

Chapter – 37

Lost Things

{گمشده مال (لقطه)}

[جاء أعرابي النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فسأله عما يلتقطه فقال عرفها سنة ثم احفظ عفاصها ووكاءها فإن جاء أحد يخبرك بها وإلا فاستنفقها قال يا رسول الله فضالة الغنم قال لك أو لأخيك أو للذئب قال ضالة الإبل فتمعر وجه النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فقال ما لك ولها معها حذاؤها وسقاؤها ترد الماء وتأكل الشجر، (رواه البخاري)]

No.**Hadith**

- 2266 Ibn Ka'ab told me that he found a purse containing one hundred Dinars. And said that, "I went to the Prophet and asked him what should I do with this?" He said, "Make public announcement about it for one year." I did so not only for one year but three consecutive years. (*Nobody turned up*). Then the Noble Prophet said, "Keep the container and the string which is used for its tying and count the money it contains and if its owner comes, give it to him; otherwise, utilize it." ---- Ultimately, no one turned up so I was benefited with that.
Narrated: Suwaid Bin Ghafila.
- 2267 A Bedouin went to the Prophet and asked him about picking up a lost thing. The Noble Prophet said, "Make public announcement about it for one year. Remember the description of its container and the string with which it is tied; and if somebody comes and claims it and describes it correctly, (*give it to him*); otherwise, utilize it." Then he said, "O Allah's Prophet! What about a lost sheep?" The Prophet said, "It is for you, for your brother, or for the wolf (*means if you will not eat the wolf will eat*)."
He further asked, "What about a lost camel?" On that the face

No.**Hadith**

of the Prophet became red (*with anger*) and said, "You have nothing to do with it, as it has its feet, its water reserve and can reach places of water and drink, and eat trees." *Narrated: Zaid bin Khalid Juhani.*

(See Hadith -2217).

2268/2269 (*Money lost and question regarding sheep and camel*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 2267 above.

However, when asked, "What about a lost camel?" On that the Prophet said, "You have nothing to do with it, as it will ultimately reach to its owner." *Narrated: Zaid bin Khalid.*

2270 The Prophet passed by a date, fallen on the way and said, "Were I not fear that it may be from a Sadaqah (*charitable gifts*), I would have eaten it." *Narrated: Anas.*

(See Hadith -1396 and 1402).

2271 When Allah gave victory to His Noble Prophet over the people of Mecca, Allah's Prophet stood up among the people and after glorifying Allah, he said, "Allah has prohibited fighting in Mecca and has given power to His Prophets and the believers over it.

So, fighting is now illegal for everyone. --- Nevertheless, it was made legal for me for a part of a day, but it will not be legal for anyone after me. --- Neither games should be chased here, nor thorny bushes should be uprooted (*Al-'Abbas said, "Except Al-ldhkhir, because we use it in our graves and houses."*), and the picking up its fallen things is also not allowed except for one who makes public announcement for it.

He whose relative is murdered has the option either to accept a compensation for it or to retaliate." *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*

(See Hadith -105, 113, 1265, 1492, and Hadith 1717).

2272 Allah's Prophet said, "An animal should not be milked without the permission of its owner. Because, does any of you would like that somebody comes to his store and breaks his container and takes away his food?"

Narrated: Abdullah Bin 'Umer.

2273 (*Money lost and question regarding sheep and camel*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 2267 to 2269 above. *Narrated: Narrated: Zaid bin Khalid Juhani.*

No.**Hadith**

- 2274/2275 Salman bin Rabi'a, Suhan and myself was in one of the holy battles. I found a whip in that battle field. I picked up that whip with the intension that if its owner is found I may hand over it to him, otherwise I will use it myself. On our return we performed Hajj and when we reached Medina, I discussed Ubai bin Ka'ab about this whip, and asked what should I do. He said, "I found a bag containing a hundred Dinars in the lifetime of the Prophet and took it to the Prophet who said to me, 'Make public announcement about it for one year.' But, I announced it for three years. Then I went to the Prophet for, and he said, 'Remember the amount of money, the description of its container and the string it is tied with, and if the owner comes, give it to him; otherwise, utilize it.'
(*In Hadith 2275 Salama says that I do not remember whether the public announcement had to be made for one year or three years*).
Narrated: Suwaid Bin Ghafila. (See Hadith -2266 above).
- 2276 (*Money lost and question regarding sheep and camel*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 2267 to 2269 above. *Narrated: Narrated: Zaid bin Khalid.*
- 2277 While I was on my way, all of a sudden I saw a shepherd driving his sheep. I asked him "Whose servant you are?" He replied that he is the servant of a man from Quraish, and then he mentioned his name and I recognized him. I asked, "Do your sheep have some milk for me?" He replied in the affirmative. Then he caught a sheep, cleaned his hands and then the udder (*teats*) of the sheep. He then milked a cup of milk for me. I put this milk for Allah's Prophet. I took it to the Prophet and said, "Drink, O Allah's Prophet!" He drank it and I was very much pleased. *Narrated: Narrated: Abu Bakr.*