

Salman Farsi's Debates With One of the Holy Prophet's (S.A.W.) Followers

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Salman, the Persian was the sample of a real Muslim. He is considered as an outstanding personality amongst the Prophet's (S.A.W.) followers for his simple life and perfect faith and Muhammad (S.A.W.) was his example and powerful leader and took lesson from him in all his affairs.

Once the Holy Prophet was sitting with his followers and asked them: "Which one of you fast all days?" Salman replied: "O Messenger of God! me."

The Prophet (S.A.W.) then asked: "Which one of you revive each night till the morning?" He said: "O Messenger of God! me."

Later he asked: "Which one of you recite the whole of the Quran each night?" Salman replied: "O Messenger of God! me."

Then suddenly, Umar became very angry and said: "Only Messenger of God! This person wants to show off himself to us and only claims that he performs these acts."

The Prophet (S.A.W.) said: "Don't you know that Salman is like Loqman the wise among my nation. Ask him to explain it to you."

Umar asked Salman: "Do you guess that you fast every day while I have seen that you eat food most of the day?"

Salman replied: "It is not as you think. I fast 3 days of each month and God Almighty has said: "He that does good shall have ten times as much to his credit." (The Quran: 6:160) and in addition to it, I fast the month of Shaban."

Umar then asked: "How do you revive your night till the morning while I have seen you have slept most of the night?"

Salman replied: "I heard that my beloved Messenger of God said: if someone sleeps all the night till the morning with Wudhu is as if he has revived that night and I always go to bed with Wudhu."

In the end, he asked: "How do you claim that you recite the whole Quran while I have seen you have been quiet all the day?"

Salman replied: "I heard my beloved, the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.), said to the Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali (A.S.): "O Ab al - Hasan! the model of you among my nation is the parable of Towhid chapter. If someone recites this Chapter once is as if he recited one - Third of the Quran. If someone recites this chapter twice is as if he recited two - third of the Quran and if one recites this chapter 3 times, surely, he has recited the whole of the Quran. Addressing Imam Ali (A.S.), the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) said: "He who loves you orally, one - third of his faith is perfect and he who loves you orally and heartily, one - third of his faith is perfect and he who loves you orally, heartily and helps you with his hands, the whole of his faith is perfect."