

اللهم ارحمني و محمدًا ولا ترحم معنا أحدا.

“O Allaah! Have mercy on me and Muhammad and do not have mercy on anyone else along with us.” (Bukhari)

So, you find that the Prophet (ﷺ) used a degree of ease and gentleness with this man because he was ignorant, without a doubt, because it is not possible for a person knowledgeable of the sacredness of the *masjid* and the obligation of its magnification to be able to stand in front of the people to urinate in an area of it.

Another example: The Companion who had sexual relations with his wife during the daytime in the month of *Ramadaan*. Bukhaari and Muslim mentioned the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurairah that a man came to the Prophet (ﷺ) and said:

يا رسول الله هلكت!

“O Messenger of Allaah, I am destroyed!”

So he said (ﷺ):

ما أهلكك؟

“What has destroyed you?”

So he said:

وقعت على امرأتي في رمضان، و أنا صائم.

“I had sexual relations with my wife in the (month) of *Ramadaan* while I was fasting...”

This is a grave offence for an individual to deliberately have sexual relations with his wife while he is fasting in (the month of) *Ramadaan*. So with what did the Prophet (ﷺ) deal with him? Did he rebuke him? Did he speak to him (harshly)? Did he reprimand him? No. Because the man came (to him), repentant and sorrowful and he did not come shunning it or not taking responsibility for it and not really caring for what he had done.

So the Prophet (ﷺ) asked him if he had a slave so he could free him as an expiation for that which he had fallen into. So he said: No. So the Prophet (ﷺ) asked him if he had the ability to fast two months consecutively. So he replied: No. So he asked him if he had the ability to feed sixty poor people? And he replied: No. Then the man sat (for a moment) and the Prophet (ﷺ) came to him with some dates and said to him:

خذ هذا فتصدق به.

“Take this and give it in charity.”

Meaning as an expiation. And so he said:

أعلى أفقر مني يا رسل الله، والله ما بين لا بيتها أهل أفقر مني.

“Is there anyone poorer than me O Messenger of Allaah. By Allaah! There is no family between the two mountains (meaning the sanctuary of Al-Madinah) poorer than me.”

So the Prophet (ﷺ) laughed until his molar teeth became exposed and then he said:

أطعمه أهلك

“Feed your family with it.” (Bukhaari)

So in this story are some beneficial lessons and from them:

The Prophet (ﷺ) was not harsh with this man. And he did not scold him and he did not reprimand him because he came repentant and sorrowful and there is a difference between a man who is obstinate and a man who is submissive, he comes seeking assistance from us and seeking from us to alleviate him from that which he has fallen into and as a result of this, the Prophet (ﷺ) dealt with him in that type of manner. In such that he returned him to his family and he had with him some gain which he carried from the Messenger (ﷺ), and it was the dates which were binding upon him, had in not been for his indigence, to feed sixty poor people with it.