

The miraculous revival the dead and their speech. Babies and suckling infants that spoke and bore witness to his Prophethood

Incident 1

After the victory at Khybar, a roasted sheep was prepared by a Jewess and Sayyidina Abu Hurayrah tells us that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and some of his Companions started to eat from it. Then, the Prophet ﷺ told them not to eat from it because it had told him that it had been poisoned, however Bishr, Al Bara's son had swallowed some and died. The Prophet ﷺ asked the Jewess why she had done this, and she replied, "If you are a prophet ﷺ what I did would be of no harm to you, if you are a king then I would have freed people from you." ¹

In another version reported by Sayyidina Anas, and also Sayyidina Abu Hurayrah, the Jewess told the Prophet ﷺ "I wanted to kill you" whereupon he replied, "Allah would not have given you the power to do so." The Companions said, "We will kill her," but he ﷺ told them "No." ²



Lessons Learnt

1. To eat roasted lamb is a Sunnah.
2. The meat informed the Prophet ﷺ that it had been poisoned.
3. This meant did not affect the Prophet ﷺ at that time.
4. Sayyidina Jabir, Abdullah's son sheds further light on the attempt and tells us that the Prophet ﷺ told them that it was the shoulder that told him of the poisoning, and he did not punish the Jewess.
5. Sayyidina Ishaq's son also said that the Prophet ﷺ pardoned her on his own behalf without her asking.

¹ Ibn Saeed from Ibn Arabi from Abu Dawud. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P175.

² Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P176.

Incident 2

During the last illness of the Prophet ﷺ he said, "The food of Khaybar returns to me and at times, it makes me choke." Sayyidina Anas said that he would recognise the effects of the poisoning on the lower lip of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.³

Lessons Learnt

1. Sayyidina Ishaq's son reports the opinion of other Muslims that indicates that the honour of the Prophet ﷺ was raised further still by Allah on account of the poisoning as he passed away the death of a martyr.
2. Qadi Iyad mentioned various transmissions that relate to this incident from Sayyidina Abu Hurayrah, Sayyidina Anas and Sayyidina Jabir, and said he found in the transmission of Sayyidina Abbas' son that the Prophet ﷺ handed her to the relatives of Bishr Al Bara's son who became ill and died a while after on account of the effect of the poison and it is they who put her to death.
3. The compilers of the reference of authentic prophetic quotations relate the speech of the poisoned sheep has become well known. However, there are some imams of theology including Imam Abdul Hasan Al Ashari, and the Qadi Abu Bakr Al Baqillani who disagree about the speech, some of whom say that it was speech that Allah created in the dead sheep. They say it is Allah who originates both the letters and sounds which are heard coming from such without the alteration of their form or changing their shape. Others are of the opinion that He puts life into them first and thereafter brings forth speech from them. Both Al Ashari and Al Baqillani say that this is possible and Allah knows best.

It is not impossible, that letters and voices exist on their own without the presence of life, if life is not a precondition for their existence. Whereas with the case of physical speech the existence of life is a precondition because physical speech can only exist in something that has life.



³ Ibn Sa'ad. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P176.

Incident 4

Sayyidina Wukay, Al Jurrah's son, tells us of a child who had never spoken a word, but when the Prophet ﷺ asked, "Who am I?" The child replied, "The Messenger of Allah."⁴

Lessons Learnt

1. How fortunate was this child when the Prophet ﷺ asked who he was, and the child replied the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. These were his first words. May these be our only last words, Ameen.
2. May we recognise the Prophet ﷺ in our greatest and main test which is the when we are questioned about the Prophet ﷺ in the grave. Ameen



Incident 5

In Makkah during the Farewell Pilgrimage Sayyidina Muarrid, Muayqib's son tells us that he saw an amazing thing. A newly born baby was brought to the Prophet ﷺ and the Prophet ﷺ asked him, "Who am I?" The baby replied, "You are the Messenger of Allah ﷺ." Whereupon the Prophet ﷺ said, "You have spoken the truth, may Allah bless you." It was not until the child whose name was Sayyidina Mubarak Al Yamamah, had matured that he spoke again.⁵

Lessons Learnt

1. How fortunate was this newly born baby who was brought to the Prophet ﷺ, what great blessings.
2. We all speak to babies' but do not expect a reply, however, this was the King of the creation and what an honour.
3. This child did not speak until he became an adult.



⁴ Al-Bayhaqi. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P177.

⁵ Al-Bayhaqi. Ibn Asakir. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P177.

Incident 6

Sayyidina Al Hasan Al Basri tells us of a certain man who went to the Prophet ﷺ and told him that he had left his small daughter to die in a certain dried up river bed. The Prophet ﷺ went with the man to the river bed and called to her by name saying, "So-and-so, by the permission of Allah answer me." The girl appeared and replied, "Obedient to you!" Then he informed her that her parents had converted to Islam and asked if she would like to be returned to them. The little girl replied, "I have no need of them, I have found Allah is better for me than them."⁶

Lessons Learnt

1. This father had committed murder; however, he went to the mercy of the universe to inform him ﷺ.
2. Everything happens with the permission of Allah, hence, with the permission of Allah through the blessed tongue of the Prophet ﷺ the girl came back to life.
3. The parents were non-Muslims; however, they excepted the Prophet ﷺ.
4. The Prophet ﷺ gave the girl a choice whether she want to stay alive but the girl decided to go from this world as the hereafter is better.
5. The Prophet ﷺ has been given authority to bring people back to life by the will of Allah. What an amazing Prophet ﷺ.
6. Ya RasoolAllah! Make our hearts alive and turn its attention towards you, Ameen.



⁶ Al-Bayhaqi. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P177.

Incident 7

There was an elderly lady who migrated with the Prophet ﷺ and married an Ansar. She had a son who passed away and as they shrouded him. She cried out, "Is my son dead?" and they broke the news to her that he was and tried to comfort her. The elderly lady supplicates, "O Allah, I migrated for You and Your Messenger, hoping You would help me during each affliction, do not burden me with this affliction!" The cloth was removed from her son's face and he ate with them.⁷

Lessons Learnt

1. Ansar are those who welcomed the Prophet ﷺ and his blessed companions when they left Makkah to Madinah.
2. This companion migrated for the sake of Allah and the Prophet ﷺ. She was granted Wilayah (special friendship).
3. The migration was not easy at all. When she supplicated to Allah from her heart to remove this affliction of losing her son, Allah returned his soul back so that he may spend more time with his mother. SubhanAllah!
4. May Allah grant us the ability to make supplication with sincerity, Ameen.



Incident 8

Sayyidina Abdullah, Ubaydullah Al Ansari's son was among those who buried Sayyidina Thabit, Kay's son. Sayyidina As Thabit was being lowered into his grave they heard him say, "Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, Abu Bakr is the Sincere, Umar is the martyr and Uthman is merciful and good." They looked at him and he was dead.⁸

Lessons Learnt

1. This was the state of this blessed companion, that never mind waiting for the questions in the grave, he proclaimed his belief to those who were burying him.
2. This proves that those who love the Prophet ﷺ are always alive.

⁷ Ibn Adi. Al-Bayhaqi. Ibn Abi Dunya. Abu Nu'aym. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P177.

⁸ Al-Bayhaqi. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P177.

3. He helped those who heard him to strengthen their Iman.



Incident 9

Sayyidina Zaid, Kharija's son collapsed and died in one of the alleys of Madinah. Sayyidina An- Numan, Bashir's son tells us that they picked him and then shrouded him. Between the Maghrib and Isha prayers women started to weep around him and they heard him say, "Be silent, be silent!" so they uncovered his face and he said, "Muhammad ﷺ is the Messenger of Allah, the Unlettered Prophet and the Seal of the Prophets. It is like that in the First Book." Then he said, "It is the truth, it is the truth." Thereafter he mentioned Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman and said, "Peace be upon you O Messenger of Allah, and the mercy of Allah and His blessings." Thereafter he returned to the status of death just as he had been a little while before.⁹

Lessons Learnt

1. What a beautiful way and place to die, in the streets of Madinah, Ameen.
2. This again proves that those who love the Prophet ﷺ are living proof of the truthfulness of the Prophet ﷺ.
3. This companion addressed those around him and testified, loved and believed in the Prophet ﷺ.



⁹ At-Tabarani. Ash-Shifa, Part One, Chapter Four, Miracles of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam), section 20. P178.