

## **Three Important Stories**

### **STORY #1: The Story of Alqamah**

Alqamah was a very pious person. He spent his time in prayers and fasting. At the approach of death he was unable to say the kalmia in spite of being urged to do so by those who present. Alqamah's wife sent a messenger to Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) to inform him of Alqamah's serious condition.

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) asked whether the parents of Alqamah were alive. He was informed that his mother was alive. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) asked the mother of Alqamah about his. She replied:

“Alqamah is a very pious person. He passes his time in prayers and fasting. He performs tahajjud, but he is always disrespectful to me for the sake of his wife. I am therefore displeased with him.”

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: “It will be best if you forgive him.”

However she refused. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa salam) then ordered Bilal (radhiAllahu anhu) to gather firewood and burn Alqamah in the fire. On hearing this order, Alqamah's mother became very concerned and she asked, “Will my son be burned in the fire?”

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: “Yes, in comparison to the fire of the next life, this fire is much lighter. By Allah, as long as you remain displeased with him, neither his prayers nor deeds will be accepted.”

The old lady said, “I make you and all the people a witness that I have forgiven Alqamah.”

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa salam) addressing the gathering said, “Go and see if the kalimah is on the tongue of Alqamah or not.”

After returning from Alqamah the people informed him that he was reciting the kalmia. Thus he left the world with a good end because his mother became pleased with him. Then Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "All thanks are due to Allah who saved him from the fire."

(Ahmad and Tabarani)

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### **STORY #2: The Story of Jurayj**

Abu Hurayrah reported that he heard the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, say, "No human child has ever spoken in the cradle except for 'Isa ibn Maryam, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and the companion of Jurayj.'" Abu Hurayrah asked, "Prophet of Allah, who was the companion of Jurayj?"

The Prophet replied, "Jurayj was a monk who lived in a hermitage. There was a shepherd who used to come to the foot of his hermitage and a woman from the village used to come to the shepherd.

"One day his mother came while he was praying and called out, 'Jurayj!' He asked himself, 'My mother or my prayer?' He concluded that he should prefer the prayer. She shouted to him a second time and he again asked himself, 'My mother or my prayer?' He thought that he should prefer the prayer. She shouted a third time and yet again he asked himself, 'My mother or my prayer?' He again concluded that he should prefer the prayer. When he

did not answer her, she said, 'Jurayj, may Allah not let you die until you have looked at the faces of the evil women.' Then she left.

"Then the village woman was brought before the king after she had given birth to a child. He asked, 'Whose is it?' 'Jurayj's,' she replied. He asked, 'The man in the hermitage?' 'Yes,' she answered. He ordered, 'Destroy his hermitage and bring him to me.' They hacked at his hermitage with axes until it collapsed and broken to pieces. They bound his hands to his neck with a rope and dragged him along to the king. When he passed by the evil women, he saw them and smiled. They were looking at him along with the people.

"The king asked, 'Do you know what this woman claims?' 'What does she claim?' he asked. He replied, 'She claims that you are the father of her child.' He asked her, 'Where is the child?' They replied, 'It is in her room.' He went to the child and said, 'Who is your father?' 'The shepherd,' he replied. The king said, 'Shall we build your hermitage out of gold?' 'No,' he replied. He asked, 'Of silver?' 'No,' he replied. The king asked, 'What shall we build it with?' He said, 'Put it back the way you found it.' Then the king asked, 'What made you smile.' 'Something I recognized,' he replied, 'The curse of my mother overtook me.' Then he told him about it."

(Imam Bukhari's *Adabul Mufrad*)

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## **STORY #2: Story of Punishment in the Grave**

Imam Mundhiri narrates this story in his *at-Targheeb*, from Awwaam ibn Hawshab (radhiAllahu anhu) who said:

“I was on a journey one time and stopped to rest at village. Near the outskirts of the village there was a graveyard. After asr I saw the most frightening sight in that graveyard.

One grave opened up and a man with the head of a donkey and the body of a human came out and brayed three times and then went back inside of the grave.

I inquired from a villager about this frightening and unusual sight that I had seen. So the villager showed me an old woman who was weaving a quilt and said, “This old woman is the mother of the thing which came out of the grave.”

I asked, “So what’s his story?”

The villager said, “That man used to drink a lot of wine and we he would come home his mother would tell him, “Oh my son, fear Allah. Don’t do this. Till when are you going to drink this wine?”

So he would say to her, “All you do is bray like a donkey!”

So he died after asr. Now, every day after asr his grave opens up and he brays like a donkey three times and then goes back inside of the grave.

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