies where Darood and Salaam was recited, Almighty Allah (swt) caused him to be removed from the assembly in the courtroom. Let's consider the Qur'anic verse below:

*(O ye who believe! When you are told to make room in the assemblies (spread out and make room: (ample) room will Allah (swt) provide for you, And when ye are told to rise up, rise up Allah (swt) will rise up, to (suitable) ranks (and degrees), those of you who believe and who have been granted (mystic) Knowledge. And Allah (swt) is well acquainted with all ye do). Chapter 58-Verse 11.*

As they were heading home, they ran into the Imam (*Spiritual Leader of Masjid*) who was on his way to a religious function, and he invited them to join him, which they accepted. After the Qur'anic recitation was finished, Aqwab helped Feequm up and was about to leave. The Imam asked, "Why are you leaving?" Aqwab explained, "My friend has never stayed for the second part of a program, he always avoids it, now that he is deaf, dumb and blind I have to take him home." The Imam asked, "Don't you want to know what the other half of the program is about?" Aqwab answered, "Of course I would surely like to know".

The Imam told him, "Then you should sit down and listen", Aqwab said to the Imam, "I will first take Feequm home and then come back, for it's only a few minutes to his home." So Aqwab took his friend home and then returned to the program. It was the first time he heard the rendition of Naats, which touched him immensely. There was also much said about our Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*), about his life, his miracles, his birth, his manners, his faith, his worship, his

seclusions etc. Aqwab found this all to be very fascinating and it filled his heart with peace and happiness. At the conclusion of the program, as everyone stood up for Salaam he recognized the rendition, he reflected back to the old man under the tree. After the function he hurried home and opened his Qur'an to the two verses which he found earlier, he sat down and pondered on those two verses. After a while he proclaimed, "Alhamdu-Lillah" (*all praises are for Allah swt*), indeed Allah (*swt*) is most Merciful for He has answered my prayers, I now understand the mistakes of Feequm. He went back to the Imam for more explanation on the two verses, and they sat in discussion. The Imam explained, "The second part of the program is called Meelad Shareef which is in fact an occasion of happiness, celebrating the Mawlid of the Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) by making gatherings for the hearing of his Sira (*Life*) and listening to Madh (*Praises*) that has been written for him is acceptable, and that sharing food to people and bringing happiness to the Umma on that occasion is acceptable, and to send Darood and Salaams on our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*) is also acceptable. It is neither obligatory nor forbidden. Unfortunately, we are living in a time when the enemies of Islam are destroying the Umma of the Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) from within and are doing so without mercy. We are in a time where we hear too much complaining about the remembrance of our Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*). Truth has become a commodity and falsehood has become the norm, even though Allah (*swt*) has ordered us to, "Hold fast to the Rope of Allah (*swt*) and be not divided among yourselves,"(3-103), yet we are finding that the attacks of our enemies are not the only cause of our suffering, but from within our own homes as well. Our own are not happy to fight the enemies of Islam but instead find it necessary to fight Muslims and the community of believers throughout the Muslim world. Our fellow Muslims brothers are judging our intentions. "My advice to you Aqwab, celebrate your Prophet ﷺ (*owbp*) with great

pride and joy, do not go into dispute about matters that create fitna and confusion. Do not prevent others from celebrating, leave everyone to their heart's satisfaction and let us unify ourselves by praying for heavenly support especially against our enemies. This is indeed better than getting into disputes and arguments. We are all entitled to our own opinions on this matter; respect for the choices of others must also be regarded. Therefore if you are in an assembly that is choosing to stand to send Darood and Salaam on the Holy Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) and you choose not to participate that way, you should sit quietly and respectfully wait until they are finished. It is considered disrespectful to get up and leave. Allah (*swt*) knows best, He guides whomever He will; leave the judgments to Him alone.

After this discussion with the Imam, Aqwab felt very happy and peaceful. He rushed home and called out to his son Naseer to tell him what he just learned about Islam, the great love and respect that Allah (*swt*) and His Angels have for our Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*), and that Allah (*swt*) ordered us (*mankind*) to salute him with all respect. If we claim to love Allah (*swt*) then we must first love our Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*) even more than ourselves, our children, our parents and all people. After hearing what his father had learned, Naseer said, "O my father today Allah (*swt*) has indeed answered my prayers. I always wanted you to join with me in sending Darood and Salaams to our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*) but I was too afraid to ask you, since I knew you were friends with Feequm and he did not agree with it. I was not aware that you had no idea what you were avoiding. I was the one who told Feequm about the old man under the tree." Aqwab said, "My son! I am the most fortunate father on earth, I am so proud of you; I wish you had told me earlier about this extraordinary and exceptional order that Allah (*swt*) commands us to do regarding our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (*owbp*), but please tell me why you went to Feequm about

the tree?” Naseer said, “I was hoping that if he heard the old man reciting Naats and Salaam, and if he saw Allah’s (swt) mercies of the tree bowing down, the birds signing Allah’s (swt) praises and sending Darood and Salaam on our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) and the butterflies around the old man, he would change his ignorant belief and you would follow.” Naseer continued, “When I heard the old man’s voice the first time, I got a wonderful feeling, it was like no other feeling I had ever experienced. I felt as though I was entering a beautiful palace, so loving and peaceful and this caused me to join with the old man. I even took lessons from him, he was so blessed with spiritual insight, that he knew I told your friend about him and the tree even though I never mentioned it to him, he also knew that you and Feequm were going to come so he asked me to stay home that day.” Aqwab kissed his son and he thanked Allah (swt) for this great reward. He then went to see the old man under the tree, he greeted the old man with “Assalaamu-Alaikum” and the old man replied “Wa-lai kum Assalaam” He then told the old man how honored he was to be in his company, and that he is here to request of him to plead with Allah (swt) to restore his friend’s hearing, voice and eyesight, for if it wasn’t for him he wouldn’t know of this blessed religion of Islam.

The old man said, “Grieve not over your friend’s sufferings, he made a mockery of Allah’s (swt) commands, when Allah (swt) put clear signs for him in the form of his children’s careers. The old man continued, “His sons Ashhad and Hadeed salute mankind and their country as one is a soldier and the other a police officer, yet they run away from saluting our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp). His daughter Aseela who is a teacher stands to sing the national anthem, and Haazal who is an accountant was charged with fraud and had to go to Court and stand up before the Judge. Because of Feequm’s ignorance towards all of these clear signs Allah (swt) made him the worst of beasts in His (Allah swt) sight. “It is indeed sad for him but

now it's too late, he cannot hear, speak or see who will show him the way. It is up to Almighty Allah (*swt*) who is the only one who can help him." Aqwab thanked the old man for his advice and he lifted his hands in supplication, "O! Almighty Allah (*swt*) my old friend and I believe in your commands, but help others whose faith is weak, like my friend Feequm. Please grant me this miracle of returning my friend's hearing, voice and eyesight, by him realizing the importance in sending Darood and Salaam on our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*). After Aqwab finished praying he looked around for the old man but he was no where to be found, so he headed for home.

When he was almost home he saw his friend running towards him shouting, "O my dear friend Aqwab, truly you are the best friend a man could ever have. I just had a visitor who Allah (*swt*) sent to cure me of my ailments through your prayers and now I can hear, speak and see again.

Praises and Thanks be to Almighty Allah (*swt*), I love you with all my heart my friend, I have repented for my wrong doings once the old man explained everything to me." Aqwab stood in amazement as to the wonders of Almighty Allah (*swt*), and asked him, "Did he mention who he was?" Feequm replied, "No, but I recognize him, he was the same old man who was reciting Salaam under the tree that I wanted to cut down, and there is no doubt in my mind that he was one of Almighty Allah's (*swt*) Angels." With Feequm's new found understanding of Allah (*swt*) Almighty commands, he decided that he did not want others to befall the same misfortune as him. So the two friends set out to spread their knowledge of Darood and Salaam to those who were in the same position Feequm once was, and through the grace of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, their message did not fall on deaf ears, dumb tongues or blind eyes. Ameen.

Some points from Aqwab and Feequm story that we should ponder upon.

1. Allah's (*swt*) signs were in Feequm's children's careers but he was too blind (*spiritually*) to see it.
2. Feequm became deaf, dumb and blind for he was too arrogant and objected to Allah's (*swt*) commands.
3. Aqwab's faith in Allah (*swt*) and his love for our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*), was much stronger than Feequm's even though he was a convert to Islam.
4. Feequm failed to sit in an assembly where Darood and Salaam were reciting on our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*), so Almighty Allah (*swt*) caused him to be removed from the courtroom.
5. We should put fear in our hearts for Allah's (*swt*) punishment. If we disobey the Law of the land and we are being punished for it in this world, then imagine what will happen to us if we are disobedient to Allah's (*swt*) laws.
6. Converts to Islam need to be very careful as to whom their friends and advisers are.
7. The old man was an Angel acting on Allah (*swt*) commands.
8. Feequm wanted to cut down the tree out of spite.
9. It is important for us to always adhere to Allah's commands and to love and respect the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (*owbp*).

## **Section 2 - Part 6: *Patience is virtue - The story of Fayoud the beggar***

The men of Allah (swt) Almighty must strive in their utmost to proclaim the message of Allah (swt) Almighty. It is not for man to command the people to adhere to Allah's (swt) Almighty messages. He must wait patiently, with the knowledge that Allah (swt) Almighty has not forgotten him, and he must not give up on spreading the messages of Allah (swt) Almighty, even if he is oppressed by some of the people. He must know that he is constantly under the supervision, and protection of Allah's (swt) Almighty loving care. He must always glorify Allah's (swt) Almighty name, as he is a standard bearer of Allah's (swt) truth. Sura 29 verse 45 of the Holy Qur'an states: *Recite what is sent of the Book by inspiration to thee, and establish regular Prayer: for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds; and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt. And Allah knows the (deeds) that ye do.*029:045

Fayoud was a very pious man. He used to constantly perform Allah's (swt) Almighty Zikr. He lived in the forest, because he was very fond of Allah's (swt) Almighty creations such as: the trees, and animals. The animals and the trees usually sing Allah's (swt) Almighty praises in adoration (His Zikr) with Fayoud, and by themselves. Fayoud used to go out to the city to invite the people to come and see the miracle of how the animals do join with him in singing Allah's (swt) Almighty praises. One day a man named Akbar said to Fayoud "You are doing the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty all the time, and you are so poor, you have not achieved any thing in your life, I have just finished performing my five daily prayers and I have a family of three, a big house, a car and I am my own boss. I do not have to beg like you, so if the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty is so great then how come you are so poor?"

Fayoud replied "If I should become rich one day what would you do?"



Akbar said “I would encourage all the people in this city to not only pray, but to do the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty.”

Akbar then left to go home, and Fayoud left to go see the king, which was his usual practice. Fayoud would see the king to beg for food. The king whose name was Sajideen was very mean to Fayoud, but he used to take pity on him and give him a loaf of bread, but took pleasure in chasing him back into the forest. On another one of Fayoud’s visits to the king, the king said to him “Fayoud with all the prayers and the Zikr that you are doing what kind of blessings you have achieved so far?”

“How many times have you kicked me out of your courtyard?” replied Fayoud

“Several times, and you keep coming back, but I do not know why, why do you keep coming back?” asked the king.

“Because it is going to be through you that I will be able to succeed in my mission of spreading the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty in your country,”

The king laughed and said “You are dreaming, that is all in your great imagination.”

“If I should save one or both of your two precious boys from a tragedy, what would you do?” asked Fayoud.

“I would give you half of my kingdom, and I would believe in the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, and I would also join with you in encouraging the people of my country to do the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, but do not let your imagination go wild, for my son’s would never be in your way or in any danger for you to save them, because they are always protected by my guards, so go away and do not ever show your face here again!” said king Sajideen.

The king then ordered the servants to put some poison in a few loafs of bread and then gave the bread to Fayoud. Fayoud accepted the few loaves of bread with gratitude and then proceeded back to his home. Three days later the king’s two

sons escaped the protection of their bodyguards, and they went into the forest to go hunting. After a long day of hunting the two boys got lost in the forest and as night was approaching they decided to rest under a tree, and resume their search for the way out in the morning. Just as they were settling down a wild tiger approached and started chasing them. They ran breathless for a few miles and after a few moments to their surprise the tiger just disappeared. The boys then heard lots of birds singing and other animals chattering along with a man's voice.

They decided to go and see where the voices were coming from. As they almost arrived at the little house where the voices were coming from, one of the boys was bitten by a poisonous spider, and the other boy started yelling for help. It was then that Fayoud rushed out from his house to see what was going on, and to his big surprise he saw the king's sons. The boys were cold, frightened and very hungry, and the one that was bitten by the spider was on the verge of dying. Fayoud sucked out the poison, and treated the boy with some prayers and other bush medicine. He then gave the boy's the tainted bread that he received from the king (their father). The boys ate the bread, and thanked Fayoud. Fayoud then asked the boys to stay the night and in the morning he promised he would take them home, the boys agreed.

In the morning the boys once again heard the birds singing, and the chattering of the other animals along with Fayoud's voice so they got up to see what was going on. As they looked outside, they saw Fayoud along with the birds and other animals singing Allah's (swt) Almighty praises very beautifully. The boys soon realized that everyone was doing the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty. The boys stated that all the beauty in their father's kingdom and his country was nothing compared to the beauty and the joyful feelings brought by the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty. The glorious sun was shining on the trees and on the birds creating a rainbow of colors.

The trees were now bowing in adoration to their Lord, the birds and the other animals along with Fayoud were singing Allah's (*swt*) praises.

Both of the boys felt exhilarated, as if they were on a high mountain which reached far into the heavens. This was a feeling they both agreed they would not trade for any amounts of wealth. The boys told Fayoud that they wanted to stay with him, Fayoud told them that they have to go home and let their parents know what happened, and then they can come back by the permission of their parents. As the boys were about to leave, they noticed a few guards from the palace who were out searching for them, so the guards escorted them home.

The king was very distressed, and he thought that his sons were in danger, but after he saw them coming home with the guards he was extremely happy, he exclaimed "Oh my sons! What happened? Why did you leave without telling any one where you were going?"

They replied, "Oh father we were out hunting and we got lost in the forest, then we were chased by a tiger, and after a while of running away from the tiger we realized it was not following us anymore. That's when we heard voices and decided to see where it was coming from. As we were making our way towards a little house my brother was bitten by a poisonous spider and started yelling for help. That's when the old beggar (Fayoud) came out of his house to help us. He sucked out the poison and treated the wound. We were also very cold and hungry, but thanks to you for giving the old beggar a couple loaves of bread, which he so kindly shared with us and offered us to stay over for the night." The boys continued to relate to their father about the miracle they witnessed the following morning. "We heard the same voices as the day before and as we looked outside we saw Fayoud along with birds and animals including the tiger all engaged in the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, and the trees were bowing in adoration to their Lord. It was an amazing and glorious

sight. We had such joyful feelings which no amount of wealth can provide, not even your entire kingdom can produce such glorious feelings and beauty Dad, and you should have been there to witness it.” It was such joyful feelings, beyond one’s imagination which no amount of wealth can buy.

After hearing all of the amazing stories that took place in just one day the king said “Allah (*swt*) Almighty and His Zikr are indeed the greatest, ask the guards to bring Fayoud to me.”

When Fayoud arrived at the palace the king said “I want you to sit with me today on my throne, since half of it belongs to you from now on, but I also have a few questions for you.”

“By Allah’s (*swt*) Almighty will I will try my best to answer whatever questions you have for me.” replied Fayoud.

The king proceeded to ask Fayoud these questions.

“Why is the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty so great and powerful? How did you know that my sons were going to be in danger? Did you know that the bread was poisoned?”

Fayoud replied “The Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty works like a plane, and prayers are like the airstrip which the plane takes off from, so both things are very important, for example we often see how aid goes out to the people in their distress, in situations such as: earthquakes, hurricanes etc. It is the same way when someone is engaged in the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty. If there is any danger ahead, Allah (*swt*) Almighty will send His Angels with the inspiration right away to us, therefore providing us with the wisdom to understand His inspiration which will help to protect us from all sorts of calamities. Through the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, we are able to gain right guidance, a keen insight and even the possibility of becoming a spiritual doctor. Spiritual doctors recite prayers on the sick, or give them blessed

water to drink in order to speed up their healing process.” In regards to the other questions you asked, yes I did know that you poisoned the bread, and I recited some prayers on them, so Allah (swt) Almighty removed the poison. I saw a dream where I saved your son’s from some danger, which are all by the mercies and blessings of Allah (swt) Almighty; I do not want any material reward from you, but I do seek of you to fulfill your promise, which is to encourage and convince your people to start doing the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty.”

King Sajideen said, “Indeed I will fulfill my promise.”

While they were talking the two boys went out and they told the people in the city about the amazing things that happened in the forest, and it was all due to the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, and everyone including a brother by the name of Akbar, who was the first to accept the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, came and hugged Fayoud, then he quoted the following passages from the Holy Qur’an:

*To Allah (swt) Almighty belong all things in Heaven and earth; verily Allah (swt) Almighty is He (that is) free of all wants, worthy of all praise. 031:026*

*And if all the trees on earth were pens and the Oceans (were ink) with seven oceans behind it to add to its (supply) yet would not the words of Allah (swt) Almighty be exhausted (in the writing) for Allah (swt) Almighty is Exalted in Power, full of Wisdom. 031:027.*

“I have no doubt in the power of the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, and its blessings.” stated Akbar.

“Oh my brothers and sisters please know that our Beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (owbp) said the greater the suffering and difficulties of those who engage in the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, the higher will be his or her status in the hereafter. If you keep yourself involved in the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, all the time the Angels

will shake hands with you on your death bed. The Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty can put such a powerful light into the hearts of men that it causes a big fear in the devil, because the devil can be blinded with this powerful light. The devil will not give up, he will try anyway he can to destroy the people's lives that are walking around with this powerful spiritual light. Now in response to your last question, we have to pray and we often see that the people who pray their Namaz, but are not really God-fearing, they are only blessed with this worldly wealth. They do not have any spiritual sense of wisdom, knowledge or understanding. Their brains and their hearts are empty; they do not have any mercy in their hearts. They are always selfish and arrogant, and their prayers are just a lip service to Allah (*swt*) Almighty.”

The king told Fayoud “From now on the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty will occur in my kingdom until the last day of my life, and I will build you a mansion in the forest where my two sons will join you to continue the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, along with the birds, animals and the trees. Now this is one of the many virtues of the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, you can do it darkness, or in the light. You can perform it loud or quiet it is up to you.

## **Section 2 - Part 7:**

### ***Stoop to conquer - A King steps into the shoes of a beggar***

*O! Our Lord, Forgive us our sins and anything We may have done that transgressed our duty. Establish our feet firmly, and help us against those that resist Faith."*

*003:147*

*O men! Certainly the promise of Allah is true. Let not then this present life deceive you, nor let the Chief Deceiver deceive you about Allah. 035:005*

*Verily Satan is an enemy to you: so treat him as an enemy. He only invites his adherents that they may become Companions of the Blazing Fire. 035:006*

*For those who reject Allah, is a terrible Penalty: but for those who believe and work righteous deeds, is Forgiveness, and a magnificent Reward. 035:007*

**This story will (Insha Allah) by Allah's (swt) Will and His Grace help us to get rid of the evil roots from our hearts. The evil roots are pride and arrogance.**

**This is the story of a King by the name Abdul Tasreef and a beggar named Abdim Salam. King Abdul Tasreef was a very God fearing, respectful and a humble person, his kingdom meant nothing to him, it was more of a burden to him. He was more interested in Allah's (swt) kingdom and he was very much afraid that he might not be able to be part of it, since he was a King in this world. He was very unhappy and distressed, over his fear for Allah (swt) Almighty and His punishment in the hereafter.**

**King Tasreef raised his hands in supplication to Allah (swt) Almighty: "O My Lord! Let my entry be by the Gate of Truth and Honour and likewise let my exit be by the Gate of Truth and Honour, and grant me from Thy Presence an authority to aid (me)." 017:080. (To conquer those without faith and those with little faith and lead me to the people who are unjust). A few days later he decided to visit another country. When he arrived at his destination, he observed the people there were very**

disrespectful and had no regard for themselves or anyone else. All along the streets they were very insulting and fighting amongst themselves, and they were very unjust to beggars. Seeing all the injustice and ignorance brought sadness to his heart, it grieved him very much and his mind reflected on his prayer he made prior to his visit. He then knew for sure that he was there by the will of Allah (swt) Almighty for a purpose, which was to try to change these people's behavior. He didn't know where to begin so he raised his hand in supplication to Allah (swt) Almighty once again, (he prayed): *O! Allah (swt) before I left my country to come here, I had no doubt in my mind that You lead me here through my prayer which I asked of You, to lead me to the people who are unjust, so that I can reform them with your help, but now I am here and I don't know where to begin, so please grant me Thy help and make me successful in my task of changing the life style of the people here.*" While he was making this supplication, the picture of an old house was coming to his mind, and he remembered passing that particular house on his first day of visiting the village, so he made his way back there. He started to make some inquiries about the house. He was told the house belonged to a pious old man named Abdim Salam who was a beggar. While begging in the streets, he would also lecture to the people about Allah (swt) Almighty and His Blessings and the doing of good deeds. The old man also told the people that one day a king would come to them in the form of a beggar and he with Allah's (swt) Almighty help would be successful in winning over their hearts and also get them to change their obnoxious behaviour, for this is my prayer and Allah (swt) Almighty always answer the prayers of his sincere servants.


The people used to laugh and mock at Abdim Salam, calling him a mad man, for there was no way a king would transform into a beggar, it would be a miracle to see that. They didn't believe in his God and His miracles, so they told him to keep on dreaming and praying to your God. One day Abdim Salam said to the people that



he would be leaving to go away for a while, and that maybe when he comes back, he may be a king. The people laughed, spit and taunted him even worse, saying that they had enough of him and his fantasy, and they were getting annoyed with his stupid talk, so they told him to go away and not to ever come back, and then in a mocking tone they told the old man, “If you do come back make sure you are a king, or bring a king with you, and then maybe we will believe in your God and His miracles, and maybe we will work with you to help other people to believe in your God.” The old man asked the people, “Why would you change your lifestyle if my prayers are answered?” They said, “It would be fantastic to see a king stoop so low, or better yet to see you become a king, because all your life you have been nothing more than a poor, absurd, and foolish old man”. King Tasreef asked what happened to the old man, he was told that he just disappeared. After hearing all about Abdim Salam, King Tasreef went back to where he was staying. A few days later he decided to dress up as an old man and made his way over to Abdim Salam home. As he was about to open the door, he heard a voice shouted at him, “Hey Abdim Salam, do you remember me? I am your neighbor Jamal, where have you been all this time? You look young and healthy”. King Tasreef replied, “My relatives took really good care of me, they didn’t want me to return to this old house but only Allah (*swt*) knows why I came back”. Jamal said, “It’s good to see you,” and he went on his way. King Tasreef entered the house, looking around he saw an envelope and when he opened it, he was in great shock, he couldn’t believe his eyes, there was a picture of Abdim Salam (*his name was on the picture*). He looked exactly like him only a bit older. Also there was a note in the envelope which was even a bigger surprise; the note contained the prayer which he made before he left his kingdom. Tears started to roll down his eyes and he said, “O! Allah (*swt*) you are indeed Most Merciful to those who show mercy, Abdim Salam was indeed one of your faithful servants,


please grant me the wisdom, faith, patient and courage to fulfill the humble wishes and desires of Abdim Salam.” He then decided its time for him to do his part, so he stayed at the house and pretended to be Abdim Salam. The next day he dressed up as Abdim Salam and went out into the streets to beg, when the people saw him they started to laugh at him and said, “O! Abdim Salam what did you brought back for us? How come you are still begging? Your God didn’t make you wealthy? Where is the king?”

Abdul Tasreef never said a word to them; he just went peacefully back in the house. The next day he went out into the streets again, the people threw stones at him and ran him off the streets, wounded from the stones he went back to the house. That night he prayed for Allah’s (*swt*) help to make him successful in this noble task. He cried and pleaded to Allah (*swt*) Almighty for hours for his prayers to be answered. The third day when he went out again to the streets to beg, the people started to stone him again, he pleaded with them to give him a hearing and listen to what he had to say. The people stop throwing stones at him, and listen to him this time. He then said to people, I want you all to believe what I am about to say to you, I am not Abdim Salam, I am King Abdul Tasreef and through the prayers of Abdim Salam, Allah (*swt*) Almighty send me here to help you people to change your evil and ignorant behaviors. The people started to laugh and said, “You old fool now you are pretending to be a king, how stupid you think we are, do you expect us to believe a king would stoop so low. We are just ordinary people and we would never stoop so low, so go back in your old house before we kill you.” King Abdul Tasreef said, I can prove to you that I am a king. The people became aggravated and said okay, lets see how and they began to stone him saying, “Is this how?” We would kill you here today for we had enough of you. As they continued to stone him, some of King Tasreef soldiers who were out looking for him (*since he never return to his*

*palace*), were passing by and they saw the big commotion and decided to check it out, as they approached closer to their surprise, it was their king the people was stoning, he did look different but they recognize him by his ring, and they immediately command the people to stop throwing stones. The soldiers proclaimed this is King Abdul Tasreef who is visiting your country; he probably hit his head somehow and has lost his memory. *(They assume this is what happened)*. At this point King Abdul Tasreef smiled at the people and said, Allaho Akbar *(Allah swt is the Greatest)* I have not lost my memory; I am indeed your king and Allah's *(swt)* Almighty servant. The people were shocked and they started to bow in shame to him, he told them to bow down their heads in repentance to Allah *(swt)* Almighty and not to him. So they all did and they also fulfilled their promise they had made to Abdim Salam, to believe in Allah *(swt)* Almighty, His Apostles  and His Angels.

Some lessons we should note from this story:

1. A king took the status of a beggar to change the lifestyle of other people.
2. He threw away all his pride and decided to trade his worldly kingdom for the kingdom of the hereafter.
3. The brilliant miracle of the connection between the king and the beggar prayers.
4. The virtues that cause this great success were humbleness, cleanliness and purity of hearts, which led to spiritual goodness and glorious spiritual fellowship.

This miraculous and brilliant production that was done to establish many links to the righteous chain of the Prophets  *(referring to the people who changed their lives around to good and righteousness)* should help us *(those who have pride)* to get rid of pride and proud ness from our hearts. Pride is the root of evil *(devil)*, evil lead to blindness and darkness, blindness and darkness leads to confusion and corruption, and these actions will link us up to an evil chain, which is the shaitan *(devil)* chain. So let's keep our hearts clean and pure with the remembrance of Allah

**(swt) Almighty, and anytime pride and proud feelings comes to our mind we must immediately recite this little prayer:**

***Rabbi aAAoothu bika min hamazati alshshayateeni,***

***WaaAAoothu bika rabbi an yahdurooni***

***O! Allah (swt), I seek refuge with Thee from the suggestions of the evil ones, And I seek refuge with Thee O! My Lord lest they (the people with evil intention) should come near me. 023:97 & 98***

**This prayer should be recited seven times in the morning and at night everyday, of one's life, Insha Allah the devil and his suggestion will keep far away.**

## **Section 2 - Part 8:**

### **The Miraculous story between two friends - Oneeb and Haseeb**

The best of people are the ones that have true faith, who call all people regardless of color, class or creed to share their faith, whose life is pure, and whose law of life is the will of Allah (swt) Almighty, and who eschews all evil and adores Allah (swt). To those who are going on the wrong path kind words of wisdom is a way to heal their blindness, which deprives them from hope, humility and clear sight. The Holy Qur'an states:

*All who obey Allah and the messenger are in the company of those on whom is the Grace of Allah,- of the prophets (who teach), the sincere (lovers of Truth), the witnesses (who testify), and the Righteous (who do good): Ah! what a beautiful fellowship! 004:069*

The following is a small story that is an example of this beautiful passage from the Holy Qur'an

There were once two very close friends named Oneeb and Haseeb. Oneeb was very kind and gentle to his parents, while Haseeb was very disrespectful to his parents. Oneeb being a true and faithful servant of Allah (swt) Almighty and a true and sincere follower of the beloved holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) could not bear to see the way Haseeb behaved towards his parents, especially his mother, so Oneeb decided to have a talk with Haseeb to try to find out why he was acting this way.

“My friend! My brother I saw the great love that you have for your parents. I have seen how you grieve and the pain that you go through whenever you quarrel with them. You have also told me several times that your mother is your queen and if she should die before you, the minute you found out you might also die that same minute as well, because of the great love that you have for her. So I don't understand why you are upset and in a haste all the time? My heart goes out for you

as well; I feel your pain and want to help you.”

Haseeb replied “All my mother does is pray all day long, and I feel as if God is not answering her prayers, because we are so poor. Some days we don’t even eat because there is nothing in the house to eat, so when I tell her to stop praying she tells me that Allah (*swt*) Almighty is testing us, and if I change into a good and decent person and start to be obedient, Allah (*swt*) Almighty will make us wealthy in this world and in the hereafter.”

Oneeb replied “My friend my parents are not half as righteous as yours and even though I love my parents I truly admire your parents for their righteousness. I wish my parents could be kind and humble like yours, but still I am very kind to my parents, I treat them with the utmost respect. We are also poor, but I have never blamed my parents or God Almighty for his tests and tribulations, so maybe if you try to listen to your mother’s advice and change your lifestyle you may see a change. Even just by pleasing your mother Allah (*swt*) Almighty could make you rich as a king, like your mother advised you.”

The idea of achieving wealth enticed Haseeb so much that he decided to take his friends advice, so he went to buy his mother some fresh roses. He later realized that he did not have any money so he decided to leave the florist, but as he was about to leave his eyes fell on a beautiful bunch of red roses. He picked them up and there were water drops on the petals. One of the water drops fell on his cheek as he picked the flower up to smell it. The sense of the water on his cheek made him remember his mother’s tears during all the times of difficulty he gave her. Haseeb started to cry as a very strange feeling came over him, a feeling of genuine pain and sympathy for his mother. He then told himself if this is how his parents usually feel after he fights with them, then this is a major test for him from Allah (*swt*) Almighty, and he promised as of that same moment he would never ever give his parents any more

trouble, since he couldn't bear the pain from the feelings that came over him for even a few minutes, much less the pain and grief that his parents went through for several years. After all of this thought and consideration, he raised his hands in supplication and prayed "Oh Allah (*swt*) Almighty forgive me for all the grief that I have put my parents through, and when I decided to change it was because I wanted to be as rich as a king, but today I changed my mind. I want to please my parents so that I can make up to them for all the grief that I have put them through, so that I may also enjoy your spiritual wealth, and if possible please give us a little material wealth, so that I can see my parents eat a nice and delicious meal, also but please give material wealth to my friend Oneeb, for he deserves it since he is a true and sincere friend to me, and bless him with a good and beautiful wife as well."

Haseeb then went to Oneeb and told him that he is now looking at a changed man and he changed for Allah's (*swt*) Almighty pleasure. Haseeb also told Oneeb that he asked Allah (*swt*) Almighty to make him (Oneeb) rich like a king.

Oneeb said "thank you my friend, but if Allah (*swt*) Almighty should answer your prayers then half of my wealth will be yours."

Haseeb said "I also prayed for you to get a beautiful wife"

"That I would not share with you my friend" laughed Oneeb. After this the two boys went their separate ways home.

A few days later Oneeb got invited to the opening of a Masjid in another village, so he went over to Haseeb's house to invite him. Haseeb could not go because his mother was ill, therefore Oneeb left without him, but before he left he asked Haseeb to ask his mother if she could say a prayer for him. Haseeb's mother overheard this and she said to him "Allah (*swt*) Almighty will bless you and guide you straight, as your advice helped to put my son on a straight path, but remember being obedient is the key to your pleasure and to your success. Keep this advice at the back of your

mind always.”

“Thank you very much” replied Oneeb and he then departed. After walking a few hours he decided to take a rest under a tree. The tree was very interesting for half of the tree was dead, and the other half was as green as ever. Oneeb then said to the tree “O tree when I arrive at the Masjid, I will pray for you since I see that you are in some distress, for a part of you is alive while the other is dead.”

As Oneeb continued on his journey he observed a man building a house. He greeted the man with Salaam, the man replied with Salaams. The man whose name was Omar observed the tiredness in Oneeb and asked him where he was headed; Oneeb told him that he is heading for the opening of their new Masjid in their village. Omar invited him into his house for some refreshment, and told him to rest for the night and continue your journey in the morning. Oneeb took Omar’s advice and spent the night. The next morning he thanked Omar for his kind hospitality. Omar requested, “Please do me one favor when you arrive at your destination, make humble supplication for my two daughters to marry good spouses.” “Insha-Allah I will do that for you.” replied Oneeb then he left.

As he was about to reach the Masjid he observed a lone horse standing in the middle of a big meadow. He went over to the horse, but the horse galloped away. He said to the horse, I will pray for you.” and continued on his journey.

Oneeb finally arrived at the Masjid, he stayed there for a few days. He prayed for the tree, Omar, and the horse as he promised he would. As he was getting ready to return home he saw a very old feeble man. He rushed over to his side and greeted him with Salaam’s, and helped the man take his shoes off. After they became familiar with each other, the old man asked him to stay the night and leave early in the morning. Oneeb remembered Haseeb’s mother’s advice, to be obedient is the key to his success, he then told the old man that he will do as he wished. So Oneeb



stayed with the old man for the night and told him about the experiences with the tree, the horse and Omar's request. The old man told him "The horse that is in the field alone is for two reasons: first he is very wild and wouldn't let anyone ride him, and second he is a gift for a very faithful servant of Allah (swt) Almighty. If you greet him with Assalaam Alaikum and he runs to you then you will be the one who Allah (swt) Almighty has reserved him for. As to the man, Omar who has the two daughters go back to him, and tell him that you saw me. Tell him that we discussed a little about his desires for his daughters, and I sent you and your good friend Haseeb as my choices for his son-in-laws. As for the tree when you reach it just dig out the dry part and refill it with fresh dirt, and it will grow as green as ever.

Oneeb was extremely puzzled by the old man's advice, but he did not question him. Instead he gave him a lot of respect, as he remembered the advice of Haseeb's mother. So Oneeb told the old man "By Allah's (swt) Almighty grace I will do as you wish." And he left to go home. He first came across the horse, when he went up to the horse he shouted Assalaam Alaikum! And to his surprise the horse started to rush over to him! He was so shocked but started to play with the horse, and remembering what the old man said he mounted the horse and the horse did not resist, so Oneeb continued the rest of his journey on the back of his new found friend, which he named Boz.

Oneeb approached Omar's house and went in to give him the message from the old man. Omar was extremely happy to see Oneeb, and offered him some tea. Omar couldn't help noticing Oneeb's new horse so he asked him where he got the horse from. Oneeb excitedly told Omar the story of the old man at the Masjid, and all the wonderful advice that he got from him. As he was relaying the story Omar's eyes filled up with tears. Oneeb continued on to tell Omar that the old man chose him and his friend Haseeb for his son-in-laws.

**“I will agree with all pleasure for you and your friend, for I can see that you are a God – fearing man, and I am sure your friend will be the same.” replied Omar.**

**Oneeb said “I will accept one of your daughters for my wife, but I cannot answer for my friend, so I promise you when I arrive home I will speak to my friend.” A few days later Oneeb happily married Omar’s eldest daughter. He set out for his journey back home with his new wife and new found friend Boz, when he approached the tree he stopped to do what the old man told him to do. He started to dig out the dead part of the tree to replace it with fresh dirt, and to his great surprise he found a whole lot of treasure! Oneeb was in so much shock, he thought that he was dreaming. He then turned to his wife and asked her if she saw the treasure as well, she replied “Yes! I can see all of the treasure, and no you are not dreaming.” On hearing his wife’s reply Oneeb raised his hands in supplication and thanked Allah (swt) Almighty for being so kind to him, and asked Allah (swt) Almighty to bless the old man for his advice. After his prayer he replaced the hole with fresh dirt, watered the roots and left with his wife and his new found wealth.**

*Those who believe and work righteous deeds,- from them shall We blot out all evil (that may be) in them, and We shall reward them according to the best of their deeds.*

**029:007**

**When he arrived home he rushed over to his parents and embraced them. Oneeb’s parents were extremely shocked to find Oneeb with a horse and a girl! They asked him what was going on. He told them this is a miracle from Allah (swt) Almighty which he himself is still in shock. Oneeb introduced his wife to his parents and proceeded to tell them the entire miraculous story. After he finished relating the amazing story to his parents, he rushed over to Haseeb’s house. Haseeb rushed out of the house to meet him.**

**Oneeb excitedly said “My friend! Do I ever have some exciting news for you! Do**

you remember when you prayed for me to get rich, and for a good wife? Well Alhamdu-Lillah Allah (swt) Almighty has answered your prayers! Well I am indeed rich now. Do you remember I said I would share my wealth with you, but not my wife, well I have a long miraculous story to tell you, so Oneeb began to relate the whole story to Haseeb. After hearing the miraculous story Haseeb said to Oneeb “My friend! My brother! Today I have realized that my mother’s constant prayers and supplications was never in vain, as I used to feel, and rebuke her. I hope that Allah (swt) Almighty can spare her life to see a few more years so that I can make up to her for my bad behavior by building a Masjid in her name. I would also like to become the Imam for this Masjid, so as to please her.” Oneeb said “May Allah (swt) Almighty answer your prayer my friend.” So Oneeb took Haseeb over to his house and introduced him to his new wife, horse and wealth. Haseeb was speechless for over an hour, he said “My friend when you related this story to me I was in shock, but after I saw everything with my eyes I am even more surprised and overjoyed.”

Haseeb then made supplication where he praised and thanked Allah (swt) Almighty for answering both him and his friend’s supplication. Oneeb then proceeded to tell Haseeb about the bride that was waiting for him. A couple of days later Oneeb, his wife, Boz and Haseeb arrived at Omar’s house, where Haseeb met his bride and soon married her. On the day of Haseeb’s marriage Oneeb said “My friend you have indeed shared a part of my wife today! Isn’t Allah (swt) Almighty the greatest! Yes indeed He is!”

*Glory to the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of the Throne (of Authority)!  
(He is free) from the things they attribute (to him)! 043:082*

The entire morale of this story is that only those people who trade material wealth for spiritual wealth (paradise), and who are constantly in their prayers and supplications will be able to enjoy both types of wealth in this world and the

hereafter. The key to the success achieved in this story is obedience, good advice and the trading of material wealth for spiritual wealth. A good and sincere friend is like a strong ladder.

## **Section 2 - Part 9:**

### **King Masjoor's efforts to stop conflicts among the Muslim Umma**

In the name of Allah most gracious most merciful, Almighty Allah says in Al-Qur'an:

*On that day those who reject Faith and disobey the messenger will wish that the earth Were made one with them: But never will they hide a single fact from Allah!*  
(swt).004:042

There was once a very pious man named Hafezoon, he had six sons named: Mansoor, Taheed, Yasir, Belad, Fad, and Allbab. For all of Hafezoon's life he was involved in many debates on the topic of tazeem (standing in respect of the beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) as per Allah's (swt) commandment in Sura Ahzab (33) v.56).

*Allah (swt) and His Angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him and salute him with all respect. 033:056*

Hafezoon followed the Sunni tradition, and saw nothing wrong in standing with respect for the Holy Prophet ﷺ, (owbp) when reciting tazeem. Most of the community mocked and insulted Hafezoon for his belief; even three of his six sons joined the people and ridiculed their father. Things were becoming over-bearing for Hafezoon, so he lifted his hands in prayers and pleaded with Almighty Allah (swt) for help. He asked for Allah Almighty's (swt) guidance to show the people how important it is for them to respect the words that are written in the Holy Qur'an.

Hafezoon said "Oh Allah (swt) Almighty please show the people that standing in respect for our beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (owbp) is not bidda, nor is it a form of worship.

Please accept my dua and let there be a water shortage, so that the people can acknowledge the importance of your message."

After his dua he went out and told the people that he asked Allah (swt) Almighty to send a drought so that they may see clearly standing in respect for our beloved Prophet ﷺ, (owbp) and sending Darood and Salaam to our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) is neither bidda nor a form of worship, but instead it equals peace and tranquility for this world and the hereafter.

The people replied “Oh Hafezoon! You will see we are right and you are the one that is wrong because there is not going to be any drought, and if such be the case then you have to stop harassing us.” Hafezoon replied, “Okay, I promise that I will do as you wish should Allah (swt) Almighty ignore my request.” But let’s keep this in our minds at all times, the Holy Qur’an states:

*Allah is never unjust in the least degree If there is any good (done) He will double it, and giveth from His own presence a great reward.004:040*

Three months later there was no rain. All the crops, gardens, animals and even some of the people started to die. Allah Almighty’s (swt) signs were rapidly spreading, but before the people opened their eyes and put fear into their hearts to change their lives by being obedient to Allah’s (swt) command they started to rebel on Hafezoon. They threatened him and told him that if he did not ask Allah (swt) to give them rain they would kill him, and they gave him seven days to do this. Hafezoon was very surprised at the people’s reaction, for he thought this drought would have put fear in their hearts. So he went back in his prayers, and first he sought Allah’s (swt) forgiveness, because he thought he did something wrong by asking for the drought in the first place. Then he asked Allah (swt) for a second sign which would show his three sons and the people once again the truth about standing in respect and sending darood to the Holy Prophet ﷺ, (owbp). After his dua he heard a voice calling out for him, he rushed to the door to see who it was and to his surprise he saw a royal caravan and the King’s son, Kareem. Kareem greeted

Hafezoon with Salaam's and said, "My father requested you to meet with him, as he would like to meet with you" and so Hafezoon joined Kareem and they went off to the palace.

When they arrived at the palace the King welcomed Hafezoon and said "My name is Masjoor and nothing in my life had any meaning even though I am so wealthy. I am never happy, so I went into prayers and asked Allah (swt) Almighty to bless me with the knowledge to guide me to a passage from the Holy Qur'an that would bring me peace of mind. After I finished my prayers I went out in the country for a walk, and I heard you were lecturing to the people telling them about the drought you prayed for, and right after I heard you was reciting the Holy Qur'an and I recognized it was Sura 33 verse 56 that you were reciting. On my way home I was wondering if this was the answer to my prayers that I made earlier. Upon arriving home I decided to open my Qur'an to that particular verse for I never really paid attention to this particular passage of the Holy Qur'an. I used to ignore Milad – Shareef functions. I then started to recite this passage with zeal, as I was doing this a very strange feeling came over me.

It was a heavenly feeling which I have never experienced in my whole life. I then remembered what you said to the people, how you prayed for the drought to be a sign for them, and I knew that your prayers would be accepted, because of the heavenly feelings that I received after reciting that holy passage. So after that I started to save water by building vessels upon vessels just in case the people rebelled on you, as I remembered Surah Al-Baqara verse 175 from the Holy Qur'an:

*They are the ones who buy Error in place of Guidance and Torment in place of Forgiveness. Ah! what boldness (They show) for the Fire! 002:175*

Allah Almighty (swt) also said in this same passage, that the people show boldness

for the fire of hell. Considering the power of sin and how it gets hold of the hearts of men, and considering all the wrong that men have done, it is the height of foolishness and injustice on their parts to turn away from warnings which are given specifically for their own good. Knowing all of this I made sure I have a lot of water and food supplies for those who Allah Almighty (*swt*) chooses to show His mercies to. Hafezoon asked the king “How can we know who the people are that will gain Allah Almighty’s (*swt*) mercies?” The king replied “we will soon find out after you go back and tell the people they can come in six groups with one leader each for water and food supplies, and let your sons be the leader’s of each group. I will put my four sons at the entrance of the four gates as guards, and my only request for the people, is that I want them to salute my sons and that is the only way the gate will open to let them inside to collect their water and food supplies.”

Hafezoon went home and had a talk with his sons and the people in his village, he told them that after he was threatened, he went home and prayed for Almighty Allah (*swt*) to give them food and water, and right after his prayers king Masjoor sent for him. Hafezoon then told the people that this was a second sign to them from Almighty Allah (*swt*). He told them about the King’s request and they all agreed. So the people divided into six groups, Hafezoon’s sons became the leaders of each group. Hafezoon told them that they must leave separately and on separate days to go see the king to receive food and water.

So Hafezoon’s eldest son Taheed left first with his group, as they approached the first gate they started to worship the guard who was Kareem, (the king’s eldest son) thinking that this was the right thing to do. They willfully disobeyed the king’s order, just as the people willfully disobey Allah Almighty’s commandment in Surah 33 verse 56.

The next day Hafezoon’s second son Yaasir and his group left for their journey. As



they came to the first gate they observed the first group worshipping the guard. Yaasir tried to talk to Taheed and told him that he is not following the instructions in the right way and they began to argue.

The first groups of people are those who go to the extreme, almost as if they worship the holy Prophet ﷺ (*owbp*).

The second group of people indicates those people who completely forget their duty. They know what to do, but they are so consumed with the conflict that they ignore their duties.

The third group set out on the third day with the third son Belaad, they went to the second gate and prayed to Almighty Allah (*swt*), asking him to bless the guard, who was Waheed the king's second son, they also disregarded the king's request, but they were let inside for some relief from the sun's scorching rays. They managed to get the king's mercy, but no food or supplies. This describes the people who say that Darood Shareef is sending blessings on our beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) so we do not need to perform Salaam. On one hand they will gain Allah's (*swt*) mercy for sending blessings on the Beloved Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*), but if they are in a gathering where people stand in respect to send Salaam on the beloved Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*), and they walk out, then they will be punished by Allah (*swt*) Almighty for their disobedience to Almighty Allah's (*swt*) commandments (as was mentioned earlier *Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect. 033:056*

The fourth group (Mansoor's group) set out for their journey, as they reached the third gate they saluted the king's third son Waqar as they were told, but the fifth group of people which was Fad's group came and started a fight with them telling them that they are doing wrong (*bidda* or *shirk*). When word got back to the king he sent out his soldiers to whip the fifth group, and send them back home. So the

gate was open to let Mansoor and his group inside, and they were given a double portion of food, water and supplies. This group of people refers to those who are obedient to Allah's (*swt*) commandments. After this Mansoor and his group headed home.

The fifth group of people is an indication of the oppressors, those who create conflict amongst those who stand in respect by sending darood and salaam on our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*), as stated in the Qur'an.

The sixth son's group (which was Allbab's group) set out on the sixth day. They went to the fourth gate where the King's fourth son Aslim was the guard, and when Allbab and his group arrived at the gate, they just sat down and did nothing else, and because of this they were ignored; the gate did not open for them. This refers to those who make an effort to attend gatherings where Salaam is recited, but do not take part in it.

When Mansoor arrived at home Hafezoon asked him, "What happened to your other brothers? So far I have seen your brother Fad and his group, they came back without any supplies, and they were all in a very miserable state of mind." Mansoor replied, "Father do not grieve over my brother Fad and his people. They were oppressing me and my people, because we were carrying out the commandments of the king in the right way, and they were severely punished by the king, which resulted in their hungry and miserable state. Hearing this Hafezoon rushed over to the palace to see what his son Mansoor was talking about.

He then saw King Masjoor walking around his garden, Hafezoon greeted the king, told him what he had heard and asked him about it.

The King replied: "I am performing an experiment with the people, which also include your three sons, to show them all what can happen to those who disobey Almighty Allah's (*swt*) commandments; because I was made to understand that

some of the people misinterpreted the passage (v.56) in Surah Ahzab and created conflict.”

”Your experiment shows that you are indeed a true and faithful servant of Almighty Allah (swt), and a sincere follower of our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp).” replied Hafezoon.

“Ok let us go and bring your six sons and their groups of people and ask them what they learned from this experience.” the King said.

The king and Hafezoon proceeded to retrieve the people. The King then asked each of Hafezoon’s sons to explain what caused them to go against his request.

The first son Taheed said “We felt that if we showed your son extreme love you would give us more food and water than the rest of the people.” This is an example of what some people think of concerning the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), but they fail to realized that they are going against the command of Allah (swt) Almighty.

The second son Yaasir said “We were so angry with the first group for coming to the point of almost worshipping your son that we began to argue with them, so much so that we forgot our duties until we were punished like them, and this is how we learned our lesson.”

The third son Belaad said we thought praying for blessings for your son would help us to achieve supplies, but we were wrong, and when you did not punish us like you did the others, but gave us shelter from the sun, then we realized that we were not doing enough. This is an example of those people who said that doing darood is enough to send blessings on the Prophet ﷺ.

The fourth son Mansoor replied: “It was a pleasure to carry out the king’s commandments.”

The fifth son Fad replied: “I was a fool, and due to my punishment I have realized

how foolish I was”.

The sixth son Allbab said: “I realized how silly I was because we made the effort to travel so far, and we ignored the king’s commands, and did our own thing, and because of this we did not achieve any benefits.” After each group gave their account, the King called his four sons out to explain how they felt in all of this.

The King’s eldest son Kareem said “I was furious with the people’s behavior for two reasons: one for acting as if they were worshipping me and the second for disobeying my father’s request.” This might explain the holy Prophet’s ﷺ feelings for his Umma who act contrary to Allah’s (swt) commands.

The second son Waeed said “My heart was grieving for the people. I accepted the fact that they were sending blessings upon me, and I loved them for doing that but I was saddened to observe how they were willfully disobeying the King’s commandments. This reaction may explain the Prophet’s ﷺ feelings for those who send darood for him but do not stand in respect for him. What the people fail to realize is that in Almighty Allah’s (swt) commandments we cannot go halfway; we have to go all the way before we can receive the full rewards for our good actions.

The third son Waqar said: “I was so pleased with the way the people listened to my father’s request that I asked my father to double their share of supplies. This is exactly how our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) will feel on the Day of Judgment for his sincere followers.

The fourth son Aslim stated “I did not open the gate because they misunderstood the meaning of the word salute. They were ignorant and lazy, and you my father dislike these two things in your servants, so I figured you would dislike these people, so I did not open the gate for them”. The indication here is Allah (swt) dislikes His servants who are ignorant and arrogant.

This story just goes to show us how easily we can become a victim of hurting our

beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ, (*owbp*) feelings, and due to this we would have wronged our souls. We would also have hurt Allah (*swt*) and his angel's feelings as well. So please I am pleading with all Muslims let us stop this conflict and start doing the right thing, for the benefit of our own souls. As Allah (*swt*) warned us in the Holy Qur'an:

*“Those who annoy Allah (swt) Almighty and his Messenger, Allah (swt) Almighty has cursed them in this World and in the Hereafter, and has prepared for them a humiliating Punishment. 033:057*

*And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly bear (on themselves) a calumny and a glaring sin.”033:058*

#### **Points of this story**

1. We saw clearly that the people did not have any regard for Allah's (*swt*) punishment (the drought) which was supposed to change their belief.
2. King Masjoor felt the great joy in standing in respect and sending blessings on our beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) that he realized right away that Almighty Allah (*swt*) would accept Hafezoon's prayers.
3. King Masjoor also knew that the people would fail from their promise to Hafezoon, and they would rebel on him so he started to save water to protect Hafezoon. He also decided to teach the people a few lessons by using his sons, and Hafezoon's sons to show the people how ignorant and blind we as human beings can be, and also how angry or happy we can cause our beloved Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) to feel, and how we can make Allah (*swt*) Almighty feel pleased with us.
4. How important it is to follow Allah's (*swt*) commands from His noble Qur'an.
5. We also learned how easily we can forget our duties, through conflict.
6. We also learned how oppressors are the losers in this world, and they will also be the losers in the hereafter, if they do not change their actions.

### Advice

Any good that we do raises our own spiritual status and dignity. We must not think that when we speak of Allah's (*swt*) service, or His cause that we are doing any thing for His benefit. He is independent of all needs whatsoever, and He is forgiving and most merciful. The Holy Qur'an states:

*O ye men! It is ye that have need of Allah: but Allah is the One Free of all wants, worthy of all praise. 035:015*

Whatever good we do, our own merits are comparatively small, Allah's (*swt*) grace must lift us up and blot out our shortcomings. Even in piety there may be an arrogance which may become a sin. We should seek Allah's (*swt*) grace and His mercy in all humility. Every soul must redeem itself by faith, prayers and respect for Allah's (*swt*) commandments in His book: The Holy-Qur'an.

## **Section 2 - Part 10: Hamdi's Quest**

Insha Allah this story should help us to understand more clearly, how the test of Almighty Allah (swt) and His trial to us (mankind) work's magnificently and in mysterious ways, especially for those who are patience and in constant remembrance of Him (*Almighty Allah (swt).*)

Luqman seriously took this passage from the Holy Qur'an to make the foundation of his lifestyle.

Al-Qur'an chapter 46 verse 15:

*We have enjoined on man kindness to his parents: In pain did his mother bear him, and in pain did she give him birth. The carrying of the (child) to his weaning is (a period of) thirty months. At length, when he reaches the age of full strength and attains forty years, he says, "O my Lord! Grant me that I maybe grateful for Thy favor which Thou has bestowed upon me, and upon both my parents, and that I may work righteousness such as Thou mayest approve; and be gracious to me in my issue. Truly have I turned to Thee and truly do I bow (to Thee) in Islam." 046:015*

Luqman adores his parents, he never want to see them in any kind of sadness, so he used to be very jolly and cheerful around them, and he also used to constantly pray to Almighty Allah (swt) with the prayer from the above Qur'anic verse.

Luqman had a very good friend named Fouzull, they were like brothers and both of them were very obedient and loving to their parents, Fouzull was three years older than Luqman. It so happened that both of Fouzull parents got killed in a car accident and his relatives took him away to a another city to live with them for he was only fifteen years old.

As time went by they both grew up, got married and eventually they had a family of their own. Luqman family consisted of his wife named Noorjehan and one daughter named Adeeba while Fouzull family consisted of his wife named Isha and one son

named Hamdi.

Adeeba (Luqman's daughter) was the most beautiful girl in the district, her mother Noorjehan used to worry over her daughter, fearing that boys may go after her on account of her beauty and take advantage of her. Luqman being a very God fearing man said to his wife in a very humble way, "You should pray for her protection from the Shaitaan and put your trust in Almighty Allah (swt)."

While they were talking they heard Adeeba yelling for help, they both rushed to her side, she was hanging out clothes to dry in their back yard and was bitten by a snake. They rushed her to the hospital, the doctors managed to extract the poison but she was blind through the poison, the doctors said her blindness might not be permanent, but it is up to Almighty Allah (swt).

Luqman said to his wife, "Your fear now becomes a test for us and our daughter; she would have to exercise patience and faith in Almighty Allah (swt), and we as parents have to continue to be constant in our prayers and patience as well, for now hardly anyone will take notice of her because of her ill luck. Through her misfortune you (my dear wife) would have to learn to put all your faith and trust in Almighty Allah (swt) and you would not succeed in doing so until you go in sincere repentance."

And now on the other hand Fouzull had his own problems, his son (Hamdi) grew up to be very disrespectful and mischievous, the very opposite of his father. *(It is not uncommon to see at least one child from a righteous family turn out to be disrespectful, this is because the Shaitaan is unable to get through to the righteous parents, so he prey's on the ones whose faith are weaker, usually their children so as to bring shame and disgrace to their parents, and this is exactly the case with Fouzull and Isha.)*

It is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an:



*But (there is one) who says to his parents, “Fie on you! Do ye hold out the promise to me that I shall be raised up, even though generations have passed before me (without rising again)?” And they too seek Allah’s (swt) Almighty aid, (and rebuke the son), “Woe to thee! Have faith! For the promise of Allah (swt) Almighty is true.” But he says, “This is nothing but tales of the ancients!” Chapter 46 verse 17:*

Even though Hamdi was disrespectful to his parents, he was very kind and pure-hearted for the poor especially for the people that are blind. From a very young age Fouzull taught his son to recite this little prayer:

*Rabba-na habla-na min az-wa jayna, wa-thurriyyatena, qur-ra-ta ah-yunin waj Aalna lil-mutaa- qeena imaman.*

*O Lord! Grant unto us wives and offspring, who will be the comfort of our eyes, and give us (the grace) to lead the righteous.025:074*

Hamdi used to recite this prayer every day, one day his mother heard him reciting the prayer, she turned to him and told him, “If it wasn’t for your blindness and your disrespectful ways towards us, Allah (swt) Almighty would have answered your prayer already.” He got very upset at his mother and he went to his father and said to him, “You guys always keep telling me that I am blind, and you both know how I feel towards blind people, as from today I would pray for a blind wife, so that you and mom cannot rebuke me any more.”

His father said to him, “May Almighty Allah (swt) grant you your wish.” Hamdi said to his father, “If Allah (swt) Almighty should answer my prayer it would be because of the both of you, who pushed me into it.

Due to the fear of Hamdi temper, Fouzull had a heart attack and Hamdi grab hold of his father as he collapsed, he then rushed him to the hospital. After his father was admitted and taken care of, he went home to tell his mother what happened. In her state of shock she said to him, “I knew your ill temper and blindness to all of the

righteous work your father and I are engage in would cause one of us our death and you still wouldn't change your life style." Upon hearing this Hamdi grab hold of his mother and pushed her away from talking to him, she fell and hit her head on a rock which put her in a coma. With both of his parents in the hospital he couldn't bear the grief and the guilty feelings he were enduring, so he decided to run away. He wanders far away from home to another city (*it so happened he ended up in the same city his father came from, but he was not aware of it*).

One day (about a month later) he saw a blind man trying to cross the streets; he decided to help the old man, after he safely cross the streets the blind man thanked him and requested a favour from him, which he agreed. The blind man asked him to go to his daughter (*who lived about seventeen miles away*) to collect some things for him, he promised the old man to do exactly what he wanted.

The old man said, "You are indeed a kind person, what can I give you in return? I have three wishes I can grant you for being so kind." Hamdi said, "Okay! My first wish is for my parents to have a speedy recovery, my second wish is to become materially and spiritually rich and my third wish is, I always recite a prayer since childhood, I know it is very important to my parents, for anytime I fight with them I would recite it as a means to say sorry to them, since we are poor I cannot afford to buy any gift for them, this little prayer would always put a smile on their faces, so I would like Almighty Allah (*swt*) to accept this prayer of my supplication.

The old man said, "By the will of Almighty Allah (*swt*) all of your wishes can be fulfilled if you have patience and is prepared to work for it." Hamdi said, "If it takes me the rest of my life to work for it, I would gladly do so for I want to make up to my parents for all the troubles I put them through." The old man said, "Listen carefully and do exactly what I tell you, you have to travel by foot to reach my daughter, on your way you will pass through a land of beautiful trees, among one of

them there is a hidden treasure awaiting you, so be on your way.” Hamdi thanked the old man and began his journey, it took him three days to reach his destination. The first day he didn’t get too far, he was bitten by a snake which he had to suck out the poison and this made him weak to travel so he rested under a tree.

The next day he started walking and as night was steeping in, he was feeling cold and hungry so he decided to climb a tree with lots of fruits which he ate to his fill, he decided to rest under the very tree, on his way down from the tree his feet fell into a hole and he broke three of his toes, in pain and anguish he realize this is nothing in comparison to the pain he caused upon his parents, he started to cry bitterly and prayed to Almighty Allah (swt) repenting for his wrong doings.

After he finished and was relaxing under the tree, he started to remember whenever he would oppress his parents to indulge with him in his material gain; his father would quote these verses from the Holy Qur’an:

*Wealth and sons are allurements of the life of this world: But the things that endure, good deeds, are best in the sight of thy Lord, as rewards, and best as (the foundation for) hopes. Chapter 18 verse 46.*

*“And Allah (swt) doth advance in guidance those who seek guidance: and the things that endure, Good Deeds, are best in the sight of thy Lord as rewards, and best in respect of (their) eventual return. “Chapter 19 verse 76.*

These two verses are now his reality, he then raised his hands and prayed to his Lord again seeking His forgiveness and health to accomplish his task, and he then fell asleep. The next day he continued his journey, after about one hour of walking he saw the land of the beautiful trees, there were approximately five hundred trees, he walked to the middle of the land and started to search for the treasure, three hours later he saw an old box and decided to lie down on it to rest. As he was lying down he remembered his mother used to say to him, that he must always do things

for the pleasures of Almighty Allah (*swt*), and always put Almighty Allah (*swt*) and His beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (*owbp*) in front of any material wealth or pleasures.

After resting for a short while he sat up, telling himself that his mother advice is more precious to him than this wealth that he is looking for, so he would give up looking for it, fulfill the old man request and go home to take care of his parents. As he was getting up to leave his pants got hooked on a nail from the box, he pulled the pants so hard that the cover flew open and to his big surprise he saw the treasure. Immediately he went into prostration giving thanks to Almighty Allah (*swt*), he then sat down for about two hours thinking back of how important it is to communicate with your children, realizing how much his parents advices became (all of a sudden) very vital and important to him, (which) through all his difficulties helped to bring peace and comfort to him, he was even more surprised of himself remembering some of his parents advices, because he was always in a rush to ignore them. He then got up and said, “O my Lord! My mother always advice me to do things for your pleasure, so today I am about to do just that, if it is your will that I should take this treasure, I will certainly do so to please you, but first I wish to fulfill my promise to the old man, so I am leaving the treasure with you and after my task is over I will come back for it. If the treasure is not here when I come back, please know, I would be a changed man regardless and I would consider my parents advice more valuable than the treasure, and if you consider my parents as your faithful servants then please protect this box for them, they deserve a little happiness in their lives, unto you O! Allah (*swt*) I put all my trust.”

Hamdi then continued on his journey, shortly afterwards he arrived at the house where the old man sent him, he knock on the door and a man opened the door, they exchange greetings and the man invited him in, he then asked Hamdi the purpose of

his visit. He said, “My name is Hamdi, an old man (probably the father of your wife) asked me to come here to pick up some things for him.” Luqman (the owner of the house) said, “My wife parents died a long time ago and my parents are here with me, what things were you asked to pick up?” Hamdi replied, “The old man said you would know.” Luqman said, “I really don’t know who send you and I don’t know what things you were asked to pick up, but I can see that you are very tired and hungry, so please sit down and I would get my wife to prepare a hot meal for you.” As Noorjehan was preparing the meal, he decided to ask Hamdi a few questions, to make sure he could trust him. Luqman told Hamdi his name and asked him to tell him more of the old man he met, Hamdi said, “I really don’t know the man, all I did was to help him to cross the street for he was blind, it is indeed a mystery and I cannot figure out the reason, but my obedience to this blind old man got me here. I am indeed tired for I had a tough time getting here, he particular asked me to come by foot through the path of the jungle. I never suffered so much in my life, but my parent’s advice kept me going. ” Luqman said, “Your parents must be very God fearing people.” Hamdi replied, “Indeed they are and I can’t wait to go home to them.” Luqman asked again, “Why did you make all of this sacrifice for this old man?” Hamdi replied, “I have a very soft spot in my heart for the people who are blind, I can go a mountain height to the skies for them.” As they were talking Adeeba (Luqman’s daughter) came out of her room to go to the kitchen for some water, Hamdi saw her and immediately fell in love with her, and he asked Luqman about the girl. Luqman said, “She is my precious daughter and you may notice that she is blind as well.” Hamdi asked, “Did you get an offer for her?” Luqman said, “No one desire a blind wife, also the people here are very poor and he don’t want to marry her to someone who will not be able to take care of her.” Hamdi asked, “What if someone really loves her and is prepared to make sacrifices to take good

care of her, regardless of their poorness?” Luqman said, “Love is not enough to look after a blind person, but if such a person is prepared to make the sacrifices to take care of her, then he would surely consider the offer.” Hamdi said, “By Allah’s (swt) will your daughter would get married to someone who would take care of her and he would have some wealth as well.” Luqman said, “May Allah (swt) answer your prayer.” This caused Hamdi to reflect back to his father’s answer after he told his father he would pray for a blind wife. He then said to Luqman, “My father had a long last friend who got separated from each other when they were young, and from the great stories he used to relate to me, this friend is quite similar to you, both of you have a lot in common, and I do feel very close to you as I did with my father.” Luqman asked, “What is your father’s name?” Hamdi replied, “Fouzull” Luqman said, “I had a childhood friend by that name, but he moved far away to live with his relatives after his parents died in a car accident.”

Hamdi exclaimed, “Allahu-Akbar, my father is indeed your long last friend.” Luqman grabbed Hamdi and he hugged him with great happiness and said, “I now understand why you were sent to me, the old man is a pious jinn and through our prayers (your father and I), you were sent to unite us and the reason you were told to take the path through the jungle, is for you to exercise patience. Your love for the blind is used as vehicle for you to meet your future wife, who is no other than my beautiful and faithful daughter if you desire. So please make yourself at home, have some rest and Insha Allah I will contact your parents tomorrow.

The next day Hamdi told Luqman, “I know that you are very eager to meet my parents, but please trust me, I have some important things that I have to take care of, so I will leave now and Insha Allah, I will send for all of you in a few weeks.”

He thanked them for their kindness and he left, he went back for the box with the wealth and found it exactly how he left it, he prayed to Almighty Allah (swt) and

thanked Him for protecting the box for his parents and for helping him through all his difficult times of the great ordeal he went through. He took the box and made his way back home. His parents (*Fouzull and Isha*) were very happy to see him; they hug him with great joy. Hamdi said, "I am indeed happy to see both of you in good health and I wish to apologize for all the wrong things I did to you, I beg of you to please forgive me, also I have some good news for both of you." They said, "Seeing you are good news to us." Hamdi said, "I wish to thank you both for loving me so much, I was indeed blind to your love, no son could asked for better parents, it was your love and kindness that caused me to change my lifestyle, in return I prayed to Almighty Allah (*swt*) for just a little wealth for your happiness in this world, for I do know that Jannat is awaiting your arrival in the next world." Hamdi gave them the box of wealth and they said, "Son we do appreciate this gift but it is too much for us, you must give some of it to the poor." Hamdi smiled and said, "I know this would be your reply and for sure I am going to give some of it to the poor, then I will buy a house for me, a better house for you and another house for someone else." Fouzull asked, "Who is the other person?" Hamdi said, "I have found someone very special to you, it's your long last friend Luqman." His father was in great shock, he could not believe what he was hearing, his father asked, "How did you find him? You don't even know him." Hamdi said with a smile, "It's a long story, sit down and I will tell you everything." After explaining the most remarkable event in his life, Fouzull and his wife Isha said, "Our dear son, we are indeed very proud of you, this is the happiest day of our lives, we should celebrate by giving thanks to Almighty Allah (*swt*). They prayed by reciting the following verse from the Holy Qur'an:

*On no soul doth Allah (swt) Place a burden greater than it can bear. It gets every good that it earns, and it suffers every ill that it earns. (Pray:) "Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget or fall into error; our Lord! Lay not on us a burden Like that which Thou*

*didst lay on those before us; Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Blot out our sins, and grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Thou art our Protector; Help us against those who stand against faith. “Chapter 2 verse 286. Thank you O! Allah (swt) for all your kind favors, and help us to avoid the whisper of the Shaitaan.*

After this prayer they all decided to go and pay a visit to Luqman and his family, it was a joyful re-union of two pious families, they had a wonderful time. Hamdi got married to Adeeba, and by the will of Almighty Allah (swt) one year later Adeeba was blessed with her eyesight again.

Fouzull and Luqman remain very close to each other for the rest of their lives. Hamdi became very righteous like his father and he was blessed with five sons and one daughter and they all lived happily after.

Here are some lessons that should be noted and to be taken in serious considerations, so that we can manage to steer our children lives on the right path.

1. When fear of something comes to our mind, we should overcome it with the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty.
2. Noorjehan fear for her daughter turned out to be tragic but to Hamdi’s favour by Allah’s Almighty (swt) will. Allah (swt) Almighty preserved Adeeba for Hamdi through her blindness.
3. Allah (swt) Almighty led Hamdi on a journey to discipline him, so that he can become a righteous person, because of his love for his parents (*even though he was disrespectful to them*) and the soft feelings he had for the blind.
4. Hamdi’s journey through the jungle was for him to exercise patience.
5. The prayer that he recited always is very important for every boy to learn.
6. Hamdi willingness to help the old man even before the three wishes was gifted to him. He asked for material and spiritual wealth, as well for his childhood prayers be



answered, his willingness to please his parents, and the great sacrifice he made to achieved it.

7. We learn how communication with words of wisdom to children does help them through difficult times in their lives. (Even if they are playing deaf ears at the moment of our advice, we should ignore their attitudes and continue to advice them with words of wisdom. Almighty Allah (swt) will be pleased with us and He would also help our children to remember our advice and pay heed to it when they really need it.

8. Hamdi great ordeal was to enable him to purify his heart and to change his lifestyle, for he was indeed spiritually blind.

9. Hamdi acknowledges his mother advice to do things to please Almighty Allah (swt). *Indeed we all must always do things to please Almighty Allah (swt), and in return He would make us happy. May Almighty Allah (swt) help us all to do what pleases Him. Ameen.*

## **Section 2 - Part 11: *The Humble beggar - Qal Bin Saleem story***

Allah (swt) Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an Surah 2 verse 186:

*“When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me: Let them also, with a will, Listen to My call, and believe in Me: That they may walk in the right way.”*

Qal Bin Saleem who was a very handsome young man took this verse from the Holy Qur'an very seriously. He was constantly in prayers and when he finished his prayers he would sit for hours making supplications to Allah (swt) Almighty. Those who did not believe in making supplication would taunt him by calling him a poor beggar. He never paid any attention to them, and he continued his supplications.

One day while he was at the Masjid the Imam named Kadeem approached him and asked him what he really asks Allah (swt) Almighty for? Qal Bin Saleem's reply to the Imam, he was reciting Surah 25 verse 74 from the Holy Qur'an: *And those who pray, "Our Lord! Grant unto us wives and offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes, and give us (the grace) to lead the righteous."*

“Boy you are just wasting your time making such lengthy dua's! Allah (swt) Almighty knows our intentions, we do not need to make dua's.” said Imam Kadeem.

“Do you have a special desire that you're hoping for?” asked Qal Bin Saleem.

“Yes! I have lots of desires that I wanted since I was a child, but so far only a couple of them have come through, so I am still waiting for the main one's to come through.”

“How long have you been waiting” asked Qal Bin Saleem?

“For about 40 long years!” replied Imam Kadeem.

“But yet you are too proud to lift your hands in humble supplication to Allah (swt) Almighty? I think you should start doing so if you really need Allah's (swt) Almighty help.”

**“I will do so when I see all your desires come through.” replied Imam Kadeem.**

**“Then Insha-Allah I will be your leader and you will make humble supplication.”  
replied Qal Bin Saleem. After this conversation Qal Bin Saleem left to go home.**

**On his way home he observed the most beautiful butterfly following him, as he was about to step into his yard he saw it fly on top of his neighbor’s tree. As he continued to look at the tree he saw a paper hanging off one of the branches of the tree, but the butterfly had disappeared. Qal Bin Saleem ignored the paper and proceeded into his house.**

**The next day as he was leaving his home to go to the Masjid, he saw the same butterfly in front of him. As he tried to catch it, it once again flew right on top of his neighbor’s tree, and disappeared. Thinking that this was very strange, Qal Bin Saleem decided to approach the tree, and retrieve the piece of paper that was still there. To his big surprise it was a page from the Holy Qur’an with Surah 2 verse 186 on it. He told himself that this is a sign from Allah (swt) Almighty, but he did not know the meaning of it, so he kissed the piece of paper and kept it in a safe place.**

**After six months had passed Qal Bin Saleem started to wonder over the miracle of the disappearing butterfly, and the page from the Holy Qur’an. He then lifted his hands up in supplication to Allah (swt) Almighty and he recited the following verses from Al-Qur’an Surah 112, 113 and 114 and 1:**

**In the name of Allah (swt) Almighty, the Compassionate, the Merciful.**

*Say: He is Allah (swt) Almighty, the One and Only; 112:001*

*Allah (swt) Almighty, the Eternal, Absolute; 112:002*

*He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; 112:003*

*And there is none like unto Him. 112:004*

*Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of the Dawn 113:001*

*From the mischief of created things; 113:002*

*From the mischief of Darkness as it overspreads; 113:003*

*From the mischief of those who practise secret arts; 113:004*

*And from the mischief of the envious one as he practises envy.113:005*

*Say: I seek refuge with the Lord and Cherisher of Mankind, 114:001*

*The King (or Ruler) of Mankind, 114:002*

*The God (or judge) of Mankind,- 114:003*

*From the mischief of the Whisperer (of Evil), who withdraws (after his whisper),-  
114:004*

*(The same) who whispers into the hearts of Mankind,- 114:005*

*Among Jinns and among men. 114:006*

*In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. 001:001*

*Praise be to Allah (swt), the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds; 001:002*

*Most Gracious, Most Merciful; 001:003*

*Master of the Day of Judgment. 001:004*

*Thee do we worship, and Thine aid we seek. 001:005*

*Show us the straight way, 001:006*

*The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace, those whose (portion) is  
not wrath, and who go not astray. 001:007*

Using these divine words for his supplication, he then thanked Allah (swt) Almighty for reminding him of his supplication, and he went to sleep. While Qal Bin Saleem slept he was blessed with a dream where he saw the same butterfly on top of a house. The house was green, and it was the most beautiful house that he had ever seen. After Qal Bin Saleem awoke he raised his hands in supplication and prayed:

“Glory be to thee O! Allah (swt) Almighty, bless all of our beloved Prophets, especially our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp) and all your Angels and through them all please accept all my supplications, and help me with the right guidance to solve this mystery. Ameen.

About five days later when Qal Bin Saleem was at the Masjid and after prayers someone was flipping through the pages of a newspaper, to Qal Bin Saleem’s surprise he caught sight of the very same house in the newspaper that was in his dream. He asked the brother to see the newspaper and took it to Imam Kadeem, and asked him whose house it was. The Imam told him that the house belonged to a very rich and famous man, who loved Islam very much. Qal Bin Saleem decided to go and pay a visit to this house, even though it was in the city, and would take him two long days to get there.

Before he started his journey he took the page of the Qur’an that he found in the tree. He then made supplication once again, reciting Surah 17 verse 80.

*"O my Lord! Let my entry be by the Gate of Truth and Honour, and likewise my exit by the Gate of Truth and Honour; and grant me from Thy Presence an authority to aid (me)." 017:080*

After two days of traveling Qal Bin Saleem arrived at his destination, as he approached the house, he asked the guard at the gate if he could see the owner of the house. The guard left and when he returned he asked Qal Bin Saleem what the purpose of his visit is?

“It is a very long story and I am too tired to talk, but you can take this paper to the owner, and maybe this might answer your questions. So the guard took the page of Al-Qur’an to the owner of the house (whose name was Fantasir), the guard returned and told Qal Bin Saleem to come inside.

Before he even stepped foot in the yard Qal Bin Saleem saw a man rushing to him and gave him a hug and a very warm welcome, as if the man knew him. Qal Bin Saleem was shocked; he could not even speak until after the man took him inside and gave him something to eat. He then told Qal Bin Saleem to go and get some rest. After all this occurred Qal Bin Saleem went and sat down with the man, and they began to get acquainted with each other. The man said that he is the owner of the house and that his name is Fantasir, and he wanted to know everything about how Qal Bin Saleem got hold of this page from the Al-Qur’an. So Qal Bin Saleem began to relate the miraculous story to Fantasir. He explained how Allah (swt) Almighty guided him to the page of the Al-Qur’an and to this house, all through the humble supplications which he always makes after every Farz prayer. I sit for hours pleading and crying to Allah (swt) Almighty to help the poor and needy and to bring peace and unity to all Muslims in the world and for more important things which included myself, my parents and the believing men and women. I even prayed for the animals and all of Allah’s (swt) Almighty creation. I would also pray for the people to see the importance of making supplication to Allah (swt) Almighty. On hearing the explanation Fantasir began to weep very bitterly. Fantasir then raised his hands in supplication to Allah (swt) Almighty: “Glory be to Allah (swt) Almighty, I was indeed wrong, please forgive me for my arrogance and for being so blind. O! Allah (swt) Almighty; Glory and Praises be to You. There is no deity, no power, no mighty but You O! Allah (swt) Almighty and I bear witness that our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (owbp), is your servant and Apostle.”

After his dua he told Qal Bin Saleem that he is the head of all the Masjids in the city and he never made supplication to Allah (*swt*) Almighty, and he also stopped the people from doing so, since he didn't find it necessary. Being so wealthy, all the people looked up to him; they listened to what he had to say. He also felt that Allah (*swt*) Almighty knows everyone's intentions and that he would fulfill everyone's needs. Fantasir explained that one day he was reciting his special Qur'an outside in his backyard which he received as a gift from his Shaykh.

It was very old and there was none like it in the city. As he was reciting his Qur'an a storm suddenly came down and blew the page right out of his hands. Fantasir said he was very distraught by this, because of the special nature of this particular Qur'an. When my guard brought the page of the Qur'an to me, I recognize it immediately and was extremely happy. After this mystery was solved Fantasir went and brought his wife along with his seven daughters to meet Qal Bin Saleem, and he related the amazing stories to them. Qal Bin Saleem said to Fantasir "Well now you have realized the importance of making supplications, you have to try and convince all the Imams from the Masjids to make supplication, since you stopped them from doing so."

Fantasir said, "They always listen to me, but that would be too easy, I want them to see the importance of calling upon Allah (*swt*) Almighty." So he and Qal Bin Saleem came up with a plan, they sent out special invitations to all the Imams and the executives from different Masjids to come to Fantasir's home for a special program, to which they all accepted. When they arrived at the gate they found it locked and guarded, the guard was looking at the big group of people, and the people were looking at the guard hoping that he would open the gate for them, but he didn't. After a while one of the Imam's then asked him to open the gate which he did. After everyone made their way into the house they were very upset, and they complained

to Fantasir that they were disregarded by his guard. He didn't open the gate until Imam Moneeb asked him to do so. "Why is this?" they asked Fantasir.

"What if Allah (*swt*) Almighty disregarded all of you on Judgment day?" They replied, "We would surely burn in hell. Fantasir smiled, and they asked him what was so funny. "I am pleased with your answer, because the answer is very right and it makes my job easier," Replied Fantasir. "What is your job?" asked the people.

"Well I called you all here to tell you an amazing story to convince all of you the importance of making supplication to Allah (*swt*) Almighty and my example was not to make the guard open the gate until you asked him to do so, just to show you all how important it is to seek Allah's (*swt*) Almighty help, guidance, and forgiveness. Indeed Allah (*swt*) Almighty is fully aware of our needs, but we still have to call upon Him. So I am sure from the small experiment that you just had through the demonstration with my guard that you all will be convinced of the truth."

They replied, "Yes, indeed we are convinced and we are also thankful to you and to Allah (*swt*) Almighty." After this everyone lifted their hands in supplication to Allah (*swt*) Almighty crying and pleading for His humble forgiveness. They then were all introduced to Qal Bin Saleem and they were told of the amazing story that brought him to Fantasir's house. This miraculous story went out to all the Muslims in the city and it touched many hearts. The people in the city started to pay heed and respect for Surah 2 verse 186 of the Holy Qur'an, Alhamdu-Lillah. Qal Bin Saleem felt his mission was over and it was time for him to return home. Fantasir offered one of his daughter's hands in marriage to Qal Bin Saleem which he happily accepted, and then he was also offered a huge amount of wealth. So Qal Bin Saleem happily returned to his village with his beautiful wife and newfound wealth. Everyone in the village was so astonished and started to question Qal Bin Saleem about the new changes in his life. He invited them all to the Masjid and related the



miraculous events that took place between him and his father-in-law. Fantasir was also present and he confirmed the story.

After seeing and hearing all of this the people in the village started to respect Qal Bin Saleem and followed his teachings. They made him the leader for the Masjid, for Imam Kadeem decided to step down. He said to Qal Bin Saleem, “You are indeed a sincere servant of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, I do not feel fit to be your Imam, indeed your supplication and prayers were more valuable to Allah (*swt*) Almighty than mine. We all will raise our hands in humble supplication. May Allah (*swt*) Almighty bless, guide and forgive us for our mistakes, and may He grant us the wisdom and understanding so that we may tread the right path. Ameen.”

### **Notable Points**

Qal Bin Saleem was blessed with everything which he asked Allah (*swt*) Almighty for.

Qal Bin Saleem did not get the inspiration to the answer of the sign of the butterfly until he lifted his hands in supplication.

A beggar does not have the privilege to ask people for things according to his needs, but Allah (*swt*) Almighty has given that privilege to all mankind, therefore we all become independent beggars through supplication.

Fantasir guests were too proud to ask the guard to open the gate is an example of those people who obey Allah (*swt*) Almighty by worshipping Him in prayers, but do not lift their hands in supplication. Sometimes those inside the Masjid will ask people for donations, rather than lifting their hands in supplication to ask Allah (*swt*) Almighty for His donation.

### **Closing comments**

I do hope for our own benefits we take the time to make humble supplication to Allah (*swt*) Almighty. It will make us humble, merciful, kind, and just. These are

**the virtues and more that we will be able to receive when we humble ourselves to Allah (swt) Almighty. Sometimes it may seem like Allah (swt) Almighty takes forever to answer our prayers, but what seems long for us is not long to Allah (swt) Almighty since this teaches us how to exercise patience. For Allah says in Al-Qur'an Sura 2 verse 153 "...He is with those people who patiently persevere."**

**Ameen**

## **Section 2 - Part 12:**

### ***A wife's sacrifice to change her husband's arrogant behaviour***

#### **NAKEELA AND FATADOON STORY**

*"Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty: for without doubt in the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty do hearts find satisfaction. 013:028*

**As the ayah states: for without doubt in the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty do hearts find satisfaction.**

*To those whose hearts when Allah (swt) Almighty is mentioned, are filled with fear, who show patient perseverance over their afflictions, keep up regular prayer, and spend (in charity) out of what We have bestowed upon them. 022:035*

**Allah (swt) Almighty provides guidance for the people who are sincerely and constantly doing his Zikr, after many trials they are blessed with patience, strength, faith, and courage to face the hardest task that life sometimes has to offer. Through the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty the signs and the miracles that come from the Zikr is not something external, it is internal. It is something internal, something in one's mind, heart and soul. It also depends on the righteous person's spiritual experience. With constant remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty one will be able to experience the blessings of Allah (swt) Almighty. This internal joy and satisfaction is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an in several places.**

**The passport to attain nearness to Allah (swt) Almighty can be obtained through the great love for His Zikr and through obedience to our beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (owbp).**

**Nakeela was a very sincere lover of Allah (swt) Almighty, and His Rasool ﷺ, she was constantly doing Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, and reciting Naats, Darood and Salaam for the beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (owbp). She also loved and respected all**

the Prophets ﷺ and Angel's and Allah's (swt) Almighty creations. Her husband's name was Fatadoon; they had two son's named Hassan and Faizul. Fatadoon was very cross, and arrogant. He was a very wealthy man, and even though he loved his family very much, he could be very cruel to them. He had some very bad habits, such as drinking heavily, and Nakeela was very afraid for her boys growing up under his influence. He was also very proud of his wealth, and he loved when the poor beggars comes to him. He would taunt them by using hurtful words. Sometimes he would throw a mere penny their way and say to them: "Beggars cannot be choosers, so take it or leave it!" Nakeela used to grieve over her husband's arrogant behaviour, and she would say to him "Everyone of us are beggars in the sight of Allah (swt) Almighty, and one day might come when you yourself will have to turn around and beg Allah (swt) Almighty for something." Fatadoon laughed at his wife and said to her that day would never come. Nakeela replied, No one knows what Allah (swt) Almighty has in store for them, except for the righteous and the pious people who are always engaged in the remembrance of Allah (swt) Almighty, and in sending Darood and Salaam on our beloved Prophet ﷺ, (owbp), for they are the ones who are blessed with spiritual knowledge and right guidance. It is in their hands that Allah (swt) Almighty will place His instrument of revelation and inspiration. This in turn will help them to weigh all moral issues, all questions of right and wrong. This instrument can enable the righteous knowledge as to what the positive or negative consequences of their actions or those close to them will be ahead of time. Fatadoon said: "You are constantly doing the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty and reciting Naat's and Salaam on the beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, (owbp), how come you are not blessed with this powerful instrument?" Nakeela said, "Very soon you will be able to see the result from this powerful instrument, if you decided to change your behaviour and repent for your wrong doings, but for right

now I do not expect that someone as arrogant as you, who cannot see further than your nose, to read and understand the signs of Allah (*swt*) Almighty, I feel very sorry for you!”

One week later Fatadoon took his sons out for a horseback ride, he left the two boys to go after a big black bear, and when he came back the two boys were gone, and all he found were their shirts which were full of blood. He cried and searched in agony for hours calling out his son’s names, but yet he could not find them. When he went home and told Nakeela what happened she replied, “Are you now prepared to become a beggar?” He said, “Yes, if Allah (*swt*) Almighty would listen to me and give me back my sons, I would happily become his slave.” Nakeela told her husband to first seek Allah’s (*swt*) Almighty forgiveness, then invite over all the destitute people from the village whom he treated badly and give them a good meal, and place some money into their hands, Fatadoon interrupted Nakeela and said “But some of their hands are filthy, and covered with sores!” Nakeela said “Would you rather lose your sons just because you don’t want to touch these people?” He replied “My two sons are my joy and pride, and I would go through anything, so long as Allah (*swt*) Almighty would give them back to me.” Nakeela said “Alright then do as I say” Fatadoon said that he would need some time in order to do what Nakeela requested of him so in the meantime he would hire some men to look for his two sons.

After a couple of days passed and there was still no trace of the two boys Fatadoon decided to do as his wife advised him, so he invited all the destitute people to his house, he fed them, gave them money and clothing and invited them to sit with him in his supplication for forgiveness and for his sons to return to him. Days upon days passed and the only thing that Fatadoon would do was to engage in the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty. He would plead with Allah (*swt*) Almighty to bring his sons back to

him, but yet there was no sign of them. Five long years passed, Nakeela became very ill, and for all this time she kept all her grief inside of her, because she did not want her husband to see her weakness. She tried to be strong, and brave just to help him change, and now that he became a strong soldier of Islam, she was breaking down, she desperately wanted to confess to him, that she was the one responsible with the plan for her sons to disappear, in order to teach him a lesson and for him to turn to Allah (*swt*) Almighty and change his arrogant behaviour. Also she feared that her two sons might turn out like their father.

After Nakeela became sick, Fatadoon turned to her and said “I never acknowledged your kindness and faithfulness towards me. I was always so selfish in my grief; I never really asked you how you were doing. Maybe this is why Allah (*swt*) Almighty is still suffering me by not leading me to my sons. Nakeela was too weak to answer her husband so she just closed her eyes, and a few teardrops fell into her husbands hands, and to Fatadoon’s surprise he saw a vision of his two sons through the tears of his wife. This is the first experience of the blessed instrument of inspiration through the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) which they argued about earlier. The knowledge that his wife knew of the whereabouts of his son’s came to him right away. Fatadoon grabbed hold of his wife and kissed her on the forehead and told her “You are indeed one of Allah’s (*swt*) Almighty’s true and sincere servants! And a true Umma of our beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (*owbp*) and I am nothing more than a slave, and I could not have been more proud to be your husband as I am right now! Please forgive me for my arrogant behavior for it is my terrible attitude that has caused our family so much pain. I know now that you know and have known all this time the whereabouts of our sons, so please tell me and I will go and bring them home.”

Nakeela smiled with great relief and thanked Allah (*swt*) Almighty for helping her

husband with the knowledge of her plan, to move their children far away from under his evil influences, in order for them to grow up as faithful servants of Allah (swt) Almighty and sincere followers of our beloved Holy Prophet ﷺ, (owbp). Nakeela paid a couple to take her two sons very far away to live in a very small village, and she also paid them to teach her sons to recite Qur'an, and to do the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty, and to send darood and salaam on the beloved Prophet ﷺ, (owbp). Nakeela was extremely afraid to tell Fatadoon that she set up the whole thing, because she wanted him to change, and she did not want her two sons to fall into his footsteps, so she plot and plan to move her sons far away from him while they were still young. She did what she felt she had to do to benefit her sons and her husband. Fatadoon and Nakeela made the happy trip together to bring their boys home.

A message to all men from Fatadoon, My Brothers! I was blind to Allah's (swt) Almighty gifts like a good wife, for a good wife in a home is like a good engine in one's vehicle. A vehicle with a very good engine can take us through all kinds of terrain. No man should turn their backs from this prayer, they should recite it always. It is a good prayer to teach to your male children at a very young age. Parents can also recite it for their male children as well, until they become the age where they are able to learn it by themselves. It is from Surah Al-Furqan (25) Verse 74:

*Rabbana hab lana min azwajina wathurriyyatina qurrata aAyunin waijAAalna lilmuttaqeena imaman*

Meaning: *Our Lord! Grant unto us wives and offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes, and give us (the grace) to lead the righteous.*

Those are the ones who will be rewarded with the highest place in heaven, because

of their patience and constancy.

Some comments from Fatadoon:

- When I saw the bright vision of my two sons through my wife's tears, I knew right away that my wife was a very pious woman, and I also knew how lucky I was to be blessed with such a good, faithful wife.
- When I was pondering over these thoughts I realized that my mother used to recite this prayer for me all the time, so I know that it was through my mother's prayers that Allah (*swt*) Almighty has blessed me with such a pious and faithful wife.
- We should always bear in mind that wealth can fix our material possessions that are broken, but it cannot fix broken hearts. Being humble and kind can help repair broken hearts, and through the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty we can achieve these two spiritual tools.
- I was wrong to taunt my wife of Allah (*swt*) Almighty blessed instrument of revelation and inspiration. These beautiful tools were indeed placed into her hands, but I was too arrogant and blind to see when my wife was explaining to me.
- If it wasn't for the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty that my wife Nakeela was constantly engaged in, where she was given the faith, courage and the guidance to make the sacrifices to help me with the help that I needed to discipline myself into becoming a better person and also a better way of conducting my life style, to help my sons to grow up away from my evil influences, then most surely our lives as a family would not have had any peace, and happiness because I would have still be an ignorant blind man. What a terrible waste of life that would have been. May Allah (*swt*) Almighty bless my dear wife for the great sacrifice she



**made and may He bless us all and change the evil in us and make us better Muslims**

- **Praises and thanks be to Allah (*swt*) Almighty for His kind favours of answering my mother's supplication, who used to pray on my behalf when I was too young to understand way of life. Through her prayers Allah (*swt*) Almighty blessed me with the most kind and faithful wife and two loving sons.**
- **My gratitude are to Allah (*swt*) Almighty for granting me with a new and better life for me and my family. Ameen.**

## **Section 2 - Part 13:**

### **Reality: Facts of life – A couple’s great sacrifice to combat evil**

#### **Maharroof and Mamnoon story**

Sura Baqara v218 of the Holy Qur’an states: *Those who believed and those who suffered exile and fought (and strove and struggled) in the path of Allah,- they have the hope of the Mercy of Allah: And Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. 002:218*

This brings us to the struggle shared by a couple named Maharroof and his wife Mamnoon. Maharroof was a very poor man who lived in a large city surrounded by lots of wealthy people. Maharroof and his wife were very strong in the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty. They had two sons named Aftab and Jaleel, who were very kind and obedient to their father.

For a number of years Maharroof’s wife had disappeared for a while, due to certain circumstances. Only Maharroof knew where she was, and for many years he was following her instructions. When Maharroof’s children were about seven and eight years old he sat them down and told them that he had a story to tell them about their mother, but since they maybe too young to understand the entire story he would tell them only a little. He also had a few messages from her to deliver to them. Maharroof said: “Your mothers name is Mamnoon and she was a very kind and God-fearing person. She wanted both of you to grow up with Allah’s (swt) Almighty blessings and guidance, and when you both reach the age of marriage she wanted both of you to marry some one who is kind, faithful and understanding.

So she requested me to teach you both these two short prayers, which have enormous spiritual benefits, and can, bring you material wealth and spiritual blessings. They are as follows: Rabbir hamhuma kama rabbayaanee sagheera. Which means: “My Lord? Bestow on them (my parents) thy Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood.” 017:024

The second dua is: *Rabbana Hablana min az-wa-jena, wa thurriyyatina qur-ra-ta aah-yunin, waj aall-na lil-mutta qeena imaman.* Which means: *Oh my Lord! Grant unto us wives and offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes, and give us (the grace) to lead the righteous.* 025:074 Aftab and Jaleel said “If this is our mother’s wish then we will do as she asked us. Maharroof replied: “Your mother would be very pleased to know that both of you are quite obedient. I only hope by the will of Allah’s (swt) Almighty, both of you will stay this way.

As the boys grew older they started to feel much oppressed by the other children in their school, because they were not as wealthy as the other children. One day as both boys went home, they said to their father: “Father we want to move away from this city, for the people here are too wealthy, and unkind.” Maharroof replied “This is more of a reason why you should stay here, so that they can learn a lesson or two from both of you.” They replied “What lesson father?” He said “Well all of your spiritual wealth has resulted with both of you being blessed with humility and kindness; this brings me to the second set of advice from your mother. One of the two prayers that she advised you to recite earlier is for the fruit of your labour and one day if you both hold on to the rope of patience and faith you will be able to enjoy the fruit of you labour, which is why your mother wanted me to tell you that Allah (swt) Almighty test us in ways such as: prosperity and adversity. In prosperity we must show humility, kindness, justice and mercy, and in adversity we must exercise patience, faith, wisdom and understanding. If we are wealthy we must not let our wealth consume us. We must not allow pride to enter into our hearts, which can also bring evil into our minds, for this can destroy us. We must not get depressed in adversity, or think that because we are financially wealthy problems cannot reach us. The boys told their father that so far it seems that through our mother’s blessings and her advice, Allah (swt) Almighty will help us overcome the

oppression we are facing from some members of the community, and Inshaa-Allah we would not pressure you to move any more, for we will take it as a challenge in our experience in life which will help us to achieve strength, faith and courage to face up to the test, trial and tribulations that life has to offer. The boys told their father that the only thing they would pressure him for is the whereabouts of their mother. Maharroof told the boys “I am afraid to tell you now because it might cause too much grief on your hearts and it may come in the way of your studies. The boys replied “Father! You have it all wrong! If you tell us it might give us the push we need right now to choose our careers, and help us with the courage to continue with our studies, for we are now at that stage in our lives, and knowing what kind of help our mother needs would surely encourage us, and maybe one day we can help her.

Maharroof said “Alright you guys have made a good point. I would try to explain a little about your mother. When you were both very young (too young to remember) your mother was very involved in the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty. She used to invite her brothers and sisters to join with us in doing the Zikr, eventually there was one person who withdrew from the Zikr, and she started to corrupt every one else who was participating in the Zikr, and eventually they all became spiritually blind and withdrew as well. Your mother has three brothers and four sisters, she is the eldest one, and she was the most God – fearing one amongst them. They were all very miserable and corrupted due to the one rotten person who withdrew from the remembrance of Allah (*swt*) Almighty. This person joined the family by marrying one of your mother’s brothers. She was involved in evil and the evil spread to the rest of them and blinds them spiritually.

Your mother tried to talk to them and educate them on how evil can cause corruption, but they all turned on her. It got so bad that they all physically abused her more than once! This was where I drew the line and insisted that your mother

stay away from all of them. Things were going peacefully until one day when your mother just finished her prayers, she turned around and said to me, that she saw a vision of a calamity coming our way, and she felt that she might be the victim of it. She then told me if any thing should happen to her she made me promised her, to take both of you very far away from her disgraceful and undisciplined family, preferably to the city where there would be vast experience so both of you could receive proper education. She also wanted both of you to be famous amongst the wealthy and the poor. As it turned out the inspiration she received was right, so I fulfilled my promise to her when we migrated over to this country. My sons! There is no easy way for me to say this, but I have to tell you that your mother is in a mental hospital, she was accused of killing her brother and she received jail for life. She began to lose her mind the minute she saw her brother lying dead on the floor.

She suffered a great shock, she couldn't speak, and as a result she was unable to defend herself. This is why she was placed in the mental institution. She did not want me to take you boys there for she felt it would be too difficult for both of you to see her in there, but I am always visiting her. Whenever I come home late during the weeks it was your mother that I was visiting.”

Needless to say the boys were extremely shocked by what their father had told them, after they summed up enough courage they told their father that they were going to see their mother, and after they came back from visiting her by Allah's (swt) Almighty will, they would make up their minds as to what career they would each pursue. The boys went to see their mother for the first time in 15 long years, when she saw them she said “Qul Amara Rabbee Bilqisti” which means: *My Lord hath commanded justice (indeed)*. Then she hugged them with great joy and sat them down and related the entire story to them. She said “What had happened was her big brother, whose name was Bushra, had a fight with his wife Azeeman, and

after the fight Bushra phoned her and asked her to come over and talk to his wife about her provocative dressing and behavior that was very disgraceful. I told him that I would be there in about an hour. Azeeman overheard Bushra speaking with me on the phone and knew that I was coming over, and because she was so evil and unstable she planted a knife in the basement, as she was planning a surprise attack on me. But before I got there Azeeman and Bushra got into another fight and she carried out the surprise attack on him instead, but just as she did this horrible thing I came downstairs and witnessed it, as she turned around and saw me standing there in shock she called the police, accusing me of killing my brother. I had to think very quickly, for we were the only three people there and it would have been her word against mine, and I know the rest of the family would have sided with her, so I decided to pretend as if I was losing my mind. I did this to save you guys from the harassment of the court system, the taunt of the people, the depression and oppression would have been too much for you boys to grow up with.

After hearing this the boys cried and said “We couldn’t have been more blessed than we are right now, mom don’t worry by Allah (*swt*) Almighty grace we will get you out of here.” Aftab became a judge and Jaleel a doctor, and both of them worked together and cleared their mother’s name. Azeeman was found guilty and put away in jail where she belonged. Both of the boys married, their wives were beautiful, humble and very kind. Aftab had two boys who grew up to be very righteous. Jaleel had five girls who were also very righteous.

This is what the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty does, through the Zikr of Allah (*swt*) Almighty Mamnoon and Maharroof was blessed with guidance, patience and courage to make a very wise decision. They made great sacrifices for the sake of their two loving children, who were very humble and kind. The boys were very obedient to their father and made the sacrifices to listen and carry out the commands of their

**mother. The great sacrifice that Mamnoon and Maharooof made also helped to steer their lives and their children lives away from the family feud, conflicts and corruption from the evil chain in their relatives.**

**Let's just imagine all the grief, pain and the anguish that this loving family of four would have to go through if Mamnoon and Maharooof didn't think wisely. Indeed the Zikr of Allah (swt) Almighty is the greatest and do lead to true guidance.**

**Lessons:**

**We learned from Azeeman reckless behavior that indeed there are evil people in the world.**

**Some men are totally blind to their wives behavior, but in Bushra case it was the opposite.**

**Evil can destroy a man spiritual and material life (if he allows it to happen). Maharooof and Mamnoon stood firmly in their faith with their Lord for justice in which they were very successful. Al-Hamdu Lillah. Mamnoon great sacrifice saved her two boys from lots of pain and anguish.**

**The great love these two people had for each other helped them to achieve their goal, which was justice.**

## **Section 2 - Part 14: *The importance of giving charity with sincerity***

### ***A Loan to Allah Almighty: Story of Sister Marian***

*Who is he that will Loan to Allah a beautiful loan? for (Allah) will increase it manifold to his credit, and he will have (besides) a liberal Reward.057:011*

This is a true story pertaining to the above verse from the Holy Qur'an to show:

1. The importance of giving charity with sincerity.
2. The virtues that one can receive from their charity.
3. The importance of teaching your child how to conduct their life style in doing good deeds which will benefit them in this world and the hereafter.

This short story is an example to all brothers and sisters who have children to help them conduct their life style into good actions.

Sister Marjan was a very pious woman, she had one son named Faan, who was out of work for a long time; it so happened he found a job, but the pay was very small. Marjan told her son that when he received his first pay cheque, he must give her a small part of it for charity. She intended to buy some gifts for two little children, whose parents had passed away. When Faan received his first pay cheque. he gave his mother twenty dollars, saying he was sorry that he could not afford any more. Marjan told her son, it is not the amount that is important, it is the intention that counts and through your sincerity Almighty Allah (*swt*) would reward you immensely. She then went out and bought each child a pen set. She showed Faan what she bought and he really liked the pen set, so he asked his Mom if he could have one of the pen set, she told him she was sorry for the intention was to help the children with the money you took out from your first pay, and this is what Allah (*swt*) guided me to buy for them. He smiled and walked away feeling sad inside. A month later he got a better job working for a company that makes pens, as a sale representative. He was allowed to keep the pens that he wanted, and they were



really good quality pens. Faan was disappointed that his mother did not give him one of the pen set which she bought for the children, but he never regretted. He was quite happy and only wishes he could buy more things for them.

Through our good actions, Allah (swt) blessed light of peace and unity will enter into our hearts, which will enable us to receive His mercies and right guidance and this will guide us to the straight path, the path of righteousness. Allah (swt) tells us in the Holy Qur'an:

*But Allah doth call to the Home of Peace: He doth guide whom He pleaseth to a way that is straight. 010:025*

*To those who do right is a goodly (reward)- Yea, more (than in measure)! No darkness or shame shall cover their faces! they are companions of the garden; they will abide therein (for aye)! 010:026*

## THE CIRCLE OF EVIL

### Section 1

#### Section 1 - Part 1:     *Introduction-Advice to all Muslim women*

This topic is for the believers especially the women, because women are the glue of a household. A woman's task is not easy, because even in today's day and age most of the burden required to run a household rests on their shoulders.

*Seest thou not how Allah sets forth a parable? - A goodly word like a goodly tree, whose root is firmly fixed, and its branches (reach) to the heavens,- of its Lord. So Allah sets forth parables for men, in order that they may receive admonition. 014:024*

*It brings forth its fruit at all times, by the leave of its Lord. So Allah sets forth parables for men, in order that they may receive admonition. 014.025.*

Allah Almighty (*swt*) sets forth these parables for men and women in order that they may receive admonition. If we follow these examples then we are traveling in the right direction. The free will that was given to us by Allah Almighty (*swt*) can cause us to commit sins, which are the Shaitaan's (devil) formula and which will lead us right into his path. This is because his formula is a type of alcohol, and is ten times stronger than the alcohol of this world, as we observe the pain and the grief that intoxication can cause in a household, in relationships, or even car accidents we realize how destructive the addiction to alcohol can be. Many of us do not drink alcohol, or do not eat unlawful foods, but yet our actions are worse than those who drink alcohol, because we do other things that are negative such as: engaging in fraud, back-biting, lying, stealing, committing injustice, being selfish, and greedy.

These things can be considered the Shaitaan's alcohol. The addiction from taking the Shaitaan's formula is ten times worse than the addiction that results in taking

man – made alcohol. Here are some ingredients that make up Shaitaan’s alcohol: Seduction, being seductive, insidious and more. If unfortunately we happen to choose one of these ingredients to engage in, it will lead us to misery. We as parents have to set good examples in our homes. If our actions are good, then our children will follow in our footsteps, unless they become betrayed by the devil (which I will elaborate on later). By God’s will I will begin my topic with the introduction of four pious ladies who are our spiritual mothers, and three evil ladies who are also our spiritual mothers. Depending on who we choose to follow, we will receive the subsequent reward.

*Allah sets forth, for an example to the Unbelievers, the wife of Noah and the wife of Lut: they were (respectively) under two of our righteous servants, but they were false to their (husbands), and they profited nothing before Allah on their account, but were told: "Enter ye the Fire along with (others) that enter!" 066:010*

Even though these ladies husbands were righteous they did not profit from association with their husbands, instead they were told “Enter ye the fire along with others that enter!”

Now on the opposite end of the coin Allah (God) Almighty sets forth examples of four honorable women to the believers, the first one is Pharaoh’s wife.

Traditionally she is known as Asiya. For all the negative qualities that Pharaoh possessed (arrogance and wickedness) it was a great spiritual triumph for his wife to have preserved her faith, humility, and spiritual righteousness. The other three righteous women were: Mary (the mother of Jesus *owbp*, Khadija (the wife of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ *owbp*, and Fatima (the daughter of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ *owbp*). Let’s move on to look at the wife of Lahab.

In the Holy Qur’an Sura Masadd v.4 & 5, speaks of how Lahab’s wife assumed the lowly position of a firewood carrier, *His wife shall carry the (crackling) wood - As*

*fuel!- (111:004), but she will incur a twisted rope of palm – leaf fiber around her own neck. A twisted rope of palm-leaf fibre round her (own) neck! 111:005*

Why is this? She used to tie a bundle of thorns with ropes of twisted palm leaf fibers, and she would carry them about dark nights in the path which the Holy Prophet ﷺ (*owbp*) was expected to take in order to cause him injury. Little did she know she was only preparing the fire of hell for herself.

My dear sisters envy and hatred as we have learned from Lahab's wife has no stable foundation. It can come from one of the Shaitaan's formula which we spoke of earlier, and since we have such a huge responsibility (being a wife and mother) we have to be firm in our patience, faith and understanding. It is only then that we will be blessed with a spiritual insight to make our household stand on a very strong foundation. Some advices that will help achieve these three tools (as mentioned above) are found in God Almighty's formula, they are: kindness, honesty, being trustworthy, being humble, and just. It is important to know that when we choose anything from Allah's (*swt*) (God's) formula we will have to pay a small price, because we have to go through the subsequent trials, and tribulations, this is because the price for Janaat (paradise) is very expensive, while the price for hell is free.

We can achieve these tools by making room in our hearts for love, faith and trust in Allah Almighty. We must adopt the habit of loving all of his creations including his Prophets ﷺ, and his Angels. We must also love and respect the Holy Qur'an, the Bible (the old testament) and the Torah. We must not keep company with the hypocrites as this leads to the Shaitaan's formula, since their conduct is very weak and unstable. They deprive themselves of Allah Almighty's grace and his mercy, and as such they are left straying from the righteous path. As the saying goes show me your companions and I will tell you who you are. Follow the people's advice

who can lead you to peace and unity. Ignore the people's advice that leads you to anger and frustration for it is the Shaitaan's assault. The good advice will lead one to being steadfast in their faith, which will bring peace and tranquility in your home and in your life.

My dear sisters, let us do our best to follow into the footsteps of our four righteous mothers as mentioned earlier. Let us try our best to drive away the devil (as our righteous mothers did) when he tries to enter into our hearts. Our hearts are the topsoil for our body, and whatever seeds we decide to plant on it is what we will reap.

If we plant hatred in our hearts, then it is what we shall reap. If we plant righteousness then it will be beneficial for us in this world and in the hereafter.

If we have to plant a beautiful garden we will make sure to look for the best types of fruits to plant, or the most beautiful flowers. Let us beautify our hearts with kindness, and in return Allah Almighty's mercy and his light will not cause us to live in darkness.

We would never choose to plant an unpleasant smelling plant or a fruit that we did not like, or that is potentially harmful. So when the whisper of the devil comes to our minds we must treat it right away with a small prayer. Before I give this prayer let me explain how the devil's whisper works. This will be done by referring back to the metaphor of the garden. If insects got into our garden we would hurry and get some sort of spray to protect our garden from the potential damage that the insects would cause. Just like the protection we would seek from the insects this small Dua (prayer) from Sura Al-Mumenoon v. 97 & 98, will Insha-Allah (God willing) help to keep the devil away from our hearts:

*Oh Allah I seek refuge with thee from Shaitaan the cursed: And say "O my Lord! I seek refuge with Thee from the suggestions of the Evil Ones. 023: 097*

*"And I seek refuge with Thee O my Lord! lest they should come near me." (or hurt me and my family) Ameen. 023:098*

**How do we deal with evil/ negative people?**

*O ye who believe! When ye meet a force, be firm, and call Allah (God) in remembrance much (and often); that ye may prosper: 008:045*

*And obey Allah (God) and His Messenger; and fall into no disputes, lest ye lose heart and your power depart; and be patient and persevering: For Allah is with those who patiently persevere: 008:046*

*And be not like those who started from their homes insolently and to be seen of men, and to hinder (men) from the path of Allah: For Allah compasseth round about all that they do. 008:047*

**Here Evil or negative people are the bait of the Shaitaan, and therefore we should try our best to ignore them. If people speak evil of us whether it is done in our presence, or behind our backs, or they engage in evil (witchcraft) to hurt us Allah (swt) Almighty sees it all. It is not for us to take the matters into our own hands to hurt, or punish these people. Our best course of action is to seek help from Allah (swt) Almighty and in return not to engage in evil. Remember two wrongs do not make a right. Shaitaan makes things that are wrong seem pleasurable for those people who are weak in their faith. Let us pay heed to Allah's (swt) Almighty warnings in the Holy Qur'an:**

*Remember Satan made their (sinful) acts seem alluring to them, and said: "No one among men can overcome you this day, while I am near to you": But when the two forces came in sight of each other, he turned on his heels, and said: "Lo! I am clear of you; lo! I see what ye see not; Lo! I fear Allah: for Allah is strict in punishment." 008:048.*

## **Section 1 - Part 2:**

### **Advice to children-Allah's Mercies and the devil's conduct**

*O ye who believe! Avoid suspicion as much (as possible): for suspicion in some cases is a sin: And spy not on each other behind their backs. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Nay, ye would abhor it...But fear Allah: For Allah is Oft-Returning, Most Merciful. 049:012*

*They will further say: "Had we but listened or used our intelligence, we should not (now) be among the Companions of the Blazing Fire!" 067:010*

With every breath of our lives we come closer and closer to the end of our journey in this world. The higher issue of life in the hereafter is very serious, and it makes our conduct in this life very important. It is no laughing matter when the angel of death comes to us, there will be no time left for us to repent, or regret. As we know one cannot make spoiled milk fresh again after it is already spoiled. Allah Almighty explains his signs in various symbols, through parables and examples, see the Holy Qur'an Chapter 6 (Al-Anaam) verse 42 – 82. Who cannot read the Arabic in the Qur'an, should look for a copy with the English translation. These Qur'ans can be found in any bookstore. Speaking from my own experiences, through suffering we learn humility, which is the antidote to many vices, and the fountain of many virtues. If we take our suffering the wrong way such as complaining to mankind for support instead of Almighty Allah, then we become weak. This weakness is an opening for the Shaitaan to exploit us. Allah Almighty is the best to listen to complaints; it will help us receive grace and salvation.

We as women have huge responsibilities in this world. Aside from our careers we are also endowed with many other roles such as: wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend. We also have an enormous responsibility to be the best wife or mother that we can. What do I mean by saying that we have to be the best we can? We have to

avoid the road that will take us along the Shaitaan's path. I will now expand on the Shaitaan's formula which I mentioned briefly in Part 1. There are numerous things which can lead us to the Shaitaan's path, but here are five simple ones which can lead us to major destruction in our lives, they are: love of jewelry, love for money, love of worldly play and amusement, cheating, and backbiting.

With this careless attitude the foundation of our household will be weak and corrupted, and our children will always be unhappy. Unknown to the children, it is the actions of their parents that has them in such a state. Therefore, as parents we have to be very careful of how we conduct our lifestyle. If our parents or siblings are going through some type of trouble we must try to put ourselves into their shoes for a moment. If we do this we will feel their grief and sincerely want to help them, because of our ability to empathize. As to our husbands, and our children if we do not act right and set good examples in our homes as a wife, and mother the results could be potentially devastating.

Some of our husbands are very harsh in their behaviour towards us and our children. Allah Almighty orders us to take our complaints to him in our prayers and humble supplication: *Allah has indeed heard (and accepted) the statement of the woman who pleads with thee concerning her husband and carries her complaint (in prayer) to Allah: and Allah (always) hears the arguments between both sides among you: for Allah hears and sees (all things). 058:001.* If we obey Allah Almighty's rules we will be strengthened with patience and faith, for whenever someone offers their heart in their distress to Allah Almighty, He will accept their request and engrave on the seekers heart patience and faith. The Holy Qur'an states that Allah Almighty will not change someone until they make the effort to change themselves, but Allah Almighty will favor the woman who takes her complaint to Him in her distress, and He will give her husband understanding in order to change his bad



*behaviour. For each (such person) there are (angels) in succession, before and behind him: They guard him by command of Allah. Allah does not change a people's lot unless they change what is in their hearts. But when (once) Allah willeth a people's punishment, there can be no turning it back, nor will they find, besides Him, any to protect. 013:011*

**Our children's and husband's misbehaviour can also be our test, to see if we will turn to Almighty Allah for His help and guidance.**

*And We shall try you until We test those among you who strive their utmost and persevere in patience; and We shall try your reported (mettle). 047:031*

*Those who reject Allah, hinder (men) from the Path of Allah, and resist the Messenger, after Guidance has been clearly shown to them, will not injure Allah in the least, but He will make their deeds of no effect. 047:032*

**If we take our complaints to mankind, it is like adding fuel to an already blazing fire, because the Shaitaan listens very carefully to our whisperings. Then he starts to plot to expel and persecute the righteous people. As he promised Allah Almighty in the Holy Qur'an:**

*(Iblis) said: "O my Lord! because Thou hast put me in the wrong, I will make (wrong) fair-seeming to them on the earth, and I will put them all in the wrong,- 015:039*

**Also see these other verses Qur'an Chapter 15 verses 40 - 50 for they will help us with a clearer picture of what I am trying to explain.**

**These are some steps that we can take to assume a positive role model as a wife, and mother:**

- 1. We must adopt a positive attitude of a teacher. We are there to teach our children the essential lessons in life.**
- 2. Just because we have adopted the role of teacher does not mean that we**

should close ourselves off from learning. It is important for us also to learn from the behaviour of our children, and our husbands, since some of our husband's actions can also be frustrating at times.

Just to expand a little on point #2, our children's actions can help us learn lots of new things in life, both positive and negative. Someone may ask why would I mention negative? Well the answer is that our children came into this world as babies, and as babies they are considered angels. It is when they reach the age of six or seven that we may start to see some changes. From this age onwards we notice two sides to their actions, one good, and one bad. We may notice their inclination to jealousy, selfishness or wickedness, this is because the Shaitaan (devil) is now attacking them, and trying to pull them in his direction. Now this is where our role as teacher becomes vital.

Shaitaan was an outcast; he fell from jealousy and arrogance. Our parents Adam and Eve (May Allah Almighty bless them) fell because Shaitaan deceived them and they listened to him. Our spiritual brothers who are Cain and Abel, had jealousy between them which led to murder see Qur'an Chapter 5 verses 30-33. Jealousy is the key to the door of hell. It is also another opening point for the Shaitaan to make his way into our hearts and our children will be his prey.

The first thing we should teach them is about Almighty Allah (God). The second thing is how to avoid the whisper of the devil. In order to do this we must be serious with them, and get them to sit down and listen attentively to us. The first thing we should tell them is that the devil is something evil which we cannot see, he is the ruler for hell and he promised Allah Almighty that he will work hard to get whomever he can on his side. We can then take them over to the stove, turn it on and allow them to get a little close where they can feel the heat from the stove. We can then burn a small piece of paper or a piece of cloth to show them that if they

listen to the whisper of the devil the consequences will be that they will be burnt the same way the cloth or piece of paper burnt, in hell fire which he will lead us to if we listen to him. Almighty Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

*Yea, such! but - for the wrong-doers will be an evil place of (Final) Return!- 038:055*

*Hell!- they will burn therein, - an evil bed (indeed, to lie on)!- 038:056*

*Yea, such! - then shall they taste it,- a boiling fluid, and a fluid dark, murky, intensely cold!- 038:057*

The example of using the stove might seem a bit dramatic, but the reason behind it is that it is very difficult for us to believe in the unseen, so the example of the stove is the closest physical example of the negative results that can arise from listening to the devil. When the children feel the heat that emanates from the stove this will help them realize that the devil is the ruler of hell, and the fire of hell is a hundred times hotter than the fire of this world. Keeping in accordance with this idea your child might ask how come they cannot see the devil? And who is whispering to them to be bad? We can tell them that we cannot see the fire or feel the heat from the stove until we turn the stove on but that does not mean that it is not there. Well this is the same way it works with the devil. He is around us, but we cannot see him, and when we think to do something wrong or bad, like telling lies, stealing, fighting, being stubborn or disobedient etc., then this is him, the devil whispering into our minds to do these bad things. After we teach our children how to avoid the devil we have to teach them about Almighty Allah's punishment, and his kindness. We should explain to them about the existence of Allah (*swt*). Take them to a lamp and turn on the switch, then explain to them the light is how Allah's (*swt*) guidance works. If we do good and be obedient to Him; such as listen to our parents, respect our elders, be kind, don't tell lies, don't steal or fight etc. then Allah (*swt*) will bless us with His merciful light, which will lead us to His home of peace and tranquility,

but if we disobey His rules and commands, He would punish us.

*If two parties among the Believers fall into a quarrel, make ye peace between them: but if one of them transgresses beyond bounds against the other, then fight ye (all) against the one that transgresses until it complies with the command of Allah; but if it complies, then make peace between them with justice, and be fair: for Allah loves those who are fair (and just). 049:009*

*The Believers are but a single Brotherhood: So make peace and reconciliation between your two (contending) brothers; and fear Allah, that ye may receive Mercy. 049:010*

As our children grow starting from the age of 10 we may begin to notice our children becoming rude, quick – tempered, mouthy, and jealous. When we notice these things it is time for us to take action. Remember we planted this seed, and this seed has grown into a beautiful little tree. It is now time to trim the limbs off this tree that are growing in the wrong way. The limbs are young and will be easier to cut, but if we wait too long to do these, then our tree will grow more and more unruly. The limbs will become too tough to trim. When the tree is younger we could use simple hedge clippers, once the tree has grown we may have to use a chain saw to cut off the unruly limbs. If we do not train our children when they are young, then we will have a very difficult time to do so when they are older. It is now the time to tell them that they must be afraid to do wrong things, because they will upset us (their parents), and they will also get Allah Almighty upset with them. If Allah Almighty is upset with them they will not feel a sense of happiness. Now take them back to the lamp and let them take the switch off, of course it will be dark. Tell them this is how you'll be, in darkness if you disobey us, misbehave and disobey Almighty Allah (*swt*).

Another reason why we would have a difficult time training our children to

appropriate behaviour, when they are older is because instead of us struggling with one person when they are young, when they become older it is almost a struggle with two people. The first one is the young adult, and the second is the devil. When the child is younger it is easier for him or her to listen to the parent, than it is when they get older and are influenced by the devil. Children are more vulnerable for the Shaitaan to get into his clutches. The calamities of our children through the devil, as mentioned in the Holy Qur'an Chapter 2 verse 155-157.

*Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, 002:155*

*Who say, when afflicted with calamity: "To Allah We belong, and to Him is our return" 002:156*

*They are those on whom (Descend) blessings from Allah, and Mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance. 002:157*

These verses will give us great help, and also an understanding of how we can help ourselves as well as our loved ones to handle the tests from Almighty Allah.

When some people notice their children becoming rude, stubborn, disobedient, or just acting strangely they may say that it may be a phase that they are going through, while of course this is a possibility, at the same time we must not take this for granted. We must try our best to talk with them, and explain to them that it is not right to be rude or disobedient because Allah Almighty may be upset with them. The following example may be an easy way to explain this message to our children:

We can say to them if you guys saw us (your parents) walking towards fire wouldn't you try and stop us? Of course you would because we are your parents and you love us right? If we do not listen to you, and continue to walk into the fire wouldn't you be angry with us? Well these are the same feelings we get from you

when you disobey us. This will also make Almighty Allah angry, because He loves the people who love Him and He does not like to see them hurt. Allah Almighty may also punish the people who caused grief and sadness to the people that love Him, and the people that He loves.

Now I have a few questions for you children:

1. Let us go back to the scenario of the fire, say if we as parents ignored you and were burnt as a result of walking into the fire and then we came to you with our pain in order that you may help us, would this be fair to you? No it would not because you tried to stop us. Now do you see how important it is for you to be obedient to us as parents? And to be obedient to Allah Almighty when he tells us to be kind to your parents as it says in the Qur'an:

*Say: "Come, I will rehearse what Allah hath (really) prohibited you from": Join not anything as equal with Him; be good to your parents; kill not your children on a plea of want;- We provide sustenance for you and for them;- come not nigh to shameful deeds. Whether open or secret; take not life, which Allah hath made sacred, except by way of justice and law: thus doth He command you, that ye may learn wisdom. 006:151*

*And remember We took a covenant from the Children of Israel (to this effect): Worship none but Allah; treat with kindness your parents and kindred, and orphans and those in need; speak fair to the people; be steadfast in prayer; and practice regular charity. Then did ye turn back, except a few among you, and ye backslide (even now). 002:083*

### **Section 1 - Part 3:**

#### ***The signs of evil influences – An important message to all Muslim women***

It is very important for parents to make humble supplication to seek guidance, and protection from Shaitaan for themselves and their children. Allah Almighty also tells us that He will test us with several things and our children are one of them. He also says that if we seek His help during the time of calamities, we will receive His blessings and guidance. It is undeniable that our children's unruly behaviour may very well be a process of growing pains, however how do we know when we should be concerned that it is more than growing pain? If our children become extremely out of control, disrespectful, filled with hate, jealous, envious and spiteful, then these are traits that imply that these children may be in the clutches of the devil. I believe now would be a good time for that chain saw! You might wonder what this chainsaw is that I have made reference to, the chainsaw is lots of prayers, faith, patience and trust in Allah (swt) Almighty to cut the devil down, and throw him far away from our children's lives. Communication, words of wisdom, patience and words of understanding is essential.

The character traits that I have mentioned earlier are the roots of evil, which our children are now planting into their hearts, sometimes by their own will, and sometimes our children have received these traits innocently. Now you may wonder what I mean with this last statement, that our children's own will can cause them to incur these negative traits. And how could they receive them innocently? Children who act out in rage can be acting out from the example they receive from their parent's wrong conduct. Or they may have fallen into the devil's trap by being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Allah Almighty has given people the privilege of a free will, and as a result He will not stop those that choose to hurt innocent lives with weapons such as: evil eyes, evil tongue and witchcraft. But Allah Almighty will

send relief to His sincere servants who are affected by any of these weapons, through their humble prayers, and supplications. The Holy Qur'an mentioned in chapter 94 verses 1-8:

*Have We not expanded thee thy breast?-*

*And removed from thee thy burden*

*The which did gall thy back?-*

*And raised high the esteem (in which) thou (art held)?*

*So, verily, with every difficulty, there is relief:*

*Verily, with every difficulty there is relief.*

*Therefore, when thou art free (from thine immediate task), still labour hard,*

*And to thy Lord turn (all) thy attention.*

What are the signs that will help us acknowledge if our children are under the influence of this evil force (witchcraft):

1. They will appear to be loosing their memory
2. They will function like one who is deaf, dumb, and blind meaning they may appear to be in a trance.
3. They may become easily sexually excited.
4. Their behaviour will be like one who does not know right from wrong, they may make very bad judgment calls that they never made before. They may become very hard – hearted where they would loose feelings for those they once loved. Things that would usually soften their hearts like their mothers tears would make them laugh and turn away.
5. They will feel lazy, miserable, depressed, hopeless, and low in spirits, their tongues will be sharp as swords, and their words would be like an electric shock to us.
6. They will have no energy in their bodies, but they will have lots of energy to



be disrespectful. They may also have an extraordinary amount of physical strength. There may even be physical altercations between parent and child (it is in these instances that the child's strength will be noticeable).

Witchcraft is equivalent to a man – made tornado, or a monster that attacks suddenly in the home. What I mean by this is that even small mishaps in the home will sometimes culminate in a violent reaction in the child that is affected by witchcraft. They may slam the doors, break the dishes, punch holes in the walls, beat, kick or even spit at their parents. There will be no peace in the home, only corruption, worries, and troubles. Everyone will be overcome with frustration, confusion and disasters will prevail in the home. The evil spirit or spirits that have taken over the child will cause the child to behave negatively. This negativity may cause a strong reaction in the parents. It will make the parents be fearful. It will put such stress on the parents causing them to incur a state of mind where they may undertake certain negative actions:

1. If the parents take things the wrong way they may turn to evil themselves to try to counteract the problem that they are facing.
2. The parents might want to hurt the people who have turned their child into a monster (if they know who placed the witchcraft to the child).
3. The parents may lose all hope, and try to end their lives.
4. They might want to disown their children.
5. They might incur hatred in their hearts for their affected children.
6. There may be so much frustration in the home that it will affect the parents marriage. All the negativity may result in divorce.
7. The parents may incur nights with little to no sleep, and the days may feel endless.
8. The effects of the stress on the parents hearts, minds, and bodies will feel like an ever – burning fire.

**9. Our actions may become worse than the children's actions, where we will become violent, and ugly.**

**10. If the parents take the wrong way, lose their faith and patience with their child or children and turn their backs on them, ill treat them, they themselves will fall into the evil trap of the devil. If this happens the parents will be a very big loser in this world, and in the hereafter. They will cause the devil to smile, and as a result they will cause more worries and troubles on themselves than what they were experiencing with their child (or children), and it will all be due to their lack weak faith in the test and trial from Allah (swt) as mentioned in the Holy Qur'an:**

*Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, 002:155*

**A few important messages and advice to all the believing women which should be taken very seriously, is that during their monthly menstrual cycle women become more vulnerable to the attack of the Shaitaan. Many women always find themselves in a miserable state of mind during this time. This is commonly referred to as PMS (pre-menstrual syndrome) but unknown to women, it is the Shaitaan's formula that I have called SMP (Shaitaan's mischievous poison) a game of confusion, difficulties and misery. It is understood that women cannot pray during this time, but there is no excuse as to why they cannot do other Ibadat (or remembrance of Allah Almighty) As Allah Almighty mentioned in the Qur'an:**

*It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces Towards east or West; but it is righteousness- to believe in Allah and the Last Day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers; to spend of your substance, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask, and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity; to fulfil the contracts*

*which ye have made; and to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the Allah-fearing.*  
002:177

Giving in charity for Allah Almighty's pleasure by looking after your family and the poor strengthens one with patience and faith. Trust in Allah Almighty for He is the best to look after all of our affairs, and He is most merciful to the people who show mercy and exercise patience, and who are just in their conduct. To receive Allah Almighty's protection from the Shaitaan's assault just follow the footsteps of our righteous mother Mary as mentioned in the Holy Qur'an:

*Relate in the Book (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place in the East. 019:016*

*And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree: She cried (in her anguish): "Ah! would that I had died before this! would that I had been a thing forgotten and out of sight!" 019:023*

*At length she brought the (babe) to her people, carrying him (in her arms). They said: "O Mary! truly an amazing thing hast thou brought! 019:027*

*But she pointed to the babe. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?" 019:029*

*He said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah: He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet; 019:030*

*"And He hath made me blessed wheresoever I be, and hath enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live; 019:031*

Charity is a noble form of virtue, and it does not only mean to give money. Even the poorest man can give charity by lending a helping hand to someone who is in distress; standing up for justice etc.

Faith in Allah Almighty does not only come through prayers, but it comes in

many different forms of good actions. If we cannot pray during the time of our menstrual cycle then we should be in constant remembrance of Allah Almighty by focusing on the word 'Allah' when taking a deep breath, and then when breathing out say 'Hu'. This is called the Zikr of Allah Almighty (remembrance). For Allah Almighty has said that His Zikr is the greatest thing in life without doubt.

*Recite what is sent of the Book by inspiration to thee, and establish regular Prayer: for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds; and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt. And Allah knows the (deeds) that ye do. 029:045*

There is no excuse not to remember Allah Almighty during your menstrual cycle, for Zikr is the easiest form of worshipping Allah Almighty. It will keep the Shaitaan away and it will strengthen the mind of heedlessness. We have free unlimited time to talk to Allah Almighty by many ways, one of them is to simply talk to Him and tell Him of our complaints.

## **Section 1 - Part 4:**

### ***The symptoms from the influences of evil eyes, evil tongue and witchcraft***

Allah is one; He is the source and centre of all affairs. We must work in discipline harmony, and unity to put down evil. The hereafter is when personal responsibility will be enforced. For the true and sincere servant of Allah (*swt*) Almighty there will always be the highest bliss; and for those who defy Allah's laws there will be the deepest enduring misery. Which will men choose?

When conflict becomes inevitable in our lives by this evil disease, we should fight it with constant patience and prayers. If we loose our patience and faith we will become like a zombie, alive but dead. To evil we must put up a strong and stiff resistance, we must never give up. We must fight with all our strength, just like a soldier at war. Instead of guns, our ammunition will be patience, faith, and understanding. As destructive as it may be evil is weakness, and is nothing but a compound of cowardice, greed, jealousy and corruption. When we show faith, and mercy to our loved ones who may be under the influence of this corruption, Allah Almighty will fill our hearts with peace, and mercy will rejoice over us. Without mercy our hearts will become dull and black like ashes from a flame.

I will give an example of how easily evil can affect our children, and how we can help them and ourselves to cope with the evil influences. If we plant a fruit tree and when our tree starts to bear fruit when all of a sudden bugs start to destroy our fruits what would we do? Would we turn our backs on our tree? Or would we hurry up and get some chemical to spray our tree so that we can get rid of the bugs that are destroying our fruits and possibly our tree? This is also an example for us. The tree and the fruits can both be destroyed by evil; the same goes for ourselves and our children if we do not put up a strong fight with prayers and supplications. By the will of Almighty Allah (*swt*) at the end of my discussion I will give a few prayers

that will help to get rid of the evil sickness and its influences.

The evil of witchcraft, evil eyes, and evil tongues is similar to the devastating disease of cancer, Allah forbids if one's loved ones should fall into the illness of cancer. I am sure we will never turn our backs on them. Well we should have this same patience and mercy if someone we love has fallen into an illness caused by witchcraft. There are many doctors in the world who can tell if someone is sick, what they are sick with, and prescribe medications to relieve their pain and sufferings. There are not many people who can tell, however, when someone is suffering from a spiritual sickness, so this is why I am placing emphasis on this topic, and how people can look after their loved ones who are victims of this spiritual illness (the infliction of evil).

I will now try to explain the state of mind that the victim from the evil tongue, evil eyes and witchcraft will be in. Those who fall into this dramatic illness, their lives will be very devastating for them. They will feel as if they are in a trance and semi-conscious. Due to this state they will not respond to things that are happening in the world, around them, or even to them. In this state of mind they will be very frightened, vulnerable, and insecure. Some of their actions can be extremely annoying. They may appear to be discontented, dissatisfied, moody, grumpy, sulky, disorganized, sullen, and sharp tempered.

It is very hard for them, and for the people in their lives who have to deal every day with them. Faith, prayers, and patience are the cure for this illness. In my opinion this disease of witchcraft leaves lots of innocent people senseless, and it destroys lots of relationships, and marriages. It would be very hard for whoever is a victim of this disease to maintain a relationship, due to their fears and insecurity. They will feel as if they are waking from a very disturbing dream it will be very hard for them to overcome their fears, and due to this they will have no trust in

themselves, or in anyone else.

How can we help them with this fear and this insecurity, let us turn to the example of the fruit tree. Let us say that the tree that we planted was growing beautifully, and all of a sudden a storm came and damaged it by tearing the limbs off, or uprooting it, what is the first step that we would take? We would trim the damaged limbs off, fix the root back to its place, and place topsoil, and water it. In other words we would do whatever it takes to help our tree strive again, well this is the same thing we should do for our loved ones. We have to give them lots of love, words of wisdom, advice and be patient with them. Shower them with small gifts of encouragement when they do something good, (like trying to improve their behaviour). We have to constantly pray on them and for them, and also encourage them to pray as well. We also have to constantly advise them, even if it seems like we are repeating ourselves a thousand times, and even if it seems as if they are ignoring you a thousand times. Just do not give up on them. For Allah (swt) Almighty is with those people who are patient.

*And those who strive in Our (cause),- We will certainly guide them to our Paths: For verily Allah is with those who do right. 029:069*

The victim who is recovering from this evil infliction, for them it will be as if they are waking up from a very long sleep, a new life will begin for them. At times they will be in a daze, when you observe them in this state of mind leave them alone. At times normal life experiences that they should have already observed will seem amazing to them. Even though this may appear silly to us, we should not insult them, because we do not know the great ordeal that they are going through in their lives. They will also have lots of nightmares, and when they come to us regarding their nightmares, we must have patience, and comfort them.

We must realize that they will have a very hard struggle to put their lives back

together. I am not exaggerating, and this should not be taken lightly. The aftershock from an earthquake usually causes more damage than the earthquake itself. Waking up from an evil trance can cause the victim to go into a depression. They will be very confused, and have many unanswered questions. Life will be very hard for them to deal with, especially for the ones who do not pray. The victims who are very active in their prayers, Allah (swt) Almighty will help them more quickly with understanding wisdom and knowledge of how to cope with life Insha-Allah. For those who do not pray, but believe in Allah (swt) Almighty, they are the ones who are most likely to fall into a depression, because they would not have the tools to help them fight their battle. These tools are: wisdom, understanding, faith, patience, and courage. These tools will eventually be given to them by Allah Almighty but it may be a slower process than the victims who pray.

The victims will be very difficult to deal with, and very difficult to understand. They will also be very fragile since they will not have any trust, or confidence in themselves, or others. This may also apply to those who pray. Anyone who falls into this illness should not be ashamed of the actions that the evil may have caused them to do. It is not their faults, but after they are free from the clutches of the evil and they decide to return back to their past lives then it may become their own fault. Sometimes the negativity from their past lives can be difficult to overcome, because the evil led them to some form of addiction such as: drugs, alcohol, gambling, lying, or sexual intercourse. Whoever has pushed them into evil will have to answer to Almighty Allah.

*O ye who believe! When ye meet a force, be firm, and call Allah in remembrance much (and often); that ye may prosper: 008:045*



## **Section 1 - Part 10: From darkness to light**

Glory to Allah (swt) (God), the Lord of honour and power! (He is free) from what they ascribe (to him), and peace on the Apostles and peace and thanks to Allah (swt) (God), the Lord and cherisher of the world. Allah (swt) (God) gave man the privilege of a free will, it is man's duty to keep it pure and attain salvation, contaminate it with sin or reach perdition.

*A. L. R. A Book which We have revealed unto thee, in order that thou mightest lead mankind out of the depths of darkness into light - by the leave of their Lord - to the Way of (Him) the Exalted in power, worthy of all praise!- 014:001*

Allah (swt) (God) is sending us a very important message here, if we should become trapped in the devil's clutches as our parents (Adam and Eve) did, and we follow their pattern, by observing sincere repentance then we will be able to get out from the darkness of sin. There is one very important way in which will help us obtain Allah's (God) forgiveness.

If we willfully hurt someone's feelings we should first ask them forgiveness, before seeking Allah's (swt) forgiveness.

*Those who annoy Allah and His Messenger - Allah has cursed them in this World and in the Hereafter, and has prepared for them a humiliating Punishment. 033:057*

*And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly bear (on themselves) a calumny and a glaring sin.033:058*

Indeed Allah (swt) (God) is very strict in His warnings. I will give an example from this short story of the importance of asking forgiveness from those you have hurt, before repenting to Allah (swt) (God).

### **Repentance and Amendment**

There was once a very kind and gentle sister named Tadora. She had three

envious brothers. These brothers had in their poisoned minds that their little sister would deprive them of things since she was the only daughter. (This is the work of the devil).

They were jealous of her, and they tormented her daily. One day the brothers invited her to join them for a spin on their new boat; she was very happy and readily accepted. As they continued driving in the ocean Tadira noticed they were very far out and the water was getting very rough. She began to feel afraid; she said "I think we should go back." They told her to shut up and asked her why she was afraid of the ocean? They said to her "You put up with much worse from us and you survive. If the boat should sink, do you think you could survive?" She said "That is up to Allah (*swt*) (God) to decide." She now started to feel that her brothers were up to some sort of mischief, and so she said to them "Put fear into your hearts for the punishment of Allah (*swt*) (God) and seek His forgiveness for all your wrong doings." They told her that they prayed everyday like her and that they do seek Allah's (*swt*) forgiveness. She then said "But you have never asked for my forgiveness for all the grief and wrong that you have done to me; Allah (*swt*) (God) will never forgive or answer your prayers until you seek forgiveness from the people that you hurt. Even though I was never wrong to you, I always sought forgiveness from all of you, before seeking forgiveness from Allah (*swt*) (God). This is the main reason why Allah (*swt*) (God) is guiding and giving me strength to cope patiently through all the oppression that you have all caused me." They laughed at her and said "Okay let's see if you are right about what you just said. If you are right, then we will ask you forgiveness." They then lifted her and threw her into the ocean. She shouted at them "Repent now before it is too late!" They ignored her and turned the boat around and said "We are safe in the boat." She shouted at them to come back for her, but they kept their faces straight and headed for the shore. She shouted

again “Remember what goes around comes around! Don’t you think the same way that you threw me into this ocean that Allah (*swt*) (God) can do the same to you?” They thought for a minute and then answered “We have done a lot of wrong to you, and nothing has ever happened to us. What makes you think it will happen now?” She replied “Everything has its limit and you are over stepping yours. If you pull me out of the water now, and seek Allah’s (*swt*) (God) forgiveness and mine as well, He will forgive you. The eldest brother shouted “Enough of this!” He turned the boat and headed full speed towards her, with the intention of startling her. He laughed mockingly and sped away. Shortly after another boat came by and rescued her. As they were heading towards the shore, they saw a boat overturned in the water. As they approached the boat Tadira recognized it was her brother’s boat, but no one was around. They searched around the boat for a while but didn’t see anyone, so they continued heading for shore. A little further up, Tadira saw her three brothers hanging onto a floating log, and she heard them shouting! O Allah (*swt*) (God) forgive us, we were indeed wrong. She asked the driver to rescue them. As they got closer Tadira’s younger brother saw her, and he said “O! My sister, please forgive me for I was indeed wrong to you.” She grabbed hold of his arm and pulled him safely into the boat. Then she tried to rescue her other two brothers, but at that very instant a huge wave came and crashed over them. They were nowhere to be seen. She cried out for them and searched the area but failed to find them. By Allah’s (*swt*) grace, only the one that sought her forgiveness was saved.

The lessons and the examples from this short story:

1. We manage to grasp the understanding of evil scheming and plotting. Also ungratefulness has no good ending.
2. The importance of seeking forgiveness from those that we have hurt, before seeking Allah (*swt*) (God) forgiveness.

3. The pain and anguish that envy and jealousy can cause.

4. How goodness always prevails over evil.

These three brothers were very arrogant and cruel to their kind hearted sister. The great root of evil is hate, arrogance, and disloyalty. It leads to ill conduct and therefore should be treated with patience, wisdom, and understanding. As Allah (swt) (God) tells us in the Holy Qur'an 004:034

*Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has given the one more (strength) than the other, and because they support them from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient, and guard in (the husband's) absence what Allah would have them guard. As to those women on whose part ye fear disloyalty and ill-conduct, admonish them (first), (Next), refuse to share their beds, (And last) beat them (lightly); but if they return to obedience, seek not against them Means (of annoyance): For Allah is Most High, great (above you all).*

Mentioned also in Chapter 64 verse 14:

*O ye who believe! Truly, among your wives and your children are (some that are) enemies to yourselves: so beware of them! But if ye forgive and overlook, and cover up (their faults), verily Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.*

Why is it so important for men to take these three steps against their disloyal and unfaithful wives?

1. Admonish them
2. Refuse to share their bed
3. Beat them (lightly)
4. Not forgetting the warning from Chapter 64 verse 14: To beware of them.

These steps should be taken to discipline the wife in order to change her behaviour. The husband should try to help his wife to come out from darkness and enter into spiritual light. We can see how merciful Allah (swt) (God) is, He did not

order drastic actions, or order cruel actions like some men take against their wives in situations of disloyalty.

(Indeed two wrong does not make a right).

Love means devotion, loyalty, and duty, if the men act right and his wife listens to him, and changes her indecent behaviour, then his reward will be very fruitful for him, his kith and kin in this world and the hereafter.

A man becomes a sinner if he tries to cover his wife's faults, and is unjust to people who try to warn him, or who try to stop the sins from his wife's actions from spreading, for these sins would bring shame and corruption to the husband, wife, and their respective families. For tumult and oppression are worse than slaughter (*Chapter 2 Verse 191*). To oppress people through injustice, cause pain and grief, Allah (*swt*) (God) tells us in *Chapter 17 verse 9: Verily this Qur'an doth guide to that which is most right (or stable), and giveth the Glad Tidings to the Believers who work deeds of righteousness, that they shall have a magnificent reward;*

As I understand, righteousness can be achieved by fighting against evil and not for it. Fighting to cover up one's evil actions such as: oppression and injustice to the people who are trying to save you from humiliation, is deliberately ungrateful, and an unjust life has no stability. The relationship between a husband and wife that has no trust and jealousy would only lead to conflict and corruption. If one of them does not take control and enforce good conduct, then the conduct in their lives will be filled with conflict. These non-stop feuds may end up destroying innocent people's lives.

To say that you love someone and in trying to please that person, by causing injustice to others, your love is fraudulent, it is not love but selfishness.

Allah (*swt*) (God) tells us in *Chapter 66 verse 6:*

*O ye who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is Men*

*and Stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who flinch not (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allah, but do (precisely) what they are commanded. 066:006*

We are told to carefully guard not only our own conduct, but the conduct of our families, and of all who are near and dear to us, and if we fail to do so through our unselfish love for them, then we are false in our love for them. This little parable may help one to see my points clearly Insha Allah.

If someone (shaitaan) lights a man's house on fire and his wife is trapped in the fire, and he is fully aware of this fact but he totally ignores it, and the fire starts to get out of control and people begin to notice it and they alert him but he begins to fight with them after they have alerted him, then how can he claims to say that he loves his wife? Clearly it is not sincere love.

The meaning here is the wife became trapped into the devil's clutches and the husband did nothing to prevent it, or to pull her out. The husband's wrong actions only added fuel to an already blazing fire which is now out of control. In situations like this there will always be conflict and feud in one's family, because of the man's wrong judgments and of his conduct, he will always be in a rage and haste, as they say; The smoke from a flame is sometimes worse than the flame itself. Living with an unjust and dishonest wife is like living in a ball of thick black smoke, imagine a little smoke from a single cigarette and the harm it does to you. For sure this is certainly not healthy and you would always be in frustration and anger. It does not matter how much wealth and position you have, or how much you pray, or how much good deeds you do, nothing will bring happiness to your mind, there will be no peace or unity in your home and amongst your kith and kin, until you exercise justice.

*No kind of calamity can occur, except by the leave of Allah: and if any one believes in*

*Allah, (Allah) guides his heart (aright): for Allah knows all things. 064:011*

**Our own conduct of wrongdoings and injustice can cause us and other innocent people a mountain high of pain and grief, since every action have its own inevitable consequences.**

**Sincere love for Allah (*swt*) (God) and strong fear for His punishment is the highest motive of our conduct, for it leads us to good and sincere actions in this life. We will be able to see clearly any wrong actions that are taking place in our homes and we will be able to act with justice before things get out of control, when we are frustrated and miserable we start to fight and blame everyone around us for our mistakes and wrong judgment.**

**We fail in our duty to Allah (*swt*) (God) if we tolerate wrong regardless of who it is or allowing it to run rampage, when we could have prevented it. Our wrong conduct can easily bring the consequences of humiliation, sorrow, persecution, oppression, wickedness, betrayal, arrogance and evil. We not only become an enemy to ourselves but also to all those who we love. Even prayers and giving charity will not help us here. What will help us is making amendments and repentance, if you do not do this you will always be in utter despair and misery, and you will have no one else to blame but yourself.**

**Our worst enemy is within ourselves. Misery, selfish ways and covetousness, leads to envy, and jealousy. Our actions and our conduct from these categories will cause us to live an evil and unjust life. This will not only bring suffering upon ourselves, but suffering to those who we try to inflict pain and grief on. Trying to destroy someone's status that Allah (*swt*) (God) put them in is nothing more than envy. Our actions here are false.**

**Allah (*swt*) (God) can turn our weaknesses into strength if we make amends and repent sincerely from our hearts. This will lead us to righteous virtues which will**

then lead us to good, success and bliss.

*To those who believe and do deeds of righteousness hath Allah promised forgiveness and a great reward. 005:009*

*Those who reject faith and deny our signs will be companions of Hell-fire. 005:010*

*O ye who believe! Turn to Allah with sincere repentance: In the hope that your Lord will remove from you your ills and admit you to Gardens beneath which Rivers flow,- the Day that Allah will not permit to be humiliated the Prophet and those who believe with him. Their Light will run forward before them and by their right hands, while they say, "Our Lord! Perfect our Light for us, and grant us Forgiveness: for Thou hast power over all things."066:008.*

**It is fraudulent to live with hate and dishonesty; it leads to evil and wicked plots. Secret counsels are only (inspired) by the Evil One, in order that he may cause grief to the Believers; but he cannot harm them in the least, except as Allah permits; and on Allah let the Believers put their trust.058:010.**

**Our good actions are but vain, we cannot live a dual life (good and evil) for then we make ourselves hypocrites.**

**See Qur'an: 063:001-011 & 004-142.**

*It is mentioned in Al-Qur'an 009:023: O ye who believe! take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love infidelity above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong.*

**One may ask What if they love both faith and infidelity. Then their good and bad actions make them fall under the category of hypocrites, and therefore we are not to keep close with them until they repent and purify themselves from sin.**

**If we have a member in our family who sadly falls into this category of adultery, regardless of how much we love them, we cannot support them in their wrongful conduct. Our love will not do them any justice but it will give them the**



encouragement to plunge deeper and deeper into their evil habits. We can also become spiritually blind by keeping company with them. They are fire and the smoke from a fire which can cause blindness, then we become like them or worse. A blind man cannot lead someone to their destination so therefore the amount of confusion they have in their lives would be equivalent to the height of a mountain. Allah (swt) (God) would smoothly distance the one who was sincerely trying to stand up for justice in the corrupted family.

There are Angels in succession to guard each person by Allah's (swt) commands; it is not too late to get Allah's (swt) protection from the shaitaan's way. Make the effort to seek forgiveness from Allah (swt) and you certainly will receive His protection. *Allah does not change a people's lot unless they change what is in their hearts. 013:011*

Consider these few lessons seriously:

1. Pay attention to those things that are good, remove those that are evil. *And establish regular prayers at the two ends of the day and at the approaches of the night: For those things, that are good remove those that are evil: Be that the word of remembrance to those who remember (their Lord): 011:114*

2. Remember the words of advice from those who are righteous.

3. Keep company with the people who sincerely obey Allah (swt) (God) and His Apostles.

*All who obey Allah and the messenger are in the company of those on whom is the Grace of Allah,- of the prophets (who teach), the sincere (lovers of Truth), the witnesses (who testify), and the Righteous (who do good): Ah! what a beautiful fellowship! 004:069*

4. Keep together in your noble brotherhood: share its joy and sorrow with loving support, strive and fight with firm faith against evil, exercise kindness, patience

and mercy, for this life is short while the hereafter is eternal.

5. **Protect yourself and your loved ones against hypocrites. Keep away from those people whose very look reminds you of the hell-fire, or pain and grief.**
6. **Give respect to the people whose looks reminds you of Paradise and whose looks reflects good and sincere actions. Allah (swt) (God) said: *Then those who believe in Allah, and hold fast to Him,- soon will He admit them to mercy and grace from Himself, and guide them to Himself by a straight way. 004:175.***
7. **Women must hold their honour and dignity in a very respectful way which will be pleasing to Allah (swt) (God), if they make a dazzling display of themselves and of their beauty, then their conduct will be displeasing to Allah (swt) (God) and very pleasing to the Shaitaan.**

*If ye loan to Allah, a beautiful loan, He will double it to your (credit), and He will grant you Forgiveness: for Allah is most Ready to appreciate (service), Most Forbearing, - 064:017.*

**Our loan to Allah (swt) (God) means love, respectful behaviour and being ready to serve justice by helping others in their distress, being kind, and being just to your kith and kin and your neighbours.**

**O! Allah (swt) (God), in Thee we put our Trust and to Thee we turn in repentance. *Inna Allaha yuhibbu almuqsiteena Allah loves those who are just. Allah (swt) is most merciful to the people who show mercy. Ameen.***

## THE CIRCLE OF EVIL

### SECTION 2

#### Section 2 - Part 1:

#### *A faithful servant of Allah (swt) caught off guard in the devil's web.*

This is a story of a faithful and sincere servant of Allah (swt) Almighty who named Umra and who got caught off-guard into the devil's conduct of witchcraft for just seven days. Even though she repented right after she realized that she got trapped through the influences of evil into becoming his (Shaitaan) slave, she still suffered for fourteen long years, as the saying goes: What goes around do comes around, whether it is good or bad, both has their inevitable consequences, no doubt about it.

After Umra's great ordeal, she seriously took these two verses from the Holy Qur'an to make the foundation of her life style.

*Say: Shall I give you glad tidings of things Far better than those? For the righteous are Gardens in nearness to their Lord, with rivers flowing beneath; therein is their eternal home; with companions pure (and holy); and the good pleasure of Allah. For in Allah's sight are (all) His servants,- 003:015*

*There is no god but He: That is the witness of Allah, His angels, and those endued with knowledge, standing firm on justice. There is no god but He, the Exalted in Power, the Wise. 003:018*

Alhamdu-Lillah so far she has been a very strong soldier of Islam. She managed to triumph over many battles from the evil force of witch craft, evil eyes and evil tongue.

Here is her true story with her first battle with the evil force from witchcraft.

Umra was a beautiful young girl and a very God fearing person who came from a

very poor family. She got married in 1973 to a fine handsome young man, and moved away very far from her parents. Her husband Deen worked in a small town also very far from his parent's home. They loved each other very much and being newly married, they didn't want to be apart from each other. They decided to rent a place close to where Deen worked, but the cost to rent was too high and they could not afford it. One day Deen met an old class mate by the name of Mezan, and they started talking. He mentioned his dilemma to her and she told him that she have a room under her house which she would gladly rent to him for a very reasonable price. He was very happy and after discussing it with his wife

Umra, they agreed to rent the room. So Deen and Umra moved in to their new room, it was very small with one bedroom and a small cooking area, but they were happy. Things were going fine for a period of time, and then Mezan started to show her true colors. She would provoke and torment Umra at every opportunity. Mezan would set up people to terrorize Umra when Deen goes to work at night. She even went to the extreme of seeking evil means to separate them, causing Deen and Umra to fight. Unknowing to Deen and Umra, Mezan had a crush on Deen since they were in school. Mezan husband was a very old man and she was not happy with him and thought that since Deen was living below her, it was a good opportunity to get her desire. Umra's neighbor, Carmen told Umra that Mezan was doing witchcraft to separate them, because she wanted Deen for herself. Umra confronted Mezan and asked her if this was true. Mezan said it is true for she knew him before Umra and she would show her that she would win his heart over. Umra told Mezan that goodness always prevails over evil, and if in the sight of Almighty Allah (*swt*) she is a good person, then she will be the winner. The next day Carmen told Umra, that she can take her to someone who is a witchcraft doctor, who would give her something which would make Mezan go crazy. Umra told Carmen that she does not believe in

evil rituals and she would never turn to it for she is afraid of the punishment from Allah (swt) Almighty. Carmen insisted that she have to fight fire with fire, which is the only way for her to have peace, still Umra refused her offer. Carmen never liked Umra because she was a Muslim and a very God fearing and dedicated person to her religion. She wanted to steer Umra away from Islam and to join her in her evil worshipping, since she was involved in performing witchcraft. Now she became angry because Umra would not pay heed to her advice. One day Mezan tormented Umra very badly, it was unbearable and Umra started to cry bitterly in her prayer and in her supplication to Allah (swt) Almighty. After finishing her prayer, Umra noticed Carmen standing at her door with two blue candles in her hand. (*Observe how the Shaitaan never gives up with a believer*).

She told Umra that she witnessed everything, and asked her how much more torment she could tolerate. She continued to sweet talk Umra with words of honey. (*This is how evil people operate, sly and smooth tongue, they even shed crocodile tears to draw someone onto their evil clutches*).

Carmen told Umra all she had to do was light the candles for seven days and do some rituals over them, which would result in Mezan's husband giving her a good beating? This caught Umra's attention, for she wanted to see Mezan pay for all the torment she put her through, so she finally agreed (*Carmen caught Umra at a time when she was weak and vulnerable, that she had forgotten that this was the work of the devil*).

Umra started the procedure with the candles. Through the witchcraft that Mezan was also involved in, she happened to find out what Umra was up to, which sent her into a deep rage. She waited for the seven days which Umra had to finish and with plans of her own. That evening after Deen left for work, Mezan and her husband hired three men to rob and beat Umra. (*Point to observe; Allah (swt) Almighty do*

*protect and guide His faithful servants, who gets caught off guard into the devil's clutches*). Umra was feeling very restless and suspected that something bad was going to happen to them, so she went over to Carmen's house to stay there. *(From the mouth of one tiger to another)*. She asked Carmen's husband Harold (who liked Deen very much) to go to Deen's workplace to see if he was okay, and asked to accompany Deen home after work. He agreed and left when it was close to the time when Deen finished working. Boy was he in for a big surprise! As he approached the gates of Deen's workplace, there was a bushy area, a truck pass by and its lights shone in the direction of the bush, and he saw some people with axes and knives hiding in the bushes. He pretended not to see anything and proceeded to the gate and spoke with the security guards who agreed to escort Deen and himself home. Deen then picked up Umra and went home. About one hour later, all of a sudden they heard slashing at their door and window. Umra and Deen started yelling for help, at the same time a police officer was driving by. The officer stopped after he saw the commotion and he witnessed the whole scene since he was waiting for backup. Just as the door broke down and the intruders entered, so did the police who arrested them all including the landlord. It was a night to remember, a night of terror and horror. After this terrifying and dreadful experience, Umra realized that this evil backfired which almost caused the lives of her and her husband. Umra said, "What a dreadful and waste of life it would have been.

Umra bow her head in shame and repentance to Almighty Allah (*swt*) and thank Him for several things:

1. *She was grateful that the evil backfired, because it helped her with the understanding of how evil works, and the dangers of it, which she wouldn't wish to happen to her worst enemy.*
2. *She was also grateful that no harm came to Mezan, for the guilt of knowing*

*that she hurt a human being, especially by evil means would suffocate her for the rest of her life.*

3. *She was grateful that Almighty Allah (swt) was watching over her, with true guidance of His inspiration and protection. (Indeed Almighty Allah (swt) is most Merciful and Kind to His sincere servants).*
4. *She was also grateful that Almighty Allah (swt) rescued her from becoming a slave for shaitaan (devil), and was able to repent before this evil disease could spread on her heart and cause her spiritual blindness.*
5. *She was also grateful that Almighty Allah (swt) not only protected her, but made her go through this ordeal, as a lesson to her, and to make her stay very far away from evil and to be able to warn others as well, for evil does exist.*

*Allah (swt) says in the Holy Qur'an:*

*Their hearts toying as with trifles. The wrong-doers conceal their private counsels, (saying), "Is this (one) more than a man like yourselves? Will ye go to witchcraft with your eyes open?" 021:003*

I am a true and very close friend to Umra, like her shadow (that's how close we are), I can tell you for sure, Almighty Allah (swt) never stopped giving her tests of thrilling exercises to keep her in constant remembrance of Him. From that one mistake that Umra made, even though she was tricked into it, she suffered a great deal of grief, pain and anguish.

After that ordeal, Deen quit his job and moved away to live with his in-laws, they were blessed with two loving children, who later fell as victims to this evil sickness, all the sufferings she went through with Mezan, it was just the smoke from the fire. It was the beginning to a fire which constantly burned for thirteen years. But due to Umra's strong and sincere love for Almighty Allah (swt), she was able to grasp the faith, wisdom, knowledge, patience and understanding to hold onto her family

under the protection of Almighty Allah (*swt*). It wasn't an easy task for Umra to hold onto her family, since several things happened at the same time in her life.

Umra's son and daughter who are dearer to her than her own life, they were losing their minds to a point where they were not themselves, they were trapped in the devil's clutches through witchcraft, and they were acting as two different people who hated Umra, and wanted to see her suffer. They were like two bulls charging to a piece of red cloth. Umra went into a deep depression, her mind completely turned from her husband and her two children, they were like complete strangers to her, but she never made them feel that way. She always took her complains to Almighty Allah (*swt*), she would bow her head down in prayers for hours, crying and pleading to Almighty Allah (*swt*) for His forgiveness and His help. She never went outside her home, nor did she know what day it was, or if it was day or night, she could not sleep, her eyes were swollen from crying, her brain was working constantly every day and night to build a strong shield of protection to keep herself and family close together under Almighty Allah's (*swt*) protection. She stood strong, facing all the conflict and confusion this evil weapon that was trying to cripple, crush and butcher her life (through her loved ones). Despite all of this she never failed to give them all the love and support they needed to get out from the devil's clutches. She was very brave, courageous and determined to regain her love for her family and win back their love for her. Umra's fingers were chopped, her feet were smashed, and her head was partially scalped, her own relatives beat her up several times and she never yet turned her back from her prayers. She never looked for sympathy or attention from her husband or her children, but rather gave them her undivided love and attention. She was going almost blind from crying, her eyes were never out of tears, she use to cover it up with smiles so her family wouldn't see her grief. Despite her condition she would not lay in bed. Due to her extraordinary strength



and her sincere dedication to Almighty Allah (*swt*), she was blessed with the five tools as her weapon to save herself and her family from the devil's clutches and became very successful and victorious, Praises and thanks be to Almighty Allah (*swt*). The tools were patience, strength, courage, wisdom and understanding. Umra said, all along her grief and sorrow, Almighty Allah (*swt*) was very Merciful and kind to her and her family; for after every calamity that she faced, there was ease and comfort along with it. Like ice cool water to quench one's thirst on a very hot and sunny day. She also said, as much as she suffered, her family suffered a great deal more.

Just imagine to yourself, it took Umra fourteen years to wash the devil's stain off her hands, how long will it take for those people who inflict the harm on others by means of evil. The God fearing people, who were subject to such sufferings, will for sure receive Almighty Allah's (*swt*) love, protection, comfort and ease in this world and the hereafter, but the evil doers will not get any help in this world or in the hereafter, their destination will be the fire of hell. They may feel joyful over the grief they cause on innocent people's lives; they themselves are suffering twice as much. They do not get any ease and comfort to their sufferings, so they are always bitter and miserable, ugliness will cover up any beauty in their face, and they will get uglier.

For the righteous and the God fearing people, beauty will cover up any ugliness; they will get more beautiful, like the shining full moon. Allah (*swt*) is the Greatest.

## **Section 2 - Part 2: *The rude awakening***

*It is He Who has sent amongst the Unlettered a messenger from among themselves, to rehearse to them His Signs, to sanctify them, and to instruct them in Scripture and Wisdom,- although they had been, before, in manifest error;- 062:002*

*As well as (to confer all these benefits upon) others of them, who have not already joined them: And He is exalted in Might, Wise. 062:003*

*Such is the Bounty of Allah, which He bestows on whom He will: and Allah is the Lord of the highest bounty. 062:004*

Allah (swt) Almighty blesses some with the gift of spiritual insight, and then there are those who are spiritually blind.

Rafana and Namera were neighbors and very good friends. Namera had three children while Rafana was barren. Namera had lots of fruit trees in her yard which were all filled with fruits, but there was one tree among the lot which did not produce any fruits. She would condemn this tree and rebuke it of being barren like Rafana; she would even say this in the presence of Rafana, totally disrespecting her feelings. Rafana would feel hurt and upset at such remarks, but never said anything to Namera, for she valued and respected their friendship dearly.

Namera also had a beautiful pond in her backyard, which had a constant supply of fresh black water leading from a nearby canal. Her husband built a bridge to cross over to the canal, and just beside the bridge was this tree which Namera hated.

As much as the tree was a nuisance to Namera, it was also very useful to her. Not in the form of bearing fruits, but it was providing cool shade on the bridge where she

enjoyed doing her laundry. She was so obsessive over this tree not bearing any fruits; that she was totally blind to the goodness in it. She mentioned to her husband (Abdul) that she would like to get rid of this tree for it is useless. He was surprised at her request; he knew that she did not like the tree, but he never believed that she hated it this much, so as to get rid of it. He tried to talk her out of it by explaining that it is such a beautiful tree, and it provided cool shade over the bridge for her when she has to do her laundry, but she totally ignored him and insisted on getting rid of it. Abdul, who was a faithful husband, and who have great love for her, he always liked to please her, and so he gathered a few of his friends to help him cut the tree down. During the process of cutting down the tree, his heart went deep into grief, firstly for the tree and secondly for the blindness and stubbornness of his wife. He prayed, O! my Lord, expand my breast, make my task easy for me, remove the impediment from my speech so that my wife may understand what I say.

A few days later after the tree was gone, Namera was very unhappy and miserable; Abdul asked her, “What is the matter with you now? You should be happy for I have granted you your request, the tree is gone now.” She started to cry saying that she’d been having terrible headaches from the scorching sun after doing her laundry, and she would really like him to build a shed over the bridge for her. He told her, “Not until you go into repentance to Allah (*swt*) Almighty and go over to Rafana and apologize to her, for hurting her feelings. You were ungrateful and blind to the goodness and favours of Allah (*swt*) Almighty; you despise that tree, even though it was useful to you. Allah (*swt*) Almighty created everything, including that tree, and you also hurt the feelings of your friend Rafana by taunting the tree, using her name in her presence as well, which is wrong. If you promise me that you will fulfill your duties to Allah (*swt*) Almighty and seek His forgiveness, only then I

will build a shed for you, I do not want to pay the consequences for your mistakes in life.” She promised to fulfill his wish, but it was not her intention to fulfill her promise to him; it was mere lip service to get him to build the shed for her. Abdul waited to see if she was making any effort to repent, she kept on begging him to build the shed, and he kept on ignoring her, since he didn’t see she was making any effort to repent for her wrong doings as she promised. One day there was a very severe storm which completely destroyed the bridge. Now she was without the use of the bridge which made her daily tasks much harder. Abdul said to her, “This is the consequence of failing to fulfill your promise of seeking Allah’s (swt) Almighty forgiveness and Rafana’s as well; now you lost everything. It is indeed a lesson from Allah (swt) Almighty.” Namera said, “I am sure it is a lesson for you, for failing to build me a shed, now you have to rebuild the bridge and at the same time you will build me a shed.” Abdul realized that he wasn’t going to get through to her heart, to make her repent for her wrong doings. He shook his head and felt pity for her over her blindness and decided to rebuild the bridge and also built the shed for her. In the process of doing the repairs, she came by and started laughing very loudly saying, “I was not wrong in the least, the bridge was destroyed for a reason, and that reason is for you to build my shed.”

He told her, “Even if the moon came down just above you, you will not see your mistakes in life, because you are heartless and blind towards the spiritual way of life.” (The kindness of Allah swt and His signs).

She was very annoyed; she grabbed hold of a piece of wood and threw it at him. In reaction, he jumped into the pond, landed on a log from the same tree that he cut down, punctured his heart and died shortly after.

Allah (swt) Almighty says in the Holy Qur’an:

*And who does more wrong than one to whom are recited the Signs of his Lord, and*

*who then turns away therefrom? Verily from those who transgress We shall exact (due)*

*Retribution. 032:022*

If we cannot grasp upon the signs of Allah (swt) Almighty, in His creations around us, and we are told, or warned about it, and we ignore, laugh and mock at it (The signs of Allah), then we are totally wrong, for the worst and most hardened sinner is the man who Allah (swt) signs are actually brought home to him, but he ignore and mock at it. As we seen in Nameera's action and the great tragedy that happened. Allah (swt) signs were in the blessed tree, which she arrogantly rebuked over and over. Her husband tried to show her several times, but she ignore him as well. Then Allah (swt) tried to warn her again by destroying the bridge, even to this she didn't pay heed, but she mock and taunt her husband without any fear in her heart for Allah (swt) Almighty and His punishment. Indeed the good always pay for the bad, but on the other hand, the good (people) will achieve Jannat, while the bad will end up in the hell fire.

*For those who believe and do righteous deeds are Gardens as hospitable homes, for their (good) deeds. 032:019*

*As to those who are rebellious and wicked, their abode will be the Fire: every time they wish to get away therefrom, they will be forced thereinto, and it will be said to them:*

*"Taste ye the Penalty of the Fire, the which ye were wont to reject as false." 032:020*

When Allah's (swt) punishment comes, there can be no turning back. He created man pure and virtuous and gave him intelligence, knowledge and wisdom. He surrounded man with all sorts of instruments of His grace and mercy. In spite of all this, if man distorts his own will and goes against Allah's commands, yet Allah (swt) merciful doors of forgiveness will open to him, but if he turns a blind eye and change his own nature, or turn away from the beautiful things and gifts that he is blessed with and he becomes arrogant and ungrateful, then surely Allah (swt) will

change his favourable position and send down His punishment to him. As we just learn from the actions of Nameera, how her arrogant and unjust actions towards her husband and her friend Rafana and to Allah (swt) Almighty favourable tree, caused her ill luck and tragedy.

This great tragedy made Namera realized how much she was wrong. She cried in regret, “My husband, my joy, my heart, my love and my pride, I have disobeyed you, I failed to fulfill my promises to you, I failed to recognize your spiritual light, which could have been useful to me, the chance to step out from the depth of darkness, now I am all alone. Your last words to me were, Allah’s (swt) beautiful moon, and right now I need this moon to light up my heart to give me peace and comfort, but as much as I need it, I will plead to Allah (swt) Almighty to forgive me for all my mistakes and to grant you the light of the beautiful moon, with everlasting peace and comfort, for you were indeed a loving, kind and very faithful husband to me. You have indeed suffered the consequences of my blindness, arrogance and stubbornness.

Some very valuable lessons we should pay heed to from this story:

1. *Listen to the people who have spiritual insight*
2. *Do not rebuke a person of their illness.*
3. *The importance of seeing the kind favours we are blessed with.*
4. *The importance of being grateful to Allah (swt) Almighty.*
5. *The importance of fulfilling your promises.*

## **Section 2 - Part 3 (a):**

### **The evil seed that causes branches of conflict through a hidden disease**

The story of a man named Sultan

#### ***Part 1: Adultery: the pitfall of one's life***

Allah (swt) Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

*Nor come nigh to adultery: For it is a shameful (deed) and an evil, opening the road (to other evils). 017:032*

Literally it is evil as a road (or a way). Adultery is not only shameful in it's self, and inconsistent with any self respect for others, it open the road to many evils. It destroy the basis of the family, it works against the interest of children born or to be born: It may cause murders and feuds and loss of reputation, property and also loosen permanently the bonds of society. Not only should it be avoided as a sin, but any approach or temptation to it must be avoided.

The Holy Qur'an states:

*The woman and the man guilty of adultery or fornication,- flog each of them with a hundred stripes: Let not compassion move you in their case, in a matter prescribed by Allah, if ye believe in Allah and the Last Day: and let a party of the Believers witness their punishment. 024:002*

*Let no man guilty of adultery or fornication marry and but a woman similarly guilty, or an Unbeliever: nor let any but such a man or an Unbeliever marry such a woman: to the Believers such a thing is forbidden. 024:003*

*And those who launch a charge against chaste women, and produce not four witnesses (to support their allegations),- flog them with eighty stripes; and reject their evidence ever after: for such men are wicked transgressors;- 024:004*

Adultery is an evil root with branches of conflict, corruption and blindness, which can lead people into the depth of darkness. If people choose to engage in adultery then adultery would be the pitfall of their lives. It would cause them to make many mistakes in life and the sins from it would contaminate their hearts, eyes, and tongues, which would now result into

these people having evil eyes and evil tongue.

The sins from adultery is a formula of the Shaitan, which he himself and his soldiers would use to transform an adulterous man or woman's behavior into that of a fly, because flies like to feed off dirty things. The devil's formula is like a poison mixed with sugar to attract and kill flies. The sugar is used to attract the flies and at the same time the poison is used to kill them. This implies the sins from the sexual relationships that occur from adultery are the sugar and the attraction to the devil, and the poison is the root of evil which results in branches of conflict, corruption and blindness.

The adulterous men and women's state of mind would always be degenerate, and destructive; they are discarded in the sight of Almighty Allah (*swt*) and considered a time bomb to other human beings. Their sinful blood would run through every vein in their bodies, and would contaminate every limb of their body, causing a hidden disease to cover their hearts. The pollution would spread to their eyes, and their tongues would be transformed into weapons that have magical powers of evil influences. Any sense of jealousy, envy and hatred would trigger this weapon of magical force off, which is the evil eyes and tongue. Then the life of the victim(s) of the adulterous man or woman life would be disrupted and it would be very difficult for them to make any positive strides in life.

The adulterous man or woman's conduct in their lives can lead them to many evil roads such as: black magic, magicians, witchcraft, mockery, hypocrisy and throwing their faults on others. Now what would become of their children? In what direction would they be able to steer their children? There is an old saying that goes: What ever falls from the head goes right onto the shoulders, which means good or bad consequences from parent's actions sometimes falls onto their children. Some children would grasp their blessings while others would inherit their sins. Some children from adulterous parents are not likely to draw their parent's sins and follow into their footsteps. The ones whose faith is weak and who are influenced by their parent's crocodile tears are the ones likely to walk in their footsteps, but this does not necessarily mean that they would become adulterous. Their actions can be jealous, envious, hateful, fraudulent and arrogant. Their state of mind would always be in a state of confusion (like their parents) and like the action of the fly which I mentioned



earlier.

A fly doesn't know good from bad, it will land on anything, more than likely the rotten things, therefore spreading its disease. Allah (*swt*) would protect the righteous children whose parents fall into the above category. He would move the righteous children away from their parent's evil influences.

*Example:*

When leaves fall from a tree it usually gathers into a circle around its root, until the wind blows, then some would scatter away. This is how Allah (*swt*) would protect his faithful servants.

*Meaning:* The children who are righteous steer away from their parent's sins. These righteous children will feel a sense of dislike for their parents who are deep into the devil's clutches, so by Almighty Allah's will they will peacefully move away from their parents. As Allah mentioned in the Holy Qur'an:

*Thou wilt not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, loving those who resist Allah and His Messenger, even though they were their fathers or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred. For such He has written Faith in their hearts, and strengthened them with a spirit from Himself. And He will admit them to Gardens beneath which Rivers flow, to dwell therein (for ever). Allah will be well pleased with them, and they with Him. They are the Party of Allah. Truly it is the Party of Allah that will achieve Felicity. 058:022*

The Journey of our daily lives was written by Bibi Nazneena Razak, a true and faithful servant of Allah Almighty (*swt*). Many of these stories are based on her own life. Bibi Nazneena Razak is the second daughter from a family of ten children. Her life was fraught with extreme hardships from a very young age. It was her love for Allah (*swt*), his beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (*owbp*), her pleasant disposition, and extreme strength that saw her through all her difficulties. The strong love that she has for Almighty Allah (*swt*) and his beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (*owbp*) has added more purity to an already pure heart. This love has also brought her many gifts that have helped her achieve a state of spiritual and material advancement; one of these gifts was becoming a Mureed of a very pious Shaykh, Pir-e-Tariqat Hazrat Allama Maulana Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (*RA*). Another one of these gifts is what the reader is about to experience when reading this story, for at the age of 10 years old Nazneena was taken out of school, and as a result she was illiterate. Through Almighty Allah's (*swt*) blessings Nazneena taught herself to read and write, and her spiritual knowledge has assisted many people with a variety of problems. *Alhamdu-lillah.*