

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ ، كَمَا  
صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ ،  
اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى  
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah, honour and have mercy upon Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad as You have honoured and had mercy upon Ibrāhīm and the family of Ibrāhīm, indeed, You are the Most Praiseworthy, the Most Glorious. O Allah, bless Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad as You have blessed Ibrāhīm and the family of Ibrāhīm. Indeed, You are the Most Praiseworthy, the Most Glorious (Bukhārī).

# Hadith 1

*Ibrahim Yaqoob*

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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Verily, actions depend upon their intentions.

[Bukhaari]



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**Lessons learnt from this Hadith:**

1. What intention we have made before doing any action will decide whether we will be rewarded for that action or not should not play a factor.
2. We should always do things to please Allah alone; then only will Allah reward us.
3. Before, after and whilst doing any action, we should always check our intentions.
4. If Satan spoils our intentions, we should ask forgiveness from Allah and correct our intention.

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### *Quiz*

1. What does "niyaat" mean?
2. What does the Hadith mean?
3. What is an intention?
4. How would you act upon this?
5. Give an example of something you could do with a good intention to earn rewards.



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### Quiz(Answers)

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| 1. What does "niyaat" mean?   | 1. Intention  |
| 2. What does the Hadith mean?   | 2. To be careful about your intention                                     |
| 3. What is an intention?  | 3. Intentions are the thought behind something                            |
| 4. How would you act upon this?   | 4. Students own answers(e.g. think more carefully before doing something) |
| 5. Give an example of something you could do with a good intention to earn rewards. | 5. Students own answers(e.g. feeding hungry cats)                         |



# Story

**Hadhrat Ali while fighting with a non-Muslim managed to overpower him and was sitting on top of him ready to kill him with his sword. The non-Muslim spat on Hadhrat Ali's face. This angered Hadhrat Ali . However, he got off the non-Muslim and placed the sword back into its sheath.**

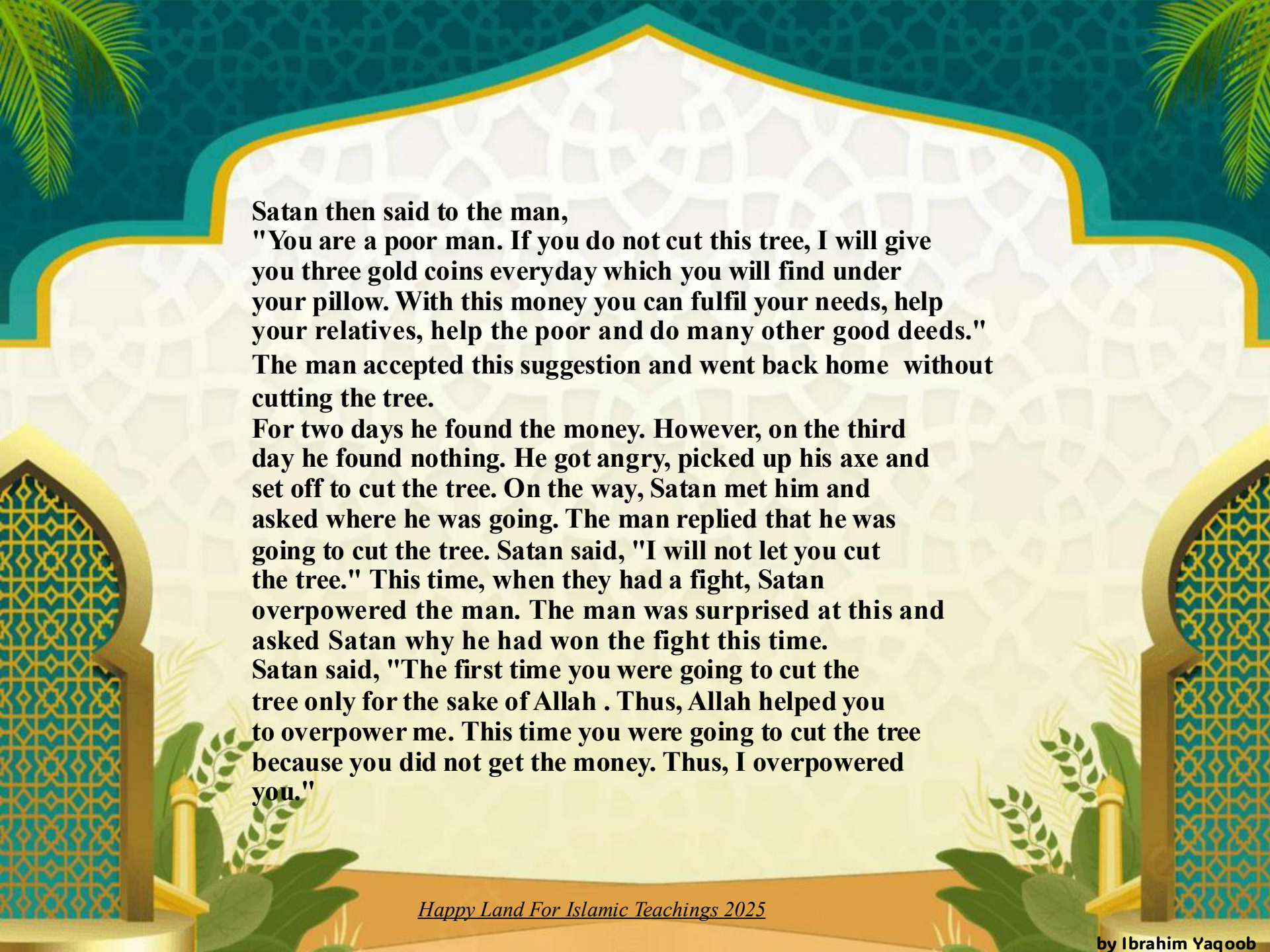
**As Hadhrat Ali was leaving, the non-Muslim asked, "What is this? After spitting on your face, you should have killed me immediately. What stopped you from killing me?" Hadhrat Ali said, "I had the intention of killing you solely for the pleasure of Allah . When you spat on me face, I became angry. If I had killed you then, it would not have been solely for Allah . It would have been to vent me anger. Allah only accepts those actions which are done solely for Him. Therefore, I refrained from killing you." Hearing this from Hadhrat Ali , the non-Muslim was astonished and Iman entered his heart. He said, "I consider it my good fortune to accept such a Deen which so greatly emphasizes sincerity. This Deen is the true Deen."**



# Story

**There was a man from the Bani Isreal who used to be engaged in the Ibadat of Allah all the time. A group of people once came to him and told him that the people of a nearby tribe were worshipping a tree. This news upset him, thus, he took an axe and set off to cut the tree. On the way, Satan met him in the form of an old man and asked him where he was going. The man told Satan that he was going to cut down the tree. Satan said, "The tree has nothing to do with you. Do not leave your Ibadat for something that does not concern you." "This is also Ibadat." said the man and continued his way. Satan tried to stop him by wrestling with him but the man, overpowered Satan. Satan begged him to get off him and when the man got off, Satan said, "Allah has not made it Fardh to cut this tree. If you do not cut this tree, it will not harm you in anyway. If cutting the tree was Fardh, Allah wouldd have told one of His Prophets to cut it." The man still insisted on going to cut the tree and Satan tried to stop him again. For the second time, the man, overpowered Satan.**





**Satan then said to the man,  
"You are a poor man. If you do not cut this tree, I will give  
you three gold coins everyday which you will find under  
your pillow. With this money you can fulfil your needs, help  
your relatives, help the poor and do many other good deeds."  
The man accepted this suggestion and went back home without  
cutting the tree.**

**For two days he found the money. However, on the third  
day he found nothing. He got angry, picked up his axe and  
set off to cut the tree. On the way, Satan met him and  
asked where he was going. The man replied that he was  
going to cut the tree. Satan said, "I will not let you cut  
the tree." This time, when they had a fight, Satan  
overpowered the man. The man was surprised at this and  
asked Satan why he had won the fight this time.  
Satan said, "The first time you were going to cut the  
tree only for the sake of Allah . Thus, Allah helped you  
to overpower me. This time you were going to cut the tree  
because you did not get the money. Thus, I overpowered  
you."**