



HOW DID YOUR AFFAIR BEGIN, O MESSENGER OF ALLAAH ﷺ?

ad-Daarimee reported (1/8-9), and al-Haakim (2/616-617), and Ahmad (4/184) from `Utbah ibn Mas`ood as-Sulamee, and he was from the Companions of Allaah's Messenger ﷺ, that he narrated that: A man said to Allaah's Messenger ﷺ: 'How did your affair begin, O Messenger of Allaah?'

So he said:

<< I was being taken care of by a woman from Banoo Sa`d ibn Bakr. So I went off with a son of hers along with some of our goats, and we did not take any provision along with us. So I said: 'O my brother, go and bring us some provision from our mother.' So my brother went off and I remained with the goats. Then two white beings that were flying came, being as if they were two eagles. Then one of them said to the other: 'Is it him?' The other one replied; 'Yes'. So they hastened to me, took hold of me, and threw me upon the ground on my back. Then they split open my chest and extracted two black clots from it, and one of them said to his companion: 'Bring me ice-water', and he washed my insides with it. Then he said: 'Bring me snow-water', and he washed my heart with it. Then he said: 'Bring me tranquillity'. And he planted it in my heart. Then one of them said to his companion: 'Sew it up', so he sewed it up and sealed it with the seal of Prophethood. Then one of them said to the other: 'Place him upon a scale, and place a thousand of his nation upon another scale.' >>

Allaah's Messenger ﷺ said : << 'So I saw a thousand people above me and feared that some of them were going to fall upon me.' He said: 'If his whole nation were weighed against him he would outweigh them.' Then they went off and left me. >>

Allaah's Messenger ﷺ said: << And I became very afraid, and I went back to my mother and informed her of what I had experienced. So I wished that I had been mistaken for someone else. She said: 'I entrust you to Allaah's protection'. So she prepared a camel of hers for riding, placed me upon the saddle, and rode behind me until we reached my (true) mother. Then she said: 'I have fulfilled my trust and my responsibility, and she told her what had happened to me, and this did not alarm her. She said: 'When he came out from me I saw light which shone and revealed the palaces of Shaam.' >>

-Shaikh al-Albaanee said in 'as-Saheehah' (no.373):

".....this chain of narration is 'hasan'... and this hadeeth has many witnesses..."

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