

## Mawlānā Ubaidullah Sindhi (rahmatullāhi alayhi) and his Abstinence from the World

Mawlānā Ubaidullah Sindhi (rahmatullāhi alayhi) was a non-muslim during his early life. On 29th August 1887, when he was 15 years old, he embraced Islām. In September 1888, he took admission into Dārul Uloom Deoband. He received the grand opportunity of benefitting from Shaykul Hind (rahmatullāhi alayhi) (Hadhrat Shaykul Hind was the first teacher of Dārul Uloom Deoband). Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) spent most of his life in the fight for freedom for his country. Because of this, he was forced to endure exile from India for 30 years.

The entire life of Mawlānā Ubaidullāh (rahmatullāhi alayhi) was full of endeavours and difficulties. He was once asked if he had a single day of comfort during his exile. Hadhrat replied, "I did not sleep for even one night with ease during this entire period." Regarding his return to Delhi, Mawlānā Sa'eed Ahmad mentions,

"All the people proceeded to Delhi station to await Hadhrat's arrival. I had conjured up an image of Hadhrat Mawlānā by looking at the present leaders. I expected him to have a turban on his head and to be wearing a jubbah. He would be a passenger of the first class. He would have at least one servant with him, heavy suitcases, heavy bedding and much more luggage. However, when the train reached, all these thoughts were left stagnant. The people began searching for Hadhrat on the first and second class coaches. Meanwhile, a man with nothing on his head, wearing clothing of coarse cotton and a coarse sheet around his neck, emerged from third class. Those who recognised him immediately ran towards him.

This was the great Hadhrat Mawlānā Ubaidullah Sindhi (rahmatullāhi alayhi). The hair of his beard and head was completely white. He was about 65 years old. People began searching for his goods, but where did he have any luggage?! Whatever was on his body was all that he owned. I have not seen and probably will never see in the future, a person who has renounced material pleasures so totally."

*(Eminent Ulama: page 99)*

### **Moral**

Our pious elders always followed the blessed way of our beloved Nabi (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam) and would abstain from the luxuries of the world. They ensured that the love of the world never entered their hearts. Their focus was always towards the hereafter and gaining the eternal pleasure of Allāh Ta'āla. We should always remember that everything in this world is temporary and the hereafter is our objective. Therefore, we should adopt a lifestyle that helps us to focus on our ultimate objective i.e. the hereafter.