

The Sahaba's Devotion to Salah

● Abdullah ibn Abbas (radhiAllahu anhu) suffered from an eye problem and the doctors told him, **“A treatment is possible, on the condition that you don't do sajdah for 5 days. You can however use a wooden desk for performing salah.”** Abdullah ibn Abbas (radhiAllahu anhu) said, **“This cannot be so. I cannot say a single rakaat like that. I have heard Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) saying, ‘A person who intentionally leaves out a single salah shall have to face the anger of Allah Ta`ala on the Day of Judgment.’ ”**

Lesson: Even though it would be okay for him to pray the salah in the way advised by the doctors, but due to his absolute devotion to salah and fear of Rasulullah's warning he was ready to even lose his eyesight rather than bring the slightest change in his salah. In fact we learn from this that the Sahaba would give up the whole world for their salah.

The Lesson You Learned:

● Abu Talha al-Ansari (radhiAllahu anhu) was once praying his salah in his garden. His attention from salah was taken away by a bird that was flying around and couldn't find its way out of the denseness of the trees in the garden. Because of this, he forgot the count of his rakaat. He was so sad due to this, that he went straight to Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) and said, **“O Prophet of Allah! This garden of mine has taken my attention away from the**

remembrance of Allah. Therefore I am going to give it away in charity for the sake of Allah. Please spend from it as you wish.”

Lesson: This shows that we should leave those things that take us away from the remembrance of Allah. We also learn of the value that the Sahaba had for their faith and religion. The most beloved of things had no value in their sight when it came to Islam and Imaan.

The Lesson You Learned:

- Abdullah ibn Umar (radhiallahu anhu) once visited the marketplace. He saw that at the time of salah, they all closed their shops and hurried to the masjid. He then said, “these are the people about whom Allah has said, *‘Men whom neither business or trade take them away from the remembrance of Allah and salah and paying their zakah; who fear a Day when their hearts and eyes will be overturned...’* (Surah Nur; 37)

Lesson: People think that work and school is a valid excuse to leave salah. But from this story of the Sahaba we learn that a true Muslim will not let these things be an obstacle between him and his salah. Rather, a true Muslim will pray his salah even at his work and school and inshallah this will be a means of guidance and enlightenment for others also.

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