

6. On Hajj.

وَعَنْ عَائِشَةَ قَالَتْ: إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: " مَا مِنْ يَوْمٍ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ أَنْ يُعْتِقَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ عَبْدًا مِنَ النَّارِ مِنْ يَوْمِ عَرَفَةَ وَإِنَّهُ لَيَدْنُو ثُمَّ يُبَاهِي بِهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ فَيَقُولُ: مَا أَرَادَ هَؤُلَاءِ ". رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ

(H11/43) 'A'isha (May Allah be pleased with her) narrated:

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ stated, "No day sees Allah liberating more souls from hell than the day of 'Arafa. He draws near and then praises them (or literally, 'boasts of them') to the angels, asking, 'What do these people seek?'"

Study Questions (H11)

1. Allah asks, "**What do these people seek?**" If you were standing there and Allah asked this of you, what would be the single most important thing your heart would seek from Him?
2. Why does Allah boast about tired, dusty, and "imperfect" humans to the angels?
3. If you were granted total forgiveness and a being guaranteed to be freed from never entering hell, what is the first habit you would change to ensure you stay on the right path?

حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ كِنَانَةَ بْنِ عَبَّاسِ بْنِ مِرْدَاسِ السُّلَمِيِّ، أَنَّ أَبَاهُ، أَخْبَرَهُ عَنْ أَبِيهِ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - دَعَا لِأُمَّتِهِ عَشِيَّةَ عَرَفَةَ بِالْمَغْفِرَةِ فَأُجِيبَ إِنِّي قَدْ غَفَرْتُ لَهُمْ مَا خَلَا الظَّالِمَ فَإِنِّي آخِذٌ لِلْمُظْلَمِ مِنْهُ . قَالَ " أَيْ رَبِّ إِنْ شِئْتَ أُعْطِيتَ الْمَظْلُومَ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ وَغَفَرْتَ لِلظَّالِمِ " . فَلَمْ يُجِبْ عَشِيَّتَهُ فَلَمَّا أَصْبَحَ بِالْمُزْدَلِفَةِ أَعَادَ الدُّعَاءَ فَأُجِيبَ إِلَى مَا سَأَلَ . قَالَ فَضَحِكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - . أَوْ قَالَ تَبَسَّمَ . فَقَالَ لَهُ أَبُو بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرُ بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي إِنَّ هَذِهِ لَسَاعَةٌ مَا كُنْتَ تَضْحَكُ فِيهَا فَمَا الَّذِي أَضْحَكَكَ اللَّهُ سِتَّكَ قَالَ " إِنَّ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ إِبْلِيسَ لَمَّا عَلِمَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ قَدْ اسْتَجَابَ دُعَائِي وَغَفَرَ لِأُمَّتِي أَخَذَ التُّرَابَ فَجَعَلَ يَحْتُوهُ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ وَيَدْعُو بِالْوَيْلِ وَالتُّبُورِ فَأَضْحَكَنِي مَا رَأَيْتُ مِنْ جَزَعِهِ " .

(H12/44) 'Abdullah bin Kinanah bin 'Abbas bin Mirdas As-Sulami narrated that his father told him, from his father, narrated:

The Prophet ﷺ prayed for forgiveness for his nation one evening at 'Arafat, and the response came: "I have forgiven them, except for the oppressor, with whom I will settle the score in favour of the one whom he oppressed."

He said: "O Lord, if You will, grant Paradise to the one who is wronged, and forgive the wrongdoer." No response came that evening. The next day in the morning at Muzdalifah, he repeated the supplication and received an answer to his request.

He (the narrator) said: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ laughed," or he said, "He smiled. "Abu Bakr and 'Umar said to him: 'May my father and mother be ransomed for you. This is not a time when you usually laugh. What made you laugh? May Allah fill your years with laughter. "

He said: "The enemy of Allah, Iblis, when he came to know that Allah accepted my prayer and forgave my nation, took some dust and started to sprinkle it on his head, uttering cries of woe and doom. What I saw of his anguish made me laugh."

Study Questions (H12)

1. What does the Prophet's ﷺ decision to repeat his supplication the following morning reveal about his concern for his followers?
2. What does the dramatic reaction of Iblis (throwing dust on his head and crying out) teach us about the ultimate goal of his efforts throughout a person's life versus the power of **one sincere day** of repentance?