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‘Ā'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) prayed wearing a striped garment and glanced at the stripes. When he had finished, he said: "Take this garment of mine to Abu Jahm and bring me his plain garment, because this one has distracted me from my prayer." In another narration: "I was looking at the stripes while I was praying, so I fear that it will distract me."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

Abu Jahm had gifted the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) an embellished colored garment. It was the Prophet's good manners to accept gifts in appreciation of the giver's thought. So he accepted the garment from Abu Jahm and prayed in it. As the garment was colored and embellished, it caught the Prophet's eye and distracted him from concentrating fully on his prayer. He therefore asked someone to return it to Abu Jahm and asked in return a plain garment with no color or embellishment, in order to reassure and not upset him through the return of his gift.

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