

Sa'ala rasūlu l-llāh a'rābiyyan labbā da'watah: "Mā ḥājatuk?

Fa a'rābiyya qāl: "Nāqatun bi raḥliha yaḥlibu labanaha ahlī."

Fa qāla rasūlu l-llāh : 'ajaza hādhā an yakūna ka-'ajūzi banī isra'īl?

Fa qāla aṣḥābuh: "Mā 'ajūzu banī isra'īl yā rasūla l-llāh?" Fa qāl: "Inna Mūsā ḥīna arāda an yasīra bi banī isra'īl ḍalla 'anhu ṭ-ṭarīq. Fa qāla li banī isra'īl, mā hādha?"

Fa qāla lahu 'ulamā'u banī isra'īl: "Inna Yūsufa ḥīna ḥaḍarahu l-mawt, akhadha 'alaynā mawthiqan mina l-llāhi allā nakhruja min miṣra ḥattā nanqil 'iẓāmahu ma'anā."

Fa qāla Mūsā: "Ayyukum yadrī ayna qabru Yūsuf? Fa qāla 'ulamā'u banī isra'īl: "Mā ya'lamu aḥadaun makāna qabrih illā 'ajūz li banī isra'īl." Fa arsala Mūsā ilayhā fa qāl: "Dullīnā 'alā qabri Yūsuf!" Qālat: "Lā wallāhi ḥattā tu'ṭīnī ḥukmī." Fa qāla lahā: "Mā ḥukmik?" Qālat: ḥukmī an akūna ma'aka fī l-janna."

'An ṭarīq hādha l-mithāl yu'allimuna r-rasūl annahu laysa mina dh-dhakā' an yarudda l-insān 'alā su'ālih bi an yaṭluba nāqa — Lā! naḥnu l-muslimūn yajib an nufakkira fi l-umūri l-kabīra, kamā anna l-llāha wa rasūlih a'azza wa ajalla min kulli jamīl.

"Yā rasūla l-llāh, nurīdu an nakūna ma'aka fi l-janna!"

Wa nad'ū l-llāh (jj): "Yā Allāh, ij'alnā bi n-nazari ilā wajhika l-karīm as'ada man fi l-janna!"

وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ﴿٢٧﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ ﴿٢٨﴾

The Messenger once asked a Bedouin who had accepted his invitation: ,Do you have a wish?' The Bedouin replied: ,A camel mare with a saddle that my wife can also milk'. The Messenger said, ,Is he not able to be like the old woman of the people of Israel?'

The companions asked: ,Who is the old woman of the people of Israel, yā Rasūla l-llāh?' He replied: ,When Mūsā brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, they lost their way.' He asked, "Why is this happening to us?"

The scholars replied, "When Yūsuf was dying, he made us swear by Allah that we would not leave Egypt without taking his bones with us."

Mūsā asked, "Which of you knows where his grave is?" The scholars replied, "None except an old woman of the people of Israel." Mūsā sent for the old woman and said, "Show us the grave of Yūsuf." The old woman replied, "No, by Allah, not until you make me a promise." Mūsā asked her, "What shall I promise you?" She replied, "That I will be with you in Paradise."

By the example of this old woman, the Messenger of God teaches us that it is not wise to ask only a camel from him in response to his question. — No, we Muslims should think bigger, just as our Lord and His Prophet surpass everything in beauty and majesty.

We ask the Messenger of Allah, "Ya Rasulillah, we want to be with you in Paradise!"

And we ask Allah: "Yes Allah, grant us Paradise and let us in the sight of Your sublime face be exceedingly happy there!

But the face of your Lord still remains - the Lord of majesty and honour. (55: 27 f)

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتًا ۚ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ

Wala tahsabanna allathīna qutilū fī sabīli Allāhi amwāta: bal ah-yā-un 'inda rabbihim yurzaqūn Do not think of those, who are killed in the way of Allah, as dead. No, they are living. With their Lord they have provision. (3.169)