

Problematic Statements of Ml Saad – Part 1

We are loathe to quote these words of Ml Saad. However, we have quoted them verbatim so that the magnitude of this issue may be correctly understood.

Ml Saad said: *“Avoid extravagance in weddings! Avoid extravagance in weddings! The more extravagant, the more hardships there will be. In all of his weddings, Nabi sallallahu alaihe wasallam sometimes distributed cheese, sometimes distributed dates, and sometimes scattered dry dates and Nabi sallallahu alaihe wasallam said: “Eat, its your mother's Walimah. Today, if someone brings dry dates to the Walimah, no one will accept it, no one will consider it as a Walimah, despite it being the exact Sunnah, it is the exact Sunnah. Not just in one marriage, but all marriages were like this. All, except for the marriage of Hazrat Zainab (RA). In that wedding, Nabi sallallahu alaihe wasallam arranged meat and bread. Hazrat Zainab used to be proud that meat and bread were arranged in her Walima. It was Allah Ta'alas decree because of this Walima that was different from his usual practice, he (Nabi sallallahu alaihe wasallam) had to face difficulties. This is a strange thing. That Walima which was different from his usual practice in that very same Walima he faced difficulties, this is something to think about. We must ponder that Nabi sallallahu alaihi wasallam was faced with difficulty by waiting for those sitting (Sahaba) to leave because of arranging bread and meat so gauge from this how far are we from the Sunnah of bread and meat, nowadays difficulties, debts, worries, interest, drowning in debts, delaying of marriages how many difficulties will come about. If Nabi Sallallahu alaihe wasallam was faced with difficulties because of bread and meat, how far are we from this Sunnah?”*

Comment

There are a few issues with this statement. For brevity, we discuss two of the major ones here:

1. In simple words, Ml Saad did not understand that once Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam fed meat and bread in his walima, this action became the Sunnah of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam as well. So, in the same way that feeding dates, cheese etc are Sunnah, the feeding of meat and bread is also Sunnah. Every Sunnah is full of guidance and goodness for us. It will, therefore, be incorrect to say that Nabi sallallahu alaihi wasallam faced difficulty due to this action.

Due to his Ghuloo' (excessiveness), Ml Saad had a preconceived notion of how Nabi sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam ought to have been simple in his walima. When Nabi Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam fed meat and bread, he attributed the difficulty Nabi Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam faced to this particular action. Ml Saad's understanding of simplicity is distorted, and the correct understanding of simplicity is what was taught to us through the blessed life of Nabi Sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam.

If it was incorrect to feed meat and bread for a walima, why would Zaynub Radhiyallaahu Anha have been proud that Nabi Sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam arranged the same for her walima? It is, therefore, clear that she also did not understand this action to be the cause of difficulty coming upon Nabi sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam.

To claim that the Nabi faced adversity as a result of his own actions is not merely a sign of disrespect; it reflects a profound ignorance of the rich teachings of Islam. Such

statements are not just misguided opinions; they represent an open and unjust attack on the legacy Nabi sallallahu alaihi wasallam and dishonor the exalted status he holds within the hearts of all Muslims. This misguided perspective arises from a lack of respect, understanding, and appreciation for the sacrifices made by Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam.

Remember, our fundamental belief is that the Ambiyaa Alayhimus Salaam are Ma'soom (divinely protected from sin). It is not permissible for anyone to criticize or find fault with any of their actions.

2. Through the context of his statement, it is clear that Ml Saad is attributing “*israaf*” (extravagance) to Nabi sallallahu alayhi wa sallam. He mentioned that the difficulty one faces is directly proportional to the level of extravagance (*israaf*) they engage in. Immediately after that he mentions the incident of Nabi sallallahu alayhi wa sallam feeding bread and meat in his walima and the difficulty he then had to face. *Israaf* (extravagance) is a major sin as mentioned in the Qur’aan Kareem:

إن الله لا يحب المسرفين

Verily Allah does not like those who are extravagant.

As Muslims, we must maintain a firm stance against anyone who insults our Nabi sallallahu alaihi wasallam. We mustn't find ourselves straddling the middle ground, turning a blind eye and becoming desensitized to such disrespectful remarks. We must not lose sight of our purpose in this world — to uphold and protect our Deen and to remain steadfast in our commitment to it. The level of disrespect exhibited in such comments is simply unacceptable to any rational

Muslim, except for those who may find themselves trapped in the darkness of fanaticism or driven by personal agendas.

Note: When these are the kinds of things being said in the lectures of Ml Saad, would it be advisable for anyone to even listen to them? It should not be that, through sitting in his Bayaan, we unwittingly develop criticism for the Ambiyaa Alayhimus Salaam and Sahaabah radhiyallaahu anhum which will then be detrimental to our Imaan.

