

The Miracles of the Messenger (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam)

• The Story:

A large number of Sahabah (more than ten) narrate that before the Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) had a pulpit, he used to lean on the trunk of a date palm tree and give his sermons. Every sermon Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) gave, he would have his hand on that date palm trunk.

So after some time, when a pulpit was made for him, he would sit, stand, or lean on the pulpit instead of the date palm trunk. So one day, people in the masjid started to hear a crying sound like the crying of a camel. When they listened closely, they noticed it was from the date palm trunk! The trunk was crying out of the separation of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam)!

It was crying so much that it would not stop and all the people in the masjid also started to cry out of sadness. So then Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) went up to the date palm trunk and put his hand on it (to calm it down) so it stopped crying.

Then Rasulullah said: **"This crying is because it has been separated from the remembrance of Allah."** He also said: **"I swear by Allah, if I have not put my hand on the tree to calm it down, it would have cried till the Day of Judgment."**

In the hadith narrated by Buraidah (radhya Allahu anhu), Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said to the trunk: **"If you like, I will now return you to the date palm garden you were taken from so that your branches could grow and that you may become a full-grown tree with abundant leaves and fruit. Or if you like, you can choose to be a tree of Jannah so that the friends of Allah may eat from your fruit."** So the tree answered: "Rather plant me in Jannah O Rasulullah so that I may be in a place where I will never become old." **The Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) replied, "Consider it done." Then he said, "He has chosen the everlasting abode over this temporary abode."**

Then Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) ordered it to be buried under the pulpit. (Narrated by Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Hibban, Ibn Khuzaymah, Darimi, Ibn Majah, and Shifa)

Hasan al-Basri (rahimahullah) while commenting on this story would cry and say: "O slaves of Allah, a tree would cry in love of Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) when it was separated from him! You are more rightful that you should want to meet him!" (Shifa; 1/626)

From this story, we learn:

1. Lesson (1):

In this story, we see that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) was a Messenger sent to all the creation, not only to humankind.

2. Lesson (2):

We learn that even the trees have feelings and perceptions and believe in the Prophets. So we should not cause any hurt to any of Allah's creation.

3. Lesson (3):

We see how much love we should have for Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam).