

The Story of Hazrat Safoora (Alaihas Salaam)

The special manifestation of Allah Ta'ala on Mount Tur (Sinai) caused the mountain to crumble and Hazrat Moosa (Alaihis Salaam) to fall unconscious. When he regained consciousness and returned home, for some days, his face still had such a glow that whosoever looked at his face directly was dazzled and became blind. He, therefore, prayed to Allah Ta'ala that He grant a veil over the Noor on his face so that people's eyes may be saved from damage.

Allah Ta'ala ordered him to cover His face with a part of that blanket with which he covered himself on Mount Tur and which was able to bear the intensity of that Noor on that mountain.

*"For apart from that blanket O Moosa,
Even if Mount Qaaf tries to block that Noor from your face it
too will be shattered"*

It is through the power of Allah Ta'ala that the saintly ones are able to bear the Noor of Allah Ta'ala. That Noor which Mount Tur could not bear, Allah Ta'ala through His power has made the hearts into a mirror so that they can reflect the Light. Rasulullah (Sallellaho Alaihe Wasallam) mentions this in a Hadith e Qudsi that Allah Ta'ala says, "The skies and the earth could not contain Me, and neither could the minds nor the selves of men. However, in the heart of a believer I am contained like a guest who is given full access and control over the residence of the host." In this Hadith 'contained like a guest' is to indicate the honor and respect together with love. 'Contained', here does not indicate being inside a specific space as Allah Ta'ala is free from being 'contained' in any space.

*"Without such a mirror no one could bear to look upon My
beauty, neither on this earth nor in the Heavens."*

The story continues: Nabi Moosa (Alaihis Salaam) made a face covering from the blanket and prohibited the people

from staring at his face without this veil. The piece of blanket did the job which doors and walls could not do. Even if the veil had been made of iron, it too would have melted due to the Noor that remained on Nabi Moosa's (Alaihis Salaam) face, after the shining of splendor on Mount Tur. The veil had been in touch with the warmth of Divine Love and at the time of its burning blaze, it was part of the clothing of a Saint of Allah Ta'ala. For this reason, it could now be used as a curtain for the Noor that was shining from Nabi Moosa's (Alaihis Salaam) face. Hazrat Safoora, the wife of Nabi Moosa (Alaihis Salaam), was a great lover of his Prophethood. She became restless and impatient of this veil. Her love became so overwhelming that she looked directly at the face of Nabi Moosa (Alaihis Salaam) with one eye. Immediately, she lost her eyesight. Still, she could not have patience. She opened her other eye and that one also lost its sight.

Maulana Rumi (Rahmatullah Alaihe) explained that a seeker of Allah Ta'ala initially offers bread in the path of Allah Ta'ala. In other words, he is prepared to offer the strength which is created by the nourishment and offers this towards acquiring the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala. However, as the Noor of obedience begins to have effect upon him, he is prepared to offer even his life in the path of Allah Ta'ala. At that time, a woman asked Hazrat Safoora:

"Do you have any regret over the loss of your eye sight?" She replied, "My great sorrow is this that I do not have a hundred or a thousand eyes, if I did, I would sacrifice them all in order to see the Noor of Nabi Moosa's (Alaihis Salaam) countenance." Allah Ta'ala so approved of this reply of Hazrat Safoora and her great love for Nabi Moosa (Alaihis Salaam) that she was granted her eyesight once again. Her sight in both the eyes was returned in such a manner that she could look directly upon Nabi Moosa's (Alaihis Salaam) face. She was granted such strength in her eyesight that she would never lose it when looking at Nabi Moosa's (Alaihis Salaam) face.