



## Miracles of the Cave

When the Beloved and Holy Prophet ﷺ, along with his dearest companion Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him), migrated from Makkah to Medina al Munawwara they both rested for a while in the cave of Thaur. They sought refuge in the cave as there were search parties out looking and trying to capture them. Many miracles were made manifest at this blessed occasion. We see the subtle care and protection Allah almighty offered his most beloved of all creation, the Holy Prophet ﷺ. When Allah almighty saves one from harm then all the forces of badness put together cannot even come close as we see in the miracle of the cave.

### Ayah from the Qur'an: Allah is with them

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِي اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا ۗ فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا وَجَعَلَ كَلِمَةَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَىٰ ۗ وَكَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

If you do not support him ﷺ, indeed Allah supports him. (Remember) when the unbelievers drove him out: there were but the two of them (the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr) together in the cave, and he ﷺ said to his companion, Do not fear, Allah is with us. Then Allah sent down His tranquility on him, and strengthened him with invisible troops and He made the words the Unbelievers the lowest. The Word of Allah is indeed the highest (Word): for Allah is Exalted in might, Wise. (Surah Tawbah 9:40)

### Hadith: They were two, and the third is Allah

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him) said: When Messenger of Allah ﷺ and I were in the cave of Thaur, and I saw the feet of the unbelievers who were above us at the entrance of the cave, I said: "O Messenger of Allah! If one of them were to look down below his feet, he would see us". He ﷺ said, "O Abu Bakr! What do you think (when there are) the two (of us with) and Allah is the third?!" [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

## Growing of a tree

The first of these miracles was that the Holy Prophet ﷺ ordered a tree to grow at the entrance of the cave to veil it. The tree shot up instantly. Normally it can take a tree from 30 years up to several hundred years to reach full maturity. SubhanAllah, We see here the Holy Prophet ﷺ with the command of Allah almighty can grow a full tree within seconds.

## The nests of the pigeons

Another miracle was that two wild pigeons to landed and dwelled at the entrance. They built their nests and left their eggs all of a sudden as though they were there for ages. We know it normally takes a bird a few days to build a nest and even longer to lay eggs. Here again, within seconds and minutes the bird had built her nest and laid her eggs. What a beautiful bird, she will be remembered till the end of times for the duty she offered our Holy Prophet ﷺ .

## Spiders' web

Allah almighty ordered a spider to come and design its web. The spider spread its web at the entrance of the cave. An onlooker would never think a person had passed the web or entered the cave.

Like this Holy Prophet ﷺ and his blessed companion sat safely inside whilst the enemy was only a few footsteps away and all these miracles are performed at the hands of our Holy Prophet ﷺ .

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## Qasidah Burdah on the Miracles of the Cave

وَمَا حَوَى الْغَارُ مِنْ خَيْرٍ وَمِنْ كَرَمٍ \* وَكُلُّ طَرْفٍ مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ عَنْهُ عَمِي

And by the excellence and nobility encompassed in the cave,  
While every glance of the unbelievers was quite blind to it

فَالصِّدْقُ فِي الْغَارِ وَالصِّدِّيقُ لَمْ يَرَمَا \* وَهُمْ يَقُولُونَ مَا بِالْغَارِ مِنْ أَرِم

The true one and the truthful one remained in the cave,  
As those outside said to one another, 'There is no one in this cave.'

ظَنُّوا الْحَمَامَ وَظَنُّوا الْعَنْكَبُوتَ عَلَى \* خَيْرِ الْبَرِيَّةِ لَمْ تَتَسَّجْ وَلَمْ تَحْم

They did not suspect that a dove would hover giving protection,  
Or that a spider would spin its web to help the Best of Creation.

وَقَايَةُ اللَّهِ أَغْنَتْ عَنْ مُضَاعَفَةِ \* مِنَ الدُّرُوعِ وَعَنْ عَالٍ مِنَ الْأُطْم

Allah's solicitude and shelter freed him from the need to resort  
To coats of armour and fortresses for his protection

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