

## RasulAllah (saw) was the Most Brave

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A true Muslim should possess strong will and determination. He must face the ups and downs of life with the courage and determination that is cultivated through Imaan. Whether facing hardship or stress, in all circumstances, he must strive to live his life in servitude to Allah (swt), brimming with Imaan and absolute conviction. We see in the Messenger of Allah (saw) the best example of bravery and chivalry. He (saw) was, of course, the bravest of all creation, as well as the most determined and courageous.

Here, we share an example of the courage and bravery of the Prophet (saw) in upholding the truth in front of the oppressor. This event happened right before the departure from Mecca. This was the time when the hatred and persecution by the Quraish against the Messenger of Allah (saw) had reached its peak. It was at a time when this oppressor, Abu Jahl, reveled in power and stature amongst his people. Such were the times that no stranger was able find reprieve from his cruelty. It was then that a man from the Iraashi (الإِراشيّ) tribe came to Mecca with some camels for trade. Abu Jahl, the enemy of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) bought all the camels from him, but then started avoiding paying the price. The man was compelled to take his grievance to the people and sought their help in redressing this atrocity. However, he found neither a helper, nor savior. It was then that a group from amongst the Quraysh advised him to approach the Messenger of Allah (saw) and that he (saw) may be able to help him. This advice was nothing more than a cruel joke, as the people knew very well the ongoing animosity between the Prophet of Allah (saw) and Abu Jahl. So the man approached the Messenger of Allah (saw) and said, "O Abdullah, Abu Hakim bin Hisham (Abu Jahl) has dispossessed me from what was rightfully mine. I am a stranger in this land, and a traveler. I went to the people seeking a man who would help me in obtaining my right." They sent me to you, so if you are able to help me in obtaining that which is rightfully mine, then may Allah (swt) bless you. The Prophet (saw) got up and accompanied him. When the people of Quraish saw Prophet (saw) standing by this man, they said to one of their men, "Follow them and see what they do."

The Messenger of Allah (saw) accompanied him to Abu Jahl's house and knocked on the door. Abu Jahl enquired, "Who is it?" He (saw) replied: «مُحَمَّدٌ فَأَخْرِجْ إِلَيَّ» **"I am Mohammed (saw), come out."** When Abu Jahl emerged from his house, his face turned pale. The Prophet (saw) told Abu Jahl: «أَعْطِ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ حَقَّهُ» **"Give the man his due."** Abu Jahl replied: "You stand here, while I give him his due this very moment." Abu Jahl went back into his home and brought the payment for the camels, and handed it over to the man. Then the Messenger of Allah (saw) returned and said to the Iraashi tribal man, «الْحَقُّ بِشَأْنِكَ» **"Now you can do your work with peace."** That Iraashi tribal then approached the people and said: "May Allah reward him (saw) well." (Seerah Ibn Hisham 1/839)

Regarding the Prophet (saw)'s bravery and courage in the battlefield, Ali ibn Abi Talib (ra) said: «كُنَّا إِذَا أَحْمَرَ الْبَاسُ، وَلَقِيَ الْقَوْمَ الْقَوْمَ، اتَّقَيْنَا بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، فَمَا يَكُونُ مَنَّا أَحَدٌ أَدْنَى مِنَ الْقَوْمِ مِنْهُ» **"When the war heated up, and the armies engaged, we would protect ourselves through the Messenger of Allah, none of us could be nearer to the enemy's armies than the Prophet of Allah (saw)."** (Masnad Ahmad: 343/2) It was a known practice that the army would surround the leader in order to protect the life of its leader, and not the other way around. What to say, of the bravery of the Prophet (saw), that he (saw) always chose to remain close to the enemy during heavy fighting because of his (saw)'s bravery.

Another example of the bravery and courage of the Messenger of Allah (saw) Allah, was when once Prophet (saw) and his companions (ra) were in danger. In this regard, Anas Ibn Malik said: He (saw) was the best of all people, the most generous, and the bravest. One night it



**by Allah were made violable; he then took revenge for Allah, the Exalted and Glorious.”**  
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