

## Death Kept Waiting By The Name Of God

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) had migrated to Medina from Mecca. With his splendid character and the simple message of one God that he conveyed, Islam was spreading fast. But there were still some tribes and their leaders who had no true faith and so posed a big threat to the Prophet.

One such person was Abdullah Bin Abi Manzare who wished to become a leader and rule over the people of Medina. He was not happy to see the increasing popularity of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and became jealous of him. He began to plan the assassination of the Prophet. Once he invited the Prophet and his followers to his house for a meal. Hazrat Ali (AS), the Prophet's cousin and son-in-law was also there. Abdullah had arranged for a big pit to be dug on the road on which the Prophet was about to pass. This pit was quite close to Abdullah's house. He got it covered with grass and leaves and arranged with his friends to hide with swords and spears so as to kill the Prophet and his followers immediately they fell in the pit.

The Prophet (SAW) accepted the invitation. Gebrael, the angel, informed him beforehand of the plot to kill him. The Prophet (SAW) and his followers proceeded to the house of his host and proceeded to sit atop the very pit which had been covered so that it could not be detected. Abdullah could not believe what he had just seen and was dismayed to see that his plan had failed. He arranged for poison to be put in the food which was served to the invited guests. The Prophet told Hazrat Ali (AS) to read a special prayer over the food. He said, "In the name of God Who is the healer of sickness. In the name of God with the help of Whose name no thing or sickness on earth or in the sky cause any harm. Verily He is All-hearing and All-knowing."

Then the Prophet (SAW) and all his companions ate the food after which they prepared to take leave. On seeing that nothing happened to them, Abdullah was surprised and suspected that his cooks in the kitchen had not put the poison he had ordered.

He then sat with his friends to eat out of the same dishes which had been served to the Prophet (SAW) and his party!

As the food had actually been poisoned, Abdullah and his stooges died on the spot! Yet the same food with the deadly poison but with the blessing of God, did not kill the Prophet (SAW) and his followers.

No wonder the holy name of God when taken with full faith and pure heart has its effect of curing and saving one from harm. The Prophet (SAW) has taught us to recite BISMILLAH and remember God when starting as well as when having completed a meal. In so doing no harm would occur