



AFTER THE BATTLE OF HUNAYN

In the division of the spoils as a result of victory of Muslims in the Battle of Hunayn a larger proportion fell to the share of the newly converted Meccans than to the people of Medina. Some of the Ansar looked upon this as an act of partiality and their discontent reached the ears of the Prophet. He ordered them to be assembled. He then addressed them in these words:

"O tribe of Ansar! What is the talk that has reached me from you? What is this anguish that you feel in your hearts? Did I not find you going astray and Allah guided you through me? You were disunited and fell upon one another. Did Allah not unite you through me? You were needy. Did Allah not enrich you through me?"

In response to each of the questions they cried:

'Allah and His Apostle are bountiful.'

He said:

'What prevents you from replying to the Apostle of Allah, O tribe of Ansar?'

They said:

'What should be the reply, O Apostle of Allah, while to the Lord and to His Apostle belong all benevolence and grace?'

The Prophet (peace be on him) again said:

"But by Allah, ye might have answered and answered truly, for I would have testified to its truth myself: you came to us belied and rejected and we accepted you; came as helpless and we helped you; a fugitive and we took you in; poor and we comforted you.

"Ye Ansar, do you feel anxiety for the things of this world, wherewith I have thought to incline these people unto the faith in which you are already established?"

"Are you not satisfied, O group of Ansar, that the people go with ewes and camels while you go along with the Messenger of Allah to your dwellings. By Him in Whose Hand is my life, had there been no migration, I would have been one of the Ansar. If the people would go through a valley and passage, and the Ansar go through another valley and passage, I would go through the valley and passage of the Ansar.

"The Ansar are the inner garment (it signifies nearness) and the people are outer ones. You will surely face, after me, a wave of terrible selfishness. Then have patience until you meet Allah and His Apostle. Verily, I shall be on the 'Haudh' (means Haudh-i-Kauthar in Paradise). Allah! Have mercy on the Ansar, their sons, and their sons' sons.'

The audience wept until tears rolled down their beards as they said:

'Yes, we are well satisfied, O Prophet of Allah! with our lot and share.'

Then the Apostle left the gathering and the people also dispersed.

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