



# EXAMPLES OF THE SAHABAH'S *Eagerness to Attain Shahadah*

The first forerunners from among the Muhajirin and the Ansar knew that Jannah was Allah's precious commodity, and also knew that none would be able to pay its price except one who rolled up his sleeves for difficult work. So they searched for every path to Allah's pleasure so that they could attain it, while asking Allah for facilitation and acceptance.

Thus, you would see them resolving to engage in trade with Allah, selling their lives and wealth so that He would purchase them. "O you who have believed, shall I guide you to a transaction that will save you from a painful punishment? [It is that] you believe in Allah and His Messenger and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is best for you, if you should know. He will forgive you your sins and admit you to gardens beneath which rivers flow and pleasant dwellings in gardens of perpetual residence. That is the great attainment" (As-Saff 10-12).

When they recognized that the quickest path leading to it is shahadah for the cause of Allah, they descended onto the battlefields, advancing forward and not retreating, hastening, proceeding towards death, and taking it as a means to attaining life.

## **Anas Ibn an-Nadr ﷺ Storms the Mushrikin on the Day of Uhud**

Here we have Anas Ibn an-Nadr ﷺ, who was absent from the Battle of Badr and was extremely upset as a result. However, he swore an oath and made a promise, so let us listen to his nephew Anas Ibn Malik as he tells us about his uncle's deed. He said, "My uncle, Anas Ibn an-Nadr, was absent from the fight-

ing at Badr, so he said, 'O Messenger of Allah, I was absent from the first battle in which you fought the mushrikin. If Allah allows me to attend a battle against the mushrikin, Allah will certainly see what I will do!' Then, when the day of Uhud came and the Muslims became exposed, he said, 'O Allah, I ask Your pardon for what these ones (i.e. the Sahabah) have done, and I absolve myself before You of what these ones (i.e. the mushrikin) have done.' He then advanced and was met by Sa'd Ibn Mu'adh, so he said, 'O Sa'd Ibn Mu'adh, it is Jannah, by the Lord of an-Nadr! Indeed, I smell its fragrance before Uhud.' Sa'd said, 'But I was not able, O Messenger of Allah, to do what he did.'" Anas said, "We found on him eighty some-odd sword wounds, spear wounds, and arrow wounds, and we found that he had been killed and the mushrikin had mutilated him, so no one recognized him except for his sister, through his fingertips." Anas then said, "We would view or think that this ayah was revealed about him and his likes: 'Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allah' (Al-Ahzab 23)."

## **'Umayr Ibn al-Hammam ﷺ Races to a Garden as Wide as the Heavens and Earth**

And here we have Anas ﷺ telling us about their endeavor. He said, "Allah's Messenger ﷺ and his companions set out and arrived at Badr before the mushrikin. The mushrikin then came, so Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, 'Let not any one of you proceed towards anything unless I am in front of him.' The mushrikin then came close, so Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, 'Arise to a garden whose width is that of the heavens and the



# FOREWORD

Indeed, our brothers in Mosul displayed steadfastness, perseverance, and conviction in the face of disbelief and its various forms, something not witnessed by history until today. And indeed the kuffar had gathered and rallied thousands of soldiers and vehicles, but they were confronted by the lions of the Islamic State, who massacred them and tore them to pieces, after inflicting upon them losses reaching into the tens of thousands in regards to both soldiers and vehicles – with the permission of Allah ﷻ and His assistance.

The kuffar were incapable of comprehending the determination of the men and women of the Islamic State, who could be stopped by the immanence of death, nor by their enemies' planes.

The believer sees the dunya as a prison and instead looks for relief in obedience towards Allah, and in the Battle of Mosul many of our brothers and sisters were liberated from this prison whereby

they attained – by Allah's permission – shahadah in the cause of Allah.

One of the kafir news outlets stated, "From the first day of the Battle of Mosul the army of the Islamic State resolved to fight down to the last soldier, which is the first time this has occurred in the history of the war against terrorism in this age."

These people do not understand. They cannot grasp that every soldier of the Khilafah is upon the same 'aqidah and methodology, all seeking to be killed in Allah's cause. Yes, the soldiers of the Islamic State – without exception – are all prepared to fight in the cause of Allah down to their last drop of blood. And so we give glad tidings to the kuffar that the soldiers of the Khilafah will conquer the land of Sham in its entirety, even if after some time, and will eventually reach their lands, with Allah's permission.