

The Bird that listened to the Prophet ﷺ



According to an authentic hadith, Sayyidatuna Aisha narrates that a bird lived in our home, like a pigeon. When the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was at home, it stood without moving. And when he ﷺ left home, the bird moved around.

Out of respect and awe of the Prophet ﷺ the bird listened seriously and attentively when he ﷺ was present, and only played around when he ﷺ went out.

Just like animals showed this adab and attentiveness to The Prophet ﷺ, is how we need to listen to our parents, our teachers and our Shaykhs when they are present, so that we don't miss anything they are saying, or any signs and gestures they make.

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