

Miracles of the Sahabah

● Tameem ad-Dari (radhiAllahu anhu) and the Fire

There was a great fire that came out of Harrah, near Madina. All the people were panicking and Amirul-Mu`mineen, Umar ibn al-Khattab came to Tameem ad-Dari and told him to go and extinguish that fire.

Tameem ad-Dari told Umar ibn al-Khattab that he would not be able to do so because the fire was too great and that he was very weak and incapable.

But Umar (radhiAllahu anhu) did not leave him until he made him get up and go to the blazing fire that was headed to destroy the homes.

When Tameem ad-Dari (radhiAllahu anhu) went to the fire, he started to push it with his hands until it began to go back and kept on doing this until the blazing fire returned back to the valley from where it came from, and it finally subsided.

Umar (radhiAllahu anhu) then said, **“You cannot compare the one who has seen (him) to the one who has not seen (him)...”**

(Narrated by Ibn Kathir in *al-Bidayah* and Imam Bayhaqi in *Dala`ilun Nubuwwah*)

Lesson #1: From this story we learn that those who have seen the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) are very special to Allah and cannot be compared to those who have not seen him.

• Abu Hurairah (radhiAllahu anhu) and his Miraculous Bag of Dates

Abu Hurairah (radhiAllahu anhu) tells the story of his miraculous bag of dates saying, "I was with the Prophet of Allah on a journey and the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) asked me, "O Abu Hurairah, do you have any food with you?" I said, "Yes, O Rasulullah, I have this bag of dates with me." So he said, "Bring that bag to me."

I brought the bag and the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) took out some dates and touched them with his blessed hands and made a du`a on them. He then put them back in the bag. Then he said, "Go and call 10 people from the army..." So I went and called ten people and the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) gave them dates from the bag until they ate their fill of dates and could not eat any more. Then he said, "Go and call 10 more people..." So I continued to do this until the whole army ate to their fill.

Abu Hurairah (radhiAllahu anhu) said, "After all this, there were still dates left over in that little bag of mine." Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) then ordered Abu Hurairah (radhiAllahu anhu) to take from that bag as many dates as he wanted on the condition that he did not empty the bag completely.

Abu Hurairah (radhiAllahu anhu) says, "So I ate from that little bag as long as the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) was alive and it still did not finish. I did the same during Abu Bakr's time and it still did not finish. This continued till the time when Uthman (radhiAllahu anhu) was assassinated and then, in that commotion my bag was snatched away from me and I lost it forever. Should I tell you how much I had eaten from that bag? I ate from it more than 200 *wasags*." (Narrated by Ibn Kathir in *al-Bidayah* and Abu Nu`aym in *Hilyah*)

- **The Light of Usayd Ibn Hudhayr and Abbad ibn Bishr (radhiAllahu anhuma)**

Usayd ibn Hudhayr and Abbad ibn Bishr (radhiAllahu anhuma) were speaking with the Prophet one night when it became very late. They were leaving the Prophet's home and they could not see their way due to the intense darkness. All of the sudden, the staffs that they were carrying in their hands, began to give out a bright light. With this bright light emitting from their staffs, they were able to see the pathway all the way until they reached their homes safely.

(Narrated by Bukhari, Nasa'i and Bayhaqi)

- **Safinah (radhiAllahu anhu) and His Day with the Lions**

Safinah (radhiAllahu anhu) tells his story that he was on a boat, when the boat got caught in a storm and broke the boat to pieces. So he held on to one plank and was taken by the waves to an unknown, deserted land where he was confronted by a group of lions.

One of the lions started to come to his direction so Safinah (radhiAllahu anhu) called out to him, "O Lion! I am the companion of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam)!" So when the lion heard this, it started to shake its head and came closer to him and made a gesture with its shoulders for Safinah to follow him.

The lion led the way and Safinah continued to follow it until he was taken away from the group of lions and led to a main road. Then the lion moved aside from the road and shook its head as if it was bidding farewell.

Safinah (radhiAllahu anhu) then said, "That was last time I saw the lion..."

(Narrated by Hakim, Tabarani, and Bazzar)