

31. FEAR OF THE HOLY PROPHET **(SALLALLHU ALAIHI WASSALLAM)**

The Sahaba were very much impressed by the dignity and greatness of the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam). They trembled in facing the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam).

Once, a companion of the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) performed prayer along with him. Two other companions, who were present in the Mosque, did not join them. When the Beloved Habbeeb (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) called them and asked the reason, they trembled in fear. ¹

A companion called on Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam). He was trembling while facing the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam). He said: *“Don’t fear. I am the son of a woman who used to eat pieces dry bread.”* ²

The Sahaba were deeply impressed by the awful personality of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam). On one occasion, the Beloved Habbeeb (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) was performing Asr or Zuhr Salaah and completed his Salaah after two Rakaah only. Many Sahaba came out of the mosque saying that two Rakaah have been withdrawn from the Zuhr/Asr prayers. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Sayyiduna Omar were also present in the congregation but did not dare to ask the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) about the change in the mode of the prayer. Finally, Sayyiduna Dhul Yadain said: *“Whether the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) missed two Rakaah or **Allah** has abrogated them?”* The Sahaba made some gestures in support of Sayyiduna Dhul Yadain’s opinion that the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) forgot to perform the remaining two Rakaah. ³

1 Abu Da’ood

2 Ibne-Maaja

3 Abu Da’ood

Sayyiduna Amr Bin Al-As, the Conqueror of Egypt, who was a senior companion of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam), says: *“I can’t mention the details of the physical structure of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam), as I never dared to see him face to face.”*⁴

When the Glorious Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) set out for the Farewell Pilgrimage on his camel, he had a whip in his hand. The Sahaba cried in fear: *“Save yourselves from the whip.”*⁵

⁴ Muslim, Kitaabul Imaan

⁵ Abu Da'ood