

Long before our time, among the Children of Israel, a man borrowed **1,000 dinars**. No witness. No guarantor. No paper — and not one coin was lost.

1,000DINARS
BORROWED**0**WITNESSES
TAKEN**1**LOG OF
WOOD**100%**REPAID —
ON TIME

HOW IT HAPPENED

**1****THE ASKING**

1,000 dinars borrowed — for a fixed term.

**2****THE GUARANTEE**

No witness. No paper. “Allah suffices as both.”

**3****NO SHIP**

Term due — and **not one ship** sails there.

**4****THE WOOD**

He hollows a log. Gold and a **letter** sealed inside.

**5****TO THE SEA**

“O Allah — I entrust it to You.” He casts it in.

**6****FIREWOOD**

The lender sees driftwood for his fire — gold, and the letter.

Later the borrower arrives with a **second 1,000 dinars** — “By Allah, I never stopped looking for a ship.” The lender answers: “**Allah has already delivered what you sent in the wood. Take your thousand, and go rightly guided.**”

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TWO MORE THAT TRULY HAPPENED • AND WHAT IT TEACHES

**Two dinars, and a cooled skin**

A companion died owing 2 dinars. The Prophet ﷺ would not pray over him. Abū Qatādah stood: “They are on me.” Next day the Prophet ﷺ asked, “Have you paid?” “Yes.” He said: “**Now his skin has become cool for him.**”

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**The heap that never ran out**

Jābir's father fell at Uḥud leaving heavy debt; the date harvest could not cover it. The Prophet ﷺ walked around the heap and made du'a. Every creditor was paid in full — **and the heap stood as if untouched.**

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WHAT THE OLDEN STORY IS TELLING US

- The borrower did not wait to be **chased** — he chased the date.
- He could not find a way, so he **invented** one. He did not go silent.
- He came back ready to pay a **second time** rather than be owing.
- The lender **refused** to take twice what was his.
- Writing it down is the command (2:282); trusting Allah is the reward.
- Between believers a debt is not money — it is an **amānah**.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا

“Render trusts back to those they belong to.”

QUR'AN • AN-NISĀ' 4:58

نَفْسُ الْمُؤْمِنِ مُعَلَّقَةٌ بِدَيْنِهِ

“The believer's soul stays suspended by his debt.”

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خَيْرُكُمْ أَحْسَنُكُمْ قَضَاءً

“The best of you are the best in repaying.”

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