

## Do not curse him, for by Allah, I know that he loves Allah and His Messenger

'Umar ibn al-Khattāb (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: A man at the time of the Prophet ([]), whose name was 'Abdullah and who was nicknamed Himār, used to make the Messenger of Allah ([]) laugh. The Prophet ([]) had flogged him for drinking (intoxicants). One day, he was brought again, and the Prophet ([]) ordered that he be flogged. Then a man from among the people said: O Allah, curse him! How often is he brought? The Prophet ([]) said: "Do not curse him, for by Allah, I know that he loves Allah and His Messenger."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

During the time of the Prophet ([]), there was a man named 'Abdullah, nicknamed Himār. He used to make the Prophet ([]) laugh with some of his words. The Prophet ([]) had flogged him for drinking wine, and one day he was brought again for drinking wine; the Prophet ([]) ordered that he be flogged. One of those present insulted him and said: May Allah curse him! How often is he brought for drinking wine?! The Prophet ([]) said: Do not supplicate for his expulsion from Allah's mercy. By Allah, I know nothing of him except that he loves Allah and His Messenger.

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