

The End of Amir ibn Tufayl

The Evil Plot to Kill the Prophet

When all the efforts of Amir ibn Tufayl and Arbid ibn Qays failed in trying to get power and authority from the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam), they devised an evil plan to ambush the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam).

Amir ibn Tufayl tells Arbid ibn Qays, “I will keep him busy while you wait from behind. When you see that he’s engrossed in talking with me, then sneak up from behind him and strike him with your sword!”

This is exactly what these two wretched souls decided to do. Amir ibn Tufayl began to argue with the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) in order to divert his attention and Arbid waited from behind to catch the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) off guard.

When Arbid saw that the Prophet was totally engrossed in talking to Tufayl and that he would not notice him, he slowly sneaked up behind the Prophet’s back and was in position to attack. Amir saw him standing there and made gesture for him to go through with the plan. But Arbid stood there, frozen. He could not move a muscle. He didn’t know what was happening to him. He was in shock. His hand was frozen to his sword.

When Amir ibn Tufayl saw that Arbid did not do anything, he quickly changed the subject and told the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi

wa sallam) to give him some private time so that they may discuss the matter confidentially.

The Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) realized that they were trying to plot against him, he flat out refused and said, "I will give you no more time until you believe in Allah, that He is one and has no partners."

Returning as Failures

When Amir and Arbid realized that they totally failed in their evil plot to hurt the Messenger (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam), Amir began to threaten the Messenger saying:

"By Allah, I will gather all my troops against you; horsemen and foot soldiers!

The Messenger (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) calmly said, "Allah Ta`ala will not allow you to harm me. The young men of Ansar are here to defend me."

When Amir ibn Tufayl and Arbid ibn Qays turned away with arrogance and hate, the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) prayed to Allah Ta`ala, "O Allah, you take care of Amir ibn Tufayl."

When the two wretched souls were on their way leaving Madina, Amir said to Arbid, "Why didn't you do anything?! You just stood behind him and did nothing. Before this, you were the most feared man on the face of the earth to me, now I will never fear you!"

Arbid replied angrily, "Don't you dare be quick to judge me! Listen to what I have to say first. I did exactly as you told me to do, but when I came behind him, my hand stuck to my sword and I was totally paralyzed!"

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While they were heading back to return home, Amir ibn Tufayl was struck by a terrible sickness. A large tumor started to grow out of his neck so he looked for the closest place to take rest. He found a tent that belonged to an old Bedouin lady and laid to rest therein. He cried in pain saying, "O how sad is my condition! I am dying the death of a camel, in the house of an old Bedouin lady! Bring me my horse!"

When his horse was brought, he struggled to mount it and grabbed his spear saying, "If I find Muhammad or any of his companions, I will most definitely strike him with this spear!!!"

Allah Ta`ala then sent an angel upon Amir ibn Tufayl who struck him off of his horse and he fell backwards to the ground, dying instantly.

His companion, Arbid ibn Qays wasn't so lucky either. He was struck by lightning and both the wretched souls were finally done away with.

May Allah save us from an evil end.