
When struck by a calamity

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Allaah's Messenger - (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ - opened a door between himself and the people, or he raised a curtain , and found that the people were praying behind Aboo Bakr (رضي الله عنه)², so he praised Allaah for the fine state of theirs which he saw, and had hope that Allaah would leave them upon good after him just as he saw , and he said :

<<O people! whoever from the people -or: the Believers- is struck with a calamity , then let him take consolation for his calamity in losing anyone besides me by [remembering] his calamity in losing me -, for no one from my Ummah will ever be struck by a calamity after me which is severer upon him than the calamity of losing me.>>³

¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

² (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

³ Reported by Ibn Maajah (no.1599), declared 'Saheeh' by Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)