

# MIFTAAH SEMINAR

## TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS FROM THE SEERAH



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### SESSION 2

#### The Year of Sorrow (Continued)

- While the Prophet SAW was coming back from Taaif, he rested in the garden of Utbah and Shaybah.
  - These children were not Muslims and they did not respect the Prophet SAW, but after seeing the abuse that he went through, they felt sympathy for him.
  - They told their servant, Addas, to give the Prophet SAW some grapes. The Prophet SAW said “bismillah” and ate the grapes. Addas was confused and intrigued by this word since he had never heard anyone invoke the name of Allah before they ate. The Prophet SAW asked Addas where he was from and what religion he followed. Addas said that he is from Nainwa (the town of Prophet Yunis) and that he was a christian. The Prophet SAW then said, "you are from the town of Prophet Yunis". Addas said, "what do you know about Yunis AS". The Prophet SAW said, “Yunis was a prophet and I am a Prophet”. Right when he SAW said this, Addas fell down and started to kiss the feet of the Prophet SAW.

- The Prophet SAW never discriminated in his dawah.
- He SAW did not look at people's wealth or status before he converted them.
- An entire city had just denied the message of the Prophet SAW, but he SAW continued to spread his message and a servant accepted Islam from him.
- The Prophet SAW got so much backlash, but he never gave up and this was how he was able to succeed.
- The masters of Addas saw this encounter and when Addas came back they asked him why he was kissing the Prophet SAW. Addas said that there is not a greater person on the earth than this person.
- While resting in this garden, the Prophet SAW made a dua.
  - Three people's duas are always accepted:
    - A traveler
    - An oppressed person
    - A father's dua for or against his child
  - Those who are in a state of desperation will get their duas answered.
    - The position of sajdah is the most beloved position to Allah SWT because it shows gratefulness, desperation, and humility.

- Dua is not just a supplication, but it is more of a conversation with Allah SWT.
  - Allah SWT knows everything, but it is our job to speak to Him about our challenges. When we speak to Allah SWT, we start to get emotional and more attached to Him.
  - When Nuh AS made dua, he spoke to Allah for an entire page in the Quran and he told Him what happened with his people, then he asked Him for assistance .
- The Prophet SAW said:

اللهم إليك أشكو ضعف قوتي وقلة حيلتي وهواني على الناس  
يا أرحم الراحمين أنت أرحم الراحمين  
أنت رب المستضعفين وأنت ربي  
إلى من تكلني إلى عدو يتجهمني أم إلى عدو ملكته امرى  
إن لم يكن بك غضب علي فلا أبالي ولكن عافيتك هي أوسع لي  
أعوذ بنور وجهك الذي أضاءت له السموات والأرض  
وأشرفت له الظلمات وصلح عليه أمر الدنيا والآخرة  
أن ينزل بي غضبك أو يحل علي سخطك  
لك العتبي حتى ترضى ولا حول ولا قوة إلا بك

To You, my Lord, I complain of my weakness, lack of support and the humiliation I am made to receive.

Most Compassionate and Merciful!

You are the Lord of the weak, and you are my Lord.

To whom do You leave me? To a distant person who receives me with hostility? Or to an enemy You have given power over me?

As long as you are not displeased with me, I do not care what I face. I would, however, be much happier with Your mercy.

I seek refuge in the light of Your face by which all darkness is dispelled and both this life and the life to come are put in their right course against incurring your wrath or being the subject of your anger.

To You I submit, until I earn Your pleasure. Everything is powerless without your support.

- The Prophet SAW was the strongest person, yet here he is complaining about his feelings of weakness.
- He SAW was the most eloquent person, yet here he is complaining about his lack of ability to convince the people.
- The Prophet SAW is complaining to Allah, but not in a way that he is doubting Allah's creed.
- Throughout this dua, it is evident that the Prophet SAW is fearful of making Allah SWT angry.
  - He SAW was not concerned with his situation, but he was more concerned with Allah SWT being unhappy with him.
- The Prophet SAW ends his dua by saying that he understands that everything that happens is by Allah's choice.
  - Even when we are able to please Allah SWT, it is only by His choice.

- After the Prophet SAW makes this dua, as he is still bleeding, he looks up and sees a cloud over his head giving him shade. He said, "I looked at this cloud and Jibreel was in it and he called upon me". Jibreel said: "Allah heard what happened and what they did to you. Allah has sent you the angel of the mountains and you can tell him to do what you wish". The Prophet SAW then says that the angel of the mountains called out to him and said salam to him. He then said: "If you wish I can take the mountains and crush these people". The Prophet SAW said: "I hope that Allah will make people from their progeny Muslim".
  - Taaif is a city which is in between two mountains. If the Prophet SAW had chosen for them to be crushed by these mountains, they would have been completely destroyed.
  - The Prophet SAW chose to forgive them when he had the option to punish them, and he still had hope that someone would become Muslim.
  - Later on Muhammad bin Qasim Al-Thaqafi, who was from Taaif, converted to Islam and brought Islam to Sind (the area of India and Pakistan).