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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Muslim]

Salamah ibn al-Akwa‘ reports that he fought with the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) in the battle of Hunayn in which the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) fought the two tribes of Hawāzin and Thaqīf. When the Muslims engaged with the disbelievers in fight, Salamah emerged from a way between two mountains. He saw a man from the enemies and shot him with an arrow. The man hid himself, and Salamah did not know if he had killed him or not. The disbelievers came from another way between two mountains. When they met the Companions of the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) the Companions, including Salamah, were defeated. Salamah was wearing two pieces, one on his upper body and another on his lower body. The waistcoat was loosened because he was running in a hurry, so he tucked the two

pieces together. He passed by the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) riding his white mule. On seeing him, the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) remarked that Salamah ibn al-Akwa‘ had seen great terror. When the disbelievers got closer to the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) he dismounted, got some dust in his hand and threw them at their faces, invoking deformation on them. So, Allah, the Almighty, filled the eyes of the disbelievers with such dust and they fled. Allah defeated them, and the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) divided their properties, which they left behind, among the Muslims.

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