

*ALLAH, IN THE NAME OF, THE MOST AFFECTIONATE, THE MOST MERCIFUL*

*ASSALATO WASSALAMO ALAIKA YA RASOOL ALLAH  
WA ALA AALEYKA WA ASHABEYKA YA HABEEB ALLAH*

*THE HOLY PROPHET sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "WHOEVER LOVES MY SUNNAH'S HAS LOVED  
ME, WHOEVER HAS LOVED ME WILL BE WITH ME IN JANNAH. (Al Hadith)*

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**HAMD (PRAISE OF ALLAH TA'ALA)**

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*Allahu Allahu Allahu Allahu*

*Qalb Ko Uski Rooyat Ki Hai Arzoo, Jis Ka Jalwah Hai Aalam Mey Har Chaar Soo  
Balkey Khud Nafs Mey Hain Woh Subhanahu, Arsh Par Hai Magar Arsh Ko Justaju  
Allahu Allahu Allahu Allahu*

*Arsh o Farsh o Zamano Jehat Ai Khuda, Jis Taraf Deykhta Hoon Hai Jalwah Tera  
Zarrey Zarrey Ki Ankhon Mey Tu Hee Ziya, Qatrey Qatrey Ki Tu Hee To Hai Aabroo  
Allahu Allahu Allahu Allahu*

*Saarey Aalam Ko Hai Teri Hee Justajoo, Jinn O Ins O Malak Ko Teri Arzoo  
Yaad Mey Teri Har Eyk Hai Soo Basoo, Ban Mey Wehshi Lagatey Hai Zarbaate Hu  
Allahu Allahu Allahu Allahu*

*Taa-Iraaney Jinaa Mey Teri Guftagu, Geet Terey Hee Gaatain Hain Woh Khush Guloo  
Koi Kehta Hai Haq, Koi Kehta Hai Hoo, Aur Sab Kehtey Hain La Shareeka Lahoo  
Allahu Allahu Allahu Allahu*

*Khwaab E Noorie Mey Aayein Jo Noor E Khuda, Buqqa E Noor Ho Apna Zulmat Kada  
Jagmaga Uthey Dil Chehra Ho Pur Ziya, Nooriyon Ki Tarha Shugl Ho Zikr E Hoo  
Allahu Allahu Allahu Allahu*

**QASEEDAH BURDAH SHAREEF**

*By: Allama Sharfuddin Booseyri rehmatullahe ta'ala alaihe*

*Maula Ya Salley Wa Sallim Daa Eman Abadan  
Ala Habeebeka Khairil Khalqe Kullehimi*

*Muhammadun Sayyedul Kaun-ay-ney Was Sakalain  
Wal Faree-qayne Min Urbiw Wa-Min Ajamee*

*Huval Habeebul Lazee Turja Shafa Atohoo  
Ley Kulley Hawlim Minal Ahwaley Mukh-tahimi*

*Ya Rabbey Bil Mustafa Ballig Maka-sey-dana  
Wagfir Lana Maa Madaa Yaa Waase-al Karami*

**NAAT SHAREEF**

*By: Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Muhaddith E Bareilly alaihir rahmah*

*Unki Mehak Ney Dil Key Gunchey Khila Diye Hain, Jis Raah Chal Gaye Hain Koochey Basa Diye Hain  
 Jab Aagayee Hai Josh E Rehmat Pey Unki Aankhey, Jaltey Bujha Diye Hain Rotay Hansa Diye Hain  
 Unkey Nisaar Koi Kaisay Hee Ranj Mey Ho, Jab Yaad Aagaye Hain Sab Gham Bhula Diye Hain  
 Eyk Dil Hamara Kya Hai Aazaar Uska Kitna, Tumney To Chaltey Phirtey Murdey Jila Diye Hain  
 Allah Kya Jahannam Ab Bhi Na Sard Hoga, Ro Ro Key Mustafa Ney Darya Baha Diye Hain  
 Merey Karim Sey Gar Qatra Kisi Ney Maanga, Darya Baha Diye Hain Durbey Baha Diye Hain  
 Aaney Do Ya Dubodo Ab To Tumhaari Jaanib, Kashti Tumhi Pey Chhori Langar Utha Diye Hain  
 Mulkey Sukhan Ki Shaahi Tum Ko Raza Musallam, Jis Samt Aagaye Ho Sikkey Bitha Diye Hain*

**SUNNI DAWAT E ISLAMI**

*By: Maulana Muhammad Rafiuddin Ashrafi*

*Jahan Mey Har Taraf Deykho Hai Shehrah Sunni Dawat E Islami  
 Muballig Chaar Soo Deyta Hai Pehra Sunni Dawat Ka*

*Hari Chaadar Nishaan E Ghaus E Azam  
 Saron Pey Jis Key Sajatey Hai Amama Sunni Dawat Ka*

*Buzurgon Sey Aqeedat Ho Merey Aaqa Sey Azmat Ho  
 Khuda Ki Bandagi Karna Hai Shaiwah Sunni Dawat Ka*

*Mubarak Tum Ko Meer E Dawat Hazrat E Shakir  
 Dar e Aaqa Sey Jo Paata Ho Muzdah Sunni Dawat Ka*

*Canada, Hind Ho, U.S. Key London Aur Africa  
 Jahan Mey Har Taraf Ghunjha Hai Naara Sunni Dawat Ka*

*Nazar Neechi, Haya Achee Azaaim Khanda Paishaani  
 Muballig Is Tarha Hota Hai Kis Ka? Sunni Dawat Ka*

*Nazam Naatey Likh Rahey Hai Jo Rafiuddin  
 Jhalakta Unka Sha'ron Mey Hai Jalwah Sunni Dawat Ka*

*Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful  
Nahmaduhu Wanosalli Alaa Habibehil Kareem*

## **DEDICATED TO:**

May Allah Give Such Strength in My Pen, That I Keep Transforming Those with False Beliefs  
You Make Me Yours With Your Mercy, Other Than You I want to Associate with No-One Else  
(Huzoor Mufti E Azam E Hind)

Shaikh E Tareeqat, firm on truth, possessor of piety and abstinence, Sarkaar Huzoor Mufti E Azam E Hind alaihir rehmatowar ridwan's blessed glance turned many particles of dust into bright rays. He took those that were on a dark path, and showed them a bright road and made them luminous. It is the result of His glance and blessings that he made an inferior person like me walk down this road of serving the religion. Why would his glance not have that effect when his prayer is?  
*Kuch Aisa Kardey Merey Kirdigaar Aankhon Mey (O Lord Make It So That In My Eyes)*  
*Hameysha Naqsh Rahey Roo E Yaar Aankhon Mey (The Picture Of My Beloved Stays There Forever)*

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the same piety and love of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Muhaqqiq E Masail E Jadeedah Hazrat Allama Mufti Muhammad Nizamuddin Sahib Qibla  
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*Allah In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, The Most Merciful*

Sunni Dawat E Islami is the name of an Ahle Sunnah Wa'l Jama'at organisation. From time to time, according to the current events or the needs of the community at large, this organisation publishes books to strengthen the faith and beliefs of Sunni Muslims in easy to understand Urdu. This is so that the Ahle Sunnah Masses can gain maximum benefit from them and make the hereafter comfortable for themselves. The work that the author of this book, Ameer E Sunni Dawat E Islami Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Shakir Ali Noorie damat barkatuhumul qudsiya, has done in India and abroad to improve the faith, actions and characters of people needs no explanation. He deserves our utmost praise and gratitude.

The book in your hands is an extension of this work and is very appropriate and needed. I have studied this book and believe that it can be the means by which the vices that have infected our society can be cured, especially amongst the youngsters. There is extensive information in the book from the Qur'an and Hadith.

I pray that Allah Ta'ala grants this book acceptance and gives a long life to the author and makes Sunni Dawat E Islami's message widespread prominent all over the globe. Aameen Summa Aameen.

## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

**Alhamdo Lillahi Lazee Hadana Lehazaa Wama Kunna Lenahtadeya Lau La An Hadaan Allah**

**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam  
Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

It is a great favour and mercy of Allah Ta'ala that through the sadqa of His Beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam, through the grace of the Pious, and the prayers of my beloved mother that I am able to present volume 1 of Barkaat E Shariat.

One of the reasons for our downfall and ruination is that we have weakened tremendously the relationship between the Qur'an, the Holy Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, and ourselves. The reality is that we will only gain respect and recognition after we have established a strong relationship with the Qur'an and the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. It is impossible for us to achieve success and glory by turning away from the Qur'an and the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

The reason for presenting the book that is in front of you, "Barkaat E Shariat", is to make the Muslim nation aware of the commands of the Qur'an and the Hadith, and to invite everyone to follow those commands in the correct manner. We need to be aware of what the Qur'an and Hadith order us to do, from how to worship to how we should be living all aspects of our lives. Muslim's commit many sins thinking they are minor, but they do not realise that the Qur'an has mentioned very strict punishment for those sins. Muslims go around breaking relationships instead of making them stronger, but he does not realise the beautiful teachings of the Qur'an about the importance of relationships. Muslim's do not respect the rights of other's but do not realise how severe the punishment is for this according to the Qur'an and Hadith of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. In short the aim of this book is to bring people closer to the Qur'an and the Hadith of the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

If our responsible members, especially the envoys (Muballigeen), read from "Barkaat E Shariat" for 5-7 minutes a day in their homes or in their local mosques, then I expect that the enthusiasm for following the orders of the Qur'an and Hadith will be renewed.

May Allah Ta'ala guide us to act upon the teachings of the Qur'an and Hadith and forgive our shortcomings. May He grant us the ability to live and die drowned in the love of the Qur'an and the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May He make Barkaat E Shariat a means by which the believer's reform.

Many individuals helped in the compilation of this book and it would be improper of me not to mention them. Attendant of the faith and the masses Al-Hajj Muhammad Usman Zarodarwala, Al Hajj Irfan Namakwala. Among the scholars, Muhaqqiq E Masail E Jadeedah, Hazrat Allama Mufti Muhammad Nizamuddin Saheb, Maulana Iftkhar Ahmed Saheb Misbahi, Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Zubair Ahmed Misbahi, Maulana Abul Hasan Sahib, Maulana Muhammad Rafiuddin Sahib Ashrafi, Maulana Obaidullah Noorie. I would especially like to thank Maulana Mazharul Haq Aleemi Sahib who spent many hours in arranging the book. Also those students of our institution who carried out the monumental task of composing the book. I pray that Allah Ta'ala rewards them all according to His status and gives us all death with faith.

This Faqeer is aware of his lack of knowledge and lack of understanding. The rights of the subjects were not able to be fulfilled by me, but it is the humble attempt by a weak servant of Allah Ta'ala whose aim is to invite and propagate and hopefully reform.

I humbly request all those with knowledge to advice of any shortcomings or mistakes in Barkaat E Shariat so that we can be mindful in the future. I beseech Allah Ta'ala, through his Beloved bondmen that he gives this book universal acceptance.

Aameen

Dust of the Feet of the Scholars & The Pious

**Muhammad Shakir Ali Noorie**

(Ameer Sunni Dawat E Islami)

## TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

**Alhamdo Lillahe Rabbil Aalameen. Wassalato Wassalamo Ala Sayedil Ambiya E Wal Mursaleen.**

**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam  
Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

All praise is for Allah Ta'ala the Most High, our Lord, our Sustainer, our Creator. Peace, Blessings and Salutations be on the best of Allah's creations, His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, on His Family, on His Companions and on all Pious Muslims.

The Muslim society has been greatly influenced by non-Islamic cultures in the last 30 years. Our children are more interested in following western culture and the western way of life. We have left and forgotten the true path, which is the path to Paradise. We ourselves encourage our children to follow unIslamic cultures and traditions and then are shocked when they refuse to obey us. The greatest challenge facing this generation is to rescue our children from an unIslamic way of life and bring them back towards the teachings of the Qur'an and the Sunnah of Sayyidina Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. When a Muslim follows the teachings of the Qur'an and bases his life and actions on the life style of the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam he will not go astray.

The reason for this book is to provide Muslim's, especially Muslim youngsters, an easy reference on how to live their lives according to Islam. That is the only way we can succeed in this world and the world hereafter.

It is every Muslim's duty to invite to good and forbid from evil to help improve our society, especially in this age of immorality and wickedness. It is important in this age to publish Islamic literature, especially English literature for the Muslim youth.

It is with this in mind that Ameer e Sunni Dawat E Islami, Hafiz O Qari Maulana Muhammad Shakir Ali Noorie (damat barkatuhumul qudsiya) placed on my unqualified shoulders the heavy task of translating "*Barkaat E Shariat*" into English.

It is a heavy burden but also a great honour that Ameer E Sunni Dawat E Islami has bestowed on me. I pray to Allah Ta'ala through the waseela of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, that I am able to complete the task that I have been assigned and repay the faith that Hazrat Ameer e SDI has shown in me. I ask Allah Ta'ala to accept this work from me and make it a means for my forgiveness. I would especially like to thank all those that assisted me in the translation of this book. May Allah Ta'ala bless them with happiness and success in both worlds.

I always pray and request all readers to make special Dua for Hazrat Ameer E Sunni Dawat E Islami, for his efforts in making this book possible for us readers, for his unrelenting efforts to propagate Islam and for the formation of this glorious organisation, Sunni Dawat E Islami. May Allah the Almighty and Glorious grant this organisation an elevated status and enable it to go from strength to strength. May He accept the efforts of all the muballigs of Sunni Dawat E Islami all over the world and guide us to work diligently for the propagation of His commands.

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# ***BARKAAT E SHARIAT AT A GLANCE***

- \* *FAITH*
- \* *NAMAZ*
- \* *EXCELLENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (JAMA'AT)*
- \* *WARNING FOR MISSING PRAYERS*
- \* *FASTING*
- \* *ZAKAT*
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- \* *BLESSINGS OF THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH*
- \* *RIGHTS OF PARENTS*
- \* *EXCELLENCE OF GOOD RELATIONS*
- \* *RIGHTS OF NEIGHBOURS*
- \* *CONDEMNATION OF BACKBITING*
- \* *CONDEMNATION OF ARROGANCE*
- \* *CONDEMNATION OF JEALOUSY*
- \* *CURSE OF LYING*

**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## **FAITH**

Allah Ta'ala say's in the Holy Qur'an, *"This is Allah, your Lord, none is to be worshipped except He, the Maker of everything, then worship Him, He is Guardian over everything."* (Surah An'aam, verse 102)

Hazrat Umar bin Khattab radiallaho ta'ala anhu reports that one day we were present in the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Suddenly a person came whose clothes were very white and clean and he had jet-black hair. There were no signs of travel on him and none of us recognised him. Finally he sat close to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam; he joined his knees with the blessed knees of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and placed his hands on the thighs of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Then he said, *"O Muhammad (sallalaho alaihe wasallam), tell me about Islam?"*

*The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "Islam is that you testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam is His Prophet. Also to establish prayers, pay zakat, fast in the month of Ramadhan, and perform pilgrimage if you are able to afford it."*

The stranger replied, *"You have spoken the truth."* (The narrators comment) We were amazed that he is asking the question and then affirming its accuracy. *The stranger then asked, "Tell me about faith (Iman)?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "(Faith is) to believe in Allah Ta'ala, His angels, His Divine revelations, His Prophets, on the day of judgement, and to believe in all good and bad destiny." The stranger said, "You have spoken the truth."*

*He then asked, "Tell me about Ehsaan?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "(Ehsaan is) to worship Allah Ta'ala as though you are looking at Him, if you are unable to see Him, know that He is watching you."* (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! In commenting on the previous Hadith Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlvi Rehmatullah Ta'ala alaihe states that, "Islam is the name of the actions that are visible, (praying namaz, fasting in Ramadhan, paying zakat etc). Imam (faith) is the beliefs that we cannot see (believing in Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam). The combination of Islam & Iman is the religion.

### **Faith In Allah Ta'ala and its Essential Aspects**

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! After believing in Allah Ta'ala, it is essential to obey all His commands and orders. Also to drown yourself in the love and devotion of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam and be punctual and firm in following the laws that he brought. This will lead to a person gaining the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.

### **Allah Ta'ala and His Sifaat (Qualities)**

- Belief-** Allah Ta'ala is One, Pure and without comparison, He has no defects. He is the embodiment of all that is excellent. He is from forever and will be forever; everything else was not present and only came into being when He created it. He is not dependent on anyone; rather all are dependent on Him. He is the owner of all and can do as He pleases. Not even a leaf can move without His order. We are all His slaves and He is more Beneficent and Merciful on His bondmen than parents are on their children. He is the forgiver, the acceptor of repentance. Respect and disgrace, wealth and treasures are all in His control.
- Belief-** Guidance and misguidance is from Him alone. Whomever He wishes to guide is given guidance and He leads astray those that He pleases. All His work is fair and wise, whether we understand it or not. The favours of the Lord on his bondmen is beyond comprehension.
- Belief-** Only Allah Ta'ala is worthy of being worshipped. No one else is worthy of being worshipped.
- Belief-** Allah Ta'ala is the true Ruler and He is the Wise One. Nothing is outside His knowledge. He knows about the fears and temptations that are in our hearts. There is no limit to His knowledge
- Belief-** Allah Ta'ala can do whatever He wants, however He wants to do it. No one has any influence on Him. Neither is there anyone that can stop Him from His intentions. He is pleased by His bondmen's good deeds and displeased by their bad deeds.
- Belief-** He is the true provider of sustenance, wealth, children and all requirements. Angels etc are a means through which He provides all these things.
- Belief-** It is impossible to associate any faults with Allah Ta'ala, like lying, ignorance, forgetting, injustice etc. He is free from all faults and imperfections. Those that believe that Allah can lie, but chooses not to, are misguided because they believe that Allah Ta'ala has faults (lying) but is hiding his faults. (Ma'azAllah)

## Faith regarding Prophets

**Messenger-** Prophet means one that brings the message from Allah Ta'ala to His bondmen.

**Prophet-** The person that receives revelation (wahi) from Allah Ta'ala and shows people the way to Allah Ta'ala.

**Faith-** Many Prophets and angels were messengers. All Prophets were male. No Jinns or females were Prophets.

**Faith-** Prophets and messengers are chosen by the Beneficence of Allah Ta'ala. A person's efforts do not lead to this. Allah Ta'ala makes those people Prophets whom He created for this duty.

**Faith-** Prophets and Messengers stay away from bad acts and deeds from the beginning. They do not have any qualities in them that would make people hate them.

**Faith-** All Prophets are sinless. They are not able to commit any sins.

**Faith-** It is not possible for the Prophets to make any mistakes in delivering the message of Allah Ta'ala to His bondmen.

**Faith-** It is false and wrong to believe any other person (an Imam or a pious person) to be sinless except for Prophets.

Even though imam's and friends of Allah (Wali Allah) do not commit sins, it is not impossible for them to commit a sin.

**Faith-** The best of Allah Ta'ala's creations are the Prophets.

**Faith-** No matter how exalted a friend of Allah is, he cannot compare to a Prophet. If a person claims that a friend of Allah is equal to or better than a Prophet, he is wrong and misguided.

**Faith-** Respect of Prophets is compulsory; rather it is foundation of all deeds. The slightest disrespect of a Prophet is infidelity.

**Faith-** All Prophets are alive in their grave just like they were alive in the world. To fulfil the promise of Allah Ta'ala that "*Every Living Being Shall Taste Death*", they are given death for a moment. Then Allah Ta'ala gives them life with His Power. Their lives are much more exalted than the lives of martyrs.

**Faith-** Allah Ta'ala has given knowledge of the unseen to His Prophets. Their knowledge of the unseen is granted and Allah Ta'ala's knowledge of the unseen is His own, not given to Him by anyone. Therefore His knowledge is His own. To believe in knowledge of the unseen for Prophets is not associating (shirk), rather it is faith (Iman). This is evident from many verses of the Qur'an and the Hadith of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

**Faith-** Allah Ta'ala created Our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam from His brilliant light (noor) before He created anything else. Other Prophets, angels, heaven and earth, the seven heavens and the Throne, the whole universe was created from the Noor of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Allah Ta'ala made our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam the embodiment of all excellence after Himself. Allah Ta'ala has given the keys to all His treasures to His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Allah Ta'ala is the owner of all the bounties in this world and the world hereafter and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is the distributor.

**Faith-** Allah Ta'ala granted Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam the ascension (Me'raj) whilst he was awake and aware. He called him to the heavens and gifted him the great blessing of seeing His Lord. He spoke to him and showed him paradise, hellfire, the heavens and the Throne. On the day of judgement Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam will be the first person to intercede on behalf of the ummah, will intercede to have the ummah's sins forgiven and their status to be raised. There are many more special qualities, the details of which are available in the books of the scholars of Ahle Sunnah Wa'al jam'at.

**Faith-** Allah Ta'ala revealed books and pages for the guidance of his slaves. Hazrat Musa (Moses) alaihis salaam received the Old Testament (Taurah). Hazrat Daud (David) alaihis salaam received the Psalms (Zaboor). Hazrat Isa (Jesus) alaihis salaam received the Bible (Injeel). Many other Prophets received other books or certain pages. The nations of these Prophets added or removed certain verses from those books, and changed the order of Allah Ta'ala. Finally Allah Ta'ala revealed the Holy Qur'an to our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. It contains the knowledge of everything. The Qur'an is the same today as it was when it was revealed, and will forever stay the same. It is essential on all to have faith in the Qur'an. There will be no new Prophet and no new book. Those that hold a different view to this are not believers.

**Faith-** Angels are a creation of light (Noor). Allah Ta'ala has given them the power to change form. Angels do not do anything against the commands of Allah Ta'ala, knowingly or unknowingly. That is why angels are sinless. Allah Ta'ala has assigned many duties to the angels. Some angels remove the souls from people, some make it rain, some form the face of a child in the mother's womb, and some write the actions of people etc.

**Faith-** Angels are neither male nor female; rather they are a creation of light (Noor). To deny angels or to believe that they can sin is also misguidance. One who holds such beliefs is not a believer.

**Faith-** Death is a reality and will come. Each person's life is pre destined; it cannot be lengthened or shortened. When the time for death arrives, Hazrat Izrael alaihis salaam (who is the angel of death) comes and removes the person's soul and takes it away. However the soul does not die when it leaves the body, rather it lives in "Aalam E Barzakh." There are different places where the souls stay depending on faith and actions during one's life on the earth. The souls will stay there until the day of judgement. Wherever the soul is, it still has some kind of connection with the body and difficulties incurred by the body are felt by the soul. Peace for the body also results in peace for the soul. It recognises those that come to the grave and listens to their speech as well. It is reported in Hadith that a Muslim's soul is set free once the person dies, and the soul can go where it pleases. Hazrat Shah Abdul Aziz Dehlvi states that "No place is too far or near for the souls, it is all the same."

### Questions For The Deceased

**Faith-** Munkar and Nakeer are two angels who ask the deceased three questions in a very harsh and frightening tone. (1) Who is your Lord? (2) What is your religion? (3) What did you use to say about this person? If the deceased died as a Muslim he will answer "My Lord is Allah" to the first question. He will say "My religion is Islam" for the second question. Then he will say "This is the Prophet of Allah, may the peace and blessings of Allah be on him." When the deceased gives the correct answers, Allah Ta'ala will order the angels to arrange paradise for him in his grave and he will stay there until the day of judgement. If the deceased is a non-believer he will not be able to give the answers. He will say "Alas! Alas! I do not know." Angels will begin to punish this person and this will continue until the day of judgement.

**Faith-** Questions and punishment will affect both the body and the soul. If he was burnt, or left somewhere, or the body thrown away, he will be questioned there. Even if a lion ate someone, they will be questioned in the stomach of the lion and punishment will be given wherever they happen to be.

**Faith-** Peace or difficulty in the grave is a fact. One who denies this is misguided.

**Faith-** Prophets are not questioned in the grave and some of their followers are also not questioned. For example, those Muslim's that die on Friday or those that die in Ramadhan.

**Faith-** The soil is not able to eat the bodies of Prophets, Friends of Allah (Wali Allah), Scholars of the religion, martyrs, Hafiz e Qur'an (one who has memorised the Qur'an) and acts on it's teachings, the person that has never sinned, and the person who always recites durood shareef (blessings on Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam). The person that says that Prophets have "died and mingled with the dust" has no religion, is misguided and is going to be in great difficulty.

### Day of Judgement and its Signs

**Faith-** One day the world and everything on it will be destroyed. Nothing will remain except Allah Ta'ala; this is called the day of judgement. There are signs that will be apparent before the day of judgement arrives. \*Knowledge of the religion will be removed from the world, meaning scholars will leave the world. \*Widespread ignorance will prevail. \*Alcohol and adultery will be common. \*Men will listen to their wives and stay away from their parents. \*There will be much music and singing. \*People will curse the generations that came before them. \*Wretched and unqualified people will be made leaders. \*Trying to stay firm on the religion will be as difficult as picking up fire with your hands. \*There will be no blessing in time, meaning time will pass very quickly. \*Wild beasts, animals will talk to humans. \*The sun will rise from the west. When this sign is made apparent, the doors of repentance (taubah) will be closed. It will not be possible to accept Islam after that time.

Allah O Akbar! Apart from these signs, the Anti-Christ (Dajjal) will also appear. 30 other dajjals will come who all will claim to be a Prophet, even though the door of Prophethood has been closed. Our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam is the final prophet until the day of judgement. Many of the false impostors have already appeared like Musailmah Kazzab, Taliha Bin Khawlid, Sajjah, Aswad Ansi, Mirza Ali Muhammad Baab, Mirza Ali Hussain Baha'Ullah, and Mirza Gulam Ahmad Qadiyani etc. Those that are left will definitely come and claim prophethood.

#### NOTE:

For More Information on the Above Mentioned Articles of Faith, please see the following books:  
Books of Tafseer, Kanzul Iman, Fatawa E Razvia, Tamheed E Iman, Bahar E Shariat etc

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## ***PRAYER (NAMAZ)***

The foundation of Islam is on five things. To testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah Ta'ala and that Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam is His Prophet, to establish prayer, fast in the month of Ramadhan, pay Zakat and perform Hajj (pilgrimage). (Al Hadith)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The most important worship after faith in Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam is to perform prayers (namaz). Let us look at the Commands of Allah Ta'ala in the Qur'an in this regards so that we can appreciate the excellence and try and create love in our hearts for prayer and the passion to perform it punctually. We have been ordered to establish prayer at many places in the Holy Qur'an. Allah Ta'ala says in the beginning verses of Surah Baqara,

*“That high ranked book (Qur'an) Whereof there is no place of doubt, in it there is guidance to the God fearing. Who believe without seeing, and establish prayer and spend in Our path, out of Our provided subsistence. (Surah Baqara, verse 2-3)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The Holy Qur'an is guidance for the God fearing. The Qur'an also tells us the characteristics of people that are God fearing. The most important characteristic is to establish prayer. Remember that prayer is the most important worship and no matter how many claims a person makes of being pious, if he is not punctual in his prayers, he can never be a God fearing, pious friend of Allah Ta'ala. All the Prophets and all the friends of Allah that came into the world were punctual in prayers and used to invite others to do the same, as we can see from many other verses of the Qur'an. This nation has become lazy in respect to this prayer. If only the Muslim community would study the Qur'an and Hadith, they would see that establishing prayer results in great rewards from their Lord and missing prayer leads to extreme punishment. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to establish prayer. Aameen

### **The Dua of Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam**

*“O my Lord, keep me as establisher of prayer and some of my children too, O our Lord and accept my prayer.”*

*(Surah Ibrahim, verse 40)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We learn from this verse of the Qur'an that Prophet's would make prayer (dua) for themselves and their children to be punctual in prayers. This is the prayer of Hazrat Ibrahim alaihis salam, who re-built the Ka'aba, he is the friend of Allah (Khaleel Ullah), and is the base for the Hajj being made compulsory. He is not only making dua to perform prayer but is asking for his dua to be accepted. We can see the importance of prayer in the eyes of Hazrat Ibrahim alaihis salaam. Today we make dua for our children and ourselves, but we ask for worldly possessions, physical pleasures and material prosperity. If only we would follow the footsteps of Prophets and establish prayer and force our children to be punctual in prayers. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance to do this. Aameen.

### **A Father's Advice to his Son**

The Holy Qur'an says, *“O my son, establish prayer and bid doing good and forbid evil and be patient over whatever befall upon.” (Surah Luqman, verse 17)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We can see from this verse the advice a father should give to his child or children. The words and advice of Hazrat Luqman alaihis salaam, a respected Prophet of Allah Ta'ala, were always full of wisdom. Allah Ta'ala took one of his sayings and placed them in the Qur'an. What is that saying? It is when he said, *“Oh my son, establish prayer and order people to do good.”* We see from this that a father should think about his children's religious matters as well as worldly necessities. We should promise ourselves that we will be punctual in prayer and we will attempt to make our children and our whole family punctual in prayer. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to be punctual in our prayers. Aameen

### **Prayer is the Method for Remembering Allah Ta'ala**

Allah Ta'ala states in the Holy Qur'an, *“Verily I am Allah there is none to be worshipped save Me. So worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance.” (Surah Ta-Ha, verse 14)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Every particle of the universe is a means to remember Allah Ta'ala. Wherever we look we see His creations. There are untold blessings of His that we see, and upon seeing them we can remember our Lord. Ponder on the fact that in the above-mentioned verse He orders His bondmen to establish prayer for His remembrance. He says, "*Establish prayer for My remembrance.*" From this we see that prayer is the best way to remember Allah Ta'ala. The reason for this is that a person's whole body is in submission to His Creator during prayer. His tongue is busy reciting the words of Allah Ta'ala. His ears are listening to them. His eyes are fixed at the place of prostration (sajdah), and his heart becomes the centre of communicating with Allah Ta'ala. In short, when a person is busy in prayer he is completely in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. He gives up all concern for the world and focuses on Allah Ta'ala alone and becomes his humble worshipper. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to remember Him through our prayer. Aameen.

### **Responsibilities of those in Authority**

Allah Ta'ala mentions the responsibilities of his bondmen in the Qur'an, He says, "*Those, if we give them control in the land, they would establish prayer and pay the zakat (poor-due) and command good and forbid evil.*" (Surah Hajj, verse 41). My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! In this verse Allah Ta'ala has stated the responsibilities of officials and governments. The most important job of an administration is to "establish prayer, because prayer contains training that can be used in a wide variety of fields. Punctuality of time, straight rows for unity, cleanliness, and leading and following etc. Namaz is a means of training as well as spiritual contentment. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the passion to establish prayer. Aameen.

### **Prayer Stops You from All Evil**

Allah Ta'ala explains the benefit of prayer in the Qur'an and says, "*Establish prayer. Undoubtedly, the prayer forbids one from indecency and evil things.*" (Surah Ankabut, verse 45)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This verse contains the solution for the problems we face today. All believers are deeply concerned about how to save our families and ourselves from the tidal wave of indecency and evil acts. Listen! Allah Ta'ala has ordered us to pray five times each day. A person that prays punctually thinks about all aspects of cleanliness at least five times a day, from his body to each article of clothing. A person who stands in the court of Allah Ta'ala five times a day is always aware that if he commits a sin, how would he be able to stand in prayer and face Allah Ta'ala? This realisation stops people from committing indecent acts and saves a person from the displeasure of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to establish prayer and keep away from all evil acts. Aameen.

### **The Glad Tidings of Being a Dweller of Paradise (Jannati)**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrated that a Bedouin came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, "*Show me an action that I can do that will entitle me to be a dweller of paradise?*" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "*Worship Allah Ta'ala, do not associate any partners with Him, perform your compulsory prayers, pay your poor due (zakat), fast in the month of ramadhan.*" The Bedouin said, "*I will not do any less than this nor any more than this.*" When he had left Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever wishes to see a dweller of paradise, should look at that Bedouin.*" (Bukhari Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Many acts are mentioned in this Hadith, but because the subject we are discussing is prayer, I would like to mention a few things about prayer. A person that establishes prayer is so exalted that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam declared him a dweller of paradise. Those of you that desire paradise should pray punctually, and not miss any prayers, and not be short in respect of fasting and paying the poor due. Insha Allah! One who is punctual in these things will be worthy of the glad tidings of paradise in this world. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform the above-mentioned worships. Aameen.

### **The Fair Maidens of Paradise Welcome The One who Performs Prayer**

Hazrat Abu Umamah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said that, "*When a person stands for prayer, the doors of Paradise are opened for him. All the veils between him and Allah Ta'ala are removed and the fair maidens of paradise (Hoors) welcome him until that time that he wipes his nose.*" (Tibrani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! How exalted has Allah Ta'ala made the status of prayer? A person begins his prayer and the doors of Paradise are opened. The Master whose court he is standing in removes the veils between them. What a great miracle for the one who performs prayer, that he is able to see Allah Ta'ala without any veils. The condition is that he needs to be blessed with the eyes that are needed to see Allah Ta'ala. We should ensure that we respect prayer and try our utmost to perform it punctually. May Allah Ta'ala make us all punctual in our prayers. Aameen

## Prayer and the Forgiveness of Sins

Hazrat Abu Muslim radiallaho ta'ala anhu states that he went to Hazrat Abu Umamah radiallaho ta'ala anhu, who was in the mosque and said, "A person told me that you had heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say that a person that does ablution (wudhu) properly, and then performs his compulsory prayer, Allah Ta'ala forgives the sins that his feet committed on that day. Also the sins committed by his hands, those sins committed by his ears, eyes, and those committed by his heart are all forgiven by Allah Ta'ala." Hazrat Abu Umamah radiallaho ta'ala anhu said, "I heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say this on many occasions. (Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are humans and it is possible for us to commit sins. In this dangerous era, where the wave of sins has engulfed the whole society, sins are present everywhere. Shamelessness is seen everywhere, from the streets to all functions large and small. It is very difficult to save ourselves from sins in an environment where shamelessness and disrespect is everywhere. Allah Ta'ala is the Beneficent One and knows the weaknesses of his slaves. Therefore he has said that come into my court five times a day, I am the Beneficent One, worship Me with sincerity. I am the One with Power and I will forgive your sins.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Do not be miserly in bowing your head in the court of Allah Ta'ala. Perform prayers punctually and undoubtedly Allah Ta'ala will shower you with His Kindness. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to be punctual in our prayer.

## Forgiveness of Sins

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood radiallaho ta'ala anhu states that a person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, "I embraced a woman on the outskirts of Madinah but did not have any relations with her. I am present please decide my fate." Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu said, "Allah Ta'ala had covered your crime, you should have done the same." Narrators report that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam did not give him any reply, and the person left. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam sent someone after him and called him back and recited the following verse of the Qur'an, "**And establish prayer at the two ends of the day and in parts of the night. No doubt, good deeds obliterate evil deeds. This is admonition for the persons accepting admonitions.**" (Surah Hud, verse 114).

A person asked, "Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, is this just for this person?" The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "This is for all the people." (Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We see from this Hadith that Allah Ta'ala forgives big sins because of prayer. But when we look at the state of Muslims today in terms of prayer, all we see is laziness (may Allah Ta'ala protect). Please do not be lazy with your prayers; show great enthusiasm and wipe away your sins through prayer. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

## Put Out the Fire

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, "At the time of prayer an Angel proclaims, O children of Adam! Stand and put out the fire of hell that you have started burning yourselves with (due to sins). The Pious ones stand up perform the Zohar prayer, and because of this their sins committed between the morning and Zohar prayer are forgiven. Similarly at Asar time, at Maghrib time and at Isha time the same thing happens. After Isha prayer people are busy in going to sleep. Certain people go towards sins (adultery, stealing, immoral acts etc) and certain people go towards goodness (prayer, remembrance of Allah ta'ala, etc)" (Tibrani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The flames of hell are so frightening that thinking about them makes the hair stand. If an amount of the fire of hell equivalent to the eye of a needle was put on the earth, the whole earth would be burnt.

When a person commits a sin he is lighting the fire of hell for himself. In the light of the saying of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, the person that performs the Zohar prayer, his sins up to that point in the day are forgiven. Similarly all the prayers in a day forgive the sins between each prayer. Do we have the strength to withstand the punishment for our sins? Definitely not! Repent with a sincere heart and do not miss any prayers. Our prayers will be our means of forgiveness. Insha Allah. May Allah Ta'ala make us all performers of prayer. Aameen

## Welcomed by the Angels

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "The angels of the day and night come amongst you one after the other. They are all together during the Fajar and Asar prayers. Then those that spent the night with you return and Allah Ta'ala asks them, (even though He knows all), "In what state did you leave my bondmen?" They reply, "We left them in such a state that they were performing prayer and when we went to them they were performing prayer as well." (Bukhari Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We see from this Hadith that the Angel's duties change at Fajar time and at Asar time. If a person performs these two prayers, Allah Ta'ala's innocent Angel's refer to him as a "Namazi" (performer of prayer) in the court of Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala is pleased when He hears about His bondmen bowing their heads for Him, and when He is pleased He certainly blesses us with His Mercy. The time of Fajar and Asar are very important. People are deep in sleep at the time of Fajar and are busy in business at the time of Asar, which leads to a possibility of missing them. However if a person performs His prayers Allah Ta'ala is pleased. May Allah ta'ala guide us all to perform prayers, especially the Fajar and Asar prayers. Aameen.

### **Example of Prayer Removing Sins**

Hazrat Abu Zar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that "*Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was walking outdoors in autumn and leaves were falling off the trees. He took hold of two branches of a tree and shook them and the leaves fell off the branches. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "O Abu Zar!" I said, "I am here O Prophet of Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam." The Holy Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "If a Muslim performs prayers with the intention of obtaining the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, his sins fall away from him just as the leaves are falling off this tree."* (Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! What a great example the Crown of the Universe sallalaho alaihe wasallam has given us. If a person is worried about the sins that he has committed, and no doubt a believer will have regret in his heart about sins, such a person is being given comfort by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. He is being told that even if you have committed sins, be punctual in your prayer and Allah Ta'ala will make the sins fall off your body like these leaves are falling off the tree. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to establish prayer. Aameen

### **The Prayer (Namaz) Makes Dua For The One Who Prays**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*When one performs his prayers at the earliest possible time, his prayer goes to the heavens in a state of light and reaches the Throne of Allah Ta'ala, where it prays for the performer of namaz until the day of judgement. It says, "May Allah Ta'ala protect you just as you protected me." If a person performs prayer out of its proper time it goes up to the heavens in a dark state. When it reaches the heavens it is thrown back in the face of the person.*" (Baihiqi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Imagine how many blessings there are in performing prayer at its allocated time, and how severe the punishment is for not performing it at the correct time? Today, not only do we fail to pray it late (make it Qaza); the majority of people do not pray it at all. They do not regret the fact that they have missed prayers at all. Just think! When the punishment is such for praying it late, how severe will it be for not praying it at all? May Allah Ta'ala forgive our small and large sins and guide us to perform prayers punctually at its allocated time. Aameen.



**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## ***EXCELLENCE OF PRAYER IN CONGREGATION***

Allah Ta'ala says, *“And bow with those who bow.”* (Surah Baqarah, verse 43)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! From the verse mentioned above we realise the importance of praying in congregation (Jama'at). Those fortunate people that perform prayers in congregation have been given many glad tidings by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Those that are too busy in worldly things and miss congregational prayers have been given very severe warnings by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. We will see in the next few pages how much importance our pious predecessors gave to congregational prayers. We are so lazy in respect of congregational prayers nowadays that even if we are close to a mosque, we do not go there and join in the prayer. For Allah's sake! Read the verse above and performing prayer in congregation. Let us beseech Allah Ta'ala that He guides us all to perform prayers in congregation. Aameen.

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Performing prayer in congregation is 27 times better than performing it alone.”* (Mishkat Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! In worldly dealings, we always worry about how much something will profit us. If we are indifferent or forgetful, it's only when it is related to religious things. Would any one of us leave 27 and be satisfied with 1? If not, praying in congregation does not take any longer than praying alone, and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has told us that praying in a congregation gives us 27 times the reward. Just imagine that frightening time on the day of judgement when a father will run away from his son. No one will be bothered about anyone else, and we will all be short of good deeds. No relative or close friend will be willing to give you anything. By Allah! At that moment you will realise the value of each and every good deed. Therefore, perform prayer in congregation and obtain 27 times the reward so that on the day of judgement Allah Ta'ala blesses us with the glance of Benevolence, and grants us goodness with the supplications of the pious people.

### **Insisting on Congregation in the Battlefield**

Allah Ta'ala says, *“And O Beloved, When you are amidst them, then lead them in prayer, then let a party of them be with you and let them take their arms, then when they have finished their prostrations, then moving from there they should go to your rear; and now let the other party who had not participated in the prayer at that time, come and be your followers in the prayer and let them also take their means of protection and weapons; The infidel's wish that in case you become negligent of your arms and your baggage, then once again they may fall upon you. And there is no fault upon you, if you are in trouble due to rain or you are sick that you put aside your arms, but you carry your means of protection with you. Undoubtedly, Allah has prepared for the infidels a degrading torment”.* (Surah Nisa, verse 102)

Performing congregational prayers at a time of war and in an atmosphere of fear shows us how important congregational prayers are. (Khazain Ul Irfan)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The atmosphere during war is frightening. Your life is at risk from all sides. Do you realise that even in these conditions Allah Ta'ala ordered prayer to be prayed in congregation? We realise how important congregation is from the above verse. Today, even in peaceful surroundings, we don't stand to pray on our own, let alone praying in congregation. We should all promise ourselves that from today we would always attempt to perform prayer in congregation. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The person that performs ablution (wudhu) and comes for Fajar prayer, prays the sunnahs and then remains busy in remembrance (zikar) until the farz prayer, his prayer will be the same as the prayer of pious people. His name will be in the list of The Merciful's Messengers.* (Tibrani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There is great reward in remaining busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala whilst waiting for the farz part of fajar prayer. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has stated that the status of such people and their prayer is very high. If only we would sacrifice our sleep and be present at the morning prayer and perform the prayer in congregation. Without doubt, the Lord that will grant us respect and honour on the day of judgement will also grant it to us in this world. If only we would realise this and repent with a sincere heart and intend to perform all our

prayers with congregation. If we attempt this then Allah Ta'ala will surely be pleased with us and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam will also be pleased. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform prayer in congregations. Aameen. Hazrat Abdullah Bin Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhu states that Allah Ta'ala has created a river in paradise called "Afyah." Its banks are made from pearls and diamonds. There are 80 maidens of paradise on the bank of the river and they praise Allah Ta'ala and remember Him in 70 different languages. These maidens also proclaim that, "We are for the service of those that perform the Morning Prayer (Fajar) with congregation. (Nuzhatul Majaalis, Page 515) My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We have seen the reward for performing the Morning Prayer with congregation. We must try our utmost to be punctual in this. This is a very important part of the day and most people are unaware of this and ignore it. We should be present at this time and obtain riches and rewards from Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

## Untold Rewards

Hazrat Anas Bin Maalik radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*O Uthmaan Bin Maz'oon! Performing the morning prayer (Fajar) in congregation is equivalent to performing the large pilgrimage and the small pilgrimage (Hajj & Umrah). O Uthmaan! Whoever performs the midday prayer (Zohar), he receives the reward of 25 prayers and his status is raised 70 grades in paradise. O Uthmaan! Whoever performs the afternoon (Asar) prayer with congregation then remains busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, it is as though he has freed 12000 slaves from the children of Hazrat Ismail alaihis salaam. The person that performs the evening prayer (Maghrib) with congregation he is rewarded for 25 prayers and his status is raised 70 stages in paradise. O Uthmaan! Whoever performs the night prayer (Isha) with congregation, it is as though he worshipped on the Night of Power (Shab-e-Qadr).*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has shown us the rewards for each of the 5 prayers in the Hadith mentioned above. Those of you that wish to be surrounded with these blessings and obtain all those rewards need to ensure that they are punctual in praying with congregation. If we can obtain such blessings and reward with a small sacrifice, then we should definitely make the attempt. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance to perform prayer in congregations. Aameen

## Reward Equivalent to Standing All Night

Hazrat Uthmaan E Ghani radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*If one prays the night prayer (Isha) with congregation it is as though he has prayed for half the night. And if one then prays the morning prayer (Fajar) with congregation, it is as though he prayed all night long.*" (Muslim Shareef)

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam also said, "*Undoubtedly, if a person returns home after performing his prayer behind a leader (Imam), reward is written for him for worshipping the whole night.*" (Al Jaami Us Sageer)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! It is difficult for us to spend the whole night in worship. However, look at the blessings and grace of the Master of the Universe sallalaho alaihe wasallam. His blessed sight is on the weaknesses of a weak nation and he has shown us how to gain the reward of worshipping the whole night. That is by performing the night prayer and the morning prayer with congregation. These are the 2 prayers that are very heavy on Muslims in this day and age. Praying in congregation is a far stretch, they are careless about praying them at all. Are you aware that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, "*Fajar and Isha prayers are heavy on the hypocrites (Munafiqs), not on the believers.*" We should perform these two prayers with the congregation and obtain the reward of praying all night, and include ourselves amongst the slaves of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform prayers with congregation. Aameen.

## Freedom From Hell-Fire

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever performs prayers for Allah Ta'ala with congregation for 40 days so that he does not miss the first Takbeer receives two freedoms, one from the fire of hell and the other from hypocrisy (Munafiqat).*" (Tirmizi)

If our pious predecessors would miss the start of prayer (Takbeer E Oola), they would mourn and grieve for three days. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The fire of hell and hypocrisy are both destructive. The person with hypocrisy in his heart will be in the lowest level of hell. If you want to clean your heart of hypocrisy and want freedom from the fire of hell, then at a minimum, perform congregational prayers for forty days. With the blessings of congregational prayers, Allah Ta'ala will give freedom from the fire of hell and purify us from hypocrisy. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform prayers in congregation. Aameen

## Sins will be Forgiven

Hazrat Uthmaan radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Whoever does complete ablution (wudhu), then goes for prayer and performs it with the congregation, all his sins are forgiven.”* (Nisa'ee)

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“I saw my Lord in great beauty and splendour.”* A voice said, *“O Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam.”* I replied, *“I am present and aware.”* He asked, *“Do you know what the angels are arguing about?”* I replied, *“No I do not.”* Then He placed His Hands (according to His status) between my shoulders and I felt the coolness in my heart. I was given the knowledge of all that is in the heavens and the earth, and all that is between the east and the west. Then He asked again, *“O Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam, do you know what the angels are debating?”* I replied, *“Status and compensation, congregations, doing complete ablution in winter, and waiting for the next prayer. The one that lives his life safeguarding these will die with goodness and will be so pure from sins, it will be like he was just born.”* (Tirmizi Shareef)

It is reported that Allah Ta'ala has stated that, *“My house on the earth is the Mosque. Those that perform their prayers in the mosque and inhabit and populate the Mosque will be ones that are blessed with seeing Me. This good news is for the person that leaves his home in a state of purity and comes to visit Me, and performs prayer with congregation.”* (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We know that sins are forgiven by performing prayers in congregation, but the blessing upon the blessings is that if we go to perform our prayers in the Mosque, we are in actual fact going to visit Allah Ta'ala. We are not worthy or deserving of this, but look at the blessing that He is bestowing upon us. He is making us His guest and giving us the reward for seeing Him. Not just once but five times in a day. If only we would accept the invitation of Allah Ta'ala and attempt to pray in the mosque five times in a day. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to do this. Aameen.

It is written in Ahya e Uloom that the heart of a person becomes bright by performing prayer in congregation. It is reported in Tibrani that if a person knew how many rewards there were in praying in a congregation, he would go crawling on his hands and knees.

Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua radiallaho ta'ala anha states that Allah Ta'ala and His angels send blessings on the people that are on the right hand side of the congregation. (Ibn Majah)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“If a person goes to the mosque after performing ablution (wudhu) properly at home, but finds that the people have completed the congregational prayers, Allah Ta'ala will reward him the same amount. There will be no reduction in the rewards of those that have finished praying.”* (Abu Dawood)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If a person who has some kind of authority greets us in the world we are full of happiness and joy. My Beloved Master sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that Allah Ta'ala and His angels send blessings on those that are on the right hand side of the prayer-leader (Imam). He also gives reward of congregational prayers if we leave the home with the intention of joining the congregation but are too late. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform prayer in congregation. Aameen.

## Favoured

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, *“For men to pray with other men is better than praying alone, and where there is more (like when they are many people together in congregation), that is more favoured by Allah Ta'ala.”*

Hazrat Qabaas Bin Aseem radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Two people praying together, where one leads the other is more liked by Allah Ta'ala than four men that pray one after the other (on their own). Four people praying together are more liked than eight people praying individually. Eight people praying together is more liked by Allah Ta'ala than 100 people praying separately.”* (Tibraani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The above Hadith tells us that we should join as big a congregation as possible so that we obtain more rewards and are in a more liked gathering. However, make sure that the congregation is made up of slaves of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. If the leader (Imam) is an insulter (Gustaakh) of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, no matter how big the congregation is, we should not follow him. It is better to pray alone rather than pray behind someone like this. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to pray behind Sunni Imams. Aameen.

## Stay With The Congregation

Hazrat Abu Darda radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“When there are three people present in a town or a jungle, and they do not pray in congregation, Shaitaan overpowers (gains control over) them. Therefore hold on to congregations firmly, because the goat that wanders away from its area is eaten by wolves.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The world sees us as a morsel of food and wants to eat us. One of the reasons for this is that everyone wants to be the leader (Imam), no one wants to be a follower (Muqtadi). To pray separately has become our identity. The order is to pray in congregation even if there are only few people in a village or in the wilds. Here we have people all around us and still we cannot organise it. If only we would be careful about congregations and organise them properly. If we did so, no tyrant wolf would view us as goats and try to destroy us. We pray to Allah Ta'ala that he guides us towards this. Aameen.

### **Emphasised to A Blind Person**

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Umm E Maktoom radiallaho ta'ala anhu asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, "*There are many dangerous animals in Madinah and I am blind. Is it possible for me to pray at home?*" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Can you hear 'Hayya Alas Salah, Hayya Alal Falah' (Come to Prayer, Come To Success)? He replied that he could. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, 'Come to the mosque.'*" (Abu Daud)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Just think, a blind person was told by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam to come to the mosque upon hearing the words of the call to prayer (Azaan). How regretful it is that despite being healthy, having sight, we hear this call from our local mosque many times but do not pay any heed to it? Alas! If only we would respect the order of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and go to the mosque and join in the congregation. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to this. Aameen.

### **Be at the Front of the Congregation**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saw the companions sitting at the back and said, "*Move forward and follow me so that ones after you will follow you. If people stay seated at the back then Allah Ta'ala will leave them at the back.*" (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If we concentrate on the above Hadith, we will see for ourselves the reason for being left behind by the world. Is it not our situation today that when we do go to the mosque, instead of being in the first row, we prefer to be at the back? This is why we are behind the rest of the world in all fields. Remember that if we want to move ahead we must start making the effort from today, because the blessings of prayer in congregation will move us to the front. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

Hazrat Abu Bakr Bin Abi Hashma radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Ameer Ul Mo'mineen Hazrat Faruq E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu did not see Hazrat Sulaiman Bin Hashma radiallaho ta'ala anhu in Fajr prayers. Later on Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu was heading to the market and walked past Hazrat Sulaiman's house radiallaho ta'ala anhu. He met Hazrat Sulaiman's mother and asked her the reason for her son's absence from the morning prayer. She replied that he was praying all night and was tired so prayed the morning prayer at home and went to sleep. Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu said, "*The morning prayer in congregation is more beloved to me than standing in worship all night.*" (Muw'atta Imam Malik)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We should learn from this incident. We spend all night in gatherings and then might pray the morning (Fajar) prayer at home or not pray it at all. Staying up all night is worthless if it leads to missing the morning prayer or missing the morning congregation. The reason for the successes of our pious predecessors was that they paid special attention to performing all the prayers with the congregation. The reason for our downfall is the fact that we miss prayers and miss the congregational prayers. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

### **House of Mercy**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Allah Ta'ala has decorated an exalted city in paradise, whose name is 'Madinatul Khuld.' There is a palace in it called 'Qasrey Azmat.' There is a beautiful house in it called 'Bait ur Rehmah' in which are 1000 thrones, and 4000 maidens. There are also things in this house that no eye has seen before, no ear has heard, and no mind can even imagine.*" He was asked, "*Who is that house for?*" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "*It is for the person that prays all five prayers each day with congregation.*" (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We can see how much reward and bounties are given to one that performs prayers with congregation. We should try and obtain the mentioned rewards by performing prayers in congregation. May Allah Ta'ala fill all our lives with blessings. Aameen.

### **Better Than Both Worlds**

Hazrat Imam Nishapoori alaihir rehmah says that to obtain the morning "Takbeer" (to be present when it is said), is better than both worlds. (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

It is reported that Hazrat Maimoon Bin Mehraan arrived at the mosque and was told that the congregational prayer had ended. Upon hearing this he said, *“Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon”* and said, “The blessings of this congregation is more beloved to me than being the ruler of Iraq. (Makashifat Ul Quloob)

Hazrat Umar Faruq radiallaho ta’ala anhu missed a congregational prayer. He gave away a large piece of land that was worth a great deal of money. Hazrat Abdullah Bin Umar radiallaho ta’ala anhuma missed one congregational prayer. He fasted for a day, spent all night in voluntary prayers and freed a slave. (Nuzhatul Majaalis, Page 511)

Allama Ibn Jauzi alaihir rehmah reports that a pious person was not able to perform one prayer with congregation. He repeated that prayer 27 times, because it is reported in Hadith that praying with the congregation is 27 times better than praying alone. Then he saw in a dream a group of people on horseback that seemed like a congregation. He wanted to join them but they said, “You did not perform your prayer with congregation, how can you join us?” (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! We should read this and contemplate. Are we ever upset if we miss the congregational prayer? Definitely not! Today we forsake prayer for a few pounds, for the pleasure of friends. The way of those drowned in love of Allah Ta’ala is that they would be greatly upset and would shed tears if they missed the congregation. Alas! If only we would follow in the footsteps of our pious predecessors. May Allah Ta’ala instil in us the passion to follow them. Aameen.

### **The Wrath Of Rasool Allah** sallalaho alaihe wasallam

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“I swear by Him in whose Hand of Power is my life, I wish to gather some wood and give the order for the azaan to be given. Then I want to appoint someone to lead the prayer. Then I would go and burn the houses of all those that did not come for prayer with them still in their homes. I swear by Him Who Controls my life, if they thought they were going to receive a large bone with just a little bit of meat on it or the two hooves of the goat they would definitely come for Isha prayer.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Concentrate on the words of the Hadith. These are the words of the merciful Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam that loves his ummah so much that their pain and trouble causes him grief and pain. However, that merciful and benevolent Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, is expressing a desire to burn the person that misses the congregational prayer along with his house. May Allah Ta’ala save us from all those actions which cause the displeasure of Him and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas radiallaho ta’ala anhuma was asked, “What do you say about the person that fasts during the day, spends his nights in worship, but does not attend the congregational prayers or Friday prayers (Jum’a)?” He replied, “He is a dweller of the hellfire.” (Tirmizi Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! If any of us miss congregational prayers without a lawful reason we should beg forgiveness today and mend our ways. Otherwise be prepared to make the hellfire your home. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all. Aameen.

Hazrat Muaz Bin Anas radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Injustice is pure injustice and infidelity (kufr) and hypocrisy (munafiqat) is that you hear the caller calling you to prayer and you do not attend”*. In another Hadith Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“When a believer hears the caller calling for prayer and he does not attend, that is enough for him to be forsaken and have bad luck.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! We see from both these Hadith that it does not befit a believer that he does not attend the prayers in the mosque. Not only that, but praying alone at home without a valid reason is a sign of injustice, infidelity and hypocrisy. Therefore! Stop missing the congregational prayers and beg forgiveness in the court of Allah Ta’ala today. He is the Forgiving, The Merciful One and will forgive our sins. May Allah Ta’ala guide all the Muslims to perform prayers in congregation. Aameen.

It is reported on the authority of Hazrat Ibn E Abbas radiallaho ta’ala anhuma that whosoever hears “Come to success (Hayya Alal Falah)” and does not come to the mosque, has given up on following the Sunnah of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. (Tibrani)

Hazrat Abhu Sha’sa radiallaho ta’ala anhu states that we were sat in the mosque close to Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu. The muezzin recited the azaan for Asar prayer. One person got up and left the mosque. Hazrat Abu Hurairah said, “That person has definitely disobeyed the commands of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.” (Sunan Baihiqi)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu has said that it is better to fill a persons ears with broken glass if he hears the azaan and does not answer it (meaning does not go for congregational prayers). (Mukashifat Ul Quloob)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! We warn people about the dangers of not obeying the Sunnah of the beard, Imama, Miswaak etc but do not warn them about missing congregational prayers. Nor do we encourage people to join in the congregational prayers.

This Sunnah of congregational prayers is so much loved by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that leaving it causes our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam great pain and unhappiness. If we hear the azaan and still do not attend the congregational prayer, there is no doubt that we have no desire or passion to please Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform prayers in congregation. Aameen

### **Leaving The Sunnahs Will Lead to Misguidance**

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn E Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that our view was that "a person that missed congregational prayers was either ill or a hypocrite. An ill person would seek the support of two people and would definitely come for prayer. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam taught us to do good things and one of the good thing is to pray in the mosque where azaan is given." It is reported in another narration that "*Whoever desires that he meets his Creator on the day of judgement as a Muslim should perform his prayer in a mosque where the azaan has been recited because Allah Ta'ala has given your Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam good things and prayer in congregation is goodness. If you pray in your homes then you are abandoning the actions of your Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam and if you abandon the Sunnah of your Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam you will definitely be misguided.*

*The person that performs ablution and walks towards the mosque, reward for each step he takes is written for him by Allah Ta'ala, and his status is raised for each step that he takes and one sin is forgiven for each step taken. Believe in the fact that only those people whose hypocrisy is evident to all miss congregational prayers. Some people come with the support of two others until they are put in the row on the congregation.*" (Muslim)

### **Wisdom of Congregational Prayers**

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There is no doubt that prayer improves every aspect of our individual lives and also benefits the community and nation at large. Allah Ta'ala says, "*And establish prayer, pay the poor due and bow down with those that bow.*" (Surah Baqarah, verse 43)

This verse firmly orders us to pray in congregation. Plural tense has been used at the beginning and the end of the verse and the congregational prayer is reinforced at the end of the verse.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There is much wisdom in the fact that we are told to perform prayers in congregation as opposed to praying alone at home.

- It gives the Muslims the opportunity to get together five times in a day. They are able to know what state everyone is in. They can find out if anyone in the area is hungry, ill or in need of anything.
- This increased meeting leads to compassion, love and understanding amongst the people. Sharing in the happiness and grief of each other builds a happy, healthy community.
- A person realises that if we are not allowed to pray alone without a valid reason, then how can I live my life alone and not be a part of the community?

May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform prayers in congregation. Aameen.



**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## **WARNING FOR MISSING PRAYERS**

The Holy Qur'an says, *"Then woe to those prayer performers. Who are heedless of their prayers (Part 30, Surah Ma-oon, verse 4-5)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Hypocrites (munafiq) were very lazy about their prayers. That is because they had apparently accepted Islam but did not believe in Allah Ta'ala or the day of judgement in their hearts. There was no importance given to prayer by them, if they prayed, they prayed. If they missed it, it was no big deal to them. If they prayed they were not expecting any reward for it. If they missed it there was no fear of any reprisal or punishment. If they were amongst people they would pray. If they were on their own they would not bother, or would not pray it at the correct times. They would sit around swapping stories, and when the time would almost be up, they would stand, move up and down quickly a few times and claim that they had prayed. They would not pray with the sincerity or humility that it should be prayed with. They would never truly busy themselves in worship or the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! These are all forms of carelessness, and a true believer should save himself from all of them.

The author of Rooh Ul Bayaan says that this verse refers to the hypocrites that do not pray and the Muslims that are transgressors (fasiq).

In the verse Allah Ta'ala says that there is a place called "Vail" for people that are careless about their prayers. In the blessed Hadith it states that "Vail" is a valley in hell. If all the mountains of the world were put in there, they would all melt because of its intensity and heat. This valley is for those that are lazy about their prayers and do not pray at the correct times.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Let us make sincere repentance that we will not be lazy with our prayers in the future and will pray with the congregations, Insha Allah. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to pray at the correct times. Aameen

### **Deeds that Take You to Hell**

Allah Ta'ala says, *"What thing took you into hellfire? They replied, We did not perform our prayers."* (Kanzul Iman)

The author of "Zia Ul Qur'an", Allama Peer Karam Shah Azhari alaihir rahmah explains that the people of paradise will ask the people of hell, "What thing led you to be subjected to the severe punishment of hell?" They will reply, "We had two faults which has led us to this punishment. (One of the reasons is) We never used to prostrate before our Creator. We were full of arrogance and never for a moment thought that we need to bow down before the Lord that has given us so many blessings."

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Have you seen the fate of one that misses prayers? If we cannot find the time to bow before our Merciful Creator who provides us sustenance, then this will be our fate as well. If you want to save yourself from the punishment of hell then ensure that you do not miss prayers. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all guide us all to perform our prayers.

### **Place for Those that Miss Prayers**

Allah Ta'ala states, *"Then after them came those degenerates who wasted prayer and followed their lusts, then soon they will encounter a valley of the hell."* (Surah Maryam, verse 59)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The Prophet's alaihimus salaam, were always aware of the Magnificence of Allah Ta'ala and His anger and their eyes were always moist with tears. However, many people came after the Prophet's alaihimus salaam that threw away the practices of the pious predecessors. Never mind desirable or preferable acts; they threw away a great compulsory worship like prayer (Namaz). Either they did not agree that it was a compulsory worship, or they did not want to go through the trouble of fulfilling it. Never mind fulfilling it, they did not even respect the orders and commands of Allah Ta'ala but were too busy in fulfilling their desires. They must remember that they will have to pay for their crime.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala has mentioned three things in this verse.

1) They missed their prayers; By missing their prayers and by their carelessness they became transgressors (fasiq). Or they prayed it incorrectly or at the wrong time and became misguided. Or they prayed it correctly, but because of backbiting, gossiping, jealousy, and envy, their good deeds were wiped away. These are all different forms of missing the prayer.

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Mas'ood radiallaho ta'ala anhu says that missing prayers does not only mean to completely miss the prayer, it means that they delayed praying it, that is, prayed it late.

2) The second thing that is mentioned is that they began following their desires. The biggest and worst desire is infidelity and polytheism. (Kufr and Shirk)

3) The third thing that is mentioned is that they will be thrown into "Ghay." This is a lowly valley in hell and because of its punishment the other parts of hell ask for safety from it. It has also been described as a very deep well or a deep stream containing puss, urine and excrement, in which the people of hell will be punished. Remember this punishment is for the person that dies without asking for forgiveness.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! How awful a valley "Ghay" is? Can any of us withstand its punishment? Definitely not. It is imperative that we do not give in to our desires and stay away from the crime of missing prayers. May Allah Ta'ala guide all Muslims to guard their prayers. Aameen

## WARNINGS ABOUT MISSING PRAYERS FROM HADITH

### The First Accounting will be for Prayer

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*The first thing that a person will be questioned about is his prayers.*" (Tibrani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala gives us sustenance. He has given us life and has ordered us to pray five times a day. How ungrateful is a person that eats the sustenance that He has given us, takes advantage of the life that He has given us, but does not bow down his head to Him? That is why we are reminded that the first thing that we will be asked about on the day of judgement is our prayers. Therefore we should be punctual in our prayers so that we are not shamed on the day of judgement and we can be blessed with respect in the court of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala make all our accounting easy through the waseela of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Prayer is a pillar of faith. Whoever abandons it has destroyed his faith.*" (Baihiqi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If a child drops something expensive at home, we get angry and shout at them. If a child or someone else breaks an expensive possession we lose control. Please tell me, is there anything more valuable than our faith? Today, all members of our household are destroying their faith five times a day, but we don't get upset at this because we are guilty of the same crime.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has proclaimed that prayer is the pillar of our faith and one who does not pray is called a destroyer of faith. No Muslim would ever desire that he should be classified as the destroyer of faith. Therefore try to be a builder of the faith by being punctual in prayers. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to establish prayer. Aameen.

### Accounting with Fir'aun and Haamaan

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn E Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*The person that performs his five daily prayers punctually and with complete purity will be surrounded by light on the day of judgement. The person that abandons and does not pray, his accounting will be with Fir'aun and Haamaan.*" (Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This Hadith tells us that we will be surrounded with light, from the grave to the bridge (Pul Siraat). This bridge is thinner than a hair and sharper than a sword and we all have to cross over it. At that point our prayers will act like light showing us the way. The prayers will testify in Allah Ta'ala's court about the sincerity, truthfulness and faith of one that prays punctually. And Allah Ta'ala forbid, if a Muslim does not pray, his accounting will be with those that are trapped in the punishment of Allah Ta'ala. Their crime was that they did not bow down before Allah Ta'ala because of pride and arrogance and claimed to be God themselves. (Ma'azAllah). Now tell me, would any Muslim wish that his accounting is done alongside such enemies of Allah Ta'ala as Fir'aun and Haamaan? If not, then seeks Allah Ta'ala's forgiveness today and promise that you will not miss any more prayers. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to protect our prayers. Aameen.

## **Not the Responsibility of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

Hazrat Umm E Aiman radiallaho ta'ala anha narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“I am not responsible for the person that misses prayers intentionally.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala sent Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam as the mercy to all the worlds. He came as the helper to all, from animals and birds to plants and stones; all are living with the assistance of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. The Beloved of Allah Ta'ala came to fulfil the requirements of all, from the grave to the day of judgement we all need the lap and the benevolence of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Therefore it's essential that we save ourselves from any act that causes this relationship to break. Who is there, other than the Mercy to the world's sallalaho alaihe wasallam who can save us from the troubles of the hereafter? Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam says, *“Whoever misses prayers intentionally is not the responsibility of Muhammad”* sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Allah O Akbar! If Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam takes away his hand of benevolence, who is there that will be kind to us? Even Allah Ta'ala will not look at such a person with kindness whom Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has shunned.

Do not miss prayers so that we can find shelter and comfort in the lap of the Mercy of the world's sallalaho alaihe wasallam and obtain success in both worlds. May Allah Ta'ala keep the blessed shade of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam above each of us forever. Aameen.

## **Deeds will be accursed**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The first thing that will be looked at on the day of judgement will be a person's prayers (namaz). If they are complete his prayers and all deeds will be accepted. If his prayers are incomplete, then his prayers and all deeds will be thrown out.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We can see the importance of prayer from the Hadith above. Our state today is that we show a lot of eagerness for voluntary deeds (Nafil), but are very lazy when it comes to Namaz or other compulsory acts. Sometimes we pray late, sometimes we pray as though we are not interested, looking around during prayer. Sometimes praying so quickly that may Allah forgive...

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Remember that the first thing asked about will be prayers on the day of judgement. Only if that is complete will Allah Ta'ala accept our other deeds. We should perform our prayers properly so that on the day of judgement Allah Ta'ala accepts our all our other deeds with it. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to perform our prayers correctly. Aameen.

## **Missing Prayers Close to Infidelity (Kufr)**

Hazrat Buraidah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The difference between us and them (the hypocrites) is prayer. He who intentionally misses prayers is a non believer.”* (Tirmizi)

A similar Hadith is narrated by Hazrat Abu Darda radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Whoever misses prayers intentionally has committed infidelity.”*

The words in the Hadith are *“Faqad Kafar”* which have been explained as meaning “going close to infidelity.” He has forsaken prayer even though prayer is a pillar of faith and a foundation of belief. *“Faqad Kafar”* means that he has committed an act of infidelity because infidels also do not pray. It is reported in a Hadith that, *“The difference between a believer and a non-believer is prayer. When someone misses prayers he committed actions like the non believers.”* (Al Hadith)

It is reported by Tirmizi and others that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The difference between us and them is prayer. The one that misses prayers has done the same work as infidels.”* (Al Hadith)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If we have wealth, we take no chances in guarding it. We worry about where to keep it, how to keep it safe, how to increase it. We are forever worried about it. But we do not worry about our faith at all. Remember! No wealth is greater than the wealth of faith. There are numerous verses in the Qur'an and many Ahadith about safeguarding our faith. The Hadith above tells us that the person that intentionally misses prayer is close to infidelity, in other words, his faith is at risk. He has taken himself close to infidelity because of missing prayers; there is a danger that he will lose his faith too. Therefore, it is better if we safeguard our prayers and pray them punctually so that we can protect our faith. May Allah Ta'ala give us all death with faith. Aameen.

## **Result of Missing Prayers**

One day Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was talking about prayers and said, *“Whoever performs these prayers punctually, they will be light for him on the day of judgement and will lead to his forgiveness. The person that does not pray will not have any light and will not be forgiven. He will be with Qaroon, Fir'aun, Haamaan and Ubai Bin Khalaf on the day of judgement.”* (Masnad Tibraani)

Some scholars have explained why they will be raised with those people. If a person misses prayer because of wealth and possessions, he is similar to Qaroon, and will be raised with him. If it's missed because of business of the country or administration, that is the same as Fir'aun, and will be raised with him. If prayer is missed because of government business, that is similar to Haamaan and such a person will be raised with him. If a person misses prayer because of business, that is similar to Ubai Bin Khalaf and such a person will be raised with him.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are so busy in business, so proud of our accomplishments, and so busy in pleasing those in power that we forget about prayer. Beware! Do not become so engrossed in business that you don't have time to prostrate to Allah Ta'ala. Otherwise it has been said that you will be with those people on the day of judgement who are disliked by Allah Ta'ala, and towards whom Allah Ta'ala will look at with anger. They are so disgraced that their names and their deeds will be cursed until the day of judgement and the bondmen of Allah Ta'ala and the slaves of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam seek refuge from them and their actions. These are the people that were mentioned by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam in the above Hadith and as soon as one hears their names there is a sense of hatred that comes over us. No lover of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam would want to be associated with such people; therefore we should all become punctual in our prayers, so that our judgement will be with pious people on the day of judgement. May He save us from being associated with the enemies of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

### **Unfortunate and Deprived**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The person that is lazy or does not join in the congregational prayer will be punished with 12 calamities by Allah Ta'ala. Three in this world, three at the time of death, three calamities in the grave and three on the day of judgement. The first calamity of this world is that his earnings will have no blessings. Secondly, The light (Noor) of the pious will leave him and thirdly, hatred for him will be put in the hearts of all believers.*

*The three misfortunes at the time of death are; He will die thirsty. If he is given all the water in the sea he will still be thirsty. The second calamity at the time of death is that he end will be very painful and severe. There is risk to his faith at the time of death. In the grave the first calamity is that the questions of the angels will be very strict on him. The darkness of the grave will be very intense. The third misfortune of the grave is that his grave will become so narrow that his ribs will be crushed. The three misfortunes on the day of judgement are; Firstly, his accounting will be very severe. He will be subjected to the Wrath of Allah Ta'ala and thirdly, he will be punished with fire by Allah Ta'ala."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Muslims are caught in many of the calamities that were mentioned above for those that miss prayers. The reason is that the congregational prayers are missed. If these are the punishments for those that do not pray with congregation, what will be the punishment for one that does not pray at all? The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has blessed us so much that he has given us the reasons for all our difficulties and has given us the solutions to all problems. Now it is our responsibility that we correct ourselves and be punctual in prayers and in congregational prayers, Insha Allah! Allah Ta'ala will remove all our difficulties.

In another Hadith it is reported that, Hazrat Jibraael and Hazrat Mikaael alaihis salaam state that Allah Ta'ala says that the person that misses prayers is accursed in the Taurah, Zaboor, Injeel and the Qur'an.

Allah O Akbar! Accursed here means that he is far from the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala. Who would go close to the person that is far away from the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala? And who will give him refuge? Therefore, be punctual in prayers and do not miss them in the future. May Allah Ta'ala make it easy for us to achieve this. Aameen.

## **MISSING PRAYERS IN THE LIGHT OF INCIDENTS**

### **Valley of Hell for Those that Miss Prayers**

It is reported in Hadith that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The faces of those that do not pray will be blackened first of all on the day of judgement, then he will be put in a valley of Hell called Alam. There are snakes in this valley that are as large as camels and their length is the equivalent of one month's travel time. They will bite the people and their poison will stay in the person's body for seventy years, then their meat will rot".* (Makashifat Ul Quloob)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are not able to withstand a little mosquito bite and are troubled by its pain. Therefore, think that for missing prayers the punishment is snakebites. Who will be able to withstand that? Our state is that we believe in Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam but do not have total faith in what he has said. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has done great favours to us by telling us every aspect of the day of judgement and the punishments in the life hereafter.

Now that he has told us that the punishment for missing prayers is being stung by a snake, and has told us the size and appearance of the snake, it is our duty to perform prayers and save ourselves from such a punishment. May Allah Ta'ala make us all punctual performers of prayer. Aameen.

### **Flames in the Grave**

Certain scholars have narrated that a person's bag accidentally fell into his sister's grave as he was burying his sister. When everyone had left he remembered his bag. He returned to the grave and started digging it to rescue his bag. He saw that there were flames burning in the grave. He covered the grave again and returned to his mother very upset and with tears in his eyes. He asked, "Mother! Tell me what my sister's habits were?" The Mother said, "Why are you asking?" He replied, "I have seen flames in her grave." His Mother started crying and said, "Your sister was very lazy with her prayers and used to pray the prayers late." (Makshifat Ul Quloob)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Laziness in praying will result in flames in the grave as punishment. No relative will come into the grave to help us, therefore it is up to us to ensure that we pray on time and do not be lethargic about it. We should pray on time and pray with sincerity and presence of mind and body. May Allah Ta'ala save us all from the punishment of the grave and make our grave a garden from the gardens of paradise. Aameen.

### **At the Door of Hell**

Hazrat Abul Lais Sarqandi rehmatullahe ta'ala alaihe has narrated the following saying of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. "The person that misses even one compulsory prayer, his name is written on the door of hell, and he will certainly have to go there." (Qurrat Ul Ain)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Even thinking about it makes the hair on the back of the neck stand up, that a slave of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam will be in the fire of hell. Allah o Akbar! Missing prayer is such a great sin and leads to such displeasure of Allah Ta'ala that one is subjected to all kinds of different punishments, and one of these punishments is the punishment of the grave. We know that we cannot cope with the smallest punishment, so why then do we continue doing things that will result in greater and more severe punishment? Let us promise that Allah Ta'ala willing, we will not commit the sin of missing prayers from now on, and that we will be punctual in our prayers and give coolness to the blessed eyes of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

### **Order to Cut off all the Hair**

The father of Hazrat Umar Bin Abdul Aziz, Abdul Aziz, was the governor of Egypt. He gave his son under the guardianship of Hazrat Saalih Bin Kisaan radiiallaho ta'ala anhu to obtain superior education in Madinah. One time Hazrat Umar Bin Abdul Aziz was late for prayers and was asked by his teacher the reason for being late. He replied that he was combing and arranging his hair and that caused him to be late. The teacher said, "You gave more importance to your hair than the time for prayer?" The teacher wrote about this incident to his father, who immediately sent a person from Egypt to Madinah. As soon as this person arrived in Madinah the first thing he did was cut off all the hair of Hazrat Umar Bin Abdul Aziz radiiallaho ta'ala anhu because that was the order of his father.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! It's amazing how much passion the friend's of Allah Ta'ala had, that they could not withstand even delaying prayer a little bit. The thing that was the cause of the delay was removed immediately. We can see their enthusiasm for prayer and their enthusiasm in relation to their children's upbringing. Do we have this kind of enthusiasm? Our situation is that whether it's resting or swapping tales, or getting ready, the time for prayer passes and we don't care. We should take a lesson from this incident that we should attempt to follow in the footsteps of our pious predecessors. We should also worry about the prayers of our children and we should guide them and watch over them. May Allah Ta'ala protect us all from laziness in respect of prayer. Aameen

### **Shaitaan Runs Far Away**

One person was walking through the jungle and shaitaan joined him. Therefore the person did not pray any of the five prayers. When he was getting ready to sleep, shaitaan said to him, "I want to leave you and go far away." He asked about the reason for this. Shaitaan replied, "The reason is that I refused to do one prostration (Sajdah) and that was in front of Hazrat Adam alaihis salaam. You have failed to do many prostration's in front of Allah Ta'ala today. I am afraid because my one refusal caused me to be punished with curses and that your refusal to do so many prostrations will result in a great punishment from Allah Ta'ala in which I will perish as well. (Makshifat Ul Quloob)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! A rejected one like shaitaan, who wears the curse of Allah Ta'ala, does not wish to be near a person that misses prayers.

Just think how bad a person is that does not perform prayers, that an accursed one like shaitaan runs away from him. Therefore, My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Create a yearning to prostrate and do not be miserly in respect of prayers, otherwise Allah Ta'ala will entrap us in the difficulties of both worlds, and no one will be able to save us. May Allah Ta'ala look at all with Benevolence and sincerely enable us to respect the rights of prayer. Aameen.

### **Worse Than An Adulterer**

A lady of Bani Israel came to Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam and said, "O Prophet of Allah! I have committed a grave sin, and I have asked for forgiveness as well. Please ask Allah Ta'ala to forgive me." Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam asked, "What crime have you committed?" She said, "I committed adultery and a child was born from it. I killed the child." Upon hearing this Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam said, "O wretched one, get out. Your evil may cause it to rain fire and burn all of us." She became very disheartened and left. Then Hazrat Jibraeel alaihis salaam came and said, "O Musa alaihis salaam, Allah Ta'ala states that why did you turn away one that has repented? Have you not seen anyone commit a worse sin than this?" Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam asked, "Who can be worse than this woman?" Hazrat Jibraeel alaihis salaam replied, "The one that intentionally misses prayers is worse than this woman." (Mukashifat Ul Quloob)



### **Invitation of Truth**

For the Reformation of faith and belief-  
 For the reformation of deeds and actions-  
 To fill our hearts with love of Allah Ta'ala and  
 Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam-  
 To learn the blessed Sunnah's of  
 Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam-  
 To create passion for learning our faith-  
 To get closer to Maslak E Ala Hazrat-  
 Attend **Sunni Dawat E Islami's** weekly Ijtema  
 Every Saturday after Namaz E Isha  
 At: Markaz Ismail Habib Masjid. Mumbai 3.

**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## **FASTING (ROZA)**

Allah Ta'ala says, *“O believers! Fasting has been made obligatory upon you as were made obligatory upon those before you, so that you may become pious.”* (Surah Baqarah, verse 183)

### **Meaning of the Word “Saum” (Fast)**

“Siyaam” is the plural for “Saum” (Arabic words), whose literal translation means to “to give up”, “to leave” and “to be straight” (Tafseer E Kabeer). That is why to remain quiet is also called “Saum.” In the Holy Qur'an it says, *“I am fasting for the Merciful one today and therefore I will not speak to anyone.”* This refers to giving up speaking. In religious terms, to give up food, drink and sexual relations from dawn to dusk is called fasting or “Saum.” (Books of Fiqh)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Fasting weakens the internal desires and the complete belief that Allah Ta'ala is watching all our actions and thoughts are firmly fixed in the mind of the person that is fasting. This consciousness, that Allah Ta'ala is watching everything we do, is not always present in the heart and mind when a person is not fasting. However, from dawn to dusk, even if we are hungry we do not eat. There is apparently no one watching but we do not drink anything. Our wife is in front of us but we refrain from any relations with her. The reason for this is because the fear of Allah Ta'ala is present in the heart of the person that is fasting. It is quite clear that if a person spends a month with this thought, that Allah Ta'ala is watching, then this thought will remain in his heart and mind for the rest of the year, that no matter what I do, Allah Ta'ala is watching. When the realisation that Allah Ta'ala is always watching is firmly fixed in our minds and hearts, we will save ourselves from all things that are not permissible, and this is piety (Taqwa). If we can become pious then we have found the treasures of both worlds. Fasting was made compulsory so that the people of faith can become pious.

### **When was Fasting Made Compulsory?**

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Fasting was made compulsory 15 years after the proclamation of prophethood (*Ailaan E Nabuwwat*). That is on the 10<sup>th</sup> Shawwal, in the second year after Hijra (migration from Makkah to Madinah).

Allah Ta'ala says, *“O believers! Fasting has been made obligatory upon you as were made obligatory upon those before you, so that you may become pious.”* (Surah Baqarah, verse 183)

Allah Ta'ala has specifically mentioned two things in the verse. The first is that this worship is not only being made compulsory on you, but it was compulsory on those that came before you. It is reported in Tafseer Kabeer and in Tafseer E Ahmedi that fasting was compulsory on all the previous nations, from the nation of Hazrat Adam Alaihis salaam to the nation of Hazrat Isa alaihis salaam. It was compulsory of the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for Hazrat Adam alaihis salaam. Similarly fasting on the day of Aa'shurah (10<sup>th</sup> Muharram) was compulsory for the nation of Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam. Some narrations state that Hazrat Nooh (Noah) alaihis salaam was the first person to fast.

The second thing mentioned in this verse is *“so that you may become pious (God fearing).”* The reason for all the commands of Allah Ta'ala is so that we may become pious. That is why the Qur'an orders us to be pious and God fearing time and time again.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! All the worships, prayer, fasting, hajj, zakat, and all other worships enable us to obtain closeness to Allah Ta'ala and instils in us the fear of Allah Ta'ala. However, fasting is the best way to obtain piety (fear of Allah Ta'ala). On the orders of Allah Ta'ala, we accept that even permissible things (Halaal) are considered non permissible (Haraam). A person stays hungry, remains thirsty, even though he the power to get hold of food and drink. He does not look at his wife with passion. What other action displays this level of obedience to the order of Allah Ta'ala? Fasting is clear evidence of obedience to Allah Ta'ala's orders, even if it is strenuous and difficult, people do not miss the fasts. Fasting is a great example of showing that we are following the orders of our Lord and Creator. Fasting is a great way to struggle and fight against our desires. All these qualities take us closer to the path of piety. That is why my Master, the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“If a person does not give up lying or doing bad deeds whilst fasting, Allah Ta'ala does not need him to give up food and drink.”* (Bukhari Shareef)

Giving up food and drink is not the aim of fasting; the aim is to become “pious.” This can only be achieved if the person fasts internally and externally according to the commands.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! If we do not stop ourselves from lying, cheating etc whilst we are fasting, then staying hungry and thirsty does not serve any purpose. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said that Allah Ta’ala’s aim is not to keep us hungry and thirsty but the aim is to keep us away from all evil. Now if a person stops himself from eating but does not stop lying, the aim of fasting is defeated. It is essential that we stop ourselves from lying when fasting. The reality is that not only when fasting, but at all times we should save ourselves from all small and large sins. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all. Aameen

## **BENEFITS OF FASTING**

### **Reward for Fasting**

It is reported in Bukhari and Muslim that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The reward for each deed done by the children of Adam is multiplied, and the reward given is between 10 and 700 times greater. Allah Ta’ala says, “Except for fasting. Because a person that fasts is giving up his desires and giving up food for Me. There are two joys for the person that fasts. The first is when he breaks his fast in the evening and the second is when he shall meet his Lord.” The smell of the breath of one who is fasting is more liked by Allah Ta’ala than Musk (fragrance) and fasting is a restriction. When one of you is fasting, do not partake in idle chat and do not cause disturbance. If someone swears at you, tell that person that you are fasting.”* (Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Only the worship that is not for show is accepted by Allah Ta’ala. All worships have a certain aspect where others can see that we are worshipping. We see a person that is performing prayers and we call him a “Namazi.” We see a person performing pilgrimage and we can call them a “Haji.” Similarly we can call one that struggles in the path of Allah Ta’ala a “Mujahid.” However there is no visible way to know if a person is fasting, therefore this hidden worship can only be for Allah Ta’ala. This is a great way to affirm that we believe in the One Supreme Lord, Allah Ta’ala. That is why there is no set reward for fasting. This is based on the Supreme Kindness and Benevolence of Allah Ta’ala who will give reward for it as He Pleases. This is the worship that no outsider can know about and therefore the reward for it has not been told either. The Lord that will give the reward knows and the bondman that receives the reward will find out how much he got when he receives it.

Note: Some commentators (Muhadditheen) alaihimur rahmah have translated a part of the Hadith as “Fasting is for Me and I am the Reward.” (Azizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! What exalted position sincerity has! You will have seen in the above Hadith that all deeds should be done with sincerity. The truth is that we should complete every action and deed with utmost sincerity and devotion, if any one of our deeds is liked by Allah Ta’ala then we have it made, Insha Allah. That is why Ala Hazrat, Azeemul Barkat, Imam Ahmed Raza Khan alaihir rahmah pleads in the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam-

(Kaam woh ley liyyiye tum ko jo razi karey, Theek ho naam e Raza, tum pey karoron durood)!

Take that work that pleases you, May the name of Raza be well, millions of blessings be on you!

May Allah Ta’ala bless us with sincerity in all that we do. Aameen.

### **Future Sins are Forgiven**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The person that has faith and fasts with the hope of earning reward, his previous sins will be forgiven. The person with faith that stands for prayer (Taraweeh) during the nights of Ramadhan hoping for reward, his previous sins will be forgiven. The person with faith that stands to pray on the night of power (Shab E Qadr) hoping for reward, his previous sins are forgiven.”* (Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Our whole body is covered with the nasty marks of sins. Fasting comes to purify us and purifies us in such a way that there is no trace of sins left on us. It is a great blessing and benediction of Allah Ta’ala that through fasting for one month our previous sins are forgiven. Our previous sins are also

forgiven through Taraweeh prayers. We should fast with sincerity and obtain the glad tidings of forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala look at us with kindness and may He forgive us all through His Bounty. Aameen

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## **Alms (Zakat) of the Body**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Fasting is half patience. There is alms (zakat) due on all things and the zakat of the body is fasting.”* In another Hadith it is reported that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Sleeping is worship for one who is fasting, his silence is rosary (tasbeeh), and all his deeds are accepted.”*

## **Golden Tablecloth**

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn E Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“On the day of judgement, there will be a golden tablecloth laid out for those that fast. There will be fish on the tablecloth that they will be eating and the others will be watching them.”* (Gunnyat ut Taalibeen, Page 462)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! What a great exalted reward we will receive! In the light of the saying of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, if we show patience in this world and fast, then on the day of judgement we will be seated on a golden table spread. No doubt, no one's efforts go unrewarded and Allah Ta'ala grants rewards according to his status. The one that fasts gives up food, drink etc for the sake of Allah Ta'ala and therefore Allah Ta'ala even rewards the sleeping of that person. He rewards him for keeping quiet and accepts all his good deeds.

Subhan Allah! My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If someone sacrifices his comfort for Allah Ta'ala, then Allah Ta'ala accepts that sacrifice and blesses him with the good news of forgiveness. May Allah Ta'ala make us all punctual in prayer and fasting. Aameen

## **In the Shade of the Throne**

Hazrat Ibn E Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that the Master of Madinah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“When the people that fast get out of their graves on the day of judgement, the sweet smell of musk (fragrance) will be coming out of their mouths. A table spread from paradise will be placed before them on which they will eat and they will all be under the shade of the Throne of Allah Ta'ala (Arsh).”* (Gunnyat ut Taalibeen)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We can see from this Hadith that if a person refrains from those lawful things that Allah Ta'ala has forbidden us to touch if we are fasting, then Allah Ta'ala will bless that person in such a way that he will be sat on the table spread of paradise and will be in the shade of the Throne. The blessings and bounties that were given up in the world for the sake of Allah Ta'ala will be replaced by much better blessings. He will never be hungry in paradise, rather, whatever he desires will be granted to him by Allah Ta'ala. This is how He rewards his obedient slaves.

We should ensure that we put up with a few hours hunger and thirst for the pleasure, and earn the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala. He is Merciful and Beneficent and will please us on the day of judgement. May Allah Ta'ala grant us a long life which pleases him at all times. Aameen.

## **An Amazing Angel**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“On the night of ascension (Meraj) I saw an angel at Sidratul Muntaha that I had never seen before. It was so big that it would take a hundred thousand years to cover it's size. It had 70,000 heads and each head has 70,000 faces and each face had 70,000 tongues. On each tongue were 70,000 birds of light, and on each bird there were a hundred thousand pearls dangling. Each pearl contained a large river and there were huge fish in the river. The size of each fish was 2 years travel time. On each fish was written “Laa Ilaha Illal Laah Muhammadur Rasool Allah.” The angel had his head on one hand and the other hand was on his back. The Angel was in “Khazeeratul Quds”, in other words in paradise. When he praises Allah Ta'ala in his sweet voice the Throne of Allah Ta'ala is overjoyed and sways from side to side. I asked Jibraeel alaihis salaam about this angel and was told that this angel was created 2000 years before Hazrat Adam alaihis salaam was created. I asked how tall and wide he was. Jibraeel alaihis salaam replied that Allah Ta'ala has made a huge meadow in paradise and that is where he lives. This place has been ordered by Allah Ta'ala to pray rosaries (tasbeeh) on behalf of those that fast.*

*I saw two large containers in front of the angel and each one contained a thousand locks of light. I asked Jibraeel about them and Jibraeel told me to ask the angel. I asked that amazing angel what those containers were for. He replied this contains the information about the freedom from the fire of your ummah that fasts. Congratulations to you and your ummah that fasts.”* (Tafseer Roohul Bayaan)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! What a great reward for those that fast. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance to properly observe fasts and safeguard the great blessing that we have been given. Aameen

## Hospitality for the One who Fasts

It is reported in Hadith that when *“Allah Ta’ala orders the people of the graves to rise, He will say to the angels, “O Rizwan! Go and greet my bondmen that used to fast. They used to go hungry and thirsty for My sake. You go with all the bounties of paradise and present it to them. Rizwan (who is the angel in charge of Paradise) will call out, “O workers of paradise, bring large serving plates of paradise, and bring food and drink equivalent to the grains of sand in the world, equal to the drops of rain, and equal to the stars in the sky and leaves on the trees. Bring all this and present it to the people that used to fast. They will then be told, eat as much as you please, this is reward for the fasts that you observed in the world”*

(Tafseer Roohul Bayaan, Part 2)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The person that fasts will be granted a great deal of respect and excellence on the day of judgement. Allah O Akbar! Angels will be ordered to greet us; great dishes of light (noor) will be presented to us with all kinds of the food of Paradise on them. What a great reward for fasting. May Allah Ta’ala include us all amongst these fortunate people. Aameen.

## The Importance of a Single Fast

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam says, *“If someone misses a single fast without reason in Ramadhan, fasting for the rest of his life will not make up for that.”* (Bukhari and Tirmizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Can you see the importance of the fasts in the month of Ramadhan? People can fast during other days too, but the excellence that the month of Ramadhan has is not available to the other months. Shaitaan is caged in this month, Sustenance (Rizq) is increased in this month, rewards are increased, and many blessings like this are awarded in Ramadhan, which are not available in other months. In this month a compulsory (Farz) act is equivalent to 70 compulsory acts in any other month, and a voluntary (Nafil) act is worth the same as a compulsory act. We should not be miserly with the fasts in the month of Ramadhan because to fast is compulsory. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all to fast regularly. Aameen

## Benefits of Fasting

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Struggle in the path of Allah, you will gain bounty and blessings, and fast, you will become healthy, and travel, you will become wealthy.”*

(At Targeeb Wa’l Tarheeb)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Each of the blessed sayings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam contains wisdom and advantages hidden in them that our minds can not fully appreciate or understand. For example, Islam made prayer compulsory on us. There are rewards promised for this prayer in the hereafter, but punctuality in prayer also has many worldly benefits and cures for many illnesses. If we obey the commands of Allah Ta’ala and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, there are benefits for us in this world and the world hereafter. We are living in an age of science and technology. Man is exploring the creation of the universe and is trying to reach its ends. Scientists are researching each and every order and command of Islam. Alhamdo Lillah! The more science learns and discovers, the more the truth of Islam is becoming evident. By nature humans seek welfare for themselves, and Islam gives them reward for all actions and deeds. Scientists explored the Sunnahs to see what benefits the actions of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam could possibly have. This was a curiosity on the part of the scientists because My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s actions do not need scientists to prove their benefits. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam declared that fasting was healthy. What does science have to say about this? Let us see in brief:

Hakeem Muhammad Tariq Mehmood Chughtai writes in his thesis entitled *“Sunnahs Of The Prophet and Modern Science”*- *“Professor Moore from Oxford University writes that “I researched Islamic subjects and was shocked when I got to fasting. What an amazing formula Islam has given to its believers. If Islam did not give anything else to its believers except the formula for fasting, no one would have a greater blessing than this. I thought that I should put this to a test, so I started fasting like Muslims do. I suffered with stomach inflammation for years. After only a few days I felt a reduction in the pain. I continued fasting. Then I felt improvements in other parts of my body. A short while later my body was completely normal. In one month a complete revolution had taken place in my body.”*

## Experience of Pope Alf Gaul

He was a priest who was in Holland. He has written about his experiences about fasting. He says, *“I tell my spiritual followers to fast three days every month. I have experienced physical and spiritual benefits of this myself. My patients exert pressure on me to give them another form of treatment. But I insist on fasting for three days and those patients who are incurable, they should be made to fast not three days, but should fast for the whole month.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Christians concentrated on the health benefits as opposed to the excellence of fasting, but when they researched on it the wisdom of fasting became evident and they continued to gain advantage from it. What a blessing of Allah Ta'ala that He has given us the guidance to fast and through fasting, has given us health benefits, spiritual benefits, and benefits if the life hereafter. May Allah Ta'ala enable us all to do good deeds. Aameen.

### **Reward of 100,000 Ramadhans**

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Whoever spends Ramadhan in Makkah and fasts during the day and worships as much as possible at night (voluntary prayers), Allah Ta'ala will write for him the reward equivalent to 100,000 Ramadhans anywhere else. Also each day he receives the reward for freeing a slave, for mounting a horse to defend Islam, and these virtues will be written each day and each night."*

(Bahaar E Shariat)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! What can be said about spending the days of Ramadhan in Makkah Mukarrama and Madinah Munawwara? The feeling of fasting is quite different in Haramain Shareefain and the blessings are immense. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the opportunity to spend Ramadhan in the two Blessed cities, and grant us presence in the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam time and time again. May he grant us a resting-place in Madinah at the end of our lives. Aameen.

### **Blessings of Ramadhan and The Holy Qur'an**

Hazrat Sayyidina Abdullah Bin Umar radiallaho Ta'ala anhumma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Fasting and the Qur'an will intercede on behalf of a person. The fast will say "O Almighty Lord! I stopped him from eating and fulfilling his desires during the day, accept my intercession on his behalf". The Qur'an will say, "... I prevented him from sleeping at night, accept my intercession on his behalf." The intercession of both will be accepted."* (Tibrani & Baihiqi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Fasting may sometimes seem to be uncomfortable for the body and the soul at times. Similarly, after a long, hard day standing in prayer at night might seem tough on the body. However, if a believer copes with the pain and trouble for the short time in the world and remains punctual in fasting and reciting the Qur'an, they will both intercede for us on the day of judgement. The Merciful Creator will accept their intercession and will grant us paradise. We should attempt to always remain busy in fasting and reciting the Qur'an and make them our helpers on the day of judgement. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all and make the Qur'an and the fasts our intercessors. Aameen

### **Benefits of Ramadhan**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"On the first night of Ramadhan, Allah Ta'ala looks at his creatures and when Allah Ta'ala looks at someone, he will never punish them. Every day he frees one million people from the fire of hell. When the 29<sup>th</sup> night arrives he frees that same number that he has freed in the whole month. When the night of Eid arrives, the angels celebrate and Allah Ta'ala blesses us with His sacred and unique Light (Noor). He says to the angels, "O angels! What is the wages for a worker that has completed his task?" The angels say, "He should be compensated fully." Allah Ta'ala will say, "Be witnesses, I have forgiven them all."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The bounties of Ramadhan are unimaginable. The rewards that Allah Ta'ala showers on us are countless. May Allah Ta'ala forgive us for the sake of the blessed month of Ramadhan and glance at us with His Mercy and free us from the fire of Hell. Aameen

### **If Only the Whole Year was Ramadhan**

Ibn E Khuzaimah reports a long Hadith on the authority of Hazrat Abu Mas'ood Ghaffari radiallaho ta'ala anhu. The following is a portion of that Hadith. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"If people knew the reality of Ramadhan, my nation would desire that the whole year would be Ramadhan."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We have been told of many blessings and excellencies of the month of Ramadhan. The reality is that there are many more benefits of this month that we are not aware of. If we were to find out the truth we would wish for it to be Ramadhan throughout the year. May Allah Ta'ala shower on all of us the blessings of Ramadhan. Aameen.

## Shaitaan is Confined

When the month of Ramadhan arrives, the doors of the heavens are opened. In one narration it states that the doors of Paradise are opened and the doors of Hell are closed, and shaitaan is tied up in chains. In another narration it states that the doors of mercy are opened. (Mishkat)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlvi alaihir rehmah explains this Hadith in "Ashatul Lam'aat" part 2. He states "The doors of the heavens being opened means that continuous Mercy is showered and there is no barrier that stops our deeds and prayers (Duas) from reaching the Court of Allah Ta'ala. The doors of paradise being opened means that Allah Ta'ala gives His slaves the guidance to do good deeds and accepts their efforts. The doors of hell being closed means the purification of desires, diseases of the heart, and evil thoughts and gaining victory over all things that lead us towards sins. Shaitaan being tied and caged means that the routes to evil thoughts are closed." May Allah Ta'ala enrich us with the blessings and graces of Ramadhan Shareef. Aameen.

## Paradise is Decorated

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The status and excellence of Ramadhan is such that paradise is decorated upon its arrival. The maidens beautify themselves and call their partners with sweet words. Sayyedina Abdullah Ibn E Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhum narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*From the first day until the last day, Paradise is beautified and decorated for the month of Ramadhan. When the first day comes, the breeze blown by the leaves of Paradise soothes the beautiful women living in paradise and they say, "O Allah, make those our husbands who will provide coolness to our eyes and make us coolness for their eyes."*

## Sehri and Iftaar

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has stated, "*Eat sehri because there is blessings in sehri. The difference between our fast and the fast of the people of the book (Christians and Jews), is the food we eat at sehri.*" (Bukhari & Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Always eat in the morning (Sehri) and display the fact that you are a Muslim and a slave of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Let's look at another Hadith about the benefits of Sehri and soak yourself in joy and bliss.

It is reported in Tibrani and Ibn Majah Sahih, Hazrat Abdullah Ibn E Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhum narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Allah and his angels send blessings (durood) on those that eat a morning meal before fasting (Sehri).*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! What can be better than the fact that we eat Sehri and Allah Ta'ala and his innocent angels send blessings on us? Therefore always get up for Sehri and have some food. Showing benevolence to us, once more Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said on another occasion, "*Sehri is complete blessings. Do not forsake it even if you only have one sip of water, because Allah and his angels send blessings (durood) on those that partake in Sehri.*" (Imam Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! All these benefits are told to us so that we get up for Sehri. Even if it's only a little water, we must get up. If we act upon this Sunnah we will be entitled to countless benedictions and blessings from our Creator. May Allah Ta'ala forgive our sins committed knowingly and unknowingly. Aameen.

## Hasten to Open the Fast

It is reported in Ahmed, Tirmizi, and Ibn Majah on the authority of Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Allah Ta'ala said that I love those of my bondmen more who hasten to open the fast in the evening.*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This Hadith means that we should not remain busy in chatting or in any other work. If the time arrives to open the fast (Iftaar) we should rush to open it. In a similar Hadith Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Allah Ta'ala prefers those that hasten to open the fast (Iftaar) and delay the morning meal (Sehri).*" (Tibrani)

## **Benefits of Arranging to Open the Fast**

Hazrat Zaid Bin Khalid radiallahoh ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“If a person arranges the Iftaar for a fasting person or provides a soldier with weapons, he will receive the same reward.”* (Nisa'ee)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Fasting gives us rewards, and providing an evening meal (Iftaar) to one who is fasting is also worthy of rewards. If Allah Ta'ala gives us the ability and guidance, we should definitely arrange Iftaar for people that are fasting. What items should the fast be opened with? Let us look at a blessed saying of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

Hazrat Salman Bin Aamir radiallahoh ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“When you end the fast, do it with dates or dry dates because it is blessed and if you have no dates then use water because that purifies.”*

(Tirmizi, Ibn Majah)

May Allah Ta'ala guide us to follow the actions of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.



## RULES REGARDING FASTING

### Intention (Niyyah) of Fasting

**Rule-** Once you have completed the morning meal (Sehri) you should make intention in the following manner. Say, “*Nawayto an asooma ghadal lillahe ta’ala min fardey ramdhana haaza.*” In other words, “I make intention, to fast the compulsory fast of Ramadhan for the sake of Allah Ta’ala.”

**Rule-** If one is not able to make the intention at Sehri time, he should make the intention as soon as possible during the day and should say. “*Nawayto an asooma hazal yauma lillahe ta’ala min fardey ramdhana haaza.*” This means, “I make intention to fast this day, the compulsory fast of Ramadhan for the sake of Allah Ta’ala.”

### What is Intention?

**Rule-** In general, intention means planning with the heart. It is not a condition to say it with the tongue. The same rule applies to intending for fast, but it is better to say it with the tongue.

**Rule-** If someone has missed many fasts of Ramadhan, the intention should include the year and the specific fast that he is making up (Qaza), but if they are not included then there is no loss.

### But...The Fast Did Not Break

**Rule-** If you eat, drink or have sexual relations by mistake, the fast does not break. The rule is the same for a compulsory (Farz) fast and a voluntary (Nafil) fast. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** If a fly, smoke, or dust enters the throat the fast is not broken. Even if the dust is from flour that is being grounded. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** If you apply oil on the hair, or kohl (surma) on the eyes, the fast does not break. Even if the effects of the oil or surma are felt in the throat or if the saliva is coloured due to the surma the fast does not break.

**Rule-** If one does not bathe after sexual relations, or bathing is obligatory for some other reason, but still do not bathe, he will be a great sinner for missing the prayers but the fast will be completed. The fast will not break. (Anwar Ul Hadith)

**Rule-** If you kissed, but did not ejaculate then the fast does not break. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** Fast does not break by looking at a woman, even looking at her private parts but not touching them. If you ejaculate or reach orgasm just by looking or by thinking about sexual thoughts then fast does not break (though ghusl (bath) becomes compulsory). (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** If you chewed linseed or something of equivalent size and it went down the throat with the saliva then the fast will not break. If, however, you felt the taste in your throat then the fast will break. (Bahar E Shariat)

### Did My Fast Break?

**Rule-** Smoking a pipe, cigar, cigarette, paan, and tobacco all break the fast. Even if the Paan or tobacco is spat out the fast breaks because the effects of these enter the throat. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** Swallowing someone else’s saliva, or taking your own saliva in your hand and swallowing it breaks the fast (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** Kissing a women, being kissed by a woman, embracing her, having relations with her and ejaculating all result in the fast breaking. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** Vomiting a mouthful (deliberately) and knowing that you are fasting breaks the fast. If vomit is not mouthful then fast does not break. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** Drinking water in your sleep or eating something while sleeping or water entering the mouth because it was open will break the fast. (Bahar E Shariat)

### **Only Need To Make Up (Qaza)**

**Rule-** If you thought that it is not yet morning and you eat, drink or have relations. Later on you find out that it was morning then it's necessary to make up this fast. You must fast another day after Ramadhan.

**Rule-** A traveller reaches home, a menstruating woman become pure, a patient becomes better, an infidel (kafir) becomes a Muslim, an insane person becomes sane, and a child reaches puberty. In all these situations it is compulsory (waajib) to spend the rest of the day in a state of fasting. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** If a menstruating woman's period ends after sunrise, and she makes intention to fast, that fast will not count. whether it is a compulsory fast or a voluntary fast. If a sick person or a traveller or a mad person who gains sanity makes intention, their fast will count. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** If a person is unknowingly involved in sexual relations before daybreak and moves away as soon as he realises then the fast does not break. If he remains in that position then the fast needs to be made up, compensation (kaffara) is not necessary. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** If a deceased person needs to make up fasts, the successor can pay the penalty (fidya) if he has left inheritance. It is not essential on the successor; it is better if he does. (Bahar E Shariat)

### **Compensation (Kaffara) is Also Necessary**

**Rule-** Compensation is necessary when the intention is made to fast before sunrise and it is broken. If the intention is made after sunrise and the fast is broken, then compensation is not necessary. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Rule-** After breaking the fast an act occurred which gives reason to miss a fast which you had no control over such as a woman started her period or such an illness occurred where it is allowed to miss a fast then kaffara is not necessary. (Bahar E Shariat)

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**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## **ALMS (ZAKAT)**

Allah Ta'ala has stated, *"The God fearing are those who spend in our path, out of Our provided subsistence"* (Surah Baqarah, verse 3)

At another place He says, *"And establish prayer and pay the zakat (poor due)"* (Surah Baqarah, verse 43)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We find the order to pay zakat in this verse. Zakat is one of the most important duties of Islam. Let us first understand the meaning of zakat

### **Meaning of the Word Zakat**

According to the dictionary, the word "Zakat" has two meanings. One of its meanings is "clean, pure." Or to be clean or to purify. The other meaning is to grow, expand and multiply. Because payment of Zakat results in increased wealth, the wealth given in the path of Allah Ta'ala is called Zakat.

### **Zakat Being Made Compulsory**

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The Holy Qur'an states in many places about the necessity to pay Zakat. Allah Ta'ala tells the people of faith directly, *"O believers! Spend in the way of Allah out of what We have given you."* (Surah Baqarah, verse 254)

At another place, describing the qualities and identity of those that have guidance and piety He says, *"There is guidance to the God fearing. Who believe without seeing, and establish prayer and spend in Our path, out of Our provided subsistence."* (Surah Baqarah, verse 2-3)

At yet another place Allah Ta'ala states, *"And spend something out of Our provision in Our way before death comes upon any of you."* (Surah Munafiqoon, verse 10)

Believers are being made aware in this verse that make it your habit to spend your wealth in the path of Allah Ta'ala before death comes to you. When the deeds end at the time of death, and when you are asked about this on the day of judgement, you will have nothing except regret and sadness.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala is urging and reminding us time and again to spend in His path. *"What we have given you"* needs to be understood and reflected on. Sometimes, because of a lack of knowledge, a person thinks his wealth and his earnings are the result of his own efforts and labours. This thought is absolutely incorrect. Everything a person owns is by the Grace of Allah Ta'ala and is granted by Him, and he is kept devoid of this on certain occasions.

### **Foundation of Islam**

It is reported in various Ahadith that the foundation of Islam is on five things. Testifying about the Oneness of Allah Ta'ala and the Prophethood of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, establishing Namaz, Fasting, giving Zakat, and performing Hajj.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has also warned about Zakat. Hazrat Alqama radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Your faith will be complete when you pay the Zakat on your wealth and possessions."* Hazrat Abdullah Bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Whoever believes in Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, it is compulsory on him to pay Zakat on his wealth."* (Tirmizi and Ibn Majah)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We learn from these Ahadith that after testifying to our faith, those Muslims that have wealth must pay the Zakat that is owing on their wealth. The person that has enough wealth and does not pay Zakat is not a complete Muslim. Those that pay Zakat have been given many glad tidings by Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

It is reported in Tibrani on the authority of Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Whoever guarantees that they will protect six things, I will be responsible for him going to paradise"* The narrator says that he asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam about those six things. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Namaz, Zakat, property of others, private parts, stomach and tongue."*

## Giving Zakat is Mercy

There are the glad tidings of paradise for those that pay Zakat. Paradise is a place where there is no fear or grief. There will be complete freedom from all kinds of fear and grief and a person will be at complete peace. There will be so many luxuries and bounties that we cannot even comprehend in this world. This will be for those people that have faith, have piety and good characters, and possess all those qualities that are necessary for a believer. These are the people that will be the inheritors of Paradise. Paradise is for them and they are for paradise.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Firdaus is the highest stage of paradise. Believers have also been given the good news of Firdaus. Hazrat Abu Ayub radiallaho ta'ala anhu says, "A person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, tell me a deed that will take me into paradise?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Worship Allah, do not associate anyone with Him, establish prayer and pay Zakat."

## Doors of Paradise

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam prayed the khutbah and then said, "I swear by Him in whose control is my life." He said this three times and then lowered his blessed head, so the companions also lowered their heads and started crying. We did not know why Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam had taken an oath. Then Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam raised his blessed head, there was rays of happiness on his blessed face and he said, "The person that prays all five Namaz, fasts in Ramadhan, and pays the Zakat on his wealth, and saves himself from large sins (Kabeera Gunah), the doors of paradise are opened for him and he is told to enter paradise with peace." (Nisa'ee Shareef)

Hazrat Ibn Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "When a person obtains goods or possessions, Zakat is not due on that until a full year passes." (Tirmizi Shareef)

Hazrat Samrah Bin Jandab radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam used to tell us to pay the Zakat on items we were preparing to take to sell for business purposes. (Abu Daud)

Hazrat Musa Bin Talha radiallaho ta'ala anhu reports that we have the letter of Hazrat Mu'az Bin Jabal radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam sent him with. The narrator reports that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam told Hazrat Mu'az Bin Jabal radiallaho ta'ala anhu to take the Zakat of grain, grapes, and dates from the crops of Muslims. (Mishkaat Shareef)

## Benefits of Charity

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Where there is punishment for not paying Zakat, there is great reward for paying Zakat. It is reported that the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala is kindled by the actions of Muslims and the one who pays Zakat will be peacefully granted entrance into paradise. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Zakat (Alms) and Sadqah E Fitr (Charity) are both compulsory (Wajib). The one who does not fulfil them is a grave sinner. It is also a great reward to give voluntary charity (Sadqah) in the path of Allah Ta'ala. Let's look at some narrations about the giving of charity and act upon the teachings and sayings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam to improve your life on earth and in the hereafter.

## Ways To Increase Your Wealth

The Mother of Believers, Hazrat Aisha Siddiqa radiallaho ta'ala anha narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "If a Muslim gives one dry date or one morsel of food in the path of Allah Ta'ala, Allah Ta'ala increases it, and looks after it and raises it, just like a person would raise a calf or a dwarf, until it becomes as big as Mount Uhud. (Masnad Imam Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Just as Allah Ta'ala rewards us for paying Zakat, He also gives great rewards for giving charity. If charity is given with sincerity, Allah Ta'ala increases it tremendously, and removes difficulties. We have seen Allah Ta'ala remove many calamities and illnesses are cured because of charity. Remember! Never think that giving charity will result in decreased wealth. Rather wealth will increase because of charity that we give. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to pay charity. Aameen.

## Angels Amazed

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "When Allah Ta'ala created the earth it started shaking. Allah Ta'ala created mountains and placed them on the earth to make it steady. The angels were amazed at the strength of the mountains and asked, O Lord, are there anything more powerful than mountains in Your creation? Allah Ta'ala replied, Yes Iron. The angels asked, Is there anything more powerful than Iron?"

*Allah Ta'ala replied, Yes Fire. The angels asked, Is there anything more powerful than fire? Allah Ta'ala replied, Yes water. The angels asked, Is there anything more powerful than water? Allah Ta'ala replied, Yes wind. The angels asked, Is there anything more powerful than wind? Allah Ta'ala replied, Yes, the children of Adam alaihis salaam, that they give charity with their right hand and the left hand is not aware of it (so secretly).” (Mishkaat)*

This means that he gives charity in such a way that if he gives charity with his right hand, even his left hand does not know what he has given. To give charity like this is more powerful than mountains, iron, fire, water, wind and all things.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This is an era of showing off. People do not want to hide any act of goodness. According to the saying of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, the most powerful thing is the charity that is given in secret. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to serve the creations of Allah ta'ala with sincerity. Aameen.

### **How is Life Lengthened?**

Hazrat Amr Bin Auf radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Without doubt Allah Ta'ala increases life through charity and saves from a bad death.”* (Dur E Mansur)

### **Freedom from the Wrath of Allah Ta'ala**

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Without doubt, charity saves you from the wrath of Allah ta'ala, and banishes (gets rid of) a bad death.”* (Tirmizi Shareef)

### **Do Not Ruin Your Charity**

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! To give charity and then remind about the favour is a great evil and oppression, which is why to give charity in secret is better. By reminding about the favour results in the charity not being accepted by Allah Ta'ala. That is why Allah Ta'ala says, *“Do not ruin your charity by reminding about the favour and giving grief.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If Allah Ta'ala gives us the opportunity to help His creation then be aware, never remind the poor about your favours. If you do the charity will definitely be wasted. You will also be sinful for grieving the poor. We should not dishearten anyone. We should act upon the Sunnah of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and help the poor and pray for them as well. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

## **WRATH OF RASOOL ALLAH** sallalaho alaihe wasallam

### **Who Is The Dweller of Hell?**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“I was informed that three people will enter paradise first and three people will enter hell first .The three people that will enter Paradise first are a Martyr, a slave that remains busy in worshipping Allah Ta'ala and acts upon the teachings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, and one who has a pious pure family. The people that will enter hell first are a person that takes power by force, a wealthy person that does not pay Zakat, and a lewd wicked person.”* (Sunan Abu Daud)

### **Gold Silver....and Punishment**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The person that has gold and silver and does not pay Zakat, on the day of Judgement the gold and silver will be moulded into blocks and heated in the fire of hell. Then the forehead and all sides of his body will be marked and burnt with this. When the slabs cool down they will be heated again and he will be burnt over and over again. The day of judgement will be 50,000 years long and he will be burnt like this all the time until the judgement of all the people is completed.* (Muslim Shareef)

Hazrat Abu Zar Ghaffari radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The people that accumulate wealth and do not pay Zakat, give them the news of flaming hot rocks with which they will be burnt. Those hot rocks will be placed on his head and on his back and will come out from his chest. They will be placed on his chest, will break his ribs and come out of his back.”* (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Not paying Zakat on our wealth will result in severe punishment. Who amongst us is able to withstand this kind of punishment? We should make sure that we pay the Zakat on our wealth. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to pay Zakat on our wealth. Aameen.

## Serpent Around the Neck

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Mas'ood radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The person that does not pay Zakat on his wealth will see his wealth as a bald serpent on the day of judgement. It will be placed around his neck."* (Ibn Majah Shareef)

Hazrat Thaubaan radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"If a person dies without paying Zakat on his wealth, the wealth will become a bald serpent on the day of judgement. It will chase the person and the person will say, 'May you perish, who are you?' The serpent will reply, 'I am the wealth that you left in the world without paying Zakat on it.' It will continue chasing the person until he is overwhelmed and he will be forced to put his arm in the mouth of the serpent. The serpent will eat the arm and continue eating until it has eaten the whole body of the person"* (Kanzul A'maal)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! According to the Hadith of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, the wealth on which Zakat is not paid will chase us on the day of judgement in the form of a bald snake. Allah O Akbar! Others will benefit from the wealth a dead person accumulates in the world, and the person who accumulated it will be subjected to punishment if Zakat is not paid on it before he dies. May Allah Ta'ala give us wealth that we can properly pay Zakat on. Aameen.

## How Wealth Is Ruined

Ameerul Mo'mineen Hazrat Sayyedina Faruq E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The wealth and possessions that are ruined on land and at sea is due to Zakat not being paid on it."*

Hazrat Buraidah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The community that does not pay Zakat, Allah Ta'ala inflicts them with famine."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We see from these two narrations that not paying Zakat is the reason wealth and possessions are ruined. If you want to take full advantage of the bounties that Allah Ta'ala has given you, then it is crucial to pay the Zakat that is owing on it. The blessings of Zakat will safeguard the wealth and possessions.

## Result of Love of Wealth

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Sa'alba Bin Hatib was a very poor Muslim. He used to prostrate excessively in the court of Allah Ta'ala. Due to his many prostration's (Sajdahs), his forehead did not only have a mark, it was swollen like his knees. However he would be the first to leave the mosque after prayers. One time Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked him, *"Why are you always in such a rush to leave the mosque?"* He replied, *"I only have this one pair of clothes. When I return home my wife puts on these clothes and prays Namaz. Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, please pray for me that Allah Ta'ala grants me wealth."* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"O Sa'alba, poverty is better for you."* But he insisted so Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked him, *"What would you like?"* He replied that he wanted goats and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam made dua for him. Only a few days had passed when Allah Ta'ala granted him a field full of goats.

Gradually the goats increased in number until Sa'alba had to move outside Madinah to tend to all his goats. When the goats increased even more he had to move even further away from Madinah into the woods. He was so busy tending to his goats that performing Namaz became difficult for him. There came a time when he would only go to Masjid E Nabvi for Friday prayer (Jum'a). When the verse regarding Zakat was revealed, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam ordered all the Muslims to pay Zakat. He also sent a messenger to Sa'alba. When the messenger told Sa'alba about the order of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam he thought that this would result in him losing many of his goats (Ma'azallah). He told the messenger that he would think about it. When the messenger came the second time, Sa'alba said that this is like a penalty, a punishment and refused to give any of his goats. This message was given to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam who said, *"The time for Sa'alba's ruin is near."* At that moment a verse of the Qur'an was revealed that declared Sa'alba to be a hypocrite (Munafiq).

At that time a relative of Sa'alba was present who informed him about the revelation of the verse. Sa'alba regretted what he had done and came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam with the Zakat that he owed. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Sa'alba, this is why I said poverty is better for you, and now Allah Ta'ala has rejected your Zakat and charity so I can not accept this from you."* Sa'alba returned disappointed and came to pay his Zakat during the caliphate of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique radiallaho ta'ala anhu. Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta'ala anhu said, *"When the Leader of the universe sallalaho alaihe wasallam rejected your charity, how would I dare to accept it?"* Similarly he returned during the caliphates of Hazrat Umar and

Hazrat Uthmaan radiyallahu ta'ala anhum and they also rejected his charity. In this state of disappointment and dejection, Sa'aba passed away.

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## Some Important Rules Regarding Zakat

In Shariah (Islamic Law), Zakat means to take a certain percentage of your wealth that had been decided by Shariah, and to make poor Muslims owners of that wealth.

- There is a minimum amount that a person must have before Zakat is payable. This is called the “Nisaab” in Shariah. Zakat is only compulsory when you have more than the Nisaab. No Zakat is payable if you own less than the Nisaab. The Nisaab for gold is 7.5 tola (88 grammes) and the Nisaab for silver is 52.5 tola (620 grammes). And the Nisaab for business goods and other possessions and wealth is the equivalent value in gold or silver.
- The goods that are kept for business should be evaluated. If the value is greater than the, equivalent of 7.5 tola (88 grammes) of gold or 52.5 tola (620 grammes) of silver, then Zakat must be paid on these goods. Goods for business includes all goods, whether it is a manufacturing plant or livestock. If the items are kept for business, once a full year has passed, Zakat is payable on them.
- If business inventory does not exceed the Nisaab, but you have gold, silver, cash etc, which if totalled exceeds the Nisaab then Zakat is payable.
- Zakat is not payable on the value of the house or shop that is rented to another person. However, Zakat is payable on the money that is received as rent after it has been in your possession for 1 year. If the owner has more than the value of Nisaab beforehand, then the rent money is added to his assets and is not calculated separately. The rent money must be added to the other possessions and Zakat must be paid on all.
- Zakat is not payable on fixtures and fittings in a shop i.e. all the items that are used to help sell goods but are not actually for sale. For example, cabinets, shelves, counter, heater, air conditioner, freezer, cash register, display equipment etc. All these things are in the store but are not sold and are not considered as inventory, and therefore Zakat is not payable on them.
- Zakat is compulsory; one who refuses to believe this is a non-believer (Kafir). The one who does not give Zakat is a transgressor and deserves to be executed. One who delays in giving Zakat is a grave sinner. (Alamgiri)
- There are certain conditions that must be met for Zakat to be compulsory (Wajib). The person must be a Muslim, sane, mature, free (not a slave), owner of the wealth, free from debt, and being in possession of more than the Nisaab amount for one full year.
- There is no Zakat on pearls or precious stones even if you have many of them. However if they are for business purposes then Zakat is necessary.
- One year passing means the lunar calendar, according to the birth of the moon. Zakat must be paid if a person had more than the Nisaab at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year, but did not have more than the Nisaab in the middle part of the year. (Alamgiri)
- When paying Zakat or separating the wealth, it is a condition that the intention (niyyah) must be for paying Zakat. Intention means that if asked you can definitely say that this is for Zakat.
- If you give voluntary charity (Sadqa Khairaat) all year and then say that all that I gave is Zakat, this will not be counted as Zakat. Separating the Zakat money will not free you from your obligation until you make a poor person the owner of that wealth and give it to them. If you die, the Zakat will be classed as not having been paid.
- Zakat money cannot be used for the burial or funeral expenses or to build a mosque because a poor person has not been given ownership of that money. If it is essential to use for those purposes then the way to do this is to make a poor person the owner of that wealth, and then he donates it and both people will be rewarded. It is reported in Hadith that if the wealth passes through a hundred hands then they will all receive the same reward and there will be no reduction in the reward of the original giver. (Radd Ul Mukhtar)
- It is not necessary to tell a poor person that this is Zakat money, only the intention is necessary for the person giving. Even if the poor person is told that this is a loan and the intention is Zakat then the Zakat will be accepted. (Alamgiri)
- Similarly, if the receiver is told that this is a gift, present, Eid gift to children etc, the Zakat will be fulfilled. Some poor people do not like to take Zakat money, therefore do not use the word Zakat, but make the intention in your heart. (Bahar E Shariat)
- If business inventory exceeds the value of Nisaab for gold or silver, then Zakat is payable on the total value. (2.5% of the total, not of the amount above the Nisaab) (Durr E Mukhtar)

## Who Should Zakat Be Given To?

Allah Ta'ala has told us which classifications of people are entitled to Zakat and charity. He states in the Holy Qur'an, “*The poor due (Zakat) is only for those who are poor and needy, and for those who collect it, and for those whose hearts are to be*

*conciliated for Islam, and for the freeing of slaves, and for debtors, and for spending in the way of Allah and for the traveller. This has been ordained by Allah. And Allah is Knowing, Wise.” (Surah Taubah, verse 60).*

The preceding verse tells us who are worthy of receiving Zakat. These are the people that are rightfully entitled to the money of Zakat and charity. The following is a detailed description of the different classifications of people that are entitled to Zakat as mentioned in the verse quoted above.

**Poor Person (Faqeer):** Is that person that has some possessions but not enough money to reach the qualifying threshold or Nisaab, nor does he have enough goods in his house to reach the level of Nisaab. Or he might have enough items in his house to reach the level of Nisaab but some or all of the property is part of his basic necessities. Such as religious or educational books, clothes to wear, house to live in, tools for his profession. Then regardless of how expensive they are, they are not counted in Nisaab. Such a person is classified as a “Faqeer” (poor person), and is worthy of Zakat. If such a person is a scholar (Aalim), it is more excellent to give it to him.

- It is better to give Zakat to a poor scholar than a poor illiterate person. (Alamgiri)
- If giving to a scholar (Alim), pay special attention in relation to his respect. Give it with complete respect as you would give a gift to someone. Beware! Do not ever think of a religious scholar as being beneath you or lower than you, as this is a sure way to destruction. (Bahar E Shariat)

**Needy (Miskeen):** Is that person that has nothing. Allah Ta’ala says in the Qur’an, “*Or to a poor man lying in the dust*” (Surah Balad, verse 16)

This means that the dust that is on him is his blanket and bed. Give such a person your Zakat and earn rewards. Such a person is allowed to beg but a poor person is not because a poor person has some possessions, even though it is not enough to reach the level of Nisaab. If a person has enough to eat for even one day, it is not permissible for him to beg. (Alamgiri)

**Collector (Aamil):** A collector can be given Zakat even if he is rich. An “Aamil” is that person that is appointed by the Leader of Muslims to collect Zakat. This person is spending his time and effort in this work and therefore he is entitled to be paid for his work. He should be given enough so that he and his helpers expense can be fulfilled while collecting the Zakat money. His expense should not be more than half the amount that he has collected. If the money or goods are lost by the collector, the Zakat given by the people will be accepted. If the collector is a Syed (Descendant of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam), his wage should not be given from the Zakat money. If it is given to a non-Syed poor person first and then he gives it to the Syed then it is allowed. A rich collector can be given from the Zakat money but Hashmi (Syed) holds a more exalted position than a rich person does.

**Console the Hearts (Mu-allifatil Quloob):** This means to console the hearts. It is a general rule that if a needy person is given something, he is drawn towards the giver. That is why Allah Ta’ala has allowed this class of people to be given Zakat so that each new convert to Islam would be comforted and encouraged and he can easily live his life as a Muslim. However, when Islam gained power, the classification of “Mu-allifatil Quloob” was cancelled for all, including the companions.

**Freeing Slaves:** Those slaves who are able to pay some money and gain freedom. Even if he is the slave of a wealthy person or he himself has more than the Nisaab, he can be given the money of Zakat. He must not be a slave of a Syed as it is not allowed to give Zakat to a Syed. In one way he is the property of his master and the master is a Syed, so the Zakat will go to a Syed and this is not allowed.

**Person In Debt (Gharim or Qarzdaar):** It is allowed to give Zakat to one in debt. He should not have more than the Nisaab if he pays off his debts with what he has. Also he should not have more than the necessities of life, so that by selling them he would still not reach the level of Nisaab. Such a person can be given Zakat.

**Spent In The Path Of Allah (Fee-Sabeelillah):** This means to spend in the path of Allah Ta’ala. There are many ways this can be done. It can be given to a person going for Jihad (struggle in the path of Allah Ta’ala) to pay for his horse, weapons, armour and money for the journey. It can also be given to a pilgrim (Haji) who has been robbed of his money along the way, and now is in need of money to continue further. A student studying religion can also be given Zakat.

**Traveller (Abn-asabeel):** This means the traveller who has run out of supplies and/or money, even if he has wealth at his home. It is allowed for such a person to collect Zakat.

It is necessary when giving Zakat that the person who it is given to is made the owner of the money. Zakat money can not be given to a mosque, used for burial of the dead, make a bridge, make roads, dig wells, or to buy books to distribute.

If someone’s Mother is a Syedah but his Father is not, then he is not a Syed because in Islam heredity is from the father.

A husband cannot give Zakat to his wife and a wife cannot give to her husband. If the husband has divorced his wife, and her waiting time has passed (Iddat), then they can give Zakat to each other.



**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## ***PILGRIMAGE (HAJJ)***

*“Verily, the first House among all marked for worship for people is that which is in Makkah abounding in blessings and a guide for all the world.”* (Surah Aal e Imran, verse 96)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The aforementioned verse proves that after the arrival of Hazrat Adam alaihis salaam, the first house built for the guidance of mankind was in Makkah. This is no ordinary house, this house is so exalted that we can see, to this day, the effects of the prayer (dua) that was made by Hazrat Ibrahim alaihis salaam whilst he was building this house. We also learn from this that Allah Ta’ala never rejects the prayers of His Prophets alaihis salaam. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all to respect Makkah Mukarrama and the Holy Ka’aba. Aameen.

### **Respect of Makkah**

Hazrat Ayash bin abi Rabiya Makhzumi radiallaho ta’ala anha says that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Goodness and blessings will not be taken away from this nation as long as they respect the precincts of Makkah as it should be respected. When they give up this respect, they will be destroyed.”* (Mishkaat Shareef, page 238)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Respect of Makkah Mukarramah will result in Allah Ta’ala continuing to shower us with blessings and goodness. Due to lack of knowledge, many people do not respect the precincts of Makkah Mukarrama as it should be respected. These things are also seen whilst they are doing Tawa’af of the Ka’aba, like speaking loudly about worldly things. Respect of Haram is essential and must be observed. We do not want to be the victims of destruction as a result of disrespecting the Blessed Ka’aba. May Allah Ta’ala guide us to respect the Haram Sharif. Aameen.

### **One Prayer Equivalent to 100,000**

Hazrat Anas bin Maalik radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said. *“One prayer in Masjid E Haram is the same as 100,000 prayers.”* (Mishkaat Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The person that is blessed with the great honour of going for Hajj also has his lap filled with rewards, just as Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has mentioned in the above Hadith. If a person values his time and makes an attempt to spend this time in worship and prayer, in my opinion he can obtain unimaginable rewards. If only this was the case that a Haji did not get lazy and spent all his time in worship and prayer in Masjid e Haram. But what can we do? More time is spent in the market place, with friends, with family, and with acquaintances. We should respect and value the time we have, our friends and family can be found anywhere else as well but the Ka’aba will not be found anywhere else.

May Allah Ta’ala guide us all towards good deeds. Aameen.

### **Descent of 120 Mercies**

Hazrat Ibn Abbas radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Each day 120 mercies of Allah Ta’ala descend on this house (the Ka’aba) . 60 on those performing Tawaf of the Ka’aba, 40 on those praying Namaz, and 20 on those that are looking at the Ka’aba.”* (Fazail e Hajj, p100)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The most blessings (60) descend on those that are walking around the Ka’aba (Tawaf). 40 blessings are on those that are busy in prayer (Namaz) in Masjid e Haram and 20 blessings are on those that are simply looking at the blessed Ka’aba. These excellencies have been told so that people do not waste their time but spend it wisely in the House of Allah Ta’ala. If you are able to do Tawaf then do so, if you can perform Namaz, pray Namaz. If you cannot do either, then at least you can sit and look at the Ka’aba. May Allah Ta’ala guide us to take advantage of the gifts that He has granted us. Aameen.

## The Aameen of 70 Angels

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“There are 70 angels assigned to Rukn E Yamani (one of the corners of the Ka'aba). These angels say ‘Ameen’ if the following dua is prayed, ‘O Allah! I ask You for safety and security in this world and the next. O our Provider! Grant us goodness in this world and the next and save us from the punishment of hell.’”* (Mishkaat, Page 228)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Those that are granted the opportunity to see the sacred Haram are blessed if they make this dua between Rukn e Yamani and Hajr e Aswad. This part of Haram is also called “Maqaam E Mustajaab.” Seventy angels are assigned to say “aameen” at the end of the believer's prayer. Subhan Allah! May Allah Ta'ala grant us a visit to this blessed place as soon as possible and guide us to make this dua. Aameen

## Places Where Prayers are Accepted

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas radiiallaho ta'ala anhuma says that I heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say. *“Multazim is a place where prayers are accepted. No one makes a prayer there but that it is accepted. There are many places in Makkah where prayers are accepted. Multazim, below the Mizaab e Rehmat, close to Rukn e Yamani, on the mountains of Safa and Marwa, between Safa and Marwa, between Rukn e Yamani and Maqaam e Ibrahim, Inside the Ka'aba, Mina (Masjid e Khaif), Arafat, close to the three pillars.* (Sharhe Hadaiq e Bakhshish)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to pray at all the places mentioned above. Aameen.

## General Invitation For Hajj

*“And proclaim among people the pilgrimage. They will come to you on foot and on every lean camel coming from every distant track.”* (Surah Hajj, verse 27)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala ordered his Khaleel (friend), Hazrat Ibrahim alaihis salaam, to invite all to come for pilgrimage. At that time there was no modern technology, no computers, and no televisions through which this call could easily reach the whole world. However, Hazrat Ibrahim alaihis salaam is told that people will respond to your call on foot, and on all kinds of animals. The question arises that how will the call that is made from Makkah reach the ears of all the people around the world? The heart responds, “O Innocent one, The Lord that gave the order also has the Power to make the voice reach the ears of everyone.” It is reported that the call of Hazrat Ibrahim alaihis salaam was not only heard by people on the earth, but it was heard by the souls of all those that had not yet come onto the earth. The souls also responded to this call according to their faith, this is the power of the voice of a Prophet. If this is the state of the voice of the Friend (Khaleel) of Allah Ta'ala, what can be the status of the Beloved (Habeeb) of Allah Ta'ala? Subhan Allah! May Allah Ta'ala grant us all an accepted Hajj. Aameen.

## Hajj is only For Allah Ta'ala

*“And for the sake of Allah, the people are to perform pilgrimage to this house, who could find a way there.”* (Surah Aal E Imram, verse 97)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We know that Hajj is compulsory on all those that are able to perform it, if they have the means. Those that can afford to perform pilgrimage should focus on the beginning of the ayah. Hajj is only *“for the sake of Allah”* and for His pleasure. It is not for fame, for a name or title, there should only be one yearning, and that is *“O Allah, I am performing this only for You.”* You will see the blessings of this in both worlds Insha Allah. May Allah Ta'ala grant us all Hajj for His pleasure. Aameen

## Journey for Hajj and Umrah

*“Then whoso makes pilgrimage to this house or performs Umra, there is no sin for him that he may go round both.”* (Surah Baqarah, verse 158)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! In the days of ignorance (Jaahilayat), it was the custom and belief of the Arabs that Hajj and Umrah had to be performed separately, they could not be performed together on the same journey. That is why they had allocated separate months for Hajj and Umrah, and would travel separately for Hajj and Umrah. The arrival of Islam put an end to this false practice and belief and permission was given to perform Hajj and Umrah on the same journey. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This is a blessing on this nation through the sadqa of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Otherwise it would have been very difficult to make separate journeys for the Hajj and Umrah. May Allah Ta'ala make our journey in both worlds easy. Aameen.

## Restraints of Hajj

*“The months of Hajj are known; then whosoever determines to perform Hajj in these months, then there should be no mention of copulation before women nor any sin nor quarrelling with anyone till the time of Hajj.” (Surah Baqarah, v 197)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Allah Ta’ala has forbidden three things in particular during Hajj. 1) Acts that ignite passion for sexual relations. 2) Committing sins. 3) Quarrelling (fighting or arguing) with others. The reason is that shaitaan wants to take people’s focus away from Allah Ta’ala and move it somewhere else, so that a person stays devoid of the benefits and blessings of Hajj. Shaitaan desires that we keep doing those things that Hajj wants to teach us to stay away from so that we can become true slaves and followers of Allah Ta’ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Committing sins, fighting and quarrelling are not permissible at any time, but it is crucial to stay away from such things whilst performing Hajj. The benefit of this is that that you will be acting on an order given by Allah Ta’ala and will obtain the blessings of Hajj. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all to respect the days of Hajj and stay away from sin, quarrelling and fighting. Aameen.

## HAJJ IN THE LIGHT OF HADITH

### The Best Deed

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was asked what the best deed was. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“To believe in Allah Ta’ala and his Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam”* He was asked, *“After that?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“To struggle in the path of Allah (Jihad)”*. Someone asked, *“After that?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“An accepted Hajj.”*  
(Bukhari and Muslim)

### Sins of a Haji....

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that he heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say, *“Whoever performs Hajj and commits no indecency, nor does he commit any sins, then he will return from Hajj as though his mother has just given birth to him. (Meaning pure from sins).”* (Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! We realise the importance of Hajj from these Ahadith. If one stays away from indecency, fighting and quarrelling and transgressing then Allah Ta’ala purifies him as though he has just been born. Just as a newborn child is free of all sins, a person who is blessed with an accepted Hajj is free of all sins. May Allah Ta’ala grant us all an accepted Hajj.

### Paradise is the Reward for Hajj...

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“An Umrah followed by another Umrah compensates (kaffara) the sins committed between the two, and the reward for Hajj is nothing but Paradise.”*  
(Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! An Umrah is described as compensation (Kaffara) for sins and the reward for Hajj is paradise. We see from this that putting up with problems during the journey, trying to control our desires and travelling for the sake of Allah Ta’ala is very much loved by Him. That is why Allah Ta’ala rewards it with Paradise. May Allah Ta’ala bless us with the great bounty of Hajj and Umrah. Aameen.

### A Sinner on the Day of Arafat...

Hazrat Aisha Siddiqah radiallaho ta’ala anha narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“There is no day on which Allah Ta’ala frees more people from the fire (Hell) than the day of Arafat.”* (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Allah Ta’ala has granted certain days excellence over other days. The excellence of the Day of Arafat is very high amongst these days of excellence. Allah Ta’ala’s special Mercy looks at his slaves on this day. All in one dress and all of them focused on their Creator with tears of sorrow and regret in their eyes. This intensifies His Mercy and the Beneficent One frees His slaves from the fire. May Allah Ta’ala grant us all the Day of Arafat in the field of Arafat and free us from the fire of Hell. Aameen.

### No Accounting After Death

Hazrat Aisha Siddiqah radiallaho ta’ala anha narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Whoever dies in the Haram (Makkah Mukarrama or Madinah Munawwara), he will not be brought for accounting, nor will he be asked to account for his deeds, and he will be told to enter Paradise.”* (Daar e Qatani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala grants Paradise without any questioning or accounting to those that die in the two blessed Harams. This is a great favour of Allah Ta'ala on His bondmen. May Allah Ta'ala grant us Paradise with his kindness and save us from Hell and grant us death in Madinah Munawwara. Aameen.

### **A Haji and One who Performs Umrah will Intercede**

It is reported in Hadith that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Those that perform Hajj or perform Umrah are guests of Allah Ta'ala. If they ask him for something, He grants it to them. If they seek forgiveness, He forgives them. If they make Dua, their Dua is accepted by Him, and if they intercede for someone, He accepts their intercession."* (Ahya ul Uloom)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala has given those that perform Hajj and Umrah a very exalted status, as we can see for the above Hadith. If a Haji makes dua or someone, his dua is accepted. We should make sure that before a Haji returns home we ask him to pray for us and our families and the whole Muslim nation. May Allah Ta'ala grant us an accepted Hajj and grant us a share and include us in the prayers of those that perform Hajj. Aameen.

### **One Tawaf Equivalent to Freeing a Slave**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, *"The person that walks around the Ka'aba seven times (Tawaf) with nothing on his head or his feet, he will be rewarded the same as one who frees a slave. The person that walks around the Ka'aba seven times in the rain, all his previous sins are forgiven."* (Ahya ul Uloom)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May Allah Ta'ala grant us all the opportunity to act upon the Hadith mentioned above, that we can go to the Holy Ka'aba and walk bare foot and bare headed around the glorious House of Allah Ta'ala and have our sins forgiven. Aameen.

### **Thinking You Have Not Been Forgiven is a Sin**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The biggest sinner amongst the people is one who stands in Arafat on the day of Arafat and thinks that he has not been forgiven by Allah Ta'ala."* (Ahya ul Uloom)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are given a lesson in having complete faith in the Benedictions and Blessings of Allah Ta'ala. We should have total belief and not doubt at all that we have been forgiven on the day of Arafat. One that has even a slight doubt has been described as a sinner. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to have total faith in forgiveness and save us from doubt or confusion. Aameen.

### **Compulsory Hajj... and Death**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The person that does not perform Hajj (after it has become compulsory) and dies without performing Hajj, then he can die as a Christian or die as a Jew."* (Tirmizi Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! As soon as Hajj becomes compulsory (Farz) on us, we should do it as soon as possible and not delay it at all. If we do there is a danger of us having a bad ending. Those people that do not perform Hajj because they are waiting to marry off their son or daughter should pay special attention and should learn from the above Hadith. There is no mention of weddings or marrying off children in the order to perform Hajj. Therefore, when the conditions are met for performing Hajj, we should perform it as soon as possible and not delay it. May Allah Ta'ala give us all death with faith. Aameen.

### **Hajj e Badal - (Hajj on Behalf of Another)**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas radiiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that a lady came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and asked, *"Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, those people on whom Hajj is compulsory (Farz), if they find their parents in old age and can not sit on any animal or conveyance, can they perform Hajj on their behalf?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"Yes."* (Bukhari and Muslim)

### **Hajj e Asghar**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas radiiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Performing Umrah in the month of Ramadhan is the same as performing Hajj", or he said "it is the same as performing Hajj with me."* (Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There is great reward in performing Umrah in Ramadhan as Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that it is the same as performing Hajj with him. Subhan Allah! May Allah Ta'ala grant us Umrah every Ramadhan and grant us a resting-place in Madinah when our time is up. Aameen.

### **Excellence of Tawaf**

Imam Ahmed writes on the authority of Ubaid bin Umar that he asked Ibn Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhum, "What is the reason that you kiss Hajr e Aswad (Black Stone) and Rukn e Yamani?" He replied, "*I heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say that kissing them wipes away sins. I also heard him say that whoever does seven circuits around the Ka'aba with respect and sincerity, and then performs two rak'ats Namaz, then it is the same as freeing a slave. I also heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say that ten rewards are given, ten sins are wiped away, and status is raised ten graded each time the feet are lifted and put down during Tawaf.*" (Bahar E Shariat)

### **Interceding for 70 People**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar bin Aas radiallaho ta'ala anhum narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever performs complete and perfect ablution (wudhu), then comes to the black stone to kiss it, he has entered into Mercy. Then when he kisses it and recites "Bismillahe Wallaho Akbar, Ash-hado Anl-La Ilaha Illal Laaho Wahdahu Laa Shareeka Lahoo Wa-Ash-Hado Anna Muhammadan Abdohoo Warasooluh", the Mercy covers him completely. When he is walking around the Ka'aba, each step will earn him 70,000 rewards and 70,000 sins are forgiven and his status will be raised 70,000 grades. The one that performs Tawaf will intercede for 70 people of his household. Then when he comes to the Station of Ibrahim and performs two rak'ats Namaz for reward, he is given the reward for freeing 4 slaves from the children of Hazrat Ismail alaihis salaam. He will be so free from sins that it will be like he was given birth by his mother that day.*"

### **Stone Makes You a Dweller of paradise**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Walking around the Ka'aba (Tawaf) is the same as Namaz. The difference is that you may talk during Tawaf, but only speak words of goodness. Do not speak evil or useless talk, only good things.*" (Tirmizi, Nisa'ee, Daarmi)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhum narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Allah Ta'ala will raise the Black Stone (Hajr e Aswad) in such a way that it will have eyes with which it will see. It will have a tongue with which it will speak. It will testify on behalf of all those that kissed it with sincerity and true love.*" (Tirmizi, Ibn Majah)

### **Method Of Performing Tawaf**

Before beginning Tawaf the cloth of the Ehraam (blanket) should be taken under the right shoulder and placed on the left shoulder so that the right shoulder is open. Now stand facing the Ka'aba with Rukn e Yamani on your left and Hajr e Aswad and the Station of Ibrahim on your right. Now recite the niyyah (intention) for Tawaf, "**Allahumma Inni Ureedo Tawafa Baitekal Haremeey Fayasirho Lee Wa Takabbalho Minni.**" (Oh Allah I am intending to perform Tawaf of Your blessed house, make it easy for me and accept it from me.) After reciting this niyyah walk to the right until you are in line with Hajr e Aswad. Raise your arms in such a way that your palms are facing Hajr e Aswad and say, "**Bismillahe Wal Hamdo Lillahe Wallahu Akbar Wassalato Wassalamo Ala Rasoolillah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**"

### **Nafil Namaz After Tawaf**

After completing the Tawaf recite "Wattakhhzoo Mim Maqamey Ibrahim Musalla" and pray two rak'at Namaz close to the Station of Ibrahim. This prayer is Wajib after Tawaf. In the first Rak'at recite "Qul Yaa Ayyohal Kaafiroon" and recite "Qul Huwallaho Ahad" in the second rak'at. Ensure that is not a forbidden time for Namaz, such as sunrise or sunset or mid day or after you have prayed the Farz Namaz of Asar. If you perform Tawaf during these times then perform the two rak'ats at a later time.

### **Dua at the Station of Ibrahim**

The person that performs two rak'ats behind the Station of Ibrahim has all his previous and future sins forgiven and his accounting will be with peace on the day of judgement. A dua has been mentioned in the Hadith and the words of that dua are as follows:

**“Allahumma Innaka Ta’lamo Sirri Wa Ala Niyati Fa Aqbil Ma’zerati Wa Ta’lamo Haajati Fa A’tini Suwaali Wa Ta’lamo MaFee Nafsee Fagfirli Zonobee. Allahumma Inni As-aloka Imaanay Yubasshero Qalbi Wayaqeenan Saadeqan Hatta A’lamo Annaho Laa Oseebani Illa Maa Katabta Lee Waredam Manal Ma-Eeshatey Bema Qassamata Lee Yaa Arhamar Raahimeen.”**

Translation: **“On Allah You know my open and hidden things so please accept my apologies, You know my needs so grant me what I need. You know all that is in my soul and my desires so please forgive me. O Allah I am asking you for the Belief that is absorbed in my heart, and I am asking you for complete faith in that I accept that I will only get that which you have written for me. May I be happy with all that you have destined for me, O Most Beneficent and Kind One.”**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stated that Allah Ta’ala said, *“Whoever recites this prayer (dua), I will forgive his sins, and save him from sadness and wanting for anything. I will keep his business ahead of all other businessmen and then the world will be forced to come to him.”* In other words those that become Allah Ta’ala’s and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s with a true heart and with sincerity, the world tries to get close to them. However he has rejected the world. The world is then dejected and is forced to fall at the feet of such a person. (Bahar E Shariat)

### **Dua At Multazim**

Go to Multazim and take hold of the stone that is close to it. Hold it close and hug it and place your chest, stomach, left side, right side, and face one by one on the stone. Place your arms above your head and spread them out, the right hand by the door and the left hand by Hajr e Aswad and recite the following Dua, **“Yaa Waajido Yaa Maajido Laa Tozil Anni Ne’Matan An-Amtaha Alayya” (Oh Powerful One, Oh Noble One, Do Not Take Away The Blessings You Have Given Me.)**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Whenever I want, I see Jibrael alaihis salaam clutching Multazim and making dua.”*

Make dua with extreme sincerity, humility, humbleness and honesty. Make sure to recite Durood Shareef before and after every dua.

### **Method and Dua For Drinking Zam Zam**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that the intention with which Zam Zam is drunk will be fulfilled. Zam Zam should be drunk facing the Qibla, standing and in three gulps. Start with “Bismillah” and end with “AlhamdoLillah” on each sip. And each time look up towards the Ka’aba, and seek the fulfilment of all the wishes of your heart. The specific Dua for drinking Zam Zam is as follows: **“Allahumma Inni As-aloka Iman Naa’Fe-an Wa Riz-qaw Waa Se-an Wa Amalam Motaqab-balan Wa Shifa-am Min Kulla Daa-in” (Oh Allah I seek from You knowledge, and increased livelihood and accepted deeds and safety from all illnesses)**

## **THE FIVE DAYS OF HAJJ AT A GLANCE**

### **The First Day Of Hajj – 8<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj**

- Leave Makkah for Mina. • In Mina pray Zohar, Asar, Maghrib and Isha. • Spend the night in Mina

### **Second Day Of Hajj – 9<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj**

- After Fajar in Mina leave for Arafat. • Pray Zohar Namaz in Arafat. • Woqoof E Arafat (Standing In Arafat)
- Asar Namaz has to be prayed in Arafat. • At Maghrib time, leave for Muzdalifa without praying Maghrib. • Maghrib and Isha have to be prayed together at Isha time in Muzdalifa. • Spend the night in Muzdalifa.

### **Third Day Of Hajj – 10<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj**

- Leave Muzdalifa after Fajar for Mina. • Rami of the Big Shataian (throwing pebbles). • Sacrifice an animal. • Shaving the hair or cutting it. • Going to Makkah for Tawaf e Ziarah • Come back to Mina and spend the night in Mina.

### **Fourth Day Of Hajj – 11<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj**

- Perform Rami after mid day (throwing pebbles). • First the small shaitaan. • Then the middle shaitaan. • Then the large shaitaan. • If Tawaf e Ziarah was not done yesterday, perform it today. • Spend the night in Mina

## **Fifth Day Of Hajj – 12<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj**

- Perform Rami after mid day in Mina. • First the small shaitaan. • Then the middle shaitaan. • Then the large shaitaan.
- If Tawaf e Ziarah has not yet been done, it must be done before Maghrib today. • If you intend to spend the night in Mina you may throw the pebbles before mid day.

### **Note:**

Detailed information about Arafat and Mina follows in the next few pages. Other than that the days of Hajj should be spent in performing Namaz as normal. The time for Tawaf e Ziarah is from Fajar on the 10<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj until Maghrib on the 12<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj. No matter what time of the night you finish the Tawaf e Ziarah, you should return to Mina and spend the night in Mina.

## **LEAVING FOR MINA AND STANDING IN ARAFAT**

Ummul Mo'mineen Hazrat Aisha Siddiqa radiallaho ta'ala anha narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“On no day does Allah Ta'ala free more of His bondmen from hell than on the day of Arafat. Then he expresses pride on them amongst the Angels.”*

Hazrat Amar bin Shoaib radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The best prayer (dua) for Arafat is my dua and the dua that the Prophets before me used to make, and that is **Laa Ilaha Illal Laaho Wahdahu Laa Shareeka Lahu Lahul Mulq Walahul Hamdo Wahuwa Ala Kulley Shayin Qadeer**”*

The Commander of the Faithful, Sayyedina Hazrat Umar Faruq E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu was asked about standing in Arafat (Wuqoof), and why it was not ordered to stand in Haram Shareef? He replied, *“This is the door of the Ka'aba and Haram, so when people come to visit they are stopped at the door and must make dua and request permission to enter .”* He was then asked what the reason for standing in Muzdalifa was. He replied, *“Once they have received permission to enter the door, they are stopped at the second stage. When the prayers and dua's increase they are ordered to go to Mina and perform the sacrifice. When they have removed the dirt and grime from themselves (by performing sacrifice), they are now pure and clean. Now they are allowed to visit the Ka'aba in a state of purity.*

The person asked, *“Why is fasting not allowed during the days of Hajj?”* He replied, *“These people are the guests of Allah Ta'ala and guests do not have permission to fast without being ordered to.”*

*“What is wrapping yourself in the cloth of the Ka'aba for?”* asked the person.

Ameer Ul Mo'mineen radiallaho ta'ala anhu replied, *“The example of this is that if someone has wronged another person, he grabs the clothes of the person he has wronged and begs for forgiveness with humility and humbleness, so that he may be forgiven. Similarly, once a person has been purified after standing (Wuqoof), the time for forgiveness is close, so prepare yourselves and follow the right path.”*

### **Information Regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj In Mina**

Those that have not yet put on their “Ehraam”, should take a bath, put on their Ehraam and proceed to Masjid E Haram. He should then perform Tawaf and pray the Namaz that should be prayed after Tawaf. Then he should pray two ra'kat's Namaz with “Sunnah Ehraam” intention (Niyyah). Then he should recite the Niyyah for Hajj and recite “Labbaik.” After the sun rises he should leave for Mina. It is permissible to leave before sunrise also but it is better to leave after sunrise. You can also leave after midday but you should pray the Zohar Namaz in Mina. If possible travel by foot, because until you return to Makkah, Allah Ta'ala will write 70 million rewards (7 Karor) for you for each step taken. Along the way, keep reciting “Labbaik”, dua's, and durood shareef in abundance. When you see Mina recite the following Dua:

**“Allahumma Haaza Minan Famnun Alayya Be-maa Mananta Be-Hee Ala Auliya-eka” (O Lord, this is Mina, shower the same favours on me that You showered on your friends).**

The night must be spent in Mina. Five prayers, from Zohar on the 8<sup>th</sup> to Fajar on the 9<sup>th</sup> have to be performed in Mina. Some organisers have started the practice of not going to Mina and going straight to Arafat on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Do not listen to such people and do not forsake this blessed Sunnah. If the whole group insists on going to Mina they will be forced to take you to Mina. After praying Zohar Namaz and eating, rest for a little while. After Asar prayer, spend your time in reciting Qur'an shareef, Durood shareef, Labbaik and Istigfaar in abundance. After performing Maghrib prayer, continue reciting these things as much as possible. Take care of all necessities (eating, bathroom etc), and prepare for Isha prayer. This ‘night of Arafat’ of Arafat (Shab e Arafat) is a very exalted and blessed night.

## Night of Arafat (Shab e Arafat)

Spend the night in Mina busy in remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and worshipping him until morning. There are many other days in which you can sleep. At a minimum, perform the Isha and Fajar prayers in congregation (Jama'at) so that you are there for the first Takbeer (Takbeer E Oola). This will give you the reward for staying up all night in worship. (Remember! Do not pray behind a Najdi Imam). Ensure that you sleep with ablution (wudhu) as your soul will reach the Throne of Allah Ta'ala. Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Whoever recites this Dua on the night of Arafat 1000 times will receive whatever he asks Allah Ta'ala for. But do not ask for sins or to break relations." (Bahar E Shariat)

**Dua** is as follows:

<b>Subhan-Allazee Fis Samaa-e Arshohu</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Whose Throne Is Exalted)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Fil Arde Mau-te-uh</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Whose Authority Is On The Earth)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Fil Bahre Sabeeluh</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Whose Path Is On The Seas)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Fin Naarey Sultanuh</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Whose Kingdom Is In The Flames)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Fil Jannatey Rahmatuh</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Whose Mercy Is In Paradise)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Fil Qabrey Qada-uh</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Whose Order Is In The Grave)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Fil Hawa-e Roohuh</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Who Owns The Soul Of The Winds)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Rafa-as Samaa-a</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Who Raised The Heavens)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee Wada-al Arda</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Who Laid Out The Earth)</b>
<b>Subhan-Allazee La Malja-a Wala Manja-a Minhu Illa Ilaih</b>	<b>(Pure Is He Who Is The Only Refuge For Forgiveness And Freedom)</b>

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam prayed for the forgiveness of his ummah on the evening of Arafat and this was accepted. Allah Ta'ala said, "I have forgiven them except for the rights of people, I will ask the oppressor about the ones that he oppressed" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "O Supreme Lord, If you want you can grant Paradise and forgive the oppressor!" This dua was kept on hold on that day, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam made this same dua in the morning in Muzdalifa and the prayer was accepted, and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam smiled. Hazrat Sayyedina Abu Bakr Siddique and Sayyedina Faruq E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhuma said, "May our parents be ransomed on you Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, what is the reason for smiling?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "When the enemy of Allah Ta'ala, shaitaan, found out that my prayer has been accepted and that Allah Ta'ala has forgiven my ummah, he started putting dirt on his head and started screaming. Seeing him in this panicked state made me smile." (Bahar E Shariat)

Hazrat Jabir radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "No days are better than the first 10 days of Zill Hajj. One person asked, "Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, are these days better or the days that are spent fighting in the path of Allah ta'ala?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "These days are better in the sight of Allah Ta'ala and no day is more exalted than the day of Arafat. Allah Ta'ala looks upon the people in Arafat with special grace and blessings and expresses pride on those that are on the earth with those that are in the heavens (Angels). He says, "Look at my bondmen, their heads and faces are covered in dirt, they are withstanding the heat, they have come from far and wide seeking My Mercy." On no day are more people forgiven than on the day of Arafat.

In another narration it states that Allah Ta'ala says to the Angels, "I am making you witnesses that I have forgiven them." The Angels say, "There are people amongst them that have done such and such a thing." Allah Ta'ala says, "I have forgiven them all." (Bahar E Shariat)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhuma reports that a person looked at some women on the day of Arafat. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Today is the day that if one guards his ears, eyes and mouth, he will be forgiven." (Bahar E Shariat)

Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "The Muslim that stands in Arafat (Wuqoof) in the early hours of the afternoon and then recites "Laa Ilaha Illal Laaho Wahdahu Laa Shareeka Lahu Lahul Mulko Walahul Hamdo Yuhye Wa Yomeeto Wahuwa Ala Kulley Shay-In Qadeer" 100 times. Then recites "Qul Huwal Laaho Ahad" 100 times and recites the following Durood shareef 100 times, "Allahumma Salley Ala Sayyedina Muhammadin Kama Sallay-ta Ala Sayyedina Ibrahima Wa Ala Aaley Sayyedina Ibrahima Innaka Hameedum Majeeduw Wa Alaina Ma-Ahum."

If a person does this Allah Ta'ala says, "O My Angels! What reward should be given to this bondman of Mine, who has praised and exalted Me and remembered Me? He has recognised Me and praised Me. He has sent blessings on by Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. O Angels! Be witness that I have forgiven him. I will accept his intercession for himself and if he were to ask me I would accept his intercession for all those that are present here," (meaning all the people in Arafat)."

## Information about 9<sup>th</sup> Zill Hajj

Perform the Morning Prayer at its time and remain busy in remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, Labbaik and Durood shareef until the sun is visible above Mount "Thabeer" (this is a mountain opposite Masjid e Khaif). When the sun is visible above this mountain, start heading for Arafat. Try and remove all distracting thoughts from your hearts and minds as this is the day people's Hajj is accepted and countless people will be forgiven by its blessings. A person is truly ill fated if he fails to take advantage of this day. If temptations arise do not fight or quarrel because that will please the enemy and his aim will be fulfilled. He wants to divert our attention, therefore pay no attention to whispers and evil thoughts. Insha Allah that rejected, despised shaitaan will return empty handed. Remain busy in remembrance (Zikar) and Durood along the way. Do not waste any time in idle chat, only talk if it is absolutely necessary. Recite "Labbaik" in abundance and when you have left Mina recite this dua:

**"Allahumma Ilayka Tawaj-jahto Wa Alayka Tawak-kalto Waley Waj-heykal Kareemey Aradto Faj-al Zambee Magfooraw Wa Hajja Mabrooraw Warhamni Wala Tokhay-yabnee Wabaarik Lee Fee Safaree Waqdey Be Arfaatin Haajatee Innaka Alaa Hulla Shay-In Qadeer. Allahummaj Alha Aqraba Ghadwatahaa Mir Ridwaan-eyka Wa Ab-adahaa Min Sakhatayka. Allahumma Ilayka Ghadauto Wa Alayka I'Tamad-to Wa Wajhoka Arad-to Faj-Alnee Mim-man Tobahil Yauma Pan Huwa Khairum Minni Wa Afdal. Allahumma Inni As-Alokal Afwa Wal Aafiyata Wal Mu-Aafatad Daa-emata Fid-Dunyaa Wal Aakheratey Wa Sallal-laaho Alaa Khaira Khalqehi Sayyedina Muhammadiw Wa Aalehee Wa Sahbehee Ajma-een"**

Translation: **"Oh Allah I Have Turned Myself Towards You And I Depend And Rely On You Alone And I am Seeking Your Mercy, Forgive My Sins And Accept My Hajj And Bless Me. Do Not Put Me In Difficulties, And Make My Journey A Prosperous One And Fulfil My Needs In Arafat, Undoubtedly You Have Power Over All Things. O Allah I Am Walking To Get Close To Your Pleasure And Keep Me Far From Your Displeasure. O Lord I Have Walked Towards You And Trust Only You And Am Seeking Your Exalted Self. Make Me Among Those On Whom You Will Express Pride On The Day Of Judgement Who Are Better And More Exalted Than I Am. O Lord I Am Asking You For Safety And Well Being And That Safety Which Will Be Forever In The World And The Hereafter. O Allah Send Blessings on The Best Creation Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam And On His Family And His Companions."**

When You see the Mount of Mercy (Jabl e Rehmah), make as much Dua as possible as this is a time when prayers are accepted. Try and find a place close to this mountain in Arafat. Nowadays there are millions of people and thousands of tents. It is very difficult to recognise one tent from the other so try and pay attention to a landmark so that you can easily find your tent. If ladies are present tie a piece of coloured cloth on their Burkha so that you can notice them from a distance and are not constantly worried. Remain busy in prayer, Durood, Zikar, Dua, and Istigfaar, helping others, giving charity, Labbaik, Kalima E Tauheed, as much as possible until the afternoon.

It is reported in Hadith Shareef that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The Best prayer (dua) on this day is the prayer I made and the Prophets before me made, and that is as follows:*

***Laa Ilaha Illal Laaho Wahdahu Laa Shareeka Lahu Lahul Mulko Walahul Hamdo Yuhyee Wa Yomeeto Wahuwa Hayyo Laa Yamooto Beyadehil Khair Wahuwa Ala Kulley Shay-In Qadeer.*** And you can also recite the following with it: ***"La Na'bodo Illa Iyyaho Wala Na'refo Rabban Siwaho. Allahummaj Al Fee Qalbee Nooraw Wafee Sam-ee Nooraw Wafee Basaree Nooraa. Allahummash Rahlee Sadree Wayassar Lee Amree Wa-Aoozobeka Min Wasaa Wisis Sodoorey Wa Tash-teetil Amrey Wa-Azaabil Qabrey. Allahumma Inni A-oozobeka Min Sharrey Maa Yalejo Fil Lai-le Wa Sharrey Maa Yalejo Fin Nahaarey Wa Sharrey Maa Tahab-bo Behir Reeho Wa Sharrey Bewa Ikid Dhahr. Allahumma Haaza Maqaamul Mustajeeril Aa-ezey Minan Naarey Ajirnee Minan Naar La-afweyka Wa Ad-khilnil Jannata Berah-mateka Yaa Arhamar Raahemeen. Allahumma Ij Haday Tanil Islama Falaa Tanze-ahoo Anni Hat-ta Taq-bedanee Wa Anaa Alaih.***

Translation: **"No One Is Worthy Of Worship Except Allah, He is One, He Has No Partner, Everything Belongs To Him And All Praise Is For Him, He Gives Life And Death And Will Bring To Life After Death. In His Hands Is All The Goodness And Blessings And He Has Control Over All Things"... "O Allah! Fill My Heart With Light, And Fill My Ears And Sight With Light! Open My Heart And Make My Deed Easy For Me. I Ask For Your Refuge From The Whispers Of The Heart And From Evil Work And Punishment Of The Grave. O Allah! I Seek Your Refuge From The Mischief That Enters In The Day And The Night And The Mischief That Arrives With The Wind And The Mischief And Misery Of The Time. O Allah! This Is The Place To Ask For Peace And Seek Refuge From The Fire Of Hell, Save Me From The Fire Of Hell With Your Kindness And Enter Me Into Paradise With Your Mercy. O Most Beneficent One! When You Have Guided Me Towards Islam Do Not Take Me Away From It And Give Me Death On Islam."**

## Important Request

Ensure that you free yourself from eating, drinking, bathroom etc before the afternoon so that your mind is not elsewhere. Just as fasting on this day is not allowed, as it will distract you from praying, similarly excessive eating will make you tired, weary and lazy. A person that is used to eating 3 chappatis should only eat 1. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam always taught this and acted upon it himself as he never ate a stomach full, even though he had control over the whole universe by the command of Allah Ta'ala. To obtain the full blessings and benefits, you should make it a permanent habit to not fill your stomach more than one third full. And whilst in Haram, you should make extra efforts towards it. You will see the benefits of this with your own eyes. When afternoon approaches take a bath or shower as it is Sunnat e Mu'akkidah to take a bath. If this is not possible then perform ablution (Wudhu).

## To Stand (Wuqoof)

This means the place where you have to stand from the afternoon until sunset and are ordered to make dua. Leave for this place and if possible go on a camel as this is Sunnah and is safety from being crushed in the crowds. Certain Mutawwa's advise not to go into the crowds and frighten people, but do not listen to them. This is a special time and place for Mercies and Blessings to be showered. Women, the elderly, and weak men should stand wherever they are and make dua, as all of Arafat is the place to stand not just the heart (middle) of Arafat. These people should also imagine that they are amongst the crowds of people in the middle of Arafat, do not think of themselves as being separate. Definitely in this crowd are many Friends of Allah Ta'ala (Auliya). Two Prophets are also a part of this gathering. Imagine and believe that the blessings that are raining down on that crowd are raining down on us too. It is better to stand near the Mount of Mercy (Jabl E Rehmat) where there are black stones on the ground, and face the Qiblah. If this is not possible due to the crowds or troubling others then stand wherever it is possible. This standing (Wuqoof) is the heart and soul of the Hajj and its most important act. It is better to stand during this time, it is not a condition or compulsory. If someone sits down that is acceptable too. It is better to make Niyah and face the Qiblah for Wuqoof. Some people climb the mountain and wave their towels. Save yourselves from these people and do not pay any attention to them. This is not the time to look at the faults of others, it is a time for regretting our own faults and seeking forgiveness. All those that are here and all those that are by the tents should all focus on the Beneficent, Merciful Allah Ta'ala. Imagine that you are standing in front of Him on the day of judgement and accounting for your deeds. Stand there with complete humility and humbleness, head bowed, eyes closed, trembling and shaking with fear of Allah Ta'ala. Raise your hands for dua high above your heads and drown yourself in praise of Allah Ta'ala and in reciting His Blessed Names, asking for forgiveness, reciting Durood Shareef and making heartfelt Dua. Try to shed tears as this will be witness for you, if not make face like you are crying as imitating the good people is in itself goodness. In between dua and Zikar repeat Labbaik time and again. There are many prayers (Dua's) that are quoted to be prayed on this day. Recite those Dua's a few times and spend most of your time in reciting Durood, Zikar, and reciting Qur'an shareef as according to Hadith you will get more than those that make dua. Hold tightly on to the blessed lap (daaman) of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, ask for the wasila of Ghaus E Azam radiiallaho ta'ala anhu. Remember your sins and the wrath of Allah Ta'ala and shake and tremble with fear. Believe that only He can save you from His grip and punishment, you can not escape His grasp and there is no where to turn to except His Court. Therefore hold on to those mediators and ask Him for refuge from His punishment, as remembering His wrath makes the heart tremble. Sometimes the expectation of His Mercy brings a withered heart back to life. Stay in this state of begging and seeking His Mercy until the sun sets and the night arrives. Do not leave before nightfall. Some people leave early whilst there is still daylight, do not go with them. How do we know what time the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala will look down on us. If it is after you start walking then how unfortunate that would be, and if you leave Arafat before sunset it is a sin. Some Mutawwa frighten you by saying it is dangerous here in the dark. That might be the case for a single person but if the whole group stays then Insha Allah there is no danger. There follows a few Dua's that can be prayed at this time.

## Dua

Recite **Allah O Akbar, Wa Lillahil Hamd** three times, then recite **Kalima E Tauheed** and then recite this dua: **Allahumma Ihdenee Bil Hodaa Wa Naqqanee Wa'simnee Bit-Taqwaa Wagfirlee Fil Aakhiratey Wal Oola.** Translation- **O Allah Guide Me Towards Goodness And Purify Me, Save Me From Sins Through Piety, And Forgive Me In The World And The Hereafter.** Then recite the following Dua three times:

**Allahummaj Alho Hajjam Mabrooraw Wa Zambam Magfooraa. Allahumma Lakal Hamdo Kallazee Naqoolo Wa Khairam Mamma Naqool. Allahumma Laka Salatee Wa Nosokee Wa Mahyaaya Wa Mamaatee Wa Ilayka Rabba Toraa-see. Allahumma Inni Aoozobeyka Min Azaabil Qabrey Wa Was-wasa-tis soodoorey Wa Shata'til Amr. Allahumma Inni As-Aloka Min Khairey Maa Tajee-o Behir Rayho Wa Na-oozobeyka Min Sharrey Maa Tajee-o Behir Rayho. Allahumma Ehdeyna Bil Hoda Wazay-yanaa Bit Taqwaa Wagfir Lanaa Bil Aakhiratey Wal Oola. Allahumma Inni As-alooka Rizkan Tayyebamm Mubarakaa. Allahumma Innaka Amarta Bid-Dua-e Wa Qadayta Alaa Nafseyka Bil Ijaabatey Wa Innaka Laa Tookh-leful Mee-Aad Walaa Tunketho Ahdaq. Allahumma Maa Ahbabta Min Khairin Fahab-babho Ilayna Wa Jumbaa-hoo Wala Tanz'I Annal Islama Ba'da Iz Hadaytana. Allahumma Innaka Taraa Makaanee Ta Tasma-o Kalaa-mee Wa Ta'lamo Sirree Wa Alaa Neyatee Wala Yakhfaa Alaika Shai-am Min Amreyna. Al-Baa-esul Faqeerul Mostagee-thul Mustajeerul Wajlul Mushfey-kul Mukirrul Mo'tareyfo Bezambehee As-Aloka Mas-Alata Miskeenin Wa Abta-Heelo Ilaika Ibti-Haalal Muznebiz Zaleeley Wa Ad-ooka Dua-al Khaa-e-fill Mud-tarra Dua-a Man Khada-at Laka Rukbatohoo Wafaa Dat Laka Aynaa Hoo Wanah-Hala Laka Jasadohoo Wara Geyma Anfohoo. Allahumma Laa Taj-Alnee Be-Dua-eyka Rabbi Shakeey-yaw WaKun Bee Ra-oofar Raheemaa. Ya Khairal Mas-ooleena Wa Khairal Mo'Teen.**

(O Allah Make This An Accepted Hajj And Forgive My Sins. O Lord All Praise Is For You, What We Can Say And What Is Better Than That. O Allah My Namaz And Worship And My Life And My Death Is Only For You And Towards You I Will Return. O Great Lord You Are My Only Helper. O Allah I seek Your Refuge From The Punishment Of The Grave And Whispers Of The Heart And From Evil Work. O Allah I Seek The Goodness That The Wind Has Brought And Seek The Refuge From The Mischief That The Wind Has Brought. Oh Allah Guide Us Towards Goodness And Make Us Pious And Forgive Us In The World And The Hereafter. O Lord I Am Asking You For Pure And Blessed Livelihood. O Lord You Have Ordered Us To Make Dua And You Have Taken The Responsibility To Accept It On Yourself, Undoubtedly You Do Not Go Against Your Promise And Do Not Break Your Pact. O Lord The Good Things That You Love Make Them Loved By Us Also And Grant Us Those And Save Us From Those Thing That You Do Not Like. You Have Guided Us Towards Islam, Then Do Not Separate Us From It. O Lord You Can See My Position And Can Hear My Words And You Know My Hidden And Apparent Things, There Is Nothing Of Mine That Is Hidden From You, Not My Helplessness, Not My Plea, I Am Seeking Refuge, Fearing You, I am Shameful Of My Sins, I Am Asking You Like A Beggar, Helpless In Front Of You Like A Wretched Sinner And Asking You With Humility Like An Anxious Scared Person. I am Like A Bondman Whose Head Is Bowed For You, Eyes Are Flowing Tears, Body Is Trembling, And The Nose Is In The Dirt. O My Lord Do Not Make Me Unfortunate And Be Very, Very Compassionate On Me. O One Who Gives Better Than The Best That Is Asked For).

## Specific Dua's

Recite the prayers and Dua's that were narrated by Hazrat Jabir radiiallaho ta'ala anhu (mentioned earlier on). That is recite **“Laa Ilaha Illal Laaho Wahdahu Laa Shareeka Lahu Lahul Mulko Walahul Hamdo Yuhyee Wa Yomeeto Wahuwa Ala Kulley Shay-In Qadeer”** 100 times, and recite **“Allahumma Salley Ala Sayyedina Muhammadin Kama Sallay-ta Ala Sayyedina Ibrahim Wa Ala Aaley Sayyedina Ibrahim Innaka Hameedum Majeeduw Wa Alaina Ma-Ahum.”** 100 times. Hazrat Ali radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“My Dua and the Dua of All Prophets on the day of Arafat is:*

**Laa Ilaha Illal Laaho Wahdahu Laa Shareeka Lahu Lahul Mulko Walahul Hamdo Yuhyee Wa Yomeeto Wahuwa Ala Kulley Shay-In Qadeer. Allahummaj Al Fee Sam-ee Nooraw Wafee Basaree Nooraw Wafee Qalbee Nooraa. Allahummash Rahlee Sadree Wayas-sirlee Amree Wa-oozobeyka Min Wasaa Wisis Sadrey Wa Tash-tee-til Amrey Wa Azaabil Qabrey. Allahumma Inni A-oozobeyka Min Sharra Maa Yalejo Fil Lailey Wan Nahaarey Wa Sharra Maa Taheybo Behir Rayho Wa Sharra Bewa-eykid Dhahr.**

(No One Is Worthy Of Worship Except Allah, He is One, He Has No Partner, Everything Belongs To Him And All Praise Is For Him, He Gives Life And Death. In His Hands Is All The Goodness And Blessings And He Has Control Over All Things. O Allah Fill My Ears, Eyes And Heart With Light. O Allah Open My Heart And Make My Task Easy For Me. I Ask For Your Refuge From The Whispering Of The Heart And From Evil Work And Punishment Of The Grave. O Allah! I Seek Your Refuge From The Mischief That Enters In The Day And The Night And The Mischief That Arrives With The Wind And The Mischief And Misery Of The Time)

There are many Duas that have been reported to be prayed at this time but these are enough. Reciting the Holy Qur'an and reciting Durood Shareef are more beneficial than all Dua's. One important thing that need to be mentioned is that you should have complete faith in the promise of Allah Ta'ala, and believe fully that you have been purified from sins today in such a way that you were when you were given birth by your mother. Now you must attempt to stay away from sins in the future and promise yourself that the marks (sins) that Allah Ta'ala has wiped away from your forehead do not come back.

### **Beware That Hajj Is Not Ruined**

Looking at impermissible things is Haraam. However, in the state of Ehraam, or during Wuqoof, or in Masjid E Haram or in front of the Ka'aba or whilst doing Tawaf it is especially important to guard the eyes. This is the time of your examination. Women are ordered not to cover their faces and men have been told not to look at them. Remember that these are the maids of the great King. At this time, both you and them are in a special place. Without doubt, when a lion's cub is in its lap, who can look it in the eye? How strict would the punishment be for looking at the special maids of Allah Ta'ala whilst they are in His special court on this special occasion? Allah O Akbar! Be careful, guard your faith, and be careful with your heart and eyes. Haram Shareef is such a place that that you are punished on the intention of sins. One sin here is the equivalent of 100,000 sins elsewhere. May Allah Ta'ala guide us towards goodness through the blessings of His beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen

### **Leaving For Muzdalifa And Staying There**

Hazrat Jabir radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that at the time of Hajjatul Wida (The Farewell Hajj), Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam left Arafat and went to Muzdalifa. At Muzdalifa he prayed the Maghrib and Isha prayers then rested until the time for Fajar arrived. The Azaan and Iqaamat were said and he prayed Fajar Namaz. Then he got on Qaswa (camel) and faced the Qiblah and remained busy in Takbeer, Tahleel, and Tauheed (Subhan Allah, Alhamdo Lillah, Allah O Akbar) and performed the "Wuqoof" (to stand) until it was quite light and left Muzdalifa before sunrise. (Muslim Shareef)

Along the way remain busy in Zikar, Durood, Dua, Labbaik and pleading to Allah Ta'ala. Some of the Dua's for this time are as follows:

**Allahumma Ilayka Afadto Wafee Rehmateyka Raghīb-to Wa-min Sakh-teka Rahīb-to Wa-Min Azaabeyka Ash-Faqto Fa-Akbala Nosokee Wa-A'zim Ajree Wa-Takab-bal Taubatee Warham Tadar-ro-ee Wa-Ajīb Dua-ee Wa A'teenee Soo-aalee. Allahumma Laa Taj-al Haazaa Aakheyra Ahdeyna Bayna Haazal Mau-kafis Shareefil Azeemey War Zuknal Auda Ilayhe Mar-ratin Katheeratin Beylut-feykal Azeem.**

Translation: O Allah I Have Returned To You And Your Mercy Inspired Me And Your Displeasure Frightened Me And I Feared Your Punishment. Accept My Worship And Grant Me A Great Reward. And Accept My Repentance. Accept My Humility And Grant Me What I Ask For. O Allah Do Not Make This Visit To This Blessed Place My last Visit Here And You Bless Me With Many Visits Here With Your Graciousness.

### **Dua Upon Entering Muzdalifa**

**Allahumma Haaza Jama-a As-Aloka An Tarjokanee Jawa-Meyal Khairey Kullahaa. Allahumma Rabbal Mash-aril Haraamey Warab-bar Rukney Wal Maqaama Wa Rab-bal Baladil Haraamey Wa Rab-bal Masjidil Haraamey As-aloka Bey-Noorey Wajheykal Kareem. An Tagferalee Zonoobe Wa Taj-ma-a Alal Hudaa Amree Wa Taj-alat Taqwaa Zaadi Wa Zookhri Wal Aakhirata Ma-Aa-Bee Wa Hab-Lee Radaaka An-nay Fid-Dunya Wal Aakhiratey Ya Man Beya-Dihil Khair Kullohoo I'ti-nil Khaira Kullahoo Wa As-rif An-nash Sharra Kullahoo. Allahumma Harram Lahmee Wa Azmee Wa Shahmee Wa Sha'ree Wa Shaa-era Jawa-Rehee Alan Naarey Yaa Arhamar Raahemeen.**

### **Light Upon Light**

It is stated in Hadith that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Throwing pebbles at the Jamaraat (Pillars) will be light for you on the day of judgement.*"

Hazrat Abu Saeed Khudri radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that they said to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, "*These pebbles that we throw every year, they seem to be decreasing.*" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Those that are accepted are raised up, otherwise you would see mountains here.*" (Tibraani and Haakim)

In Sahih Muslim it is reported that at the farewell Hajj (Hajjatul Wida), Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam made dua three times for those that shave their head, and only made one dua for those that trim their hair. A similar Hadith is narrated by Hazrat Abu Hurairah on the authority of Hazrat Abu Rabiyyah radiiallaho ta'ala anhumaa.

Hazrat Ibn Umar radiiallaho ta'ala anhumaa narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*When you remove the hair, you get one reward for each hair and one sin is removed for each hair that is shed.*"

Hazrat Ubadah Bin Saamit radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The hairs that fall on the ground when you shave your head will be light for you on the day of judgement.”*

At Muzdalifa you need to gather pebbles that will be used over the next three days. The pebbles should be small and should be taken from a clean area. Wash them three times. Do not break a large rock to make smaller pebbles. You can collect enough for the three days from one area or from different areas. But do not take pebbles from a dirty or unclean area or from near the mosque or the Jamarat (Pillars).

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, after Fajar Namaz, leave Muzdalifa when there is enough time to pray two rak'ats Namaz before sunrise and head for Mina. Along the way remain busy in prayer, Zikar, Durood and Labbaik. Also recite the following Dua:

**Allahumma Ilayka Afad-to Wamin Azaabeyka Ash-Faqto Wa Ilayka Raja'to Wa Minka Ramayto Fataqab-bal Nosokee Wa Az-zam Ajree Warham Tadar-ro-ee Wataqabbal Taubatee Wa Ajib Dua-ee**

(O Allah I Have Returned To You And I Feared Your Punishment And I Have Turned To You, And I Have Feared You. Accept My Worship And Give Me A Great Reward And Have Mercy On My Humility. Accept My Repentance And Accept My Prayer)

When you reach the “Valley of Muhassar” cross the 545 feet as quickly as possible. Ensure that no one is troubled by you and during this time repeat this Dua: Allahumma Laa Taqtulnaa Bey-Ghada-Beyka Walaa Tuhliknaa Bey Azaabeyka Wa Aafeyna Qabla Zaalik. (O Allah! Do Not Kill us With Your Wrath And Do Not Destroy Us With Your Punishment And Give Us Peace Before That).

### What Is The Valley Of Muhassar?

Between Mina and Muzdalifa there is a creek that is called the valley of Muhassar. Outside the border of both as you go from Muzdalifa to Mina it starts at the base of the mountain and is 545 feet long. This is where the people of the elephant camped (Ashab e Feel). The punishment of the birds rained down on them. Cross this area quickly and seek refuge from the punishment of Allah Ta'ala.

When you see Mina recite the same dua that was recited when you saw Mina the first time you came from Makkah and saw Mina. Upon reaching Mina the first thing you should do is go to the large Jamarat, which is the one that is closest to Makkah. Stand at least 5 yards away from the Jamarat in such a manner that Mina is on your right and Makkah is on your left and you are facing the pillar. Throw your pebbles one at a time and raise your hand high in the air to throw the pebbles so that your armpit is visible. It is better if your pebbles reach the pillar (shaitaan) or fall no more than three feet away from it. If it falls further away than that then that rock will not count. Upon casting the first pebble stop reciting Labbaik and recite the following dua when throwing the pebbles:

**Bismillahe Allah O Akbar Ragmal Lish-shaitaaney Redan Lir-Rahmaan. Allahummaj Alho Hajjam Mabrooraw Wa Sa'yam Mash-Kooraw Wa Zambam Magfooraa.** (Allah In the Name Of, Allah Is The Greatest, To Disgrace Shaitaan To Please Allah Ta'ala, O Allah Accept This Hajj And Accept This Auspicious Deed And Forgive My Sins)

You can throw the pebbles and recite just **Bismillahe Allah O Akbar**. Instead of saying **Allah O Akbar, Subhan Allah** or **Laa Ilaha Illal Laah** can also be said, these are all acceptable.

Once you have thrown the seven pebbles, do not stay there, and immediately make dua and leave.

The time for this “Rami” is from Fajar on the 10<sup>th</sup> until Fajar on the 11<sup>th</sup>. It is better to do it between sunrise and midday. Between midday and sunset is discouraged (Mubah) and between sunset and sunrise is disliked (Makrooh). Similarly between Fajar and sunrise on the 10<sup>th</sup> is also disliked but if there is a problem and Rami needs to be done at that time then there is nothing wrong in doing it at that time. (Durr E Mukhtar. Radd Ul Mukhtaar)

Once Rami is completed, you have to perform sacrifice. This is not the Qurbani that we do on Eid Ul Adha as that is not necessary for a traveller. This sacrifice is actually a sacrifice to thank Allah Ta'ala for the Hajj. It is compulsory (wajib) on one that does Hajj E Qir'aan or Hajj E Tamattu even if they are poor, and it is better for one that does Hajj e Ifraad to complete a sacrifice as well. The conditions and age of the animal is the same as the Eid sacrificial animal. If you are able to perform the sacrifice yourself, do so as this is Sunnah. Otherwise be present when the sacrifice is taking place. Lay the animal down facing the Qiblah you also face the Qiblah. Then recite **“Inni Wajj-jahto wajj'heya lil-lazee fataras samaa waatey wal arda haneefaw wama anaa minal mushrikeen. Inna salaatee wa nosokee wa mahyaatee wama maatee lillahe rabbil aalameen. Laa Shareeka lahoo Wa Beyzaa-leyka minal muslimdeen.”**

Then recite “Bismillahe Allah O Akbar” and with a sharp knife quickly sacrifice the animal so that you cut the four veins. Do not use too much force so as not to hurt the animal unduly. After the sacrifice make dua for everyone's Hajj and sacrifice to be accepted. Next males should face the Qiblah and have their heads shaved as this is better. They are also allowed to cut it. It is forbidden for ladies to shave their hair, they should cut a little bit of hair.

If a person that has performed Hajj E Ifrad does a sacrifice, it is better for him to shave his hair after the sacrifice. If he shaves his hair first there is no problem either. However for those performing Hajj E Tamattu or Hajj E Qir'aan, it is compulsory (wajib) on then to perform sacrifice first and then have their head shaved. If they have their head shaved before the sacrifice a penalty (dam) will be necessary.

Those that are only cutting the hair must remember that at least one quarter of all hair must be cut. Be on the safe side and cut more than one quarter as the length of each hair varies. Whether you are cutting or shaving, start from the right side, in other words, the left side for the one that is doing the cutting or shaving. This is what is proven from Hadith and Imam E Azam alihir rahmah also did this. Some kitaabs state that you should start from the left, this is not correct. Recite takbeer at the time of having the head shaved or hair cut, "Allah O Akbar, Allah O Akbar, Laa Ilaha Illal Laaho, Wallaho Akbar Walil Laahil Hamd." You should also recite the following Dua during "Halq" or "Taqseer" (shaving or cutting):

**Alhamdo Lillahe Alaa Maa Hadaana Wa An'Ama Alaina Waqadaa Annaa Nosokanaa. Allahumma Haazehee Naaseyatee Beyadeyka Fajj-al Lee Beykulley Sha'ratin Nooray Yaumal Qiyamatey Wam-ha An-nay Beyha Sayy-yataw Warfa' Lee Beyhaa Darajatan Fil Jannatil Aaliyah. Allahumma Baaril Lee Fee Nafsee Wa Taqab-bal Minni. Allahummag Firlee Walil Mohal-Leqeena Wal Moqas-sereena Yaa Waase-al Magfirah**

(All Praise if for Allah Ta'ala In that He Guided us and favoured us and enabled us to complete our worship. O Allah! This hair of mine is in Your Hands, Make light for me on the day of judgement equal to the number of hairs, wipe away my sins because of this and raise my status in Paradise. O Allah, Bless my soul and accept this from me and O Allah forgive me and all those that shave or cut their hair, O the Greatest Forgiver). Aameen

It is better to perform the compulsory Tawaf on this day, the 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the Tawaf also known as "Tawaf E Ziarah." Go to Makkah, preferably on foot, and perform Tawaf with ablution (wudhu). There is not Iztiba (uncovering the shoulder) in this Tawaf. Once you have performed the Tawaf E Ziarah, return back to Mina and spend the night in Mina.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> "Rami" (throwing pebbles) has to be performed again after Namaz e Zohar. This time start with the small pillar (Jamara e Oola), which is closest to Masjid e Khaif. Face the Qiblah and throw seven pebbles, then move a little forward, face the Qiblah and make Dua. Make Dua with presence of heart and praise Allah Ta'ala and seek forgiveness of sins and make Dua for at least as long as it takes to recite twenty verses (ayahs) of the Qur'an. Then go to the middle pillar and repeat the same process. Then go to the large pillar and throw the pebbles but do not stop for Dua. Leave immediately and make Dua on the way back or once you have returned to your tent.

On the 12<sup>th</sup>, "Rami" needs to be performed after midday on all three pillars. Some people perform Rami before midday and then return to Makkah. This is against the original teachings and is based on a very weak report, do not act upon this. The pebbles need to be thrown after midday on the 12<sup>th</sup>. It must be done before sunset and then leave for Makkah. It is not allowed to leave after sunset. If you do not leave before sunset, then spend one more night in Mina and perform Rami on the 13<sup>th</sup> and then leave for Makkah.



## **TAMANNA E MADINAH**

*Nibhalo Tum Nibhalo Tum Nibhalo Yaa Rasool Allah*

*Bulalo Ab Madiney Mey Bulalo Ya Rasool Allah*

*Satatey Hain Jo Duniya Waaley Oos Ka Kuch Nahi Hai Gham*

*Mujhey Bas Apna Keh Kar Tum Bulalo Ya Rasool Allah*

*Sunehri Jaaliyon Key Saamney Pohcha Hoon Mey Aaqa*

*Mujhey Apni Ziyarat Tum Karado Ya Rasool Allah*

*Ataa Ho Ilm Ki Daulat Ataa Ho Deed Ki Daulat*

*Dam e Aakhir Madinah Bhi Ataa Ho Ya Rasool Allah*

*Shafa-at Ka Sawaali Hoon, Sawaali Hoon Mey Rehmat Ka*

*Ijaabat Sey Nawazo Tum Nawazo Ya Rasool Allah*

*Tassaduq Ghauth E Azam Ka Tawassul Ala Hazrat Ka*

*Baqee- e- Paak Key Qaabil Banado Ya Rasool Allah*

*Tamanna Yeh Liya Jaata Hai Aaqa Shakir-e-Razvi*

*Isey Izney Madinah Phir Ataa Ho Ya Rasool Allah*

**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

*Haajiyon Aao Shahenshah Ka Roza Dekho*  
*Ka'aba To Deykh Chukey, Ka'bey Kaa Ka'aba Deykho*  
*(Syedi Ala Hazrat)*

## ***VISITING the BELOVED PROPHET***

### **SALLALAHO ALAIHE WASALLAM**

To visit the Prophet of all Prophets, Guidance for all the creations, Beloved of Allah Ta'ala, Sayyedina Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is close to compulsory. It is the best and most established method of attaining closeness to Allah Ta'ala. This is mentioned quite clearly in the Holy Qur'an, Allah Ta'ala says:

*“And if when they do injustice unto their souls, then O beloved! They should come to you and then beg forgiveness of Allah and the prophet should intercede for them, then surely they would find Allah Most Relenting, Merciful” (Surah Nisa, verse 64)*

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhumata narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “Whosoever visits my resting place, my intercession is compulsory for him.” (Wafa-al Wafa, page 394)

Another narration states, “Whoever comes to visit me, and has no other intention but to visit me, then it is my duty to intercede for him on the day of judgement.” (Wafa-al Wafa, page 394)

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, “Whoever visits me after I leave this world, it is as though he visited me during my life on the earth.” This Hadith is supported by another Hadith in which Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “Whoever performs Hajj and visits my resting place after I have left this world, it is as though he visited me whilst I was on the earth.” (Mishkat al Masaabih, page 241)

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said,

“Whoever comes to Madinah to visit me, and his only intention is to visit me, on the day of judgement he will be next to me and I will intercede for him.” (Jaame as Sagheer, page 117)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhumata narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said,

“The person that goes for Hajj to Makkah and then comes to my mosque with the intention of visiting me, he receives the reward of two accepted Hajj.” (Jazbul Quloob page 196)

### **Glad Tidings**

Those that visit Madinah and show patience in the face of difficulties or problems are given glad tidings. Those fortunate people that pass away (die) in Makkah or Madinah are also given glad tidings for the hereafter, please read on.

“The person that visits my resting place will be my neighbour on the day of judgement. The one that remains quiet and shows patience when faced with difficulties in Madinah I will give testimony on his behalf on the day of judgement. The one that dies in the precincts (Haram) of Makkah or Madinah, he will be raised with the peaceful ones on the day of judgement.” (Mishkat al Masaabih, page 240)

There is glad news for one that prays for an exalted status and for the station of intercession for Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and also for one that visits Madinah. The one that prays for an exalted status and intercession for Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam will receive the intercession of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and the one that visits Madinah will be the neighbour of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. (Jazbul Quloob, page 197)

After hearing and becoming aware of all these narrations, all those with faith and love, would hasten to get to Madinah as soon as they are financially able to. One would present himself in the court of the master and helper and spill his heart, and receive the cure for all that troubles him in this world and also in the hereafter. If one is able to, but decides that it is not necessary to visit Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam (Ma'azallah) after performing Hajj, and returns home without going to Madinah. Such a person has not only deprived himself of blessings, he has also committed injustice against Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

He has not respected the rights of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, and a person whose state is such that he commits injustice on a Prophet of Allah Ta'ala should realise what his punishment will be. Listen to the words of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam carefully and with your heart. Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhumata narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Whoever performs Hajj and does not visit me, definitely he has committed tyranny against me."* (Wafa-al Wafa, Vol. 2, page 398)

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu reports that when Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam migrated from Makkah, darkness fell over everything. And when he arrived in Madinah everything in Madinah became illuminated and bright. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"My home is in Madinah and this is where my resting place will be and therefore it is the duty and right of every Muslim to visit it."* (Mishkaat al Masaabih, page 547)

The great scholar, Shaikhul Imam Faqeehul Muhadith Taqiuddeen Al-Sabki Shafi alaihir rahmah has written a great book in Arabic on the importance and excellence of visiting Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. The name of the book is "Shifa as Saqaam Fi Ziaratey Khairul Anaam." In the book he has presented excellent responses and replies to those that deny the importance or necessity of visiting Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Also, in Urdu, Imam Ahmed Raza Muhaddith e Bareilly alaihir rahmah, and many other scholars of Islam have written books on this subject. I am using the benefit of these great scholars and attempting to present some thoughts regarding visiting Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

### **The Companions Enthusiasm to Visit Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

The companions of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam used to place great importance on visiting Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Why would they not? They knew that visiting the resting place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is, in actual fact, visiting Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam himself as it is proved from the Ahadith (plural of single Hadith) mentioned earlier on.

It is mentioned in "Fatuhus Shaam" and other books that during the reign of Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu, Syria came under Islamic rule and Bait Ul Maqdas (Jerusalem) also came under Islamic rule without any bloodshed. At that time, Hazrat Ka'ab Ahbaar radiallaho ta'ala anhu accepted Islam. This pleased Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu greatly. Before returning to Madinah Ameer Ul Mo'mineen gave an invitation to Ka'ab Ahbaar radiallaho ta'ala anhu to visit Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu asked him if he would like to travel back with him to Madinah and be blessed with visiting the resting-place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. He replied, "Yes I will definitely do that."

Therefore Hazrat Umar and Hazrat Ka'ab radiallaho ta'ala anhumata made this long journey and arrived in Madinah and the first thing they did was visit the resting-place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. (Fatuhus Shaam, page 409). It was the habit and practice of Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhumata that whenever he would return from any journey, the first thing he would do would be to present himself at the resting place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and give salutation (salaam) in the following manner:

**"Assalamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam" (Peace Be On You O Prophet Of Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam)**

People asked Hazrat Naf'i, the slave of Hazrat Ibn Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhumata, "Did you ever see your master (Hazrat Ibn Umar) present himself in the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam to give salutations?" He replied, "I did not just see him on one occasion, I saw and heard him on many occasions. He would give salutations in the following manner,

**"Assalamo Alan Nabi, Assalamo Alaa Abi Bakr, Assalamo Alaa Abee. (Peace Be On You O Prophet, Peace Be On You O Abu Bakr, Peace Be On You O Father)"** (Muwatta Imam Malik, volume 1, page 382)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah radiallaho ta'ala anhu sent Misrah bin Masrook as his messenger to Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu. When Hazrat Misrah reached Madinah at night, he first of all he went to visit the resting-place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, and presented blessings and salutations (salat o salaam). Then he presented salutations on Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta'ala anhu and then went about his work. Hazrat Umar bin Abdul Aziz radiallaho ta'ala anhu used to regularly send a messenger from Syria to Madinah to present his salutations in the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

### **The Broken Hearted Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu**

Hazrat Bilal Habshi radiallaho ta'ala anhu was the Mo'azzin (person calling the Azaan) of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. After Syria was conquered he went to Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu and said, "If you give permission, I want to leave Madinah and go to Jerusalem and lead a quiet life. Because the beloved whose blessed face was the cure for my aching heart is resting and has hidden his glowing face from us.

This has resulted in great restlessness and anxiety for me. A true lover can not bear to be away from his beloved. Whenever I look at any part of Masjid E Nabvi, the Mihraab or Mimbar, my heart cries out for my beloved. How can I explain to my broken heart? How can I comfort my dejected heart and soul? How can I satisfy my aching heart?" Sometimes the path of true love means you have to be apart. But that is only when you have reached the pinnacle of love like Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu.

The broken hearted Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu was given permission by Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu to go to Syria. Who can know the love of Bilal better than Ameer Ul Mo'mineen? Only one broken hearted person can know the pain being felt by another with a broken heart, and this was the case with Ameer Ul Mo'mineen Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu. The love of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has intoxicated the heart to such an extent that when he heard that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam had left this world, he drew his sword and said, "If anyone says that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is dead, I will take his head off." Can you imagine the obsession and sincere love? What causes this level of emotion and passion? The companions were those who had witnessed Hazrat Jibrael alaihis salaam bringing the verses of the Qur'an and for whose reformation and improvement the leader of the Angels would bring verses. None of these walking examples of the Qur'an grabbed Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu by the hand to stop him. None of them tried to stand in his path. The shock of the departure of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam shook and scattered the harmony of the mind and brain. However, this same Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam had also trained him and moulded him into what he was today. It was the height of devotion and love that shook the walls of wisdom and sanity for a few moments. It was also love and devotion that covered itself with a quiet blanket later on. That Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu, who could not control himself due to grief at the departure of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, is the same Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu that also controlled the whole ummah. He took on the extraordinary responsibility of being a deputy of a Prophet and guiding and helping the nation and the religion towards greatness.

Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu knew exactly what Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu was going through and knew the state of his heart. He gave permission and Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu left for Syria. But the heart never left Madinah. His remembrance and his thoughts were always lost in Rasool Allah (sallalaho alaihe wasallam) and always yearning for him.

*My Heart Is Attached To Your Memories In Such A Way  
Now There Is No Chance Of Me Being Alone Ever.*

Seeing the state of Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu night and day, those with sincerity and love decided to do something to ease his mind and soothe his pain. Therefore they arranged for him to be married, and his Nikah was performed in due course. But, how could Hazrat Bilal deny and forget the bright glow and the showers of mercy in the city of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam?

One night he was asleep and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam came to him in his dream. The Mercy to the Worlds sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked him, "O Bilal, will you not come to visit me anymore?" Allah! Allah! Who knows what affect these words had on this devotee but Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu immediately got up and his heart and soul were singing with joy and happiness.

How could Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu rest now? Immediately he got up and set off for the blessed city of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. When he entered Madinah he saw that it was the same streets of mercy and light. The same calm wind of pleasure and happiness. But the centre and the reason for this amazing environment was nowhere to be seen. He hurried to the resting-place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam with a fast beating heart, wounded passion, tears in his eyes and presented his salutations (salaam). He embraced the blessed resting-place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and cried and cried. The heart and soul of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, his grandsons, Hazrat Imam Hasan and Hazrat Imam Hussein radiallaho ta'ala anhuma saw this slave of their grandfather and were reminded about the time when he was amongst them. Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu used to play with them when they were young boys, he would carry them on his shoulders, and would hold their fingers and walk with them. They both ran forward and embraced Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu, and said, "O beloved Mo'azzin of the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam! Will we never hear the Azaan that we used to hear when our grandfather was amongst us? It is time for Namaz, please give Azaan today."

Hazrat Bilal was now in a predicament.

He could not refuse an order from the leaders of the youth of Paradise, but for giving Azaan, Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu needed the beauty and elegance of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam in front of him. Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu stood to give Azaan, and as soon as the first words of the Azaan were carried into the streets of Madinah, hearts trembled. It was like a spear through the hearts of people. The voice of Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu immediately brought to life the era of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Allah o Akbar! Everyone remembered that glorious time when Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was amongst them. Everyone that heard the Azaan of Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu, dropped what they were doing and ran to the mosque. The era of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam had returned.

The Azaan of Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu ignited the embers of love of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that had been restrained and subdued. The flames of love roared to life, there was a deafening noise and chaos in the streets of Madinah, people stopped working in the fields, veiled ladies lost their senses and ran out into the streets of Madinah out of love for Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Allah! Allah!

When Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu said "Ash-hado Al-Laa Ilaha Illal-Laah" his voice trembled, because when he used to give Azaan before, when he would say "Ash-hado Anna Muhammadur Rasool Allah", he would point his forefinger at Muhammad Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Today when this Aashiq E Rasool sallalaho alaihe wasallam said those words and opened his eyes, he did not find his beloved in front of him, his voice stopped and Hazrat Bilal was unable to complete the Azaan. He lost his senses, fainted and fell to the floor. Allah O Akbar!

Why did Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu leave Syria and go back to Madinah? The only reason Hazrat Bilal radiallaho ta'ala anhu made this journey was to visit Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Subhan Allah.

### **A Bedouin In The Court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

It has been the belief and faith of Muslim's for 1400 years that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is the medicine for all pains, the cure for all illnesses, the comforter for all pains. All the requirements for this world and the hereafter are received from this blessed court. This was the faith of all our pious predecessors. In previous generations Muslims would go with their requirements to the blessed court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. As proof of this, read the following incident.

Muhammad bin Abdullah Al-Utba states, "I was blessed with a visit to the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. I presented my salutations and sat down in a corner of the Mosque. Suddenly a Bedouin (villager) came riding a camel. He presented himself in front of the resting-place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, "O Prophet of Peace! Allah Ta'ala revealed his Qur'an to you. In that Qur'an it says, *"And if when they do injustice unto their souls, then O beloved! They should come to you and then beg forgiveness of Allah and the prophet should intercede for them, then surely they would find Allah Most Relenting, Merciful"* (Surah Nisa, verse 64).

Then he said, "Oh beloved of Allah Ta'ala, I have arrived in your court and am seeking forgiveness of my sins from Allah Ta'ala, and for that I need your intercession. Upon saying this he began to weep uncontrollably, and in this state he said the following verses:

Oh the best of all creations! May my life be sacrificed on this blessed place where you are resting. There is peace and blessings and benedictions here. You are the helper whom we are all depending on, especially at that time when people's legs will be slipping when crossing the bridge (Pul Siraat). And I can never forget these two companions of yours. Peace and blessings on all of you as long as there is a pen in the world to write with.

After this the Bedouin asked for forgiveness of Allah ta'ala and left. (The narrator writes), during that time sleep overcame me. I saw Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and he said, "Go and tell that Bedouin that Allah Ta'ala has forgiven him with my intercession." (Shifa as Saqaam Fi Ziaratey Khairul Anaam, page 16)

Allama Naeemuddin Muradabadi alaihir rahmah writes in his commentary of the Qur'an "Khaza-enul Irfaan" regarding the above quoted verse, (Surah Nisa, verse 64). He reports the same incident that has just been mentioned and states that we learn a few important points from this.

Points- When asking or wanting something from Allah Ta'ala, to seek and ask for the intercession of those that are accepted in His court is a way to success and fulfilment of needs.

- To go to the resting-place for needs is also covered by "Jaa-oo-ka" (come to you) and is the way of those that follow the Qur'an
- Calling those that are accepted by Allah Ta'ala as "Yaa" (O.... in the present tense) is permissible.
- Pious friends of Allah do help and their Dua's result in needs being fulfilled.

(Khaza-enul Irfan)

### **About Madinah Munawwara**

There are great blessings in the city of Madinah Munawwara. It is impossible to write about all the excellencies of Madinah. It is crucial to always stay with complete respect in this city because this is the preferred city of Allah Ta'ala. This is why Ala Hazrat, Imam e Ishq o Mohabbat, Imam Ahmed Raza Khan radiallaho ta'ala anhu says,

*"Haram Ki Zameen Aur Qadam Rakh Key Chalna  
Arey Sar Ka Moqa Hai O Jaaney Waaley"*

## Some Essential Requests

Always remain with ablution (wudhu) in Makkah and Madinah. There are countless blessings of ablution. Ablution is one of the deeds of Paradise and one of the paths to Paradise. There are many benefits and benedictions of ablution. Some are being mentioned here to strengthen our faith.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Should I not tell you about those deeds through which Allah Ta’ala will forgive your sins and elevate your status?”* The companions replied, *“Of course. We are in great need of deeds like that.”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Performing complete ablution even during difficulties, always walking towards the Mosque, and completing one Namaz and waiting for the next Namaz. These things are also Jihad (struggle).”* (Mishkaat, page 38)

Hazrat Uthmaan radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The person that performs a thorough ablution, all the sins leave his body, up to the point that the sins under his nails are removed.”* (Mishkaat, p38)

Hazrat Uqbah bin Aamir radaillaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The Muslim that performs ablution properly, then stands and prays two rak’ats Namaz in such a manner that his heart and face are fully engulfed in the two rak’at, Jannat is compulsory (wajib) for him.”* (Mishkaat, p39)

Ameer Ul Mo’mineen Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Whoever amongst you performs a thorough ablution and then recites Ash Hado Al Laa Ilaha Illal Laaho Wa Ash Hado An-na Muhammadan Abdohu Warasooluh, all eight doors of Paradise open for him, and he can enter through whichever door he pleases.”* (Mishkaat, p39)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“My ummah will be called on the day of judgement in such a state that their foreheads will be glowing brightly and their arms and legs will be illuminated because of the effects of ablution. Therefore whoever can increase his brightness should do so.”* (Mishkaat, p39)

## Explanation and Benefits about the above Ahadith

- Ablution in itself does not appear to be an act of worship. Pouring water and washing certain body parts does not seem to equate to worship. However, ablution is a means to pray Namaz and the means to any worship is also worship, and that is why ablution is also worship. Such a great worship, that it grants one Paradise and is one of the paths of Paradise.
- In the Hadith it mentions performing ablution during difficulties. This means that during the winter when it is cold, even though it may seem troubling, perform complete ablution. Do not take any short cuts and do not leave out any part of the ablution.
- In the Hadith it mentions performing complete ablution, going to the Mosque regularly and waiting for the next Namaz. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam described these three things as *“Fazaa-Lekumur Rabaat”* “Rabaat” means mounting a horse for Islam and fighting against the enemies of Islam and to defend it. The Hadith means that doing these three things earns the same reward as Jihad.

In the same way, all sins leaving the body means that performing ablution removes all the small sins (Gunah E Sageerah). Large sins (Gunah E Kabeerah), if they are related to the rights of Allah Ta’ala, for example missing Namaz, not fasting etc., are not forgiven without true repentance to Allah Ta’ala. If the large sins refers to the rights of people, like stealing from someone, then together with repentance to Allah ta’ala, it is necessary to be forgiven by the person you have wronged as well.

## Worldly Benefits of Ablution

There are many worldly benefits as well as benefits for the hereafter in performing ablution. If a person remains in a state of purity and with ablution, he is protected against the whispers of shaitaan whispers and his attacks.

- Wudhu (ablution) is the cure for many illnesses and the means to stay healthy.
- If you leave home with ablution, all your tasks and jobs will become easier and your good intentions will reach fruition. This is why Friends of Allah Ta’ala remained with ablution as much as possible.



## Attendance In Madinah Munawwara

When you enter the blessed boundaries of Madinah Munawwara, have duroods and salutations on your lips in abundance. You should be restless about reaching the resting-place of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam; because all true lovers have a deep desire to meet their beloved. Therefore complete the necessities as soon as possible, (hotel room, settling in, bathroom etc.) and prepare to present yourself in front of the beloved of Allah Ta'ala. Take a bath, wear new clothes, put on Ittar (perfume), apply surma in your eyes, comb your hair and beard properly, put on an Imama Shareef (turban), and look the best that you possibly can.

### Method of Attendance

Stand outside Baab e Jibrael in such a manner as if you are waiting for permission. Wait for a short while and then enter Masjid E Nabvi. Enter with your right foot first and as you enter recite the following:

**“Bismillah-hir Rahman-Ir Raheem. Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Bismillahe Dakhalto Wa Alaihe Tawak-Kalto Wa Nawayto Sunnatal E'te-kaaf”**

Upon entering the Mosque walk right for a short distance and stand there and recite blessings and salutations in brief. Walk slowly towards the Roza Mubarak. Pass through Raiz-ul-Jannat and kiss the blessed Mimbar and Mihraab of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam with your eyes. Keep moving forward and you will find yourself in front of the Blessed Golden Gates of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Stand with complete respect, head lowered, arms folded and humbly present your salutation:

**Assalato Wassalamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam  
Assalato Wassalamo Alaika Ya Nabi Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam  
Assalato Wassalamo Alaika Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam  
Assalato Wassalamo Alaika Ya Khaira Khalqillah sallalaho alaihe wasallam  
Wa Alaa Aaleyka Wa Zaweeka Fee Kulla Aaniw Walah Zatin Adada Kulla Zarrata Alfa Alfa Marratin.**

After this present the salutations (salaams) of all those that have asked you to. Then make Dua as much as possible, for yourself, for family, for friends, for relatives, and for all Muslims. If possible also make Dua for me and especially make Dua for Sunni Dawat E Islami.

Then move slightly to your right and present salutations to Sayyedina Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique radiallaho ta'ala anhu:

**Assalamo Alaikum Ya Ameerul Mo'mineen  
Assalamo Alaikum Ya Khalifata Rasoolillah  
Assalamo Alaikum Ya Saahiba Rasoolillah  
Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatuhu**

Then move slightly to your right and present your salutations in the court of Sayyedina Hazrat Umar Faruq E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu:

**Assalamo Alaikum Ya Ameerul Mo'mineen  
Assalamo Alaikum Ya Khalifatul Muslimeen  
Assalamo Alaikum Ya Izzal Islam  
Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatuhu**

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! You have read about the importance of visiting the blessed court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam from the Holy Qur'an and from Ahadith, and the practice of our pious predecessors. Let us make Dua that Allah Ta'ala grants us all the great blessing of visiting Madinah Munawwara with respect, and that he guides us to honour the etiquette's of Madinah and stay there with complete humility and respect. Aameen Summa Aameen.

## NARRATIVES

A Noble person was holding the covering of the Ka'aba (Gilaaf e Ka'aba) and was appealing to Allah Ta'ala. He said, "O Allah, this is Your House, and a visit here is known as Hajj. There are two letters in the word Hajj. "Haa" and "Jeem" (Arabic letters). The "Haa" is for your Leniency and Tolerance (Hilm) and "Jeem" is my crime (jurm). Therefore, you forgive my crime with your Leniency. A voice said, "O My bondman! What a great request you have made, say it again." The person appealed again with different words and said, "O Merciful One! Your sea of Forgiveness is flowing strongly to forgive our sins, and the treasure of your Mercy is open for all that ask for it. O Lord! Visiting this house is called Hajj. There are two letters in the word Hajj. "Haa" and "Jeem." "Haa" is for my need (Haajat) and "Jeem" is for the blessings that you bestow on us (Jood o Karam). Oh Allah! Fulfil my need and give me what I require." Again a voice was heard saying, "O young man! What a great praise you have said, repeat it." The person said, "O Sustainer of the Universe! Your Blessed Self has covered the Muslims with peace and goodness. Visiting this house is called Hajj. There are two letters in the word Hajj. "Haa" and "Jeem." O Lord! "Haa" is for the sweetness of my faith (Imaani Halaawat) and "Jeem" is for your Majesty and Splendour (Jahan Daari ki Jalaalat). With the blessings of Your Majesty, save the sweetness of this weak bondman's faith from the clutches of shaitaan." A voice said, "O my sincere and true bondman! All that you have asked from My leniency, My Giving, and My Majesty, I have granted to you. Our aim is to bestow and to fill the needs of those that ask. One just needs to ask to receive." Subhan Allah!

*I am the Great Benevolent Giver; There are no beggars*

*Who can be shown the way? No one is willing to take this path!*

When Hazrat Shaikh Yahya alahir rahmah had completed his Hajj, he went to the door of the Ka'aba and pleaded, "O Merciful One! It is the way of the kings of the world to give their slaves great gifts and treasures when they complete their task and are leaving. The slave is filled with happiness when he receives these gifts. When the slave reaches his family and friends, he has so many treasures and gifts that they ask him for some of them. He gives them some of his treasures and they are filled with joy as well.

O My Lord! I am your slave and You are the Ruler of all the kings and rulers of this world. My time for departure is close. I am seeking some gifts to take back with me from your Blessed Court. I want to be able to return safely to my friends and family with those gifts and say to them, O friends, I have brought gifts of Mercy and Forgiveness for you from the Court of Allah Ta'ala. O My Master! Grant me these gifts so that I do not have to be embarrassed when I face them."

A voice was heard saying, "O Yahya! The gifts you have asked for, I have granted them to you. Give them the good news of My Mercy and My Forgiveness. Undoubtedly I am the Generous One. When a beggar and hopeless one reaches the court of the Generous One, all their needs are fulfilled. Go I have opened the river of Benevolence and given you the gift of intercession and forgiveness for those with faith. Subhan Allah!

Hazrat Shaikh Abu Yaqoob Al Basri rehmatullahe ta'ala alaihe states, "Once I was in Masjid E Haram. I had been there for 10 days without eating. This made me very weak and my heart and body forced me to step outside to look for something to eat, to ease my hunger. I went out and saw a rotten, dried turnip. I picked it up but something inside me said, "You have been hungry for 10 days and all you are given is a rotten turnip?" I threw it away and went back inside the Blessed Haram and sat down. A short time later a person came and placed a bag in front of me and said, "This bag contains 500 dinars (unit of money) and it is for you." I asked him, "Why did you choose to give this to me?" He replied, "We have been travelling for 10 days on the sea and our boat was close to sinking. All of us on the boat decided to give an offering and decided that if we were saved, we would present this offering for the sake of Allah Ta'ala. I decided that the offering would be given to the first attendant that I laid eyes upon in Haram Shareef. You are the first person I have met and therefore this is for you." I told him to open the bag. He opened it and the bag contained a white cake, almonds and some salty snacks (sakkar-paarey). I took a handful of each and said take the rest and give it to your children from me. I have accepted your gift. Then I thought to myself, your livelihood and sustenance had been coming to you for 10 days, and you were outside looking for it?"



*Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful*  
*Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam*  
*Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam*

## ***BLESSINGS OF THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH TA'ALA***

Allah Ta'ala, The Almighty Supreme Creator says in the Holy Qur'an:

*"O believers! Remember Allah much. And glorify Him morning and evening." (Surah Ahzab, verse 41-42)*

### **Vastness Of The Word "Zikr"**

The word "Zikr" means "to remember" "to remind", "to always remember", and to "mention often" etc. It is a very small word but it is like a small bowl that has captured the whole ocean. This small word has all the forms of worship and deeds hidden in it. All those actions or deeds that are done in obedience of Allah Ta'ala and His beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam and are based on the teachings of Islam is "Zikr." Whether the actions or deeds are related to worship, (Namaz, Fasting, Zakat, Hajj etc.); or related to serving and obeying parents, respecting neighbours, respecting relatives, helping and keeping good relations with orphans and the poor, or merely keeping in mind what is permissible (Halaal) and what is non permissible (Haraam) when earning a living, then all these things are classified as "Zikr" (Remembrance).

Allah Ta'ala, the Only One worthy of worship says to His beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam in another verse of the Qur'an,

*"And remember your Lord much and praise Him at a time nearing sunset and at dawn." (Sural Aal e Imran, verse 41)*

In this verse Allah Ta'ala orders His beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam to remember Him time and again. He is the most beloved to Allah Ta'ala and each of his actions are also loved by Allah Ta'ala.

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam's remembrance of Allah Ta'ala is not only most liked by Allah Ta'ala, it is the means by which the remembrance of all others is accepted. Allah Ta'ala said to his beloved, "You keep remembering me so that everyone else's remembrance is accepted. In order for My Mercy to continue raining down on the universe due to your remembrance, here.. *"And We have exalted for you, your remembrance." (Surah Inshirah, verse 4)*. In return for this praise, you keep remembering me."

Let us look as some more verses of the Qur'an in which Allah Ta'ala orders His beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam and all of us to always remember him.

Allah Ta'ala says, *"And remember your Lord within yourself, humbly and fearfully, and without uttering a voice from the tongue, morning and evening and be not you amongst the heedless." (Surah A'raaf, verse 205)*

In Surah Mozammil Allah Ta'ala says, *"Therefore, remember the name of your Lord, and be of Him exclusively, leaving all others." (Surah Mozammil, verse 8)*

In Surah Dahr, The Supreme Lord says, *"And remember the name of your Lord morning and evening." (Surah Dahr, verse 25).*

Upon receiving these commands the beloved of Allah Ta'ala remembered Him in such a manner that the whole universe was in ecstasy. All over the earth the sound of "**Ash-hado Al Laa Ilaha Illal Laah**" rang out from every corner of the globe. Each action of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. His presence resounded the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. His privacy was spent in the company of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. His blessed tongue was always busy in remembering Allah Ta'ala. His blessed heart glowed with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. Each blessed hair on his blessed body was always busy in remembering Allah Ta'ala. He never forgot the remembrance of his Lord for even a second. Even when he would sleep, his blessed heart of peace was busy in remembering Allah Ta'ala. This condition was told to Hazrat Aisha Siddiqa radiallaho ta'ala anha, who narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"My eyes sleep but my heart does not sleep."*

Allah Ta'ala says, *"Therefore remember Me and I will remember you, and accept My right and do not be ungrateful to me." (Surah Baqarah. Verse 152)*

What a great reward for those that remember Allah Ta'ala. He Himself remembers us if we remember Him. Those that remember Allah Ta'ala at all times and in all situations, He ensures that their affairs are always in order, and He blesses them with His Benevolence. We are only remembering him on the earth, but the Owner of the Throne and the Supreme Tablet remembers us amongst his blessed Angels. He makes them witnesses and announces our forgiveness and freedom from the fire of hell.

There is a very lengthy Hadith in Bukhari shareef narrated by the famous companion, Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiiallaho ta'ala anhu. The translation is being presented; you will surely become ecstatic once you have read it. Read it carefully and be proud of the kindness and favours of our Lord, and become amongst those that remember Allah Ta'ala.

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“There are certain Angels who roam the earth looking for gatherings where Allah Ta'ala is being remembered. When they find such a gathering they call each other and say come we have found out what we came for. They cover the people in the gathering with their wings (out of love and affection). Then they return to the court of Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala asks then where they have been even though Allah Ta'ala knows well what his slaves were doing. (But He wants to hear about those that are remembering Him from the Angels). The Angles reply, “O Lord! Your bondmen were remembering You, they were glorifying You, they were praising You, and they were talking about Your Majesty. Allah Ta'ala says, Have they seen Me? The Angels reply O Lord! They have not seen You.*

*Allah Ta'ala says, what would their state be if they were to see Me? The Angels reply, If they were to see You, they would worship You even more and would exalt You even more and would praise You more.*

*Allah Ta'ala says, What were they asking for from Me? The Angels reply, They are asking for Paradise.*

*Have they seen Paradise? Allah Ta'ala asks the Angels. No, reply they Angels. Allah Ta'ala says, what if they were to see Paradise? The Angels reply, if they were to see Paradise they would be very eager to obtain it. They would desire it greatly and their ambition would be intensified.*

*Allah Ta'ala then says, What were they seeking refuge from? The Angels reply, the fire of hell.*

*Have they seen hell? Asks Allah Ta'ala. The Angels once again reply, O Lord! They have not seen hell. Allah Ta'ala says, what if they were to see hell? The Angels say, If they were to see it they would run away from it, and be more afraid of it.”*

*Allah Ta'ala says, O Angels! I am making you witness that I have forgiven them all.*

*The Angels say, “O Allah! There was one amongst them who was not remembering you, he had gone there for some other reason.*

*Allah Ta'ala says, “The one that sits with them is not forsaken, I have forgiven him also.” (Bukhari Shareef)*

## **Deeds That Take You Towards Paradise**

Hazrat Ibn Abbas radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said *“On the day of judgement the people who will be called towards paradise first will be those that praise (remember) Allah in happiness and sadness”* (Baihiqi 343)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Most people forget Allah Ta'ala during happiness, whereas it should be that Allah Ta'ala should be remembered and thanked more during happiness. The friends of Allah (Aulia Allah's) used to remember Allah Ta'ala more during happiness so that Allah Ta'ala would be pleased. If a person remembers Allah Ta'ala during happiness then Allah Ta'ala removes difficulties and sadness from that bondman and increases happiness. This is because happiness and sadness are both from Allah Ta'ala. A person should believe this and accept, that whatever the will of Allah Ta'ala, I will be pleased with it. When a bondman, who is weak, is pleased with the will of Allah Ta'ala, then Allah Ta'ala looks upon such a person with blessings and gives him the glad tidings of Jannah.

May Allah Ta'ala through the sadqa of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam give us the guidance to remember Him at all times. Aameen.

## **Reward Of 100 Hajj**

Hazrat Umar Bin Shoaib reported from his father who reported from his father that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Whoever recited Subhan Allah 100 times in the morning & 100 times in the evening, it will be like he has performed 100 Hajj. And whoever recited “Alhamdo Lillah” 100 times in the morning & 100 times in the evening it will be like he gave 100 horses as charity in the path of Allah Ta'ala. He who recited “La Ilaha Illal Laah” 100 times in the morning & 100 times in the evening it will be like he has freed 100 slaves from amongst the children of Hazrat Ismail alaihis salaam. He who recited “Allah O Akbar” 100 times in the morning & 100 times in the evening, then no-one will be able to do more good deeds than him on that day, other than he who recited the same amount or more.”* (Mishkaat, Vol 2, page 346)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! By reciting *Subhan Allah* 100 times in the morning & 100 times in the evening we are given the glad tidings of reward of 100 Hajj. This means that a person that does this will get the reward of 100 voluntary (Nafil) Hajj. Remember that reward for performing Hajj & actually performing Hajj are two different things. Here reward is mentioned, therefore no one must think that I will recite *Subhan Allah* 100 times in the morning and evening and it will be like I have done 100 Hajj, so why do I need to spend thousands of pounds and withstand any difficulties or troubles. This is not the case; the compulsory (Farz) Hajj must be performed. For example a doctor may state that a tablet has the same energy level as a plate of food. However a person can not eat a pill two times a day and be satisfied. Undoubtedly the reward for certain rosaries (tasbeehs) are immense. This has also been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, (*Those that spend their wealth in the path of Allah, their similarity is like that seed which sprouted 7 roots, each root produced 100 grains, & Allah Ta'ala will reward even more than that to those whom he wishes*). My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There is no shortage in the court of Allah Ta'ala. He is the Generous, Forgiving, Bountiful, and Merciful One & therefore we should have faith in His Grace.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! By reciting *Alhamdo Lillah* 100 times in the morning & evening Allah Ta'ala gives reward equivalent to donating 100 horses for jihad. This means that striving in the path of Allah Ta'ala is a means of remembering Allah Ta'ala. A believer does not strive, fight for land or worldly gains, rather he fights to remove obstacles that are preventing the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, & praising Allah Ta'ala is definitely more superior than 100 holy wars (Jihad).

It is stated that whoever recites *La Ilaha Illal Laah* 100 times in the morning and evening, it is better than freeing 100 slaves from the children of Hazrat Ismail alaihis salaam. The children of Hazrat Ismail alaihis salaam means 100 people from the Arabian Peninsula, as they are all children of Hazrat Ismail alaihis salaam. They are linked and closer to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam so therefore it is better to bestow favours on them.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If we can obtain such rewards by making a small sacrifice then we should not be lazy. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to spend our time in His remembrance. Aameen

### **Proper Use of the Tongue**

Hazrat Umm E Habeeba radiallao ta'ala anha narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said "*Every word of the children of Adam is calamity for him. It gives him no benefit except those words used to invite to good and forbid from evil and those words said in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala*" (Ibn Majah)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Keeping the tongue silent is very difficult. Therefore do not say anything from the tongue that does not bring reward in this world and the hereafter. Each word that has no goodness in it is a ruin, and which are the best words to have on our tongues? It has been stated that "to order to good, to forbid from evil and to remember Allah Ta'ala". Therefore, My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Keep ordering towards good & forbidding from evil. Along with this, keep remembering Allah Ta'ala.

May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to do this. Aameen

### **Angels Present In A Gathering**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu reports on the authority of Hazrat Abu Saeed Khudri radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*When any group sits together to remember Allah Ta'ala, Angels surround them. Mercy covers them. Peace and contentment descends on them. Allah Ta'ala mentions these people amongst the angels that are close to him.*" (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! People enjoy sitting with friends & family and talking. Some talk about worldly matters, others talk about politics. Everyone likes to talk about things that they like. However those fortunate bondmen, who sit together just for remembering Allah Ta'ala, and remembering His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, then the Angels of Mercy of Allah Ta'ala, surround such people. The Mercy of Allah Ta'ala covers them, peace, contentment descends on them & Allah Ta'ala remembers them amongst Angels. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the opportunity to sit in such gatherings. Aameen.

### **Become Deserving of a Pulpit of Pearls**

Hazrat Abu Darda radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said "*On the day of judgement, certain peoples' faces will be gleaming with light (Noor). They will be on pulpits (mimbars) of pearls. Others will be envious of them. They will not be Prophets or martyrs.*" Someone asked, "*Yaa Rasool Allah, sallalaho alaihe wasallam, who are these people so that we may recognise them?*" Rasool Allah, sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "*they are those who came from different places, from different tribes, and came together in one place and stayed busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala.*" (Tibraani Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We should travel for the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and should participate in gatherings of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. Do not think that if my friends/neighbours are there I will go, no, but if Allah Ta'ala gives guidance then we should go wherever He is remembered. However, ensure that it is a correct faith (aqeedah) gathering. In other words an Ahl E Sunnah Wa'l Jama'at gathering. Allah Ta'ala willing, according to the Hadith of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, the reward will be such that peoples faces will be glowing with light and will be seated on pulpits of pearls and others will envy these people. Subhan Allah.

May Allah Ta'ala, through the sadqa of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam include us amongst these fortunate people. Aameen

### **Way To Obtain Freedom From Punishment**

Hazrat Muaz Ibn Jabal radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*None of the deeds of the children of Adam can save him from the punishment of Allah Ta'ala except the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala.*" (Malik, Tirmizi, Ibn Majah)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Together with firmness of faith, we must keep busy in the remembrance of Allah, because the acceptance of deeds is dependent on faith. Together with faith the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala is the path to salvation. In the above Hadith it is stated that safety from punishment is obtained through the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. In other words, if we want freedom from the trials & tribulations in this world and the hereafter then we must remember Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala, through His remembrance save us all from trials and tribulations in this world and the hereafter. Aameen

### **Friendship With Those Who Remember Allah Ta'ala Day and Night**

Hazrat Abdur Rehman bin Sahal bin Hanif radiallaho ta'ala anhu was in the blessed house of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, when the following verse was revealed, "*Be punctual in sitting amongst those people who call upon their Lord day and night.*" After this verse was revealed, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam went out in search for such people. He saw a group who were busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. Some of these people had ruffled hair, had dry lips (from hunger / thirst), and only had one piece of cloth covering them. When Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saw them he sat amongst them and said, "*All praise is for Allah Ta'ala who created such people in my followers (ummah) that I have been ordered to sit amongst them.*" (Tibraani Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! From this Hadith we see that we should sit in the company of those who keep busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, we should benefit from their company and their closeness. Undoubtedly, success in this world and the hereafter is for those who remember Allah Ta'ala day and night. It is for this reason that Allah Ta'ala has ordered us to sit in their company. Unfortunately, the sinful Muslims of today will search for gatherings where movies are being discussed, and not only this, but they take pride and boast about their contacts and relations with those that spend no time in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. Fear Allah Ta'ala, save yourselves from such gatherings where Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam are not remembered. What answer will you give to Allah Ta'ala on the day of Reckoning when he asks you what you did with your life? When Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam would go in the company of those that were remembering Allah Ta'ala, their hair would be untidy and ruffled, their lips dry, and they only had one piece of cloth. They were so busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala that they spent only the minimum amount of time attending to their needs and spent the vast majority of their time remembering Allah Ta'ala. May we be sacrificed on their status. That is why when Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saw them he thanked and praised Allah Ta'ala.

### **Keep Tongue Moist With the Remembrance of Allah Ta'ala**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Bushar radiallaho ta'ala anhu reports that one person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, "*Islam has placed upon me many orders. Tell me one deed that I can do all the time and be punctual in it.* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said "*Keep your tongue moist with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala*" (Tirmizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The companions used to constantly strive towards rewards and good deeds. That is why, after completing their obligatory duties, they were always searching for ways to keep busy earning rewards. The questions that were asked by the companions are of great benefit to us sinners in that, we find out how to spend our lives.

In the above Hadith Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has stated, that always keep your tongue moist with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. This means that never keep your mind and heart empty. As much time as you have available, after completing your duties and obligations, stay busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. This remembrance will be the avenue for your success in both worlds. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

## Emphasising The Remembrance of Allah Ta'ala

Hazrat Ibn Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhumaa narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Do not keep your conversations vacant of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, because your conversations without remembrance is a sign of a cold, hard heart, and a hard heart results in alienation from Allah Ta'ala.”* (Tirmizi Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! A person's tongue only stays quiet at night when sleeping. Other than that, it is constantly being used. When we meet people all day, we talk about good and bad things but by emphasising the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala in our conversations, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, has shown us how to attain reward for remembering Allah Ta'ala during our conversations. It is necessary that we refrain from useless and unnecessary chat, as this leads to a cold heart and we move away from Allah Ta'ala.

Shaitaan desires that we busy ourselves in idle chat and move far away from Allah Ta'ala. Now if we keep our tongues busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, then shaitaan will be disgraced and Allah Ta'ala will be pleased. Try to ensure that no conversation is void of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance to do this. Aameen

## Remembrance of Allah Ta'ala is a great Treasure

Hazrat Thaubaan radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that when the ayah *“Wal lazeena yaknezoona zahaba wa'l fiddata...”* was revealed, we were on a journey with Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. At that time some companions said, *“this ayah refers to gold and silver. If we were to know which is better we would obtain that.”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said *“the best treasure is a tongue that is busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and a heart that is busy thanking Allah Ta'ala, and a Muslim's wife who helps him in faith.”* (Ahmed, Tirmizi, Ibn Majah)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Today's Muslims think that worldly goods/materials are the greatest wealth. They remain busy trying to accumulate worldly goods and money. If he does not have wealth, he begins to complain. He thinks that if I have wealth and a fashionable wife then I have it all. However, our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that the best wealth is a tongue that's busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and that one should thank Allah Ta'ala under all circumstances and wish for such a wife that will help you in faith. Instead of a modern wife, we should search for a pious, obedient, and loving wife. Women should also attempt to stop their husbands from going towards evil, and try to instil the love of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam in their husbands, and do good deeds themselves and direct their husbands towards good deeds. May Allah Ta'ala keep our tongues busy in His remembrance, our hearts busy thanking Him, and give all of us pious spouses who help us in our faith. Aameen

## Together With Allah Ta'ala

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrate that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“When a person moves his lips to remember Allah, then Allah Ta'ala is with him.”* (Bukhari)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! How much grace does Allah Ta'ala bestow on us, that he wants to bless us with His closeness. If we move our lips and tongues to remember him then we obtain His Grace & Mercy. That is why our pious predecessors say that on the day of judgement, we will regret those moments that we spent in this world without remembering Allah Ta'ala. People will regret and think, *“alas, I wish I had spent that time in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala.”* Understand the value of our time and obtain the Grace and Mercy of Allah Ta'ala by remembering Him constantly. Today Muslims spend more time on getting dressed, and getting well groomed, than on remembering Allah Ta'ala. For the sake of Allah Ta'ala, search out those gatherings where Allah Ta'ala is remembered. Please sacrifice some time to remember Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam and you will see the benefits of this in this world and the hereafter, Insha Allah. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to participate in gatherings of remembrance. Aameen

## Entitled to the Intercession of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam

The Kalima is the means to obtain the intercession of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. On the day of judgement, with Allah Ta'ala's command, Prophets, Martyrs, and the friends of Allah Ta'ala will intercede on behalf of Muslims. Through this Allah Ta'ala will forgive many sinners. The greatest right, and the highest status of intercession is reserved for the Mercy to all the worlds, the Light of the Universe, the Beloved of Allah Ta'ala sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Whoever has recited the Kalima with heart and tongue, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam will intercede for him. The evidence of this is in the following Hadith.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu asked, *“Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, who will be entitled to your intercession on the day of judgement?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“Oh Abu Hurairah, based on your interest in my Ahadith, I knew that you would be the first to ask this question. My intercession will be for him who with sincerity of heart and mind says Laa Ilaha Illal Laah”* (Bukhari)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Kalima e Tayyiba makes a person worthy of the intercession of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. When no one will help another on the day of judgement, those that have recited Kalima will find help with the intercession of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. How can anyone understand or comprehend the intercession and the status of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam? My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam is more loving and helpful than thousands of helpers. In this world and the hereafter, after Allah Ta'ala's Grace and Blessings, the person who has bestowed the most blessings and grace upon us is our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Therefore recite the Kalima with sincerity and obtain the right to be interceded for. May Allah Ta'ala guide us. Aameen

### **Blessings of the Kalima at the Time of Death**

At the time of death, reciting Kalima e Tayyiba removes the pain and pangs of death. By reciting the Kalima our death is with faith and the soul leaves the body easily. In this regard there is the following Hadith of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.

Hazrat Yahya bin Talha bin Abdullah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that upon seeing Hazrat Talha radiallaho ta'ala anhu sad & distressed people asked, *"What is the problem?"* He replied, *"I heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say that if one says some words then the pains of death are removed from him, his face will be bright and he will be at ease. However I did not have the audacity to ask him what those words were."* Hazrat Umar Radiallaho ta'ala anhu said *"Definitely I know what those words are."* Hazrat Talha radiallaho ta'ala anhu asked, *"What are they?"* Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu replied *"I know that there are no words greater than those that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam presented to his uncle (Abu Taalib) and those words are La Ilaha Illal Laah."* Hazrat Talha radiallaho ta'ala anhu asked, *"are those the words?"* Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu said, *"By Allah, those are the words."* (Baihiqi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The pain at the time of death is undoubtedly very severe. It has been reported that the pain, when the soul leaves the body is more painful than being stabbed 360 times with a sword. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, Kalima e Tayyiba (*La Ilaha Illal Laah Muhammad Ur Rasool Allah*) sallalaho alaihe wasallam is the means to freedom from the pangs of death. Therefore, make it a habit to always recite the Kalima and be free from this pain. May Allah Ta'ala keep us all free from the pain at the time of death and give us death on Imaan in the blessed city of Madinah. Aameen

### **Pillars of Light Intercede for Recitors of the Kalima**

There are many things that also seek forgiveness, for those that recite the Kalima. What does Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say about this? Let's study the following Hadith.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Undoubtedly, opposite the Throne (Arsh) of Allah Ta'ala is a pillar of light. Whenever someone recites La Ilaha Illal Laah that pillar starts to shake. Allah Ta'ala says "Stop", the pillar says, "How can I stop? The person that recited Kalima has not been forgiven yet. Allah Ta'ala says, "I have forgiven that person." Then the pillar stops shaking."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! What can be a greater benefit than the fact if we recite the Kalima, the pillar of light starts to shake and asks for the recitor's forgiveness. We realise that everything loves those that recite the Kalima. We should keep the tongue that Allah Ta'ala has blessed us with busy in His remembrance so that all the creations of Allah Ta'ala seek our forgiveness. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to do this. Aameen

### **Intercession of the Throne (Arsh)**

In one narration it is reported that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was delivering a lecture on the pulpit (Mimbar) when a Bedouin arrived. He said, *"I am a great sinner and also have a lot of jealousy in me."* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam told him to sit down. When the lecture was completed Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam called the Bedouin. He presented his plight. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked him, *"Are your sins more than the number of stars?"* He replied *"Yes."* He was then asked *"Are your sins greater than grains of sand in the desert?"* *"Yes",* he replied.

*"Are your sins more than the raindrops?"* *"Yes" was the reply from the Bedouin.*

*"Are your sins more than the number of leaves on the trees?"* Once again the reply was *"Yes"*

*"Are your sins greater than the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala?"* The Bedouin stayed quiet for a long time and then began to cry. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said *"Do not despair, recite La Ilaha Illal Laah and all your sins will be forgiven, no matter how many sins you have."* Then he stated *"If anyone recites La Ilaha Illal Laah night and day, in such a manner that he stretches the "Laa"(with a madh), then Allah Ta'ala forgives sins equivalent to 4000 years. When one recites this, the Throne of Allah Ta'ala starts to move. Allah Ta'ala orders "O throne, be still." The Throne says "Oh Allah, forgive the recitor of the Kalima so that I can be at peace." Allah Ta'ala then says, "I have forgiven him."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If we look at our lives and try to count our sins, then I believe that we will feel that our whole life has been spent in sins. However Allah's Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam is comforting us by telling us that Allah Ta'ala's Mercy is greater than anything else is. He is telling us that the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala is supreme, so come and recite Kalima sincerely and Allah Ta'ala will forgive your past sins. The whole Kalima has great blessings, even just the first part (*Laa*) that is stretched, results in our Lord forgiving 4000 years of sins. Here to recite Kalima means to first sincerely ask for forgiveness and promise not to commit sins in the future.

Subhan Allah, very fortunate are those people that constantly recite Kalima and remember Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala bestow on us the blessings of the Kalima and make us worthy of His Mercy. Aameen

### **Remedy for safety from the Fire of Hell**

Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu states that I heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say, *"I know one order, and whoever accepts that with his heart and says it with the tongue and dies in this state, then he will be free from the fire of hell, and that is Laa Ilaha Illal Laah"* ( Al-Haakim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This means that whoever, as well as reciting Laa Ilaha Illal Laah Muhammad Ur Rasool Allah also believes in Allah Ta'ala as his Lord, believes in Him as the Provider, as The Sustainer, has faith in all the Attributes of Allah Ta'ala, and believes in Him with the right faith, and believes in Muhammad Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam as the final Prophet of Allah Ta'ala and remains steadfast and firm in this, then if all these conditions are met then Insha Allah he will be free from the fire of hell. May Allah Ta'ala keep us firm and steadfast on the true path. Aameen

### **Hellfire Will Be Unlawful (Haraam)**

Hazrat Utbaan bin Malik radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Whoever comes on the day of judgement reciting Kalima for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, on him the fire of hell will be made unlawful."* My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! From this Hadith we learn that Kalima should also be recited to please Allah Ta'ala. Rather all deeds should be done for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala. Showing off is much disliked by Allah Ta'ala, one who is guilty of this will not even smell the sweet fragrance of paradise. The person who does things in this world for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, and makes it a habit to constantly recite the Kalima, then such a person will also arrive on the day of judgement reciting the Kalima. Allah Ta'ala with His grace and blessings will make the fire of hell unlawful on that person. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to recite Kalima with sincerity. Aameen

### **Allah Ta'ala Will Make Hell Unlawful**

Hazrat Anas bin Malik radiallaho ta'ala anhu reports that one time Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was travelling with Hazrat Muaz bin Jabal radiallaho ta'ala anhu following him. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"O Muaz"* He replied *"I am at your service Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam."* Again Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said *"O Muaz."* He replied with the same response. Three times Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam called him like this and then said *"If anyone testifies with their heart that nobody is worthy of worship except Allah ta'ala, and that Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam is the Prophet of Allah Ta'ala, then Allah Ta'ala will make hell unlawful on him."*

Hazrat Muaz radiallaho ta'ala anhu asked *"can I tell this to the people so that they may be happy?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"If you tell them now, then people will depend on this and will not do their deeds."* Hazrat Muaz radiallaho ta'ala anhu only narrated this at the time of his passing away. (Bukhari Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Why did Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam call Hazrat Muaz radiallaho ta'ala anhu three times? This was done so that the significance and importance of what was about to be said would not be underestimated. The oneness of Allah Ta'ala must be believed from the heart and not just the tongue. The belief in Muhammad Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam as the Beloved Prophet of Allah Ta'ala and to testify to this must also be done in this manner. When a person does this, Allah Ta'ala makes hell unlawful on that person.

The reason that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stopped Hazrat Muaz radiallaho ta'ala anhu from informing others is that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam did not want people to stop other forms of worship (Ibadah) and good deeds. We see from this that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam desires that through worship, his ummah attains a high status and peace on the day of judgement. This is why Hazrat Muaz radiallaho ta'ala anhu waited until close to his passing away to report this Hadith. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to perform much worship. Aameen

## **Kalima E Tayyiba- Key to Paradise**

Kalima E Tayyiba is the key to paradise. Who ever has this key will enter paradise. The following Hadith explains this. Hazrat Muaz radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"To say Laa Ilaha Illal Laah Muhammad Ur Rasool Allah is the key to paradise."* (Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This Hadith tells us that those who do not have faith will not enter paradise. Paradise is for believers, it is for those that believe and recite the Kalima. He who recites it with sincerity, stays firm on it and leaves this world in that state, will be deserving of paradise.

The Kalima has been called the key to paradise so that those that recite it would realise and know that if we stay firm on this then Allah Ta'ala will grant us this great bounty (Ne'mah), which we have never seen, and which is impossible to emulate or copy in this world. Therefore, together with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, have faith in the bounties of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

## **Testimony of Stones**

One time Hazrat Ibrahim Waasti was in the plains of Arafah. He had seven pebbles in his hand. He said "Oh stones, be witness that I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah Ta'ala and that Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam is the Prophet of Allah." That night when he slept he saw that it is qayamah. The accounting of deeds is being done. After a few people it is soon to be his turn. He was not successful and was ordered into hell. The angels took hold of him and led him towards hell. They arrived at one of the doors of hell. One of those seven pebbles blocked the path to the door of hell. The angles of punishment tried to move this pebble but were unsuccessful. This happened at all seven doors of hell. Finally the angels took this person to the court of Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala said "you made those pebbles your witness and today they were loyal to you and were not disloyal. Oh my bondman, I, myself also testify to your statement of tauheed and prophethood, and in return I will grant you paradise". Hazrat Ibrahim says that when I got to paradise the doors were closed. Suddenly a voice was heard saying 'Laa Ilaha Illal Laah' and the doors opened and I entered paradise.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Remember Allah Ta'ala loudly so that our voices reach all over the world. The walls and buildings will testify on our behalf on the day of judgement. Therefore do not be lazy in remembering Allah Ta'ala. Refrain from sins, otherwise the places where we commit sins will testify against us in the court of Allah Ta'ala. Remember Allah Ta'ala much and make every part of the earth and all creations your witness, and always refrain from sins.

May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

## **Key To The Heavens**

One of the miracles of the Kalima is that the doors of the heavens open out of respect and reverence for the recitor of the Kalima. In this regard it is reported on the authority of Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said *"There is no one who recites the Kalima, for whom the doors of paradise do not open up. Rather this Kalima goes straight up to the Throne of Allah Ta'ala, provided that the recitor refrains from large sins."* (Tirmizi Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, Kalima is the key to the heavens, and goes straight to the Throne. If one refrains from large sins and recites Kalima, then the door of the heavens open up for him. Therefore recite it in abundance. Insha Allah you will get benefit in both worlds. This Kalima will reach the Throne (Arsh) and intercede for us. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to this. Aameen

## **Kalima Keeps Faith Fresh**

Keeping faith fresh means to always remember and turn towards Allah Ta'ala. In other words, we should always have love of Allah Ta'ala and also fear of Allah Ta'ala in our hearts. Man should never forsake Allah Ta'ala in favour of anyone else. This will not happen if we recite the Kalima constantly and that is why it has been stated that recite the Kalima as it keeps faith fresh and vibrant.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Keep your faith fresh and strong."* The companions asked *"How do we do that?"* The Beloved Of Allah Ta'ala replied *"recite Laa Ilaha Illal Laah constantly."* (Ahmed, Tibraani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There are so many wrong statements and words that come out of our mouths. Sometimes by mistake, words of infidelity (Kufr), comes out of our mouths and we do not even realise. Therefore act upon this saying of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam so that our faith stays fresh. When you sleep at night and when you wake up, make it a habit to always recite the Kalima. Insha Allah you will definitely see the reward for this as the final thing on our lips at night will be the Kalima and the first thing when we wake up will be the Kalima. This will definitely please our Lord, our Master, and our Creator. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

## The Best Branch of Faith

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, *“There are more than seventy (70) branches of faith. The best of them is Kalima e Tayyiba, the smallest is to remove obstruction from the path and modesty (sharm o haya) is also a branch of faith.”*

(Bukhari)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! All good deeds are dependent on faith. Faith is in actual fact the root and good deeds are the branches. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said faith (Iman) has over seventy branches. The best is Laa Ilaha Illal Laah, in other words, in rewards it is most superior. This is because with this a person is negating all deities except Allah Ta’ala and believes in Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam as the Prophet. Therefore recite Kalima in abundance, remove items of trouble or destruction from people’s path and always observe shyness. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all. Aameen

## Keep Faith Fresh

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta’ala anhu reports that *“One day Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam climbed a hill in Arafah. He then prayed 2 rak’ats Namaz and whilst facing the Qiblah kept reciting the Kalima. He continued reciting and his blessed eyes were full of tears. The blessed beard and blessed chest became wet and the blessed tears fell on the ground. On seeing this, Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta’ala anhu, also started to cry. After some time Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam looked at me and enquired” “O Anas, why are you crying?” I replied “O Master, upon seeing you crying, I also cried.” Rasool Allah then stated “Happiness for him who has Kalima on his tongue and his eyes are full of tears (because this keeps faith fresh).”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Whether it is Kalima or any other words with which we are remembering Allah Ta’ala, we must be mindful that we do it sincerely and with a true intention. Fear of Allah Ta’ala must be kept in mind and try to make sure that whilst we are remembering so that our eyes are moist with tears. This is also a Sunnah of our beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam and each action of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is worship. When Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta’ala anhu cried after seeing Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam with tears in his blessed eyes, he was given the glad tidings that to have moist eyes when remembering Allah Ta’ala is very much liked by our Lord and by his beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all. Aameen

## Safety From the Deceit of Shaitaan

In order to keep people busy in sins, shaitaan has laid traps all around us. Kalima is a great means to avoid his traps and temptations. Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Recite Laa Ilaha Illal Laah and Istigfaar in abundance. Shaitaan says I am trying to destroy people by taking them towards sins and they are ruining me with these words. When I saw this, I ruined them with a cyclone of desires and they think they are being guided.”*

(Jami Al Sageer)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Shaitaan, who is our greatest enemy, does not forget us for a moment. It’s amazing that we have completely forgotten him. He has laid traps of deceit and desire and temptation all around so that we become trapped in his schemes but may we be sacrificed on the Mercy of our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. He has given us the tools to avoid his traps and they are the Kalima and Istigfaar in abundance. This is a great tool to disgrace and defeat shaitaan. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all. Aameen

## The Words Of Freedom

Hazrat Uthmaan Ghani radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that, *“The passing away of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam had such a profound and disturbing affect on the companions that many different thoughts entered the minds of certain companions.”* He states that he was amongst those people. *“One time Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta’ala anhu came to me and greeted me but I did not realise that he had greeted me. He complained to Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta’ala anhu, who asked me, “You did not reply to your brother Umar’s salaam?” I replied that I did not do this. Hazrat Umar radiallaho ta’ala anhu said this is exactly what happened. I said, “I did not even know that you had come and neither did I hear your salaam.” Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta’ala anhu said “You must have been busy in some thought and that is why you did not hear.” I replied “I was busy in thought.” “What was it you were thinking about?” enquired Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta’ala anhu. I said “Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has left us and we did not ask him what will lead to salvation.” Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta’ala anhu said, “I have asked that question to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.” Hazrat Uthmaan states that “I got up and said, may my parents be sacrificed on you, definitely you were more worthy of asking this question.” Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta’ala anhu said, “When I asked what will lead to salvation, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, he who accepts what I presented to my uncle, (Abu Taalib), that will lead to salvation.” (Ahmed)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May we be sacrificed on the status of the companions, (may Allah Ta'ala be pleased with all of them). How many favours have they bestowed on us? They always used to think and worry about forgiveness and freedom and through their questions we obtain the tools for obtaining freedom. If they did not ask the questions, then how would we have known what to do? Sayyedina Abu Bakr radiallaho ta'ala anhu asked what leads to salvation and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said to accept the Kalima. To believe in the worship of one Allah Ta'ala and to believe in His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Therefore stay firm on our faith and keep the Kalima always on our lips and tongues. May Allah Ta'ala give us all death with faith. Aameen

### **Narrative**

Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi radiallaho ta'ala anhu says that I left home to perform Hajj. I pointed my mount towards the Qiblah and set off. However my mount (horse) took me to a city in the Roman empire called Constantinople. I tried to get it to go towards the Ka'aba but it would not go there. When I reached Constantinople I saw a large group of people who were talking to each other. I enquired as to their situation and they informed me that the king's daughter had gone insane and they were searching for a doctor.

I told them that I would cure her. I was taken to the King's palace, when I reached the door I heard a voice from inside saying "How long will you stop your mount from coming towards me when it was bringing you to me?" When I stepped inside I saw a beautiful woman who was tied in chains and restrained. She said "Please cure me, give me some medicine that will cure me and I regain my normal senses. I told her to recite Laa Ilaha Illal Laah Muhammad Ur Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. She recited it aloud. As soon as she did, the chains broke and fell off. The King was shocked and said, "By Allah, what a beautiful and successful doctor. You have cured my daughter and eliminated her illness." I said to the King, "You also recite the Kalima and the disease of kufr (infidelity) will be removed from you." He did this and accepted Islam. Upon seeing this amazing power of the Kalima, untold numbers of the king's subjects accepted Islam in the town. (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, if an infidel can recite the Kalima and be blessed with faith, what if a believer recites the Kalima, will he not receive freedom from the hellfire, and will he not receive untold Mercies of Allah Ta'ala? Undoubtedly he will. Recite Kalima in abundance and obtain the benefits and become rich with the blessings. May Allah Ta'ala give us all guidance. Aameen

### **Kalima E Tayyiba is the Heaviest Phrase**

Allah Ta'ala is all-powerful and has power and control over all things, therefore, His name has no peer and is not comparable. In this same way, whoever recites His Kalima can have power over all things on the earth and the heavens.

Hazrat Ibn Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*I swear by Him who controls my life, if the earth and the heavens, and all that is in them and all that is between them, and all that is below them, if all of that was put on one side of a weigh scale, and the Kalima was placed on the other side, then the Kalima would be heavier.*"

(Tibraani Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Can anyone's name be greater than the name of Allah Ta'ala? Undoubtedly, whichever side has the name of our Lord and the name of His Beloved will always be the heavier side. Recite Kalima constantly so that our weigh scale will be heavier on the day of judgement. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the rightful guidance. Aameen

### **Remembered In A Better Gathering**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Allah states, I am as my bondman thinks of me. When my bondman remembers me, I am with him. If he remembers me quietly, in his mind, then I also remember him alone. If he remembers me in a gathering, I remember him in a better gathering.*" (Muslim, Bukhari)

In other words, however one thinks and hopes from Allah Ta'ala that's how he will be treated. This means that if a bondman hopes for his prayers to be accepted the Allah Ta'ala will, by His grace & blessings, accept his prayers.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Do good deeds and hope and wish for acceptance from Allah Ta'ala. Remember when a person remembers Allah Ta'ala, he is very close to Allah Ta'ala. One who always remembers Him is always close to Him. To remember Allah quietly means to remember him in our mind, heart, on our own. In this case Allah Ta'ala also remembers us quietly, on his own. However, if a person gathers some others and together they remember Allah Ta'ala loudly, then they are remembered out loud by Allah Ta'ala and this remembrance is heard by Angels, Prophets and the friends of Allah (Auliya Allah's). Subhan Allah

We Muslims should ensure that we remember Allah Ta'ala out loud with other believers, so that we are remembered in the gatherings of Prophets and the friends of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance to do this. Aameen

Alhamdo Lillah to obtain this excellent blessing, in Sunni Dawat e Islami's ijtema, held each Saturday, the slaves of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam do Zikr (remembrance) of their Lord in a loud voice. Participate in gatherings of remembrance and obtain countless blessings.

### **The Best Deed for Freedom**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Whoever recites Subhan Allahe Wa Behamdehee 100 times daily, all his sins will be forgiven. Even if his sins are equal to waves in the sea."* (Muslim, Bukhari)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Whether you recite this all together, or some in the morning and some at night, it is all acceptable. However we recite it 100 times, it is acceptable but recite it we must and obtain forgiveness and freedom from punishment. By sins it refers to small sins that are against the Rights of Allah Ta'ala (Huqooq-Allah). The rights of Shariah (Islamic Law) and the rights of people are separate to this. Missed salah (Namaz), fasts, wronging others etc. will not be forgiven by reciting these wazeefas (religious broods). Those will have to be made up and the wrongs corrected or forgiven by that person that you have wronged. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to pray Namaz, fast and respect the rights of others as well as always remember Him. Aameen

### **Blessings Descend**

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The reason for us being here is for the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. All the creations are busy in His remembrance. It's astonishing that humans are the best of creations but they are forgetful of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. I will explain some of the virtues of remembering Allah Ta'ala.

Allah Ta'ala states in the Holy Qur'an, *"Wazkorullaha zikran katheera"* (Remember Allah very much). In Hadith it is reported by Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"There is no gathering that sits to remember Allah Ta'ala, but that the Angels surround them, mercy covers them, they receive great bounties and Allah Ta'ala remembers them amongst His close Angels."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The word "Zikr" means "to remember" "to remind", "to always remember", and to "mention often" etc.

All lawful things should begin with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and we should always remember that whatever we are doing, He is watching. Contemplate on the Hadith of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and be joyful of the great favour Allah Ta'ala has bestowed on us. The condition of this is that we must remember Him at all times, with our tongues, with our hearts, and with our actions. Angels surround those that remember Him, and they are guarded against the mischief of humans and jinn's. The Mercy of Allah Ta'ala shades them, which frees them from all trials and tribulations of this world and the hereafter. Blessings descend on them, which gives them peace of mind and heart.

By remembering Him constantly, we should aim to spread His remembrance and mention Him often. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to spend our time in His remembrance. Aameen

### **Earn 1000 Rewards Daily**

Hazrat Sa'd Ibn Abi Waqas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that we were in the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. The Beloved of Allah Ta'ala asked, *"Which one of you desires to earn 1000 rewards daily?" Someone asked, "How?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "Recite Subhan Allah 100 times. You will receive 1000 rewards and 1000 sins will be forgiven."* (Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! To earn 1000 rewards daily is very difficult, outside our capabilities. This is true for most people. However those that are close to Allah Ta'ala spend each second of the day earning rewards. It is the grace of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that he has shown us how to obtain many rewards with little time and effort. And not just rewards, but 1000 sins are also forgiven. If, even after this, we do not remember Allah Ta'ala, then how unfortunate we are. Recite Subhan Allah Wa Beham Dehee at least 100 times in a day. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to remember Him. Aameen.

## Unimaginable Grace of The Creator

Hazrat Abu Zar radiallaho ta'ala anhu reports that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Allah Ta’ala says that whoever does one good deed his reward is ten-fold, and I may give more than that. Whoever commits one sin, one sin is written or I may forgive it. Whoever comes towards me an inch, I move one yard closer to him. Whoever moves one yard towards me, I move one Ba’\* closer to him. Whoever comes walking towards me, I run towards him. Whoever does not associate partners with Me, then meets Me having committed sins equal to the earth, then I will meet him with an equal amount of forgiveness.”*

That is to say, for one good deed, our Lord will give us ten times the reward. In other instances it will be multiplied limitlessly by His grace and blessings, the quantity of which we can not even comprehend. Remember ten rewards for one deed is in normal situations, just as Allah Ta’ala has said in the Holy *Qur’an* *“man jaa a bil hasanate falaho ashro amthaa leha”* (whoever brings one good deed, for him the like is ten times). Sometimes due to importance or the time and place of worship this reward is multiplied 700 times, 50,000 times, 100,000 times or even more. Just like one good deed in Madinah Munawwara is equivalent to 50,000, and in Makkah Mukarrama one good deed is equivalent to 100,000 deeds anywhere else. With respect to sins, in normal situations, one sin committed by a believer is written as one and that may be forgiven by the grace of Almighty Allah Ta’ala should he so wish. Subhan Allah, what can be said about the unimaginable Mercies of the Merciful One.

\*When we stretch our arms out away from our bodies, the distance from the tips of the left hand fingers to the tips of the right fingers is called a Ba’.

In the previous Hadith these lengths have been used as examples to show us that if we do a little worship with sincerity and with the aim to get close to Allah Ta’ala, then His Favour & Mercy gets much, much closer to us. Therefore do good deeds; do not think of it as small or insignificant. Our deeds may not be worthy of earning closeness to Allah Ta’ala quickly, but Allah Ta’ala is able to give us closeness to Him if He so pleases. This is solely based on the Mercy of our Lord, otherwise what is the value of our deeds? If a believer does not associate partners, stays away from infidelity and polytheism, then regardless of how many sins he has committed, My Lord will sooner or later forgive him. If He so desires, He can forgive without any punishment, or can forgive after some punishment. The point is that no one, no matter how big a sinner he is, should despair. Have faith in the Mercy of Allah Ta’ala and repent. Allah Ta’ala is the Forgiving, Merciful One. With His grace and through the sadqa of his Beloved he will forgive.

## Better Deed Than Giving Gold and Silver In Charity

Hazrat Abu Dardah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Should I not tell you of a deed that is very clean and will raise your status greatly. It is better for you than giving gold and silver in charity, and is better than if you wage holy war against the enemies and you strike them and they make you martyrs?”* The companions replied, *“Yes, please tell us.”* The Beloved of Allah Ta’ala stated, *“That deed is the remembrance of Allah Ta’ala.”* (Ahmed, Tirmizi, Mir’aat)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has given solace to the poor in the previous Hadith. He has given them comfort in that the rich have gold and silver to give in charity, and definitely, if they are sincere they will be rewarded. However if a poor person wants that same reward do not be disheartened. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stated that the rich have gold & silver but do not think that there can be nothing better than that. Therefore Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said that there is something even better than that, and that is the remembrance of Allah Ta’ala. Oh poor people, do not think that the rich will give from their wealth and get ahead in deeds and rewards, no! You remember Allah Ta’ala and that is even better and more rewarding. The holy war (jihad) that is mentioned here is that which is fought without the remembrance of Allah Ta’ala. That holy war where the sword of Islam is in the hand and the remembrance of Allah Ta’ala is on the tongues, this holy war is beyond comparison and has immense blessings and rewards. May Allah Ta’ala always give us the guidance to remember Him. Aameen

## Which Deed is the Best?

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Bushar radiallaho ta'ala anhu states that a person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and asked, *“Which person is the best?”* The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“Glad tidings for him who has a long life and his deeds are good.”* The person then enquired, *“Which deed is the best?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied *“Leave this world in the state that your tongue is moist with the remembrance of Allah Ta’ala.”* (Ahmed, Tirmizi, Mir’aat)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May Allah Ta'ala bless us all with long lives and full of good deeds so that we may be included amongst the good people. May our tongues be moist with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala as we leave this world.

"Moist" means that at the time of death, the name of Allah Ta'ala comes easily on our lips and tongues. Just like fire can not burn a moist piece of wood, similarly the fire of hell will not burn a tongue moist with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, Insha Allah. We see from this that we should remember Allah Ta'ala with our tongues (loudly), and not just remember Him in our minds or hearts. There is a Hadith in Tibraani that says that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Remember Allah Ta'ala besides all dry and wet things so that they will testify to your faith." Subhan Allah. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance to always remember Him. Aameen

## Go Through The Flower Beds of Paradise

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu states Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Each time you walk through the flower beds of paradise, then choose something." People asked, "What are the flower beds of paradise?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "circles of the remembrance of Allah." (Zikr key Halqey) (Mir'at, 317)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala's Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has called the gatherings of remembrance as the flowerbeds of paradise. After hearing this, there can be very few believers who would not search for the flowerbeds of paradise. When you find the flowerbed of paradise, then make sure that you obtain something from that, and that means remember Allah Ta'ala. Some things that we can see from the previous hadith is that one should go to gatherings of the remembrance of Allah ta'ala, sit in circles (halqey) of remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, organise gatherings of Milad, (where Allah Ta'ala is glorified and his Beloved is remembered). Remembrance of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is also remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, "Wara Fa'Na Laka Zikrak" (and We have exalted for you your remembrance). Therefore search out these pure gatherings and participate in them and make our hereafter more successful.

Stay busy in search of the circles of remembrance because to remember Allah Ta'ala in a group is more beneficial than remembering Him alone. If one person's remembrance is accepted than through his blessings everyone's remembrance will be accepted by Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

## The Best Words

Hazrat Samurah Bin Jundub radiallaho ta'ala anho narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stated, "There are four phrases that are the most outstanding. They are Subhan Allah, Alhamdo Lillah, Laa Ilaha Illal Laah and Allah O Akbar" In one narration it states that, "Allah Ta'ala prefers 4 phrases, Subhan Allah, Alhamdo Lillah, Laa Ilaha Illal Laah and Allah O Akbar. It does not matter which one you start with" (Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Rosary (tasbeeh) means to know that Allah Ta'ala is free from all faults and defects, or to proclaim His Purity. Those that recite the Names of Allah Ta'ala the brilliance of those names shines on them. He who constantly recites *Subhan Allah*, Insha Allah this person will begin to become pure himself. The rosary (tasbeeh) is a very exalted remembrance. That is why we begin salah with *Subhanakal Lahumma*. In bowing (ruk'u) we say *Subhana Rabbiyal Azeem*, in prostration (sajda) we say *Subhana Rabbiyal A'la* and whenever we see anything amazing we say *Subhan Allah*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has stated that the previously stated four phrases are the most excellent, most prominent, the best phrases because in them there is great praise of Allah Ta'ala. *Subhan Allah* means that Allah Ta'ala is pure from all defects. *Alhamdo Lillah* means all praise is for Allah Ta'ala, which is the culmination of all attributes. *Laa Ilaha Illal Laah* is that phrase by which a person becomes a Muslim when he recites it. *Allah O Akbar* means Allah Ta'ala is the biggest and best. In other words by saying this the recitor is proclaiming the superiority of Allah Ta'ala over everything and everybody. These phrases are an accumulation of the attributes of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala through the sadqa of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam guide us to always recite these phrases. Aameen

## Tree In Paradise

Hazrat Jaabir radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Whoever recites *Subhan Allahil Azeem WaBehamdehee*, a tree is planted in paradise for him." (Tirmizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May we be sacrificed on the Mercies of Allah Ta'ala. Just by reciting *Subhan Allahil Azeem WaBehamdehee* one time a tree is planted for us in paradise. A tree is planted because a tree gives many benefits to mankind. Sometimes it is used for shade, sometimes for fruit. Some trees give foods from which we gain satisfaction.

The best fruit is the date, which is very beneficial and healthy. In the Hadith the tree that is mentioned is “*nakhlah*” and this is the date tree. One of the benefits of this rosary is that whoever recites it three times in the morning will be free from leprosy and insanity. May Allah Ta’ala with His Grace guide us to recite *Subhan Allahil Azeem WaBehamdehee* abundantly and reward us greatly with His Grace. Aameen

### 100 Sins Will be Forgiven

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “*Whoever recites **Laa Ilaha Illal Laah Wahdahu Laa Shareeka Lahul Mulko Walahul Hamdo Wahuwa Alaa Kulley Shay in Qadeer** 100 times in a day, it is as though he freed ten slaves. One hundred rewards are also written for him and 100 sins are forgiven and all day he will be free from the devil (shaitaan) until he gets to the evening. No one will be able to do an better deed than him unless someone recites this more than him.*”

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Our book of deeds are full of sins. It is the grace of Allah Ta’ala that by reciting a small number of words he is forgiving many, many of our sins. Not only that but He is rewarding us greatly as well, and giving us freedom from the devil for the day. In the hadith freedom from the devil is during the day, and this is because we are awake during the day, when we are awake the devil tempts us the most and therefore freedom during the day is mentioned. The zikr mentioned in the Hadith can be recited at any time, but it is more beneficial to recite in the morning so that we can be free from the temptations of the devil for the day. 100 times has been mentioned in the hadith, if we can recite more then we will receive more rewards. May Allah Ta’ala through the sadqa of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam guide us towards rewards and good deeds and save us from the attempts of the devil. Aameen

### The Angels Rosary (Tasbeeh)

Hazrat Abu Zar radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was asked, “*Which words are the best?*” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, “*Those words that Allah Ta’ala has chosen for his angels, Subhan Allahi WaBehamdehee.*” (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! We are told in this hadith that this is the rosary (tasbeeh) of the angels. In other words, they are constantly reciting this. They recite this on the command and teaching of Allah Ta’ala and that is why these words are very blessed. This hadith also shows us the high and exalted status of our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam in that he is aware of the worship of angels, and is aware of the condition of those that are in the heavens. We should think and realise that if the Prophet is aware of the condition of the creatures in the heavens, how would he not be aware of the conditions of the creatures on the earth? Therefore do these beautiful deeds so that it pleases our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta’ala give us the guidance to recite the rosary of the angels. Aameen

### One of the Treasures of Paradise

Hazrat Abu Musa Ash’ari radiallaho ta’ala anhu reports that we were with Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam on a journey and people started reciting takbeer (*Allah O Akbar*) very loudly. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “*Oh people, be soft on your bodies, you are not calling on one that is deaf nor are you calling one who is not present. You are calling on one who Hears and Sees all and He is with you. The One whom you are calling is closer to you than the necks of your mounts (horse or camel).*” Hazrat Abu Musa Ash’ari radiallaho ta’ala anhu says that I was behind Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, and I was saying in my mind “*La Hawla Wala Quwwata Illa Bil Laah*” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “*Oh Abdullah Bin Qais, should I not give you one of the treasures of paradise?*” I replied, “*Yes Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.*” My Master said, “*La Hawla Wala Quwwata Illa Bil Laah*” (Bukhari, Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The reason Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stopped them from reciting loudly was not because it is not allowed to recite takbeer loudly. It was because during the journey, reciting it loudly was causing hardship and pain. That is why Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said be soft on your bodies and it is stated that this journey was to the Battle of Khaibar. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and the companions were going to free the fort of Khaibar and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam desired that they should arrive at Khaibar unexpectedly. People should not know about this expedition so that the enemies were not able to make any preparations and very little blood would be spilt and the Muslims would be victorious.

With the loud chanting this aim would have been defeated. On many other occasions the companions, and even Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam himself used to remember Allah Ta’ala in a loud voice. In the congregation they would do zikr aloud after salah.

Hazrat Abu Musa Ash’ari radiallaho ta’ala anhu was reciting *La Hawla Wala Quwwata Illa Bil Laah* in his mind and the Prophet who told of the unseen was aware of his thoughts, and stated that this is one of the treasures of paradise. When a person recites this, he is stating his helplessness and accepting the Might and Power of Allah Ta’ala.

This is the basis of worship. *Hawla* means the apparent and obvious strength that we can see, and *Quwwata* is the hidden Might of Allah Ta'ala. In other words, without the help of Allah Ta'ala, there is no apparent strength or hidden might. Without the grace of Allah Ta'ala a person can not stay away from sins and can not obtain rewards by doing good deeds. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam described these words as a treasure of paradise because these words are the means by which to obtain all the blessed treasures of paradise.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, through the blessings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, we have received a treasure of paradise. Value this treasure and to value it means that recite it abundantly. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, whenever we start anything, we should begin by praising and glorifying Allah Ta'ala completely and Insha Allah that task or work will be completed successfully. When a person does not forget his Lord when beginning anything, Allah Ta'ala will ensure that his lawful work is completed easily and successfully. It has also been stated in hadith shareef that at the time of any difficulty, big or small, easy or hard, we should recite *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon*. This is a blessed sunnah of my Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. And it has also been reported that on receiving any blessing we should say *Alhamdo Lillah*. This is to show our gratitude so that Allah Ta'ala is pleased and grants us more blessings. Also it has been stated that on committing any sin we should recite *Astagferullah*. The slaves of Allah Ta'ala are being given comfort in that if you fall into the trap of sins, then have faith in the Mercy of The Merciful, The Forgiving One. He forgives His slaves and is the Most Benevolent. Repent with a true heart and he will forgive your sins. May Allah Ta'ala forgive all of us and guide us all. Aameen

### Reward of Patience

It is reported in Ahmed and in Baihiqi that Hazrat Imam Hussein radiallah ta'ala anhu narrated that when you remember previous difficulties you should recite *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon*. You will receive the reward of patience. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, humans are unable to forget moments of happiness or times of grief. He remembers the good times and the bad times. Therefore whenever you remember the happiness recite *Alhamdo Lillah* and when you remember any sadness or grief from the past then recite *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon*. Insha Allah the reward of patience will be bestowed by Allah Ta'ala. The reward of patience is immense and can not be comprehended. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to be patient and to remember him at all times. Aameen

### Unique Way To Remember Allah Ta'ala During Difficulties

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! This world is a house of difficulties. People have to face many difficulties in this world, big, small, many different adversities and troubles. May we be sacrificed on the grace of our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam in that he gave us the cure for all problems, from the smallest to the largest. If only we act upon these teachings and gain freedom from adversities.

*"When the lamp would go out, when a nail would break, when a thorn would get stuck in the Blessed hand, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam would recite Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon and stated this is also an adversity. The companions said, "Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, this is a minor thing." Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "Sometimes minor things become major things" (Dur E Mansoor, Azeezi, etc)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Just think, if the light goes out in our house, then many unmentionable phrases come out of our mouths but even at that time we have been told what words should be on our lips. Instead of wrong words being uttered we should recite *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon* as this is the Sunnah of our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Similarly even when our shoelace breaks or rips; instead of saying any words that displeases Allah Ta'ala we should say *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon* as to recite this on this occasion is also a blessed sunnah of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Also to recite *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon* if a thorn gets stuck in our hand is also a blessed sunnah. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to act upon the blessed Sunnahs of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen

Insha Allah you will be told of many more benefits of reciting *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon* later on.

### House In Paradise

It is reported in Baihiqi *"That whoever does 4 things, his abode (house) will be in paradise. 1) Request from Allah Ta'ala for all things. 2) In any adversity or difficulty recite Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon. 3) Upon receiving any blessing say Alhamdo Lillah. 4) When any sin is committed recite Astagferullah."*

Hadith-It is reported by Hazrat Ibn Umar radiyallahu ta'ala anhumah that *Subhan Allah* is the worship of all the creations. *Alhamdo Lillah* are the words of thanks. *Laa Ilaha Illal Laah* are the words of sincerity and *Allah O Akbar* fills the gap between the earth and the skies. When a person recites *Laa Hawla Wala Quwwata Illa Billah* then Allah Ta'ala states, "My bondman has become obedient and has given himself to Me"

My Beloved Prophet sallallahu alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! All the creations of Allah Ta'ala constantly remember Him. Allah Ta'ala himself says "*Wa Immin Shayin Illa Yusabbeho Behamdehee*" The reality is that all things believe in Allah Ta'ala and have faith in Him and remember him constantly. The friends of Allah Ta'ala hear this remembrance. The companions of Rasool Allah sallallahu alaihe wasallam used to hear the morsels of food praising Allah Ta'ala. The remembrance of a green plant reduces the punishment of the grave. Therefore recite *Subhan Allah* and join in with the various creation of Allah Ta'ala in worshipping Him. *Alhamdo Lillah* is the word of thanks, therefore recite it and show your gratitude to Allah Ta'ala. It's been reported that when *Laa Ilaha Illal Laah* is mentioned it means the whole Kalima. This Kalima is called the words of sincerity and with the blessings of this we will have freedom from infidelity in this world and freedom from the fire in the hereafter. *Allah O Akbar* fills the gap between the earth and the sky. This is given as an example to us because our limited vision can only see to the sky. In actual fact the distance between the earth and the sky is nothing compared to the Magnificence of Allah Ta'ala. His keeping is not limited to just between the earth and the sky. Whoever recites *Laa Hawla Wala Quwwata Illa Billah*, he has become obedient to Allah Ta'ala and has given himself to His Lord, Subhan Allah. When Allah Ta'ala states that this person is obedient to Me and is in my protection then how can any troubles of this world reach him? Therefore My Beloved Prophet sallallahu alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, keep these words on your tongues and earn rewards and become obedient to Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to keep our tongues moist with His remembrance. Aameen

### **Shaitaan Runs Away From The House**

It is reported in Hadith that by "*Reciting Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon shaitaan becomes dejected and he is forced to run away from that place. If we wail and cry loudly then shaitaan also joins us.*"

My Beloved Prophet sallallahu alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The previous Hadith refers to times of grief. When a person is overcome with grief, especially at the time of someone's death, many women and men wail, lament and cry out loud. They do not realise that by expressing their grief in this manner, they are accompanied by shaitaan. Therefore if you desire that shaitaan runs away and does not accompany you, then at times of grief, instead of wailing and crying loudly recite *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilayhe Raaje-oon*. Insha Allah the grief will be eased and you will gain reward of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to goodness and rewards. Aameen

### **Result of Forgetting To Remember Allah Ta'ala**

After reading about the importance and benefits of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, let us see briefly what the results of forgetting to remember Him are. What happens to those that turn away from His remembrance and drown themselves in the pleasures of this world? Far from acting upon the shariah, these people never have the name of Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved Prophet sallallahu alaihe wasallam on their lips. If only they would read the commands of Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallallahu alaihe wasallam, repent and remove the darkness of sins from their hearts, which can be done by remembering Allah Ta'ala. In a few, short days, their hearts would glow and they will find themselves obeying the commands of Islam.

In mentioning the state of the hypocrites (Munafiqs), Allah Ta'ala says that one of their faults is that they very rarely remember Allah Ta'ala. He Says, "*Undoubtedly the hypocrites are likely to deceive Allah in their own conjecture and it is He who will kill them making them negligent, and when they stand up for prayer, they stand up with a defeated soul (lazily) making a show to the people, and remember Allah not, but a little.*" (Surah Nis'a, verse 142)

Those people that hear the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and still do not go towards it are completely misguided. There is a valley of ruin and punishment for such people, in the world and the hereafter. They are so busy in enjoying the pleasures and temptations of this world that they do not have the time to attend the gatherings where Allah Ta'ala is remembered. If a Muballig (envoy) invites these people to a gathering of remembrance, or advises them to repent and remember Allah Ta'ala, they refuse his invitation in a very arrogant and stern manner. The reality is that because of the lack of remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, their hearts have died and their homes are like graveyards. Allah Ta'ala's curse is raining down on their work and they are always in all difficulty, always restless, but not willing to listen to the advice of one who is trying to help them.

Such people should pay attention to the verse of the Qur'an quoted above and seek forgiveness for forgetting the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala.

Allah Ta'ala says in the Holy Qur'an, "*Those that turn their faces away from the remembrance of the Merciful One, We impose a shaitaan on him who becomes his companion.*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The reason shaitaan is easily able to lead Muslims astray is because we are negligent and have forgotten the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, do you want shaitaan to be your associate? Definitely not. Then for the sake of Allah Ta'ala, do not remain far from the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, so that on the day of judgement we will have the company of the beloved friends of Allah Ta'ala. Those that have the company of the beloved friends of Allah Ta'ala will be successful in this world and the hereafter. Insha Allah.

May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance and the ability to remember Him at all times through the blessings of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen

### **Shaitaan as a Companion**

Allah Ta'ala says in the Holy Qur'an, "*Shaitaan (the devil) has got control over them and has made them forget the remembrance of Allah. They are the party of shaitaan. Do you hear? Undoubtedly, it is the party of shaitaan that are the losers.*" ( Surah Mujadilah, verse 19)

*"And whoever turns away from the remembrance of his Lord, He will make him join a rising torment."* (Surah Jinn, v.17)



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## ***RIGHTS OF PARENTS***

The Supreme Lord of all the worlds has stated in many different places in the Holy Qur'an about the treatment of parents, about how to respect them, about following and obeying them, and about serving them.

In Surah Isra (Bani-Israel), Allah Ta'ala states *"And your Lord commanded that worship not any else except Him and do good to parents. If either or both of them reach old age before you, utter not even a faint cry to them and chide them not and speak to them the word of respect. And spread for them the arm of humility with tender heart and say, "O my Lord: Have mercy on these both as they brought me up in my childhood."* (Surah Isra, verse 23-24)

*In another place He states "And we have stressed on man concerning his parents, his mother bore him undergoing weakness upon weakness and his weaning takes two years, Give thanks to Me and to your parents. Lastly the return is towards Me. And if they both strive to make you associate with Me a thing of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not and accompany them in the world very well and follow him who turned to me repenting, then to Me is your return. I shall inform you what you used to do."* (Surah Luqman, verse 14-15)

*In Surah Baqarah it is stated "And when We took covenant from the children of Israel that worship none save Allah and do good to parents."* (Surah Baqarah, verse 83)

*"Oh Beloved Say, whatever wealth you spend in good, then that is for parents and near relatives and orphans and the needy and the wayfarer. And whatsoever good you do, no doubt, Allah knows it."* (Surah Baqarah, verse 215)

*"And worship Allah, and do not associate anyone with Him and do good to parents"* (Surah Nisa, verse 36)

*"We have insisted on man to be kind towards parents. And if they strive to make you associate with Me of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not. To Me is your return, then I will inform you, what you used to do."* (Surah Ankabut, verse 8)

This ayah and the ayahs from Surah Luqman and an ayah in Surah Ahqaf were revealed in respect of Sa'ad Bin Waqas radiallaho ta'ala anhu. According to Ibn Ishaq, it was revealed regarding Sa'ad bin Malik Zahri radiallaho ta'ala anhu. His mother was Hasna bint Abu Sufyan bin Umayya bin Abdus Shamsh. Hazrat Sa'ad radiallaho ta'ala anhu was one of the early converts and used to treat his mother very well. When he accepted Islam, his mother said, "What is this that you have done? I swear by Allah, if you do not forsake this new religion, then I will neither eat nor drink, up to the point that I will die. You will be despised forever and it will be said that you killed your mother." Then the old lady stopped eating and drinking and became very weak because of this. She did this for a few more days. Hazrat Sa'ad came to his mother and said, "Oh my mother, if you had 100 lives and one by one you would lose them all, even then I would not leave this religion of mine. You can choose to eat or not, but I am not going to forsake my religion. When she saw how firm Hazrat Sa'ad radiallaho ta'ala anho was in his resolve she was disheartened and started to eat and drink. Upon this incident these verses were revealed and the order was given that treat your parents well but if they order you to commit infidelity or polytheism then they must not be obeyed. (Khaza-inul Irfan). Allah Ta'ala through Hazrat Sa'ad is ordering all the Muslims to be dutiful to their parents and treat them well, and do not be lacking in their obedience. Other than infidelity and going against the commands of Allah Ta'ala, you should always attempt to make them happy. If they order you to disobey Allah Ta'ala then you are allowed to ignore their commands.

In many places in the Holy Qur'an, when Tauheed (Oneness of Allah Ta'ala) is mentioned, where we are ordered to proclaim the Oneness of our Lord and where we are given compulsory duties, our attention straight away is drawn towards the rights of parents in very strong words. Even here, after dismissing the false beliefs of the idol worshippers, and strengthening the resolve of those on the true path, the attention of the reciters of the Qur'an is firmly drawn towards the rights of parents.

Allama Ibn Manzoor writes that when the order is given by Allah Ta'ala, then it is our duty to ensure that we carry it out. In the preceding ayahs we are ordered time and again to serve, to obey and to make both our parents happy. From these ayahs we also see that the status and rights of a mother exceed the rights of the father. There is reference to the pain and suffering that she goes through. As soon as the foetus is placed in the mother's womb, her whole body begins to compensate for the well being of the unborn child. Her own health suffers. Her sleep, diet and many other activities are adversely affected. She suffers from ill- health and this pain and suffering increases day by day. At the time of the birth of the child the mother suffers tremendous pain and agony, up to the point that she feels like she is almost dying.

After this suffering a new chapter opens, one where she has to care for the child, feed him, clothe him and care for him all night long in the event of illness. She sacrifices her sleep happily for the sake of the child. All of these burdens are taken on by the mother. After mentioning all these troubles, we are shown that the rights of the mother exceed the rights of the father. Further detail on this is provided in the following pages.

### **The Pleasure of The Parents Is The Pleasure of Allah Ta'ala**

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Allah’s pleasure is in the pleasure of the parents, and Allah’s displeasure is in the displeasure of the parents.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has shown us one of the ways to please our Lord. That is if you want Allah Ta’ala to be pleased with you, then the easy way to do this is to ensure that you keep your parents happy. To keep our parents happy, to ensure their pleasure, is not a difficult task. Many people spend a great deal of time trying to please the whole world, but are negligent when it come to pleasing their parents. Similarly, people are worried if their friends are upset, but do not care if their parents are upset or in distress. These people should learn from the aforementioned hadith of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that the displeasure of parents is in actual fact the displeasure of Allah Ta’ala. To please them is in actual fact to please our Lord, and whoever pleases Allah Ta’ala will obtain the happiness of both worlds. May Allah Ta’ala, through the sadqa of His beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, give us all the guidance to obtain the pleasure of our parents. Aameen

### **Obedience of the Father is Obedience of Allah Ta'ala**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Obeying the father is obeying Allah Ta’ala, and disobeying the father is disobeying Allah Ta’ala.”* (Tibraani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Nowadays people are very reluctant and unwilling to obey their fathers. In actual fact they are unaware of the status of the father. By giving the fathers obedience the same grade as obedience of Allah Ta’ala, and by giving the father’s disobedience the same grade as disobedience of Allah Ta’ala, Allah’s Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has made us aware not to belittle the status of the father. Therefore we must remember that we should attempt to follow all the commands of our fathers if they fall within shariah commands. We should not invite calamity by disobeying our fathers. May Allah Ta’ala give us all the guidance to obey our fathers. Aameen

### **Parents Are Paradise for Children**

Hazrat Abu Amama radiallaho ta'ala anhu states that a person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and asked, *“Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, what rights do parents have over their children?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“They are your Paradise or your hellfire.”* (Mishkaat Shareef)

Subhan Allah! My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! By calling parents “your Paradise or your hellfire”, Allah’s Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has alerted us that parents are great blessing for us. They are a means for your health in this world. Even before your birth, your home, food, clothing is arranged for you. Similarly, if you care for them, serve them, obey their commands and wishes, and always strive to keep them happy, then they can also be a means by which you can obtain Paradise. If you displease them or make them unhappy, then it is no loss to them. However, due to your being ungrateful, you will be deserving of hellfire. Therefore we should ensure that we please our parents, make them happy and be deserving of Paradise. May Allah Ta’ala, through the waseela of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, give us the guidance to serve our parents. Aameen

### **Paradise is At the Feet of Your Mother**

Hazrat Mu’awiyah bin Jaahim radiallallo ta'ala anhu narrates that Hazrat Jahim radiallaho ta'ala anhu came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said that he wanted to go for holy war (Jihad). He appealed to the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam for advice. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked him, *“Is your mother alive?”* He replied, *“Yes, my mother is alive.”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Serve your mother, paradise is at her feet.”* (Mishkaat Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Jihad is undoubtedly a great form of worship. However, if our mother is alive and if she needs to be cared for and looked after, then it is our duty to care for her. We should serve her and kiss her blessed feet because Allah Ta’ala has placed Paradise at the feet of our mothers. We can obtain Paradise by giving our life in the path of Allah Ta’ala. Similarly, if one sacrifices his wealth, time and life to serve his mother, then Allah Ta’ala makes him deserving of Paradise. Paradise is not far away from the feet of the mother, but it is at the feet of our mothers. If your mothers are alive, kiss her feet every day and obtain the pleasure of kissing the doors of Paradise.

May Allah Ta'ala give a long, healthy life to all mothers and give us the guidance to kiss her feet and obtain the reward of kissing the doors of paradise. Aameen

### **Looking At Parents Equivalent to an Accepted Hajj**

Hazrat Ibn Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Those that treat their parents well, each time they look at their parents with love, Allah Ta'ala writes for them the same rewards as an accepted Hajj. The companions asked, “What if someone looks at his parents a hundred times in a day?” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, “Allah is great and worthy of the greatest respect.”* (Mishkaat)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The excellence of looking at our parents has been told to us by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. To look at them once with love is the same reward as an accepted Hajj. Allah O Akbar! What can be the reward for an accepted Hajj other than Paradise? If our Hajj is accepted then it is as though we have just been born. Therefore to look at parents with love is a means of freedom from sins and a means to obtain Paradise. If only the Muslims of today would understand the importance of this hadith and look at their parents with love. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to look at our parents with love. Aameen

### **A Father's Prayer (Dua)**

Whatever prayer (dua) is made by parents on behalf of their children, this prayer is accepted by Allah Ta'ala. Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Three peoples prayers is always accepted, a father's prayer for his children, a traveller's prayer and the prayer of an oppressed person.”*

We learn that three Duas are never rejected and one of them is the Dua of a father for his children. Rather the prayer is made from the heart and those prayers made from the heart are accepted in the court of the Lord of all the worlds. It is very rare to find any father in the world who is not sincere in his love for his children. They are the coolness of the eyes of all fathers. A father brings up his children with great love and tenderness and puts up with lots of hardships. After growing up, children feel they no longer need their father, they move away from his affection and therefore move away from his prayers, and do not attempt to obtain the blessings through them. Just as his kindness was important and necessary during your childhood, similarly his prayers on your behalf are just as important today. If he is unable to serve you today, then it is your duty to serve him and obtain his prayers. His prayers will solve your difficulties. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to obtain the prayers of our fathers. Aameen

### **Mother's Right is Greater**

A mother's favours on us are greater and that is why Allah Ta'ala's Beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam has given more rights to the mother than the father. To especially serve the mother has been emphasised by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that one time a person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and asked, *“Who is most deserving of my service?” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, “Your mother.” He then asked, “After that?” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, “Your mother.” The person asked, “After that?” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, “Your mother.” Once again he asked, “After that?” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, “Your father”* (Sahi Bukhari, Mishkaat Shareef)

The excellence of a mother is evident from this blessed Hadith. We can see how exalted and high status a mother has in the sight of Allah Ta'ala and his Beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam. The questioner asked the same question four times and three times on the blessed lips of the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam were the words “your mother” and the fourth time the reply was “your father.”

Think, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stated three times that the mother is most deserving of being served and being favoured and the fourth time it was the father. The reason for this is that for nine months the mother withstands the pain and burden of pregnancy. Then for two years she breast-feeds the child. What is this milk? In actual fact it is her blood that she is gladly feeding her child. She then sleeps the child close to her and cleans the child's impurities. If the child wets the bed, then the mother will sleep on the wet part and will lay the child on the dry part. She stays up all night nursing the child through sickness and withstands many troubles. These are the reasons that Islam has given more rights to the mother.

The mother of all believers, Hazrat A'aisha Siddiqa radiallaho ta'ala anha states that she asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, *“Who has most rights on a woman?” Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, “Her husband.” Then she asked, “Who has most rights on a man?” He replied, “His mother.”* Imam E Ahle Sunnah, Mujaddid E Deen O Millat, Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Mohaddis e Bareilly rehmatullahe ta'ala alaihe says that this means that in serving parents, one must serve the mother first. If there is no urgent need or emergency, if you have 100 rupees, you should give 25 to your father and 75 to your mother. If both parents ask you for water at the same time you should serve your mother first, then your father. If they both return from a journey then you should tend to your mother first then your father.

However, this does not mean that if an argument arises between the parents, that you must side with your mother and displease your father by insulting him or talking loudly at him. These things are forbidden by Allah Ta'ala. We can not obey our mother or our father in something that is forbidden by Allah Ta'ala. Therefore you should not side with either parent in this case. They are both our Paradise and hellfire and if we upset one of them then we will be deserving of hellfire. The commands of Allah Ta'ala supersede all others. For example, if a mother wants a child to insult or upset the father, and the child refuses, the mother will be upset. In this instance we are not allowed to obey her and if she is upset, so be it. Similarly if a father is upset because we will not insult or fight with our mother then that is also acceptable. The reason for this is that by obeying either one of them we are disobeying Allah Ta'ala. Our scholars have stated that the mother has more right to be served as we have previously stated, and that the father has more right to be respected. This is because the father has authority and rule over the mother also. (Fatawa-e-Razviah, part 1). May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to observe the rights of our mothers and serve them. Aameen

## **Motherhood**

A mother's love for her children is immense. She is willing to withstand everything but is not able to see her child in pain. Children are more precious to a mother than her own life.

During the lifetime of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam a companion divorced his wife for some reason. He also wanted to take his child. The mother was devastated. On top of the fact that her husband was gone, now her child, her means of peace and support was also being taken away. In this worried and panicky state, she came to the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and presented her case as follows:

"Oh Allah's Beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam, my husband has divorced me, and I am void of his support and his protection. Now he also wants to take my child away from me."

"Oh Mercy to all the worlds, sallalaho alaihe wasallam, this is my beloved son, my stomach is his bed, my chest is his feeding place, and my lap is his home. I get peace and contentment from him. Oh Beloved of Allah Ta'ala, sallalaho alaihe wasallam, how will I cope with this calamity?"

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam suggested that they draw lots for who should have the child. The child's father stepped forward and said, "This is my son, who can look out for my son's best interests better than me?"

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam looked at the child and said, "Son, take the hand of whomever you wish." The young child took hold of the hand of his mother. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said to the mother of the child, "Go, no-one can take this child away from you until you marry someone else." (Islam and the Respect of Parents)

## **Voice of Motherhood From a Heart**

It is reported that a person became besotted and fell in love with a woman. He wanted to marry her. This despicable lady agreed to marry him on the condition that he slices his mother's chest and brings her the heart of his mother. This heinous person listened to the lady and one night he murdered his mother, sliced open her chest and took out her heart. He took the heart and was on his way to the lady. On the way there he stumbled and tripped and the heart fell out of his hand and landed a short distance away. At that time a voice was heard from the heart saying, "My son, are you hurt?"

This is the love that a mother has for her child. There is no example of this love anywhere. Even after death a mother is not able to see her children in pain.

## **Rights of a Mother**

One person carried his mother on his shoulders and performed Hajj seven times. During the seventh Hajj he thought that maybe I have fulfilled my duty and fulfilled the rights of my mother. That night when he slept he had a dream and saw that he was a baby and was sleeping. It was winter and he was sleeping close to his mother. He soiled the bed and saw that his mother got up and cleaned the bed of the impurities. Due to poverty, that was the only thing that they had to sleep on. He saw that on this cold night, his mother slept on the wet part of the bed and laid down the child on her chest. He heard a voice saying, "Fulfilled your rights? You have not fulfilled the rights of this one night yet."

One person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, "*Whilst travelling there was a place where the ground was so hot that if you placed a piece of meat on the ground it would be cooked. I carried my mother on my shoulders for six miles over such ground. Have I fulfilled the rights of my mother?*" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "*The pangs of pain that your mother went through when she was giving birth to you, maybe you have repaid the debt for one of those pangs.*" (Tibraani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The significance of the pain that is experienced by our mothers at the time of our birth is being mentioned here. May we be sacrificed at the service that the companions did for their parents. Carrying his mother on his shoulders for six miles over scorching hot ground in the hope that maybe I can fulfil the rights of my mother. However, the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam is showing the significance of this action in relation to the pain that is experienced by the mother. This way each child can appreciate the pain that his mother goes through when he is born, and the child will therefore forever be obedient and will serve his mother. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the guidance to understand the status of our mothers. Aameen

### **Treatment of the Mother**

Sayyedina Hazrat Ibn Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhumata states that a person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, "I have committed a grave sin, is there any way for me to obtain forgiveness?" Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked him, "Is your mother alive?" He replied that she was not alive. The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked, "Is your aunt alive (mother's sister)?" This time he replied in the positive. The Mercy to all the worlds' sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Treat her well and with kindness." (Tirmizi Shareef, Part 2, Page 21)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees, this incident tell us about the status and the religious significance of mothers. If a person commits a very heinous sin, the way for him to avoid punishment and for him to please Allah Ta'ala is shown to us by the Paragon of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam. That is to treat the mother with kindness and this will be a means of obtaining Allah's mercy. If the mother has departed from this world then by treating her sister with this same kindness and affection, we are able to make our hereafter better. This incident also tells us about keeping good relations with our extended family members.

### **Treatment of the Foster Mother**

Hazrat Abu Tufail narrates that I saw Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam at Ja'rana (a town outside Makkah) and he was distributing meat. Suddenly a lady appeared and approached Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam laid down his blanket for her. I asked the other companions about the identity of this lady. People told me, "This is the foster mother of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam whose milk he drank."

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The life of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is an example for us all. We have been ordered by Allah Ta'ala to follow in his footsteps. However, our situation is that those things that are easy to copy we emulate and those things that are difficult we ignore. We start to make excuses as to why we are unable to do those things. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam is showing us the respect of a foster mother. What is a foster mother? A lady, not the birth mother, but whose milk is drunk by a child is known as a foster mother. We should take account of how those that claim to love Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam treat their birth mothers. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to follow the teachings of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

### **Excellence of Kissing the Mother's Feet**

One day a person said to Hazrat Abu Ishaq rehmatullahe alihe that I saw your beard covered in diamonds and jewels in a dream last night. He replied, "You have spoken the truth as last night I kissed the feet of my mother and this is the blessings of that action." He then recited a hadith that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said "Allah Ta'ala has written on the supreme tablet (Loh E Mahfooz), I am the Lord and no-one is worthy of worship except Me, whosoever's parents are happy with them I am also happy with them." (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The aforementioned incident and Hadith tells us about the blessings and excellence of kissing the feet of the mother. Alongside the Oneness of Allah Ta'ala, the Supreme Lord has written that by pleasing your parents, it may appear that they are being pleased, the reality is that in pleasing them you are pleasing your Lord. Therefore it is important that we do not find ourselves lacking in pleasing and keeping our parents happy.

### **Angels Come to Visit**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, "Whoever visits his parents graves, or one of their graves with the intention of reward, he is rewarded the same as an accepted Hajj. Whoever visits one or both of his parent's graves regularly, then angels will come to visit his grave."

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! When parents are alive they are a means of comfort for their children. Obedient children, by serving their parents, by visiting their parents and by pleasing their parents become deserving of untold blessings and rewards. Even after they pass away their service and respect is necessary.

Therefore our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that those that visit their parents graves do not only get reward for praying *fatiha*, but he has given them the glad tidings that they will be rewarded the same as an accepted Hajj. And for further blessings, when the person who visits his parents graves regularly leave this world, Allah Ta'ala's innocent angels will visit his grave. Subhan Allah! May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to serve our parents to gain rewards and make us understand that this is our duty to serve them. Aameen.

### **Reward for Serving the Mother**

Hazrat BaYazeed Bustami radiallahoh ta'ala anhu states that on a cold winter night his mother requested water. When he brought water his beloved mother had fallen asleep. He felt it disrespectful to wake his mother and stood there waiting for her to wake up by herself. When she woke up she again asked for water. He presented the glass. One drop of water had fallen on my finger and had frozen due to the extreme cold. When I tried to remove it a piece of skin came off and started to bleed. My mother asked me what had happened. I explained the whole incident to her and she started to make dua. She said, "O Allah, I am happy with him, You also be pleased with him." When he was in the womb of his mother she never ate any foods that were doubtful (in terms of where they had come from, halaal etc). Hazrat BaYazeed further states that when he was twenty years old his mother was lying down. He put his arm under his mother's head as a pillow. The hand went numb, but out of respect and not wanting to spoil his mother's sleep he did not remove his hand. At that time I kept reciting Surah Ikhlās up to the point that I recited "*Qul Huwal Laaho Ahad*" ten thousand times. Due to the service of my mother I lost the use of my arm. (Due to lack of blood circulation that arm became paralysed). After he had passed away, a friend saw him in a dream. Hazrat BaYazeed was walking very happily in Paradise and was busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. The friend asked, "How did you get this status?" Hazrat BaYazeed replied, "Treating my parents well, serving them, and being patient when they used stern words has given me this status because Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said "*Whoever is obedient to his parents and obedient to Allah Ta'ala, his status will be greatly elevated.*" (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

### **Hazrat Musa's Companion in Paradise (alaihis salaam)**

Allama Ibn Jauzi rehmatullahe alaihe writes in "Kitab Ul Munazzam Fi Tawarikhul Umam" that Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam made dua to Allah Ta'ala to show him in this world who his companion in Paradise would be. He was told to go to a certain town and meet a butcher as that was his companion in Paradise. Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam went to this town and as soon as the butcher saw him he invited Hazrat Musa to have dinner with him. Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam accepted the invitation. The butcher took Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam to his house and placed the food before him. When they began eating, the butcher would eat one morsel of food and would place two morsels of food in a large carrier. Suddenly there was a knock on the door and the butcher went to answer the knock. When he left Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam looked in the carrier. The parents of the butcher, who were very old and weak, were in it. When they saw Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam, they both smiled, testified to his Prophethood, accepted his faith and immediately passed away.

When the butcher returned and saw that his parents had passed away, he smiled, kissed the hand of Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam and accepted his faith. He said, "You are the Prophet of Allah Ta'ala." Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam asked, "How did you know?" He said, "These are my parents. I never left them alone and would take them everywhere in this carrier. Also I would never eat until I had fed them. When they were satisfied from their hunger each day they would make dua to Allah Ta'ala, "Oh Allah, give this son of ours the companionship of Hazrat Musa in Paradise and do not give us death until we see your Prophet Musa alaihis salaam." Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam said, "Oh young man, let me give you the glad tidings that this prayer of your parents has been accepted by Allah Ta'ala." (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, what amazing rewards are obtained for serving parents faithfully. How intelligent were those parents that asked for their son to be with Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam in Paradise. In reality, the prayers of parents are obtained by obeying them and serving them sincerely. Even when Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam was eating at his house, the butcher did not forget his parents and kept presenting the food to them, and upon this service Allah Ta'ala made him the companion of His Prophet in Paradise. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to serve our parents obediently. Aameen

### **A Mothers Prayer (Dua)**

Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam intended to travel to Syria. After walking some distance he became tired. Allah Ta'ala said to him, "In a particular valley behind the mountain, there is a group of people. Amongst them is a very special bondman of mine. Go and ask him for a means of transport." Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam found this person praying Salah. When he had finished Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam said, "Oh bondman of Allah, I need a means of transport." This person looked up towards the sky and a cloud started coming towards him. He said to the cloud, "Come down and take this person where he wishes to go." Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam got on the cloud and continued his journey.

Allah Ta'ala said, "Oh My Prophet, let me tell you why he has this status. Listen, I have given him this status because of his service and obedience to his mother. His mother beseeched Me and said "O my Lord he has always tended to my needs, I beseech You to always tend to and look after his needs and give him whatever he desires." Because of this, If he was to ask for the heaven to be overturned onto the earth I would accept that." (Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved admirers, from the aforementioned incident you can see how amazingly Allah Ta'ala accepts the prayers that a mother makes for her child. Very fortunate are those people that dutifully serve their parents and become deserving of the bounties and blessings of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to serve our parents with sincerity. Aameen

### **Longer Life**

Hazrat Mu'az radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever serves and obeys their parents Allah Ta'ala gives them blessings (barkat) in their life (gives them a longer life)*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Who does not want a longer life? Some attempt it through medicine, some attempt it through prayer. The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's words are definitely true. He has proclaimed that obedience of and serving parents leads to a longer life. If one wishes to live a longer life, he can obtain this by serving his parents. Insha Allah, not only will he have a longer life but his children will also be obedient to him. In another narration it is reported that Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam received a revelation from Allah Ta'ala stating to be obedient to parents, as the one who is obedient to his parents, Allah Ta'ala will give him blessings in his age and will give him obedient and righteous offspring. Those that are disobedient to their parents, their age is made shorter and their children will be disobedient.

### **Children's Property Belongs to the Parents**

It is reported that one person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and *complained that his father would take his property without permission. His father was called and he came leaning on a walking stick. When he was asked about his son's claim the father said, "When I was strong and he was weak, when I was wealthy and he was poor I did not stop him from taking from my wealth. Now he is strong and I am weak, and he is wealthy and I am poor but he is being miserly towards me."* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam listened to the old man and began to cry and said, "*Whichever rock and stone heard your story is also crying.*" He then turned towards the son and said, "*You and your possessions belong to your father!*" (Tafseer Roohul Bayaan)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We should never forsake our elders. How weak were we when we were small and young? We were unable to do any task ourselves. We could not carry out any desire that we had and were totally dependent on our parents for everything. Now if they have reached an old age, it is our responsibility to ensure that their desires and wishes are fulfilled. We are also going to be old one day. If we pay attention to our parents' desires in their old age, then Insha Allah when we reach that stage our children will look after us. May Allah Ta'ala give us the guidance to sacrifice our wealth and possessions for the sake of our parents. Aameen

### **The Result of Disobeying Parents**

Disobeying parents means not obeying and not following the commands of your parents, not fulfilling their rights and doing things that displease them or upset them. This may be just by saying "uff" to them or looking at them angrily as this may upset them. Allah Ta'ala, with great emphasis, has forbidden speaking harshly to parents and even saying "uff" to them in the Holy Qur'an. He says "*utter not a faint cry to them and chide them not.*" Those that chide or speak harshly to their parents are warned, "*And he who said to his parents, Fie, I am fed up with you both, do you promise that I shall be brought forth again, whilst generations have already passed before me? And they both cry unto Allah for help, Woe to you: believe you, verily that promise of Allah is true.*"

To see what kind of punishment and troubles befalls one who is disobedient to parents. Let us look at some Ahadith.

### **Deprived of The Fragrance of Paradise**

The Mercy of all the world's sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that "*do not be disobedient to your parents. The sweet fragrance of paradise is smelt from 1000 years distance away, however, one who is disobedient will not smell the sweet scent of Paradise. Similarly, those that break relations, the adulterer, and one who keeps his pants length below the ankle due to pride, these people will also not smell the fragrance of Paradise. Undoubtedly Magnificence is for Allah Ta'ala alone.*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The smell of perfume, ittar, flowers etc gives peace to us. This is the sweet smell of worldly things. Allah Ta'ala has made Paradise so beautifully that the fragrances of Paradise are not like the fragrances of this world in that they are felt for a few feet or a short time. Our Beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam has told us that it can be smelt 1000 years distance away. How unfortunate is that person that disobeys his parents and is not able to smell the sweet scent of Paradise. And when he is not able to smell the scent of Paradise, how will he be able to enter Paradise itself? May Allah Ta'ala make us deserving of the scent of Paradise and make us deserving of Paradise itself and save us from all sins. Aameen

### **To Make Parents Cry is Forbidden**

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhuma says that to make the parents worry or to make them cry is a big sin (Gunah e Kabeera). He says that to make parents cry is disobedience and it is amongst the greater sins.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Never make your parents cry or make them worry as this displeases Allah Ta'ala greatly and this will lead to a large sin in your book of deeds. May Allah Ta'ala keep us free from ever teasing or worrying our parents. Aameen

### **Punishment of One Who Beats His Parents**

The famous companion Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"There are seven types of people upon whom Allah Ta'ala will not look at with mercy, will not purify and will not assemble them with other people unless they repent and seek forgiveness. If they repent, Allah Ta'ala accepts their repentance and forgives them. 1) A person who fornicates (adulterer). 2) The person who commits sodomy. 3) The person who allows sodomy to be committed on him. 4) Person who drinks alcohol. 5) People who beat parents up to the extent that they need to complain. 6) One who torments his neighbour so much that he is forced to shout and swear. 7) One who commits adultery with his neighbours wife."* (Narrated In Baihiqi- Part on Faith)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We have heard about sinners that will not be looked upon with mercy by Allah Ta'ala. A full book could be written on each of these sins but because our subject now is parents we will stay focused on that. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees, parents bring up a child with love and compassion and he reaches adulthood. If a child beats or hits his parents or forces them to seek help after being brought up, such a tyrant and oppressor will not be looked upon with mercy by Allah Ta'ala. Tell me, if the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala forsakes us then what hope do we have on the day of judgement? If we want to be worthy of the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala and if we are guilty of any of the above-mentioned sins, then ask for forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala and promise not to commit them again. Allah Ta'ala is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and forgives His bondmans mistakes. May Allah Ta'ala save us from all these seven sins and make us worthy of His Mercy. Aameen.

### **Reason for Reduction In Livelihood**

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"When a person stops praying (making dua) for his parents, Allah Ta'ala reduces his subsistence and livelihood."* (Kanzul Aa'Maal)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Who does not desire to be well off? Everyone desires this but what deeds do they do? They do the deeds that are shown to them by worldly people and do not listen to the deeds that are told us by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. How amazing it is that they figure out that the reason for the reduction in their livelihood is many things but do not think that it is because they have stopped making dua for their parents. Therefore, keep what our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said in your hearts and from today, ensure that after every namaz you say a prayer and wish for good things for your parents. Always remember the following dua, *"Rabbij alni muqiimas salatay wa min zurriyyati Rabbana wataqabbal dua. Rabbig firlee waley waaley dayya wa lil mo'mineena yauma yaqoomol hisaab"*(Surah Ibrahim Part 13, ayah 40-41) *(Oh my Lord, keep me as an establishor of prayer and some of my children too. O our Lord, and accept my prayer. O our Lord, forgive me, and my parents and all Muslims on the day when reckoning shall take place.* (Kanzul Iman)

May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to act upon the teachings of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen

## The Worst Punishment on the Day of Judgement

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“On the day of judgement, the worst punishment will be given to him who has killed any Prophet or one whom any Prophet has killed, also one who kills either one of his parents, one who makes pictures and that scholar (alim) who does not use the knowledge that he has.”* (Rawahul Baihiqi Fi Sha'bal Iman)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There has been some tribes who have soiled their characters with the murder of Prophets, like the Jews. There has also been insurgents who rebelled against Prophets and opposed them in a conflict and were killed by the Prophets. Their abode is the fire of Hell. The murderers of parents have been mentioned in the same strict words by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. How stone hearted must that person be who kills a Prophet, as Prophets come to show the way to Paradise and to give us contentment and peace? Similarly parents make many sacrifices and withstand many difficulties, and their only desire is to see their children happy and contented. However if a tyrant son becomes his parent's murderer, then such an ingrate will be given a frightening punishment by Allah Ta'ala to pay for his crime. Therefore, never even think about committing such a heinous act. May Allah Ta'ala protect us from such thoughts. Aameen

## Risking A Bad Ending (Death)

The biggest punishment for one who is disobedient to his parents will be faced by him in this world and that is that he will not be blessed with the kalima at the time of death. We can see this from many Ahadith. Hazrat Abdullah bin Abi Aufa radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that we went to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, *“There is a young man who is between life and death. We are urging him to recite the kalima but he is unable to do so.”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked if he was punctual in his Salah (Namaz). The answer was given in the positive. Upon hearing this Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stood up and we also stood up. The Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam went to the young man and said, *“say La Ilaha Illal Laah.”* The young man said, *“I do not have the strength in my tongue to recite these words.”* When he was asked why, he replied that he was disobedient to his mother. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked if his mother was still alive. The companions replied that she was. The order was given for the mother to be brought. When she appeared Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked her if that was her son. She said that he was. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“If a great fire was made and you were told that unless you intercede for your son he will be thrown into this fire, would you intercede for your son?”* (A mother is always a mother. Her heart is full of love and mercy for her child. She will cope with the disobedience and injustice of her child, but she will never be able to withstand the fact that her child would be burnt in blazing fire because of her. She realised from the question what was meant by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and what the future would be for her son. She was aware that her son would not be burnt in the fire of this world, but in a fire much worse and fiercer and that is the fire of Hell). Upon hearing this question the mother immediately said, *“I will intercede for him.”*

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Make Allah Ta'ala and me witness that you are pleased and happy with your son.”* She said, *“Oh my Lord, I am making You and Your Beloved witnesses that I am pleased with my son.”* Then Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam turned to the young man and said, *“recite La Ilaha Illal Laaho Muhammadur Rasool Allah, (sallalaho alaihe wasallam), and this time the young man recited the full kalima. The Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam thanked Allah with these words, “Thanks be to Allah who saved this young man from the fire of Hell.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We see that whether it is friends of Allah Ta'ala or companions, all people will receive punishment for disobedience and will receive reward for obedience to parents. We should all take a lesson from and heed the teachings of the previous Hadith, and obey our parents if we desire a peaceful and good ending. A mother is first a mother and even if the child teases and disobeys her greatly, when he is in trouble the mother will forgive and forget all the pain the child has caused her. May Allah Ta'ala give us all a peaceful and tranquil ending. Aameen

## Compulsory (Farz) or Voluntary (Nafil) Deeds Not Accepted

Hazrat Abu Amamah Bahli radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“There are 3 types of people whose compulsory or voluntary worship will not be accepted by Allah Ta'ala. One who troubles his parents, one who gives charity and then brags about his favours and one who does not believe in destiny (Taqdeer).”* (Fatawa Razvia)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! A person spends a lot of time performing voluntary (Nafil) deeds, yet he does not worry about whether his parents are in need of his help. This leads to the parents being troubled and grieved.

Similarly, if one is always busy in compulsory acts of worship but he teases or grieves his parents, tortures them with his tongue, he may think he is a very pious and devoted worshipper. Such a person should take a lesson from the aforementioned Hadith that Allah Ta'ala does not accept any worship of one who grieves his parents. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to serve our parents and have our worship accepted. Aameen

### **Immediate Punishment for Disobeying Parents**

Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Allah Ta'ala forgives any sin that He wishes, however, the disobedience of parents is not forgiven. Such a sin is punished in this world."* Some incidents show us that sometimes the son is actually innocent, but because of a slight oversight or forgetfulness the parents are displeased as you will see from the following incident.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala bestows great benevolence on his bondmen. If a person is ashamed and regrets his sins and sheds tears and asks Allah Ta'ala for forgiveness, His Mercy is kindled and he forgives him without any punishment. But those that tease and grieve the parents, they are given punishment in this world. Which one of us has the strength to tolerate the punishment of Allah Ta'ala? If not, then for Allah's sake, refrain from grieving the parents. May Allah Ta'ala make us all able to please our parents. Aameen

### **Cautionary Incident Involving Hazrat Jareez**

One time the Communicator of the unseen, the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam told the tale of a famous friend of Allah Ta'ala amongst the previous nations. His name was Jareez. He was a devoted worshipper and would constantly be busy in the remembrance of Allah ta'ala in his place of worship. One day he was busy in prayer and his mother came to call him and said out loud, "Oh Jareez." He thought to himself, "Oh my Lord my mother is calling me and I am busy in your worship, what should I do? Should I heed my mother's call or continue with my prayer." He continued in this predicament for a while and then decided on one course of action and continued with his prayer. His mother waited for a short while and then left. The next day she came again to call him and once again called out, "Oh Jareez!" Again he thought for a while and continued on with his prayer on this day as well. (He did not respond to the call of his mother and his mother was very hurt and distressed at being ignored like this). She made a malediction (bad dua) in the court of Allah Ta'ala like this, "Until Jareez does not come face to face with a prostitute, do not give him death."

Amongst the children of Israel there was great mention of Jareez and his worship. One obscene woman came to him with a despicable intention. (She was extremely attractive and her beauty was talked about far and wide). Jareez paid no attention to her. She approached a shepherd and he was taken in by her charm and cunning ways and he had relations with her. This resulted in her becoming pregnant. When the child was born she said the father was Jareez. The people surrounded Jareez's place of worship and tore it down. He asked then what they were doing and why they were doing it. They replied that you are an adulterer. There has been born a child to an immoral woman because of you. Jareez asked where they were and they were brought before him. He asked permission to pray salah and then he approached the child. He hit his finger on the child's stomach and said, "Oh child, whose offspring are you?" The child replied "such and such a shepherd's." When the people saw the miracle and the purity of Jareez they were very embarrassed and began to kiss his hand and obtaining blessings from him. They offered to build him a golden temple for worship but Jareez asked them to re-build his place of worship from mud and they did. (Muslim Shareef)

Hazrat Jareez was praying voluntary prayers (Nafl namaz). He could have shortened his prayer and obeyed his mother's call but he did not do so. This upset and grieved his mother and because of this he had to endure this embarrassing and upsetting episode. What can be more embarrassing for one who has forsaken the world than to have to withstand these allegations? The Lord did not decide on the punishment here but his mother had decided on and asked for this punishment. He decided not to shorten his prayer and look at the face of his mother and therefore he was forced to look at the face of an immoral obscene woman.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Hazrat Jareez was undoubtedly a friend of Allah and because of his worship and the pleasure of his Lord he disobeyed his mother for an instance. Allah Ta'ala did not forgive this oversight, and the punishment was seen in this world by him. How then can sinners like us, who for the sake of wealth and family, forsake and grieve our parents, how can we escape the wrath and punishment of our Lord.

Therefore we should learn that we should not be lazy and negligent in obeying our parents. May Allah Ta'ala make us all obedient to our parents. Aameen

## Head of a Donkey...

Hazrat Awaan bin Khosaab rehmatullahe ta'ala alaihe says that he went to a village. There was a graveyard on the outskirts and it was Asar time (mid-afternoon). One of the graves split open and a person emerged from that grave that had the body of a man and the head of a donkey. He made a noise like a donkey three times and then disappeared back in the grave and the grave closed up again. An old lady was sat close by knitting. Another lady said to me, "Do you see that old lady?" I replied, "Yes what is the situation with her?" She said, "She is the mother of the person in that grave. He would drink alcohol and come home in the evening drunk. His mother would say to him, "Oh my son, fear Allah, how long are you going to continue drinking alcohol?" The son would say, "You are shouting like a donkey." This young man died at Asar time and ever since, at that time, the grave opens up. He makes noise three times like a donkey and the grave then closes up." My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Beware of using any wrong words against your parents. If not, you have read about the consequences. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to keep our tongues free from any wrong words in respect to our parents. Aameen

## Horrific Result of a Mother's Curse

A noble man made intention to go to Makkah. His mother was not happy with his decision. This person tried to persuade her to give him permission but she was not swayed by his arguments. He, nevertheless, set off for Makkah without her permission. His mother made an ill-wish to Allah Ta'ala and said, "My son has burnt me in the fire of separation, send on him some punishment."

The person reached a city late at night and went into a mosque to pray. By amazing coincidence, on that particular night a thief had entered someone's house. The owner of the house heard the thief and the thief ran towards the mosque. People chased him but as he reached the entrance to the mosque he disappeared. The people thought he had gone into the mosque. They looked in the mosque and saw this respectable man standing in worship. They captured him and took him to the judge of the city. The judge ordered that his hands and feet be chopped off and that his eyes should be taken out as well. The citizens carried out this order, and they made announcements in the city that "this is the punishment for a thief." This noble man said, "Do not say that this is the punishment for a thief, rather say that this is the punishment for one who wishes to go around the Ka'aba without the permission of his mother."

When the people realised that this was a noble man and found out the truth about his situation they began to cry and took him to his place of worship and left him there. At that time his mother was inside that place of worship appealing to Allah Ta'ala, "If you have embroiled my son in any difficulty, then return him to me so that I can see him."

The mother was inside making this prayer and the son was at the door begging, "I am a hungry traveller, please give me some food. (The son did not know that he was at his own door begging and the mother did not know that the traveller was her very son). The mother said, "come close to the door" The traveller replied, "I have no feet how can I come?" The mother said, "extend your hand." "I have no hands," said the traveller. The mother had not recognised that this was her son and said, "If I come in front of you and feed you, there will be no veil between us." The traveller said, "Do not fear about that I have no sight either." The mother brought some food and some water and fed him, and gave him water to drink. She still did not recognise him but the son had recognised his mother. He placed his head in the feet of his mother and appealed to her, "Oh my beneficent mother, I am your disobedient son." Now the mother also recognised him and her heart became torn at seeing her son in this dreadful state. At this tragic moment the following words came out of her mouth, "Oh Lord, when the situation is this bad, take the soul of my son and I so that we are not embarrassed and ashamed in front of the people." She had not yet finished making this wish when both mother and son passed away. (Azmat E Waalidain)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The respectable man had not gone to commit any sin, rather he had left to visit the house of Allah Ta'ala. However this visit was not with the blessing and permission of his mother and still he left. The mother was hurt and complained about her son to her Lord and you have seen the result of this complaint. Remember, just as the ill-wish of a mother has effect, similarly the prayer (dua) also has influence. We should ensure that we are not lazy in obtaining the prayers of our mother. May Allah Ta'ala look upon us all with clemency. Aameen

## Painful Incident

During the khilafat of Hazrat Faruq E Azam radiiallaho ta'ala anhu there lived a businessman. One day his mother came to him to ask for some money to help with her expenses. His wife said, "your mother wants to make us poor and that is why she comes and asks us for money every day." The son refused to give his mother any money and the distressed mother left empty handed. Some time later the son was going somewhere with goods for sale. On the way some bandits robbed him of his goods and cut off his arms and placed them on his neck. They left him there covered in blood. Some people passed by and carried him to his home.

When his relative came to visit him he readily accepted his crime and said, “This is the punishment I have received for upsetting my mother. If I had given my mother some money with my hands, then my arms would not have been cut off and my goods would not have been stolen.

His mother then came to him and said, “My dear son, the abusive treatment of you by your enemies has filled me with sadness and grief.” The son said, “My dear mother, this happened to me because of the way I treated you. I beg you to be pleased with me.” The mother said, “Son, I am pleased with you.” That night, by the Glory and Authority of Allah Ta’ala, his arms became as they were before. (Durratun Naseheen)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Look at the justice of the Mighty One. The punishment given was befitting the crime. The son refused to give money and his goods were stolen, he refused to give his Mother money with his hands and those hands were chopped off. His arms were put on his shoulders to proclaim to all, “Look carefully, this is the punishment for being miserly with your parents.” Now look at the effect of the words of the mother. As soon as she stated that she was pleased with her son, The Almighty returned the arms to the son. May Allah Ta’ala guide us all to always please our parents. Aameen

### **Person’s Pilgrimage Not Accepted**

Hazrat Maalik Bin Dinaar rehmatallohe ta’ala alaihe went for pilgrimage one year. When the people returned from Arafah he saw in a dream that two angels descended from the heavens. One angel asked the other, “How many people’s pilgrimage was accepted this year?” The other angel replied, “Everyone’s pilgrimage was accepted except Ahmed bin Muhammad Balkhi. He put up with many difficulties and still was devoid of the reward”

Hazrat Maalik bin Dinaar rehmatallohe ta’ala alaihe woke up right away and could not sleep the rest of the night because of this worry. As soon as it was morning he went to where the people of Khorasaan were located and began to look for Hazrat Ahmed Balkhi. In this predicament he came across a large tent where the covering had fallen down. There was a handsome youth that was dressed in the clothing of shame, his feet were in shackles and around his neck were the chains of embarrassment. When this young man saw Hazrat Malik he greeted him and said, “Oh Malik, I am the young man about whom you were informed of in your dream that his pilgrimage was not accepted and this clothing is a sign of my void”

Hazrat Malik says that he was astounded and said to the young man, “You have such a clear conscience and a pure heart, do you have any idea why your pilgrimage was not accepted?” The young man said, “I know the reason, it is because my father is unhappy with me.” Hazrat Malik asked the young man where his father was and was told that he was in the same group somewhere. Hazrat Malik asked the young man to send someone with him so he could go and speak to his father and intercede. “Maybe I can make him pleased with you.” said Hazrat Maalik as he left the young man. The guide led Hazrat Malik to the young man’s father. He states that he saw a magnificent tent with splendid furnishings. There was a congenial, delightful old man sat on a chair with dignity and people were stood respectfully before him.

Hazrat Malik went and greeted him and said, “O Shaikh, do you have an adult son?” He replied, “I have an unworthy son with whom I am not happy.” Hazrat Malik said, “This day is not one where you remember the faults and shortcomings of others, today is the day to pardon oppression and to forgive enemies. This is not a good thing keeping your son embroiled in punishment. I am Malik bin Dinaar and last night I had a dream. I implore you for the sake of Allah Ta’ala and his Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam to overlook the faults of your son and forgive him.”

On hearing this the old man stood up and said, “O Shaikh I had decided that I was never going to be pleased with him, but you are a noble man, and have taken the names of Allah Ta’ala and his Beloved sallalaho alaihe wasallam, therefore I forgive him and my heart is happy with him.”

Hazrat Malik says that he said a prayer for the old man and thanked him. Then I went to the tent where his son was to give him the good news from his father. When I got there I was shocked to see that the youth was free from the chains, shackles and shameful clothing, and he came out of the tent with great happiness. He said, “May Allah Ta’ala reward you greatly, for you reconciled the differences between my father and I, and due to his happiness my pilgrimage has been accepted.”

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! If the friends of Allah Ta’ala are punished for displeasing parents, this is a warning to the rest of us that we must heed after reading the preceding incident. May Allah Ta’ala include us amongst those that are obedient to their parents. Aameen

### **Method of a Disobedient Son Becoming Obedient**

Hazrat Anas radiiallohe ta’ala anhu narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “A disobedient person’s parents, or one of his parents pass away. After they pass away he continuously prays for them, asks for their forgiveness. He continues to do this until Allah Ta’ala writes his name in the list of obedient ones.” (Baihiqi)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Whoever repaid the debts of their parents after they pass away, fulfils their promises, and is not a reason for them to be cursed, (by doing something immoral or shameful and soiling their name), then even if he was disobedient when they were alive, it will be written that he is amongst the obedient ones.”* (Reported by Ibn Asakar)

## Rules of Respect

The author of Tafseer Roohul Bayaan has written some examples of respect with regards to the Quranic ayah *“Wa Qada Rabboka Alla Ta'bodo Illa Iyyaaho”* (Surah Bani Israel, ayah 23)

- Do not call parents by name as this is not only disrespectful but it is rude. In the course of a normal conversation if someone asks their names then you are able to say their name.
- Do not raise your voice above their voice. Do not speak loud in their presence but speak in a quiet respectful manner. If they are hard of hearing then it is permissible to speak loud.
- Do not curse anyone's parents as they will curse your parents in response.
- Do not look at your parents with anger. Hazrat Ibn Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhu says that live with your parents in such a way that a slave lives with his strict master. Just as a slave would tread very carefully around his master, children must tread the same way before their parents.
- Always look at your parents with love, affection and with great gratitude.
- Serve your parents yourself; do not pawn this responsibility onto others.
- A person should not be ashamed in serving his parents, his teachers and his spiritual guide (Peer o Murshid). The same order has been given for a king, the ruler of the day and guests.
- Do not be the Imam in Namaz for your father, even if you are more highly educated. If he orders you or is not aware of the rules of Namaz then this is permissible.
- Do not walk in front of the parents. If the intention is to clear a path then this is permissible
- Do not sit in a higher position than your parents do. This is a sign of disrespect
- If the father has the wrong faith and wishes to take you to his place of worship then do not go. If the father orders you to take him back from his place of worship then you must obey.
- Imam Abu Yusuf rehmatalloh alaihe said, *“If the parents order him to light a fire for cooking food, and he knows that the fire will be used to cook pork, then he should not hesitate in lighting the fire.*
- Do not be ashamed of your parents and associate with someone else because this is cursed. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said, *“Whoever leaves his own and associates with others, on such a person is the curse of Allah Ta'ala, of the angels and the curse of all people. None of his worship or goodness will be accepted. (Worship means compulsory actions, goodness means voluntary worship).*
- If your parents or either one of them becomes an infidel, then pray for them to accept Islam.
- Kashifi has written that there are different prayers that a child must do for his parents. If they are believers then you must pray for Paradise for them. If they are non-believers then you must pray for them to accept Islam and become believers. (Tafseer Roohul Bayaan)

## Good Behaviour Towards Parents After Their Death

Just as the Lord of the worlds Azzawazala and His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam have ordered us to treat our parents well when they are alive, they have also given orders to have good behaviour towards them after their death. Good behaviour after their death means arranging for their shroud and burial and respecting their lawful will. It is reported in hadith:

Hazrat Abu Usaid Maalik Bin Rabiya Sa'adi radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that an ansaar companion radiallaho ta'ala anhu came to the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam and asked, *“Is there anything that I can do in terms of behaviour with my parents after they pass away?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“There are four things”-*

• *Pray their funeral prayer, • Pray for their forgiveness, • Carry out their will according to their wishes, • Treat their friends well. (Ask about their well being, invite them). Also treat their relations well. These are the things that are left to be done after the parents pass away”* (Fatawa E Razviah)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The rights of parents are still left after they leave this world. We should be aware of these at all times. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to obey his commands. Aameen.

## Asking For Forgiveness For The Parents

Hazrat Abu Usaid Malik Bin Jararah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Good behaviour towards parents is that after they pass away, pray for their forgiveness."

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has shown us how to carry out good behaviour with our parents even after they pass away and that is to pray for their forgiveness. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to treat our parents well. Aameen,

## Give Charity On Behalf Of Parents

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*When any of you gives any voluntary charity, you should give it on behalf of your parents. They will receive the reward for that and your reward will not be reduced.*" (Collection Of Hadith)

In another place Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Good behaviour towards parents after they pass away is that with your prayers (namaz), perform prayers for them, and fast on their behalf together with your own fasting.*"

A'ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Muhaddith e Bareilly radiallaho ta'ala anhu writes in Fatawa E Razviah that this was in response to a question. A companion came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and asked, "*I used to treat my parents well when they were alive, now that they have died what is the way to treat them well?*"

The answer to this question was the hadith that was just quoted. The meaning of this hadith is that when you offer optional prayers and Fasts, offer some on behalf of your parents. Or when you worship, make the intention that they will receive the reward because they will receive the reward and your reward will not be reduced.

## Hajj On Behalf Of The Parents

Hazrat Zaid bin Arqam radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*When a person performs Hajj on behalf of his parents that Hajj is accepted on behalf of them. Their souls are delighted in the heavens and the sons name is written amongst those that treat their parents well.*"

Hazrat Jaabir radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever performs Hajj on behalf of his parents, this Hajj is accepted on their behalf and he receives the reward for performing ten Hajj.*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If Allah Ta'ala blesses you with wealth then definitely perform pilgrimage on behalf of your parents and make them happy amongst the souls. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

## Repay The Debts Of The Parents

Hazrat Abdul Rehman bin Samrah narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam stated, "*He who fulfils the promises of his parents, repays their debts, and does not subject them to abuse by abusing another's parents, his name is written amongst the faithful children, even if he was disobedient during their lifetime. He who does not fulfil their promises, does not repay their debt, and subjects them to abuse by abusing other's parents, his name is written amongst the disobedient ones, even if he was faithful during their life.*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Never say anything bad about, and never curse anyone's parents, because they will respond in like fashion and your innocent parents will have to withstand being cursed due to you. If such a person is regular in prayer and fasting, his name will still be written amongst the disobedient ones. May Allah Ta'ala protect our tongues from saying anything bad about anyone's parents, especially protect all husband's from saying anything bad about his wife's parents. Aameen

## Visiting The Parent's Graves

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever visits the graves of both or one of his parents on a Friday, he is written as keeping good relations with his parents.*"

The leader of the believers, Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever visits the grave of both or one of his parents on a Friday and recites Surah Yasin, he is forgiven.*"

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Whoever visits the grave of both or one of his parents with the intention of obtaining reward, he is rewarded the equivalent of an accepted hajj. Whoever visits the graves regularly, angels will visit his grave.*"

Hazrat Shaikh Sa'adi rematullahe ta'ala alaihe says in a couplet, the meaning of which is, "It's been many years since you visited your parents graves and performed fatiha khwaani for them (esaal e sawaab), how then do you expect your children to show goodness towards you?"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May we be sacrificed on the gifts given to us by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Regular visit of the parent's grave earns us the reward for performing pilgrimage and the angels visit our graves. What can be greater than this gift? For Allah's sake do not forget them after their death but visit their graves and recite "fatiha" for their eesal e sawaab. Insha Allah your children will visit your grave after you leave this world. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all towards goodness and good deeds. Aameen



**Allah, In The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aaleyka Wa As Haabeka Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## ***THE EXCELLENCE OF GOOD RELATIONS***

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah has told us to be kind, sympathetic, helpful and courteous to our relatives and by doing so we can win the favours of Allah Ta'ala. By not doing so or by being cruel, ruthless or indifferent to our kin we invite Allah's wrath and invite defeat and failure. So, let us understand the topic and get it absorbed by the heart and let us make an effort to mould and beautify our character according to the Qur'an and Hadith. Allah Ta'ala says,

*“And fear Allah in whose Name you ask for (your rights) and pay attention to the ties of relationship” (Surah Nisa, verse 1)*

On another occasion, Allah Ta'ala says, *“Do you then have the sign that if you get the authority, spread disorder in the land and sever your ties of kinship? These are they whom Allah has cursed and made then deaf from the truth and made their eyes blind.” (Surah Muhammad, verse 22-23)*

On a third occasion the Qur'an says, *“Those who break the covenant of Allah after its confirmation and sever that which Allah ordered to join and spread disorder in the earth, they are the only losers.” (Surah Baqarah, verse 27)*

### **Excellence of Relations and Increased Wealth**

Hazrat Anas radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said: *“Who ever wishes for increase in wealth and a long life, he should practice excellence of relations with his relatives.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! You are told how to become rich and get benediction in your age in the Hadith quoted above. Nowadays! Instead of treating the relatives with care and kindness and occasionally offering them gifts, the people take more interest in their friends. Our beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has told us in clear-cut words, that increase in wealth and benediction in age comes by showing excellence of relations to relatives. Go ahead and try, by the will and grace of Allah Ta'ala you will soon get prosperity. May Allah Ta'ala enable all of us to follow and practice the words of the master of this universe, our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Ameen.

### **If a Relative Breaks Relationships**

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn e Umar radiiallaho ta'ala anhumu narrates that our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“One who takes revenge does not show excellence of relations. The person who practices excellence of relations is one with whom the relatives break the ties and he joins them again.” (Bukhari Shareef)*

Subhan Allah! My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! It is obvious from the above-mentioned Hadith that we should try not to break ties with relatives to the best of our abilities. If our relatives treat us nicely and we are nice to them too, it is a noble act but real excellence of relations is to be kind and polite to those who do not treat us nicely. You will see the blessings of sticking to the words of the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Do not be hesitant even if the relative who broke the ties criticises you for restoring relations. In spite of the different opinions of people we must stick to the words of the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah bless us with the courage and inspiration to follow the Sunnah. Aameen.

### **Wrath of Allah Ta'ala**

Hazrat Abu Huraira radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that the Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The word Mercy (Reham) has been derived from Merciful (Rehman), Allah has said to it that one who will join with you (be merciful to others) Allah will be with him and one who will abandon you, Allah will abandon him. (Bukhari Shareef)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! See the wrath of Allah Ta'ala for those who abandon their relatives. Allah Ta'ala has warned that He will abandon them. One who will keep excellence of relations with relatives will be given protection in Allah's Mercy. Ponder over the frightening fate for those that will be abandoned by Allah Ta'ala, who else is there to protect and defend them? On the other hand, those who will be given security by Allah Ta'ala will never be worried if someone leaves them. Let us pray, May Allah Ta'ala for the sake of His Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam enable us to be kind, courteous sympathetic and helpful for our relatives. Aameen

## Good Relations Mean Increased Wealth

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“You should remember your lineage and treat your relatives with excellence as treating your relatives nicely brings love among family members, increase in wealth and benediction in age.”* (Tirmizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The above-mentioned Hadith makes us understand that we should be familiar with our lineage .Who is related to us in what way? Who lives where? Who were our forefathers? Knowing all this is obeying the saying of our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Nowadays, we do not bother to tell our children about their relatives and do not inform them where their relatives live and what do they do to earn a living. Meeting relatives and offering love and care to them strengthens the bond of mutual respect. With due apology I am saying that those relatives who are inferior in status or appearance or education, we act as though we do not know them, and will not introduce them as our relatives.

Remember! If we will neglect and ignore them their heart will break and their anger will invite the fury of Allah Ta'ala. So no matter how weak or poor our relative is, if his faith is correct as a Sunni, never abandon him so that you can win the favour of Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah enable us to follow the sayings of His Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam correctly and accurately. Aameen.

Hazrat Asma Bint E Abu Bakr radiallaho ta'ala anha narrates, *“Once my mother came to me during the days of the pact with the Quraish, I asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam if I could be generous, helpful, and kind to my mother, He replied that I was allowed to do so.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! See how important the right of the mother is. At that time the mother of Hazrat Asma Bint E Abu Bakr was not even a Muslim , she embraced Islam later. The point to remember is that even if the mother is not a Muslim, we are ordered by our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam to be helpful and courteous to our mothers. Nowadays unfortunately, Muslim children do not take care of their parents who are Muslims. There is a lack of care about the needs of relatives. I am not saying that a man should not take care of his wife but never ever ignore and neglect your mother. If duties to all relatives are respected and they are given their rights, there will be peace, satisfaction and happiness inside and outside the house and the blessings of Allah Ta'ala will be showered upon you. May Allah Almighty enable us to fulfil the rights of our relatives. Aameen.

## Freedom from a Horrible Death

Hazrat Ali radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“One who wishes for a long life and an increase in wealth and wants to save himself from a horrible death should fear Allah Ta'ala and should be kind and sympathetic to others.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are told in the above-mentioned Hadith how we can increase our wealth and life and can save ourselves from a horrible death. We see that people who are not kind to their relatives, at the time of their death their soul does not escape easily from their body and they suffer helplessness and agony. And after their death, their faces are distorted. Let us pray that Allah Ta'ala saves all of us from a horrible death for the sake of His Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If we want an easy death like people of faith, we have to keep excellence of relations with our relatives.

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said. *“No doubt, charity and keeping excellence of relations brings an increase in age along with safety from a horrible death and results in miseries being taken away.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! It is clear now that to be kind, helpful and generous to the relatives is such a noble deed taught to us by the Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that it is a source of increase in wealth and age and defence against a horrible death. May Allah Almighty give us the strength and will to follow the sayings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

## The Best Human Being

Hazrat Durra Bint e Abu Lahab radiallaho ta'ala anha narrates that once she asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, *“Who is the best among human beings?”* He replied, *“One who fears Allah Ta'ala the most and is the best in showing excellence of relations to others and who invites to virtue and stops from evil.”* So, the qualities of the best human being are fear of Allah Ta'ala in his heart, acts of kindness and courtesy and his act of inviting to virtue and stopping from evil.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Today we have wealth, we have fame but we are considered bad and not worthy to be respected. What is the reason behind it? The reason behind is that we lack those

qualities which were pointed out by our Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam to be present in the best human beings. These qualities are as follows, 1) A person having Fear of Allah, 2) A person who is helpful, kind, courteous and sympathetic to his relatives, 3) A person who invites to virtue, 4) A person who stops from Evil.

Every one of us can certainly adopt these golden principles and code of actions but we need the will and intention to make these qualities a part of our character and behaviour. Then as a reward from Allah Ta'ala, you will see your respect increase in the hearts of people and you will also get the certificate of best human being from the court of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala enable us to adopt these noble qualities, Aameen

### **The Merciful and Good Relations**

Hazrat Rehman bin Auf radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that he heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saying, *“Allah says, ‘I am Allah and I am Merciful and created mercy and created its name with My Name so whoever will be united with this Name I will keep him close to Myself and the one who will break (this name, mercy) it, I will keep him away from Myself.’”* (Al-Targheeb)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Rehman is one of the names of Allah Almighty and the meaning of Rehman is extremely sympathetic and the word “reham” means relative. So, in the light of above-mentioned Hadith, it means that he who keeps his relatives away from him will keep the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala away from him. See! How insecure would one be if the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala is taken away? Who will defend him? May Allah Ta'ala save us from being cruel and inconsiderate towards relatives and breaking ties with them. And may Allah Ta'ala enable us to help and take care of our relatives. Aameen.

### **Three Deeds and Paradise**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“A person who will have three qualities in him, Allah will make questions and accounting easy for him and He will enter him into paradise with His Mercy.”* I said to the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, *“Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam may my parents be sacrificed upon you, what are those qualities?”* He replied, *“If someone deprives you, you give him, if some one is cruel to you, you forgive him, if you will do so Allah will enter you in Paradise.”* (Al Targheeb)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Apparently, it seems so easy to adopt the above-mentioned qualities but in reality it is very difficult to practise them. Nevertheless, if the zest for going to Paradise is strong, the difficult job turns into an easy one. If some one keeps us deprived we hesitate to give to him; rather we keep waiting for the chance to take revenge. Similarly if some relative forgets us on any occasion intentionally or by mistake we return him the same attitude. If some one is cruel to us we want to take revenge. I wish we would realise that this worldly life is a game of only a few days, so it is preferable to forgive and to qualify for entry into Paradise. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are the slaves of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, and he never took revenge from any one for his personal issues. Let us raise hands for prayers that may Allah Almighty enable us to follow the best model for us, that is the Sunnah of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen

### **A Disappointed Person**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that he heard the Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam saying, *“Indeed, the deeds of the son's of Adam are presented to me every Thursday and the one who breaks kind relations with others, his deeds are not accepted.”* (Al Targheeb)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If you distribute charity after keeping the poor relatives deprived and helpless, such charity will not be accepted by Allah Ta'ala. Your personal noble deeds are acceptable when you fulfil the rights of your relatives properly. May Allah make us unifying forces to keep the relatives together and happy. Aameen.

### **A Deadly Sin**

Ummul Momineen Hazrat Aisha radiallaho ta'ala anha narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Once angel Jibrael came to me on the night of fifteenth of Sha'baan and said to me that the sinners equal to the hair of the goats of the tribe of Banu Kalb are forgiven tonight but one who associates partners with Allah Ta'ala, one who keeps grudges, one who breaks ties, one who drags his garment on the floor in pride and arrogance, one who is disobedient to his parents, and one who drinks alcohol is not forgiven”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The night of 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan is a sacred night that Allah Ta'ala showers his Mercy on his bondmen and His Mercy descends to the first heaven and asks if any one is there to ask for mercy and forgiveness so that he will be forgiven? Numerous sinners are granted forgiveness on this night of blessings but how unfortunate are those who commit the above-mentioned sins and are not granted forgiveness. May Allah Ta'ala save us from such sins, Aameen.

### **Three Deprived Individuals**

Hazrat Abu Musa Ash'aree radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that he heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saying, *"Three persons will not enter Paradise, 1) A drunkard, 2) One who breaks ties and 3) One who practices magic."* (Al Targheeb) My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Three persons are discussed in the above-mentioned Hadith. A drunkard, one who breaks ties and a magician or wizard. It is obvious that a drunkard in his state of drowsiness may play with the honour of others and destroys the peace in his house. Similarly! A person who breaks ties creates mutual grudges among families and destroys peace of minds. A magician harms others, plans destruction of others and seeks help from wizardry. Allah Almighty has clearly told that those who commit these three types of deadly sins will be deprived of Paradise. May Allah save us from such sins. Aameen.

### **Breaking Relations and the Wrath of Allah Ta'ala**

Hazrat Abu Huraira radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"When Allah Almighty completed creating His creation, the kinship stood and pleaded and asked for refuge from breaking ties and abandoning sympathy. Allah Ta'ala said, "Are you happy on the fact that those that break ties I will abandon (leave) them, and those that make ties stronger I will be with them?" It replied that it was pleased with that."* Then the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam recited the following verses of the Qur'an, *"Do you then have the sign that if you get the authority, spread disorder in the land and sever your ties of Kinship? These are they whom Allah has cursed and made them deaf from the truth and made their eyes blind."* (Surah Muhammad, verse 22-23)

### **Good Treatment of Animals**

Hazrat Sehl Bin Khizla radialloho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saw a camel whose back was touching his stomach (was skeletal). The Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Fear Allah regarding these animals who cannot speak and ride on them when they are in good state and keep them healthy."* (Abu Daud)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Jaffer radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that once Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam went in a garden of an Ansaari Youth and passed by a camel. When the camel saw Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, he groaned and shed tears. The Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam went near the camel and patted his back, sides and forehead with love and sympathy and asked, *"Who is owner of this camel? One Ansaari said, "It is mine". The Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Why don't you fear Allah that an animal who has been given in your custody is complaining to me with his tears and groans that you keep him hungry and make him work continuously."*

### **Lady Trapped in Punishment**

Hazrat Ibn e Umar and Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrate that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"One woman was punished for imprisoning a cat which died of hunger as that woman neither feed her nor freed her and used to take her own food from other animals on earth."*

Hazrat Jabir radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"The Hell was shown to me in which I saw a women of Bani Israel who was being punished due to her cat which she had tied and she did not feed her and did not give her freedom and fed herself with earthly animals, and finally the cat died."*

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"When someone plants a tree or sows crops and then some human being or a bird or an animal eats from it, that becomes charity for him."* (Bukhari Shareef).

Hazrat Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that when he returned from Arafat with Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam he heard the sound of a camel being whipped to make it run faster. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam motioned to them with the whip, *"O people! Ride slow as forcing the camels to run is not a deed to be rewarded."* (Bukhari Shareef)

## **Favour for a Favour**

Hazrat Shaddad bin Aus radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Allah has ordered us to treat all things kindly, so if you want to kill something, kill it completely and when you slaughter something, slaughter it perfectly and sharpen your knife and keep the one being slaughtered at ease.”* (Muslim Shareef)

Hazrat Abu Imama radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“A person who feels sympathetic and is merciful even to the slaughtered animal will receive Mercy from Allah Ta'ala on the day of judgement.”* (Tabrani)

## **Dishonourable Lady is Forgiven**

Hazrat Abu Huraira radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said: *“A dishonourable woman was forgiven because once she saw a thirsty dog whose tongue was hanging out due to thirst. She took off one of her socks and tied it up with her shawl and drew water from a hole and quenched the dog's thirst and she was forgiven for this act of kindness.”* The Sahaba e Kiraam (blessed companions) asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam on this occasion, *“Do we get reward for treating animals nicely?”* He replied, *“Treating every living organism with kindness gives you reward equal to giving charity.”* (Bukhari Shareef)

Hazrat Abdullah radialloho ta'ala anhu narrates that once Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam reached a destination. One of the companions picked up an egg of a sparrow. The sparrow came near Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam's blessed head and moved her feathers in agitation. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Who amongst you has taken her egg away? She is sad.”* One person said that he took the sparrow's egg. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Have mercy on her and put her egg back.”* (Al Adabul Mufarad)

## **Bird's Complaint to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

Hazrat Abdul Rehman Ibn e Abdullah radiallaho ta'ala anhumu narrates as his father told him, *“Once we were returning with Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. When our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam was away from us, one of us caught a sparrow's chick. When Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam came back, the mother started waving her feathers around him. He inquired, “Who has grieved her because of her chick, give her chick back.” Then he observed a place where we had burnt an ant hole. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “Giving punishment by burning in fire is not suitable for any one except Allah Ta'ala (Only He has that right).”* (Abu Daud)

## **Good Advice**

Hazrat Abu Zar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates, *“My beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam has given me much good advice to follow. Some of these are as follows, 1) I should look at those worse off than me, not better than me. 2) I should love orphans and should develop closeness with them. 3) I should practice excellence of relations even if the relatives leave me, 4) I should fear no one in matters of Allah Ta'ala. 5) I should always speak the truth, no matter how bitter it may be. 6) I should recite "Lahawla wala quwata illa billa hil aliul azeem", as it is one of the treasures of Paradise.”* (Al-Targheeb).

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The above mentioned precious advice of our beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam is so perfect and full of wisdom and logic that a whole book can be written on it and it's significance is proved by the Qur'an and Sunnah, but Alas! There are very few Muslims in this modern world following this precious advice. We have developed a habit of not seeing people inferior to us but we keep looking at those who are socially and financially superior to us and keep burning our hearts. If you will start looking at people living on inferior social and financial level compared to yourself, you will feel an awakening of spirit of gratitude. Living close to orphans and saving them from a sense of insecurity is a noble deed. Keeping excellence of relations with relatives even if they torture and tease. Be indifferent to public opinion and please stick to the sayings of our Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Never hesitate to speak the truth for the sake of Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, as people of true faith never fear while being resolute on the truth. Recite "Lahola wala Quwata illa billa hil aliul azeem", as it is one of the treasures of Paradise. May Allah give us the strength to follow the above mentioned advises. Aameen

## **Repay Bad Treatment with Goodness**

Hazrat Huzaifa radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Prophet Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Be not be among those who say that only if people do good to us we will do good to them and if people will do ill to us we will do ill to them. Rather you should make a habit of doing good in turn of good, and of not doing ill even if some one maltreats you.”*

My beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Let us pray that Allah Ta'ala makes us generous and forgiving and enables us to return kindness for torture. Aameen.

Hazrat Obada bin Saabit radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Should I tell you the ways by which Allah Ta'ala will elevate your status?"* The Sahaaba e Kiraam said, *"Yes, Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam."* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"One who keeps grudge for you, you should forgive him and forget (his negative deed), one who tortures you, you should forgive him, one who deprives you, you should be giving to him and one who breaks terms with you, you should restore relations with him"*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Let us pay gratitude to Allah Ta'ala who blessed us with the Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam through whom we are able to learn such precious secrets of worldly prosperity and spiritual elevation. May Allah give us strength to follow such precious rules. Aameen.

### **Source of Winning Allah Ta'ala's Favour and Mercy**

Hazrat Ibne Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"There is one nation that Allah keep it's cities full of life and activity and increases its wealth and since they were created, Allah Ta'ala has never cast a glance of fury upon them,"* It was asked what the reason behind it was, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Just because of their excellence of relations."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! What a great reward has been promised to those who will keep excellence of relations that Allah Ta'ala rewarded cities with life and benediction, increased their wealth and never cast a glance of fury on them. Can you find a better option? Certainly not, so why don't we decide to be generous, helpful, kind and courteous to our relatives. May Allah enable us to do what pleases Allah and His beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

### **A Much Liked Deed**

Hazrat Abu Yu'la has reported as narrated to him by one of the people of the tribe of Banu Khaseem, *"Once I went to meet Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, he was sitting among his companions. I asked him, if he had claimed to be the Prophet of Allah. He said, "Yes." Then I asked, "what is the deed liked by Allah?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"Faith in Allah."* Then I asked, *"What next?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"Inviting to good and stopping from evil."* Then I asked him, *"What is the deed disliked by Allah Ta'ala the most?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"Associating Partners with Allah Ta'ala."* I asked, *"What is next?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"Not keeping excellence of relations."* I asked what was next. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"Giving invitation towards sin and stopping from virtue."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We often take great care of the likes and dislikes of our friends and relatives but we forget to give regard to the likes and dislikes of Allah Ta'ala and his Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Today, let us intend to keep the likes and dislikes of Allah Ta'ala and his Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam as our most important priority. May Allah Ta'ala enable us to keep this promise. Ameen

### **Close to Paradise, Far away from Hell**

Hazrat Abu Ayub radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that once Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was riding a female camel. A villager came and grabbed hold of the rope of the camel and asked, *"Tell me about such a deed that will take me close to paradise and away from hell?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam looked at his companions and replied, *"Worship Allah Ta'ala and believe Allah Ta'ala is One and there is no partner with Him, offer Salaat, give Zakaat and keep excellence of relations, and let go off the rope of my camel."* When he left, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"If he will follow my words he will enter Paradise."*

Subhan Allah! My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! An illiterate villager asked the question but the benefit will be for human beings forever. We are told how we can be close to Paradise and far away from the fire of hell. The truth has been unveiled, the lesson has been taught, now it is up to us to follow it. May Allah Ta'ala give us the strength to act upon the words of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.



**Allah, The Name Of, The Most Affectionate, Most Merciful**  
**Assalato Wasallamo Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah salallahu alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala AleykaWa Ashaabika Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## ***RIGHTS OF NEIGHBOURS***

Allah Ta'ala says, *“And worship Allah, and do not associate anyone with Him and do good to parents, and to relatives and orphans, and the needy, and the near neighbour and the distant neighbour and the companion of your side and the wayfarer.” (Surah Nisa, verse 36)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Along with worshipping Him, Allah Ta'ala has ordered us to be good to our parents, relatives, the poor and needy, orphans and our neighbours. We can understand most of these easily but we need to explore the wisdom in the order of being good to our neighbours.

My beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Neighbours are close to us in every way, even closer than our relatives in some respects. Life is full of ups and downs and unpredictable situations and risks can arise anytime. We may need help at any time. If Allah forbid, we face any problem in our house, the one that can be called for help is our neighbour. He will willingly come to help you when you had treated him nicely and had developed terms showing mutual respect, regard, and a feeling of being helpful. It is important for peace and security for yourself and your neighbour.

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“ I swear in the name of One in Whose custody is my life, the rights of neighbours can be rightly paid by one on whom Allah showers His Mercy. And few among you know about the rights of neighbours.(The rights of neighbours include), Help them in fulfilling their necessities, give them loans, if they are happy greet them, and if they are sad, share their sorrow, if they are sick, visit them to help them and if they die, offer funeral Prayer for them (Namaz e Janaza) and be with them until they are buried.” (Tafseer Roohul Bayaan, part 5/page 530)*

May Allah Almighty enable us to fulfil the rights of the neighbours. Aameen.

### **Three Kinds of Neighbours**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“There are three kinds of neighbours. Some have three rights, some have two rights and some have one right. A neighbour who is a Muslim as well as being a relative has three rights .The right of neighbourhood, the Islamic right and the right of a relative. A neighbour who is a Muslim has two rights, the right of neighbourhood and the right of Islam. the non-Muslim neighbour has only one right, that is the right of a neighbour.”*

The Companions asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam if they could give non-Muslim neighbours a share from the meat of animals that were sacrificed (on Eid). Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“Do not give any thing from the meat (of sacrificed animal) to the infidels.”*

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Do you know who is a poor person?”* He then continued, *“A poor person among my people is one who will bring Salah, Fasting, Zakat on the day of judgement but on the other hand he had abused his neighbour, and had put blame of adultery on him, had grabbed his things, had injured and beaten him. This person will be given reward for his good deeds but before that his virtues will be distributed to his neighbour who was victimised by this person, if his virtues run out, then the sins of his neighbour will be put in his account and he will be thrown into hell.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There is a serious warning for us in the above mentioned Hadith that even if we are very punctual in worship but are not good to our neighbours, our virtues will not reward us and we will not enter Paradise. These issues are to be taken into consideration with grave attention. We are the followers of the Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Keep politeness, kindness and courtesy of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam always in your mind, so that you will be able to refrain from abusive language, cruelty, harshness and rudeness. If we follow the basic aspects of character and habits (Uswa e Hasana) of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, we will automatically become a good person, a good Muslim and a good neighbour. If we forget the character and habits of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, it is very difficult and hard to fight Satan and to refrain from using abusive language, controlling anger and mistreating our neighbours. Then we will be prone to follow disliked behaviour and our worship and piety may not be able to save us from the fire of Hell. May Allah Ta'ala save us from such poverty and may we offer the rights of our neighbours sincerely and according to Qur'an and Sunnah. Aameen.

Hazrat Abu Shureh Khuzaee radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “*A person who believes in Allah and the day of judgement should take care of his neighbours.*” (Ibn E Maja)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! In the above-mentioned Hadith, the rights of the neighbours have been mentioned with aspects of faith. Indirectly, we are told that after verbal announcement of believing in Allah Ta'ala, we have to prove our faith practically by fulfilling the rights of our neighbours. It is mainly through your conduct with your neighbours that you introduce your religion, Islam, to the strangers and non-Muslims and show your closeness to Islam by treating your Muslim neighbours politely. We have seen many examples that neighbours of good Muslims embraced Islam.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Please! Please! Never ever torture or abuse your neighbours. Fear Allah Ta'ala who has warned us through Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that our worship and noble deeds will not be accepted on the day of judgement if we are not nice to our neighbours. May Allah enable us to follow the teachings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen

### **Neighbours Right To Inheritance?**

Hazrat Ibne Umar radiiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that Hazrat Aisha Siddiqa radiiallaho ta'ala anha narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam told her, “*The Angel Jibrael kept on advising me about the rights of the neighbours so much that I started thinking that they will be given a share in inheritance.*” (Bukhari & Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The above mentioned Hadith shows that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam realised and understood the importance of fulfilling the rights of neighbours, that is why he thought that they may be given a share in the inheritance, as there is a fixed share for relatives in inheritance. Such thought in the wisest heart of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam indicates the extreme importance of the rights of neighbours. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Never neglect and ignore the rights of neighbours, lest your minor negligence may become major trouble in the world here after. May Allah bless us with wisdom and the ability to act upon Sunnah. Aameen

Hazrat Mujahid radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates, “I was at the house of Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiiallaho ta'ala anhumma and was ripping the skin off his goat. He said to me, after finishing cutting the meat, “Go to my Jewish neighbour and give him some share from this meat.” I asked, “You are giving a gift to a Jew, May Allah Ta'ala show you the right path.” Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar replied, “I have heard about the rights of neighbours so many times that we in feared that they may have a share in our inheritance.” (Al Adabul Mufarad)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The most impressive and remarkable quality of Sahaaba E Kiraam is that they were never reluctant or hesitant in following the orders of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Notice their natural willingness to obey Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. The reason behind it was ocean of pure and true love for Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam in their hearts. So what do we need to have a natural willingness to obey Sunnah? We need sincere, pure, unconditional love for Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam in our hearts. May Allah enlighten our hearts with love of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen

### **A Hungry Neighbour and a Believer**

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn E Abbas radiiallaho ta'ala anhumma narrates that he heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saying. “*He is not a believer who fills his stomach but his neighbour sleeps hungry.*” (Baihiqi, Mishqaat Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The height of Faith cannot be reached with Namaz and Zakat and Hajj alone. Our conduct and code of action is very important. We have to include our neighbours in our circle of concerns and considerations. We have to maintain healthy ties with them, we have to understand their problems, we have to share their happiness, and we have to take care of them when they are sick. If they are shy or reluctant to ask then help them silently. May Allah enable us to fulfil the rights of the neighbours for the sake of the Prophet of Mercy sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

### **Aroma of Food and Neighbours**

Hazrat Abu Zar radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “*O Abu Zar! When you cook food, put more soup in it, and take care of your neighbours.*” (Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was so caring for the neighbours, that is why he said to his companion to cook an adequate quantity as his neighbour may come or at least he will be pleased by the aroma of the food and he may come to his house. Islam encourages taking care of each other even through little gestures and treats such as food and its aroma. May Allah Ta'ala enable us to maintain pleasant terms with our neighbours. Aameen.

## Neighbours Will Complain

Hazrat Ibn E Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhum narrates, "We have seen such an era when a Muslim brother was considered most deserving of deenaar (currency), now we are seeing such a span of time when deenaar have become dearer than a Muslim brother. I heard from Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, "*On the day of judgement, there will be many people who will be holding their neighbours and will complain against them that they had left them, they closed their doors upon them and kept them deprived of their generosity and courtesy.*" (Durr e Manshoor)

Allah o Akbar! Look at the contrast, there was an era when a Muslim brother was given preference over money. Nowadays, we are ready to take the life of a Muslim brother for money. May Allah bless us with wisdom and true understanding of our religion. Fear the time when your neighbours will be complaining against you on the day of judgement. Focus on the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and realise the rights of neighbours, take care of their needs, keep an eye on them and help them in misery and feed them in hunger. It is our religious responsibility and fulfilment of this responsibility will be rewarded on the day of judgement. May Allah enable us to follow the Sunnah. Ameen

## Who is Best in the Sight of Allah Ta'ala

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhum narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*In front of Allah, the best in friendship is one who is best in relations with their friends, and the best neighbour is one who is best in relations with his neighbours.*" (Narrated by Tirmizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Those that are described as being the best by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam are indeed the best of people. His friends and neighbours best know a person. If he has good relations with them and treats them well, shares in their happiness and grief, and thinks about their welfare all the time, these friends and neighbours will testify that they have been blessed with such a good friend and neighbour. This kind of person is the best kind of person, of that there is no doubt. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to be the best friends and the best neighbours.

## Who is a Neighbour?

It was asked from Hazrat Hasan radiallaho ta'ala anhu, "Who is a neighbour?, he replied, "Forty houses to the left, forty houses to the right, forty houses in front and forty houses behind your house." (Aladabul Mufarad)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Based on this saying we have to have good relations with at least 40 neighbours in all 4 directions. Now that we know this we should try to please them so that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam will be pleased with us. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to fulfil the rights of neighbours. Aameen.

Hazrat Abu Raaf'a radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*That neighbour that is closer is more deserving.*" (Bukhari Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Always keep this thing in mind that the nearest neighbour deserves more. You should take care of them first before the neighbours that are further away. May Allah enable us to take care of our neighbours. Aameen.

## One Gift, Two Neighbours

Ummul Mo'mineen Hazrat Aisha radiallaho ta'ala anha narrates, "*I asked Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that I have two neighbours, to whom should I send a gift?*" He said, "*The one whose door is nearer to your door.*" (Bukhari Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! According to the saying of our Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam! We should prefer our nearest neighbour. May Allah enable us to follow all the instructions given to us by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and May Allah enable us to fulfil the criteria of a good neighbour always, so that we can win the favours of Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

## The First Trial

Hazrat Uqbah Bin Aamir radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*The first people to present arguments and disagreements on the day of judgement will be two neighbours.*" (Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The atmosphere on the day of judgement will be frightening. Everyone is on their own, no one will help another, there will be shortage of good deeds, all will be trembling at the Wrath of Allah Ta'ala. In this environment the first dispute presented will be between two neighbours. If we have tormented or troubled our neighbours, just imagine the worries we will have to face? Therefore seek forgiveness for these things today and remember, the sins relating to not fulfilling peoples rights will not be forgiven by Allah Ta'ala until the person that you have wronged forgives you. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to be united. Aameen

## Measuring stick for goodness and evil

Hazrat Ibn E Mas'ood radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that once a person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and asked, *"How can I know whether I have done good or evil?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *"When you hear your neighbour saying that you have done good, it means you did good, when you hear your neighbour saying you have misbehaved, it means you misbehaved."* (Ibn e Majah)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! When Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has declared that judgement of your virtues and vice depends upon the opinion of your neighbour, we should ensure that we receive the seal of approval from our neighbours. This will only be possible if our dealings with them are proper and we fulfil their rights. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to be kind and respectful towards our neighbours. Aameen.

## That Person is Not a Believer

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"By Allah, he is not a believer, by Allah, he is not a believer? The companions of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam asked, "Ya Rasool Allah! Who is not a believer?" He Replied, "One from whose tortures his neighbour is not safe."* (Bukhari Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! It is a criterion of being a believer that we should be nice, gentle and helpful to our neighbours. If we will not do so, we cannot remain in the circle of faith. So this responsibility is our religious duty and an aspect of our faith. We have to ensure that our neighbours are not troubled by us, and that by living next to us, they feel safe and secure. We will definitely receive a great reward if our neighbours are happy. May Allah Ta'ala enable us to understand and follow Islam that teaches the golden rules of neighbourhood. Aameen

## War with Allah Ta'ala

The Master of all the worlds, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"One who troubles his neighbour troubles me, and one who troubles me troubles Allah Ta'ala, and one fights with his neighbour fights with me, and one who fights with me fights with Allah Ta'ala."* (Al Targheebul Tarheeb)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Who amongst us will dare fight with Allah Ta'ala and His Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam? None of us can even think about anything like that. The reality is that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that one who troubles and fights with his neighbour is doing exactly that. We should refrain from these things or we will be guilty of grieving Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrated that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"One who believes in Allah Ta'ala and on the day of judgement should not maltreat his neighbours."* (Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Again, we see the rights of neighbours are linked with basic aspects of faith. Our faith cannot be complete if we do not believe in the day of judgement. And if we are believers we have to fulfil the rights of our neighbours as we are told in many Ahadith. We will be questioned regarding our neighbours. If we want success on the day of judgement we must be good to our neighbours. Only those that do not fear the Wrath of Allah Ta'ala would tease and torment their neighbours. Remember the frightening reality of the day of judgement and be faithful and kind to your neighbours. May Allah Ta'ala make the day of judgement and the hereafter easy for us all. Aameen.

## Will Not Enter Paradise

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"A person will not enter Paradise whose neighbour is not safe from his mischief."* (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The Last and Final Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam defined the laws of entering Paradise. No one can change or alter it. We have to mould our character in the pattern of the Sunnah. All of us want to go to Paradise but how many of us think about the small and large requirements of entering Paradise? It is never too late. Even if we realise it now, we can be on the safe side. Start realising the importance of the rights of the neighbours and treat them with honour, respect and kindness. May Allah Ta'ala enable us to do so. Aameen

## A Regular Worshipper Doomed to Hell

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that once a person came to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and said, *"There is a woman who is very punctual and regular in offering Salat, Fasting, and giving charity but she hurts her neighbours with her tongue."* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"She is a dweller of Hell"*.

Then a person asked, “There is woman who is not very regular in offering Salat or keeping fast or giving Zakat and she gives charity of pieces of cheese but she does not tease her neighbour with her tongue,” Rasool Allah *sallalaho alaihe wasallam* replied, “She is dweller of Paradise.” (Ahmed Baihiqi)

My Beloved Prophet *sallalaho alaihe wasallam*'s beloved devotees! This saying of Rasool Allah *sallalaho alaihe wasallam* draws our attention towards some very important points. Firstly, most of us consider fulfilling the rights of Allah Ta'ala alone as the criteria for entering Paradise. In the above-mentioned Hadith, it has been made clear that worship (meaning voluntary, Nafil worship) will count for nothing if we mistreat our neighbours. Our identity as Muslims should be that our neighbours feel safe and secure living beside us, and are never troubled by us.

A true Muslim inspires with the vital force of character as in history Muslims enlightened the hearts of their neighbours and took them from the dark valley of infidelity to the enlightened circle of Islam. Unfortunately, we have forgotten our sacred teachings and we are paying the price of this negligence. Please think, it makes no difference if most of us are regular in worship but our neighbours are not safe from our torture. Then we are nothing but a crowd destined to Hell. Astaghfirullah! May Allah save all of us from the fires of Hell and may He give us the strength to fulfil the rights of neighbours. Aameen.

## Signs of the Day of Judgement

Hazrat Abu Musa *radiallaho ta'ala anhu* narrates that Rasool Allah *sallalaho alaihe wasallam* said, “*The Doomsday will not come until people will kill their neighbours, brothers and fathers.*” (Aladabul Mufarad)

My Beloved Prophet Muhammad *sallalaho alaihe wasallam*'s beloved devotees! May Allah keep us on the right path. May Allah bless us with a burial place in Madinah before the arrival of such cruel times when people will kill their relatives and neighbours.

Hazrat Abu Aamir Hamsi *radiallaho ta'ala anhu* narrates, “*Hazrat Sobaan radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that if any two persons boycott their relations more than three days, if one of them or both die, both of them will suffer catastrophe in the world hereafter. And if a person tortures his neighbour to the extent that he is forced to leave his residence, such person will also suffer punishment in the world hereafter.*” (Aladabul Mufarad)

My Beloved Prophet *sallalaho alaihe wasallam*'s beloved devotees! It is very common nowadays to see that a person is so cruel to his neighbour that the neighbour is forced to move away. If a neighbour is forced to change his residence because of the tortures of his neighbour, such a cruel act is greatly disliked by Allah. Whatever Rasool Allah *sallalaho alaihe wasallam* has said will certainly happen. So we should teach others and ourselves how to fulfil the rights of the neighbours. May Allah give us strength to follow the Sunnah. Aameen.

## Hazrat Imam Hasan *radiallalaho ta'ala anhu* and his neighbours

The neighbour of Hazrat Imam Hasan *radiallaho ta'ala anhu* was a Jew. The wall of the Jew's house had a cleft that widened to a cleavage and the garbage of his house started gathering at Hazrat Imam Hasan *radiallalaho ta'ala anhu*'s house. The Jew's wife told her husband about the situation and the Jew went to Hazrat Imam Hasan *radiallalaho ta'ala anhu* to apologise and asked the Imam why he had not complained about the situation.. Hazrat Imam Hasan *radiallalaho ta'ala anhu* said to him, “*My maternal grandfather has said, “Respect your neighbour and never hurt him with any kind of trouble.”*” As soon as the Jewish person heard these words, he embraced Islam. (Haqooqul Ibaad, Allama Alam Faqri)

My Beloved Prophet *sallalaho alaihe wasallam*'s beloved devotees ! It is one thing to know about the rights of neighbours, it is another to fulfil them. The grandson of Rasool Allah *sallalaho alaihe wasallam* knew the rights of neighbours and fulfilled them by his actions. You have seen what affect this had. Allah Ta'ala blessed the Jewish person with the great blessing of Iman. We claim to be lovers of the grandsons of Rasool Allah *sallalaho alaihe wasallam*, if only we would follow their teachings and act like they acted. If we did this, Muslims would not be hated by everyone, but would be loved. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

## Sultan Ba Yazeed and the Neighbour

Once upon a time Hazrat Ba Yazeed Bustaami *rehmatullahe alaihe* could not sleep at all throughout the night as there was a baby constantly crying next door. He had a very soft and sympathetic heart and the helpless crying of a small baby made him so restless that he kept on waiting impatiently for the sun to rise, and just after the appearance of the morning light, he went to the his neighbour's house and knocked on the door. A lady replied from the house that there was no male member in the house. Hazrat Ba Yazeed *rehmatullah alaihe* introduce himself and asked about the reason for baby crying. She told him that her husband was away on business and had been gone for a number of months. It was her newborn baby who was crying as he was scared of darkness and there was no oil for the lamp and no helper to buy oil from the market. Moreover, she was short of money too.

Sultan-ul-Aarifeen Hazrat Ba Yazeed rehmatullah alaihe went to the Masjid to offer Fajar prayers and after that he bought all the necessities for his neighbour. Every evening he used to buy oil and would wait to make sure that there was sufficient oil for the lamp in the woman's house. When the husband (who was Jewish), came back from his journey, he was thinking that his wife might have suffered a lot in his absence but he was so surprised and pleased to see his wife and baby in comfort and ease. After finding out that his Muslim neighbour had helped them, he went to Hazrat Ba Yazeed alaihir rahmah's house to express his gratitude. Sultan Ul Aarafeen, Hazrat Ba Yazeed rehmatullah alaihe said, "No my dear! There is no need of paying gratitude, I have just performed my duty and if I would not have done so, I would be a sinner according to my religion." After hearing this, the Jew took hold of Hazrat Ba Yazeed's hand and begged, "Please let me enter into such a protective and true religion which has made you such a marvellous human being, hide me under the shawl of this religion and let me recite your Kalima e Tayyaba." Thus, the Jew embraced Islam.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Such was the forceful character of the friends of Allah (Auliya e Kiraam). Look at the way Sultan-ul-Aarifeen (King of Mystics) dealt with a Jewish neighbour. We do not treat our Muslim neighbours and relatives with this kind of care and consideration. How will people become familiar with the beauty of Islam if we continue in this manner? It is critical that we adopt the habits of the friends of Allah Ta'ala. A poet has said so beautifully and the words are so true,

*Neither with the books, nor from the doorstep of colleges*

*Religion get absorbed in you by the enlightening vision of the saints*

May Allah Ta'ala enable us to follow the footsteps of the saints. Aameen



*Allah, In The Name of, The Most Affectionate, The Most Merciful*  
**Assalato wasallam o Alaika Yaa Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**  
**Wa Ala Aleyka Wa Ashaabika Ya Noor Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

## ***THE CONDEMNATION OF BACKBITING***

The Creator of the heavens and the earth has strictly condemned backbiting in the Qur'an, and backbiting has been compared with eating the flesh of your dead brother. Allah Ta'ala says in the Holy Qur'an, *"O believers! Avoid most suspicions, verily some suspicion is a sin and do not look out for faults and do not backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would hate it. And fear Allah, Verily Allah is Oft Returning, Merciful."* (Surah Hujurat, Verse 12)

The commentator of the Qur'an, Sadrul Afdaal, Hazrat Allama Naeem ud Din Muradabadi rehmatullah alaihe says in his explanation of this verse, "If some one does not desire to eat the flesh of his dead brother then he must not talk behind his back either. Just imagine, how would one feel if his flesh is being cut and eaten and he is helpless like a dead body to defend himself? This metaphor is used as an example to make us realise that backbiting hits hard upon the heart and breaking some one's heart is forbidden in Islam and is considered a deadly sin. And backbiting hurts the other person's self respect, and self respect is more important than man's flesh. (Khazain ul Irfaan)

While commenting upon the circumstances surrounding the revelation of the verse, he writes that when Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam prepare himself to leave for struggle in the path of Islam (Jihad), he used to put two wealthy Muslims with one poor Muslim in a group so that the poor would serve the rich and would get food and shelter in return. In this way all of them enjoyed ease. Once Hazrat Salman Farsi radiallaho ta'ala anhu went with two men. One day he slept and could not cook the food and so the two rich people sent him to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. The attendant of our Prophet Muhammad sallalaho alaihe wasallam was Hazrat Osama radiallaho ta'ala anhu. He told Hazrat Salman Farsi radiallaho ta'ala anhu that he did not have anything left with him to give him. Hazrat Salman Farsi radiallaho ta'ala anhu gave the same reply to the two rich men. Both of them said, "Osama has been miserly." When they went to meet Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, the Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said to them, *"I am seeing the pieces of meat on your mouths."* They said, "No, we have not eaten meat." Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"You have done backbiting, and one who does backbiting of a Muslim, he has eaten his flesh."* (Khazan ul Irfaan)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! In this world of today, you will find very few people who are not habitual backbiters. It has become a social custom that if two people meet, they start backbiting a third person who is not present with them. Our shallow morality and lack of seriousness in attitude may take us towards the fires of hell. We must wake up from this drowsiness of negligence and ignorance and should realise that backbiting is a deadly sin. Why do we opt for torturing others and choose torture for ourselves in the world hereafter? We should be sensible and wise enough to choose the right path for ourselves but we can never do so without the strength given to us by Allah Ta'ala. May Allah save us from the habit of backbiting. Aameen

### **What is backbiting?**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Do you know what backbiting is?" The companions of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam know best."* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Backbiting is saying something against your brother which is disliked by him."* Someone asked, *"What if that thing is present in his brother (then it may not be backbiting)?"* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam clarified, *"If you say something which is present in your brother, it is backbiting, if you say something which is not even present in your brother, then it is blame."* (Sahih Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! After knowing the clear-cut definition of backbiting, we need to always watch our words, intentionally or unknowingly we must not backbite. We must not break the hearts of other Muslim brothers. May Allah Ta'ala give us the strength of saving ourselves from backbiting and all other deadly sins. Aameen.

### **Backbiting worse than adultery**

Hazrat Abu Saeed and Jabbar radiallaho ta'ala anhumaa narrate that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *"Backbiting is a more deadly sin than adultery."* The people asked why backbiting was a more deadly sin than even adultery.

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “A man commits adultery and then ask for forgiveness, he is forgiven but a person who backbites is not forgiven until that person forgives him whose backbiting he had done.” (Rawahul Baihiqi Fi Sha’bal Iman)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! We are all aware of the ill effects of adultery. Everyone knows that adultery causes livelihood to be reduced, the noor from the face disappears, and two families are destroyed. An adulterer has no respect in society. However, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that a backbiter is worse than an adulterer is. This means the effects of backbiting and its punishment is worse than adultery. Therefore, do not involve yourselves in backbiting for the sake of a few seconds pleasure and risk humiliation in this world and the hereafter. May Allah save us from all sins. Aameen.

### **Hadith Regarding the Ascension**

Hazrat Anas radiallalaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “On the night of Ascension, I passed by a nation who were scratching and bruising their faces and chests, I asked who they were. The Nightingale of Sidra (Hazrat Jibra’eel) told me, “They are those who ate the flesh of people and used to attack their respect and honour.” (Roohul Bayan). My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! What a frightening punishment for backbiters has been mentioned in this Hadith, that the backbiters will scratch and injure their faces and their chests with their own hands because they had injured the hearts of the people by backbiting. Backbiters will be forced to do this so that they can feel the pain they caused to others by their backbiting. May Allah Ta’ala save us from deadly sins like backbiting.

### **The Smell of Backbiting**

Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah radiallalaho ta’ala anhu narrates that we were sitting with Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, all of sudden a foul smell rose. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “Do you know what this foul smell is?” He continued, “It is the foul smell of those who used to talk behind the back of Muslims.” (Fatawa E Razwiya)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The King of the universe has declared that the words coming from the mouth of a backbiter gives off a foul smell. As it is exhalation of hate, grudge, jealousy and so many other sins. A backbiter spreads infection of hatred and his presence makes the surroundings smell bad. We should refrain from this terrible act and try to stop others from backbiting as well. May Allah Ta’ala enable us to keep ourselves away from backbiting. Aameen.

### **Why is the Foul Smell of Backbiting Not Noticeable Any More?**

Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah radiallalaho ta’ala anhu narrates that during the life time of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, the people used to do less backbiting, and the foul smell of a backbiter was recognisable. But now, it has become such a common sin that people have become used to it and can tolerate its foul smell. For example the person who dyes leather has a very strong repulsive smell in his house. If some one comes from outside, this smell is intolerable for him, but the leather painter and his family get used to it and sleep, eat and live in the same place. The same is the case with the smell of backbiting these days. (Makashifat Ul Quloob).

Allah o Akbar! My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees, you will hardly find any function or social gathering where people are not backbiting because we have gone astray and have deviated from the path of Sunnah. The hearts are hardened and are void of the fear of Allah Ta’ala. We are facing spiritual famine which has snatched our sense of differentiating between vice and virtue. May Allah Ta’ala open our eyes and may He enable us to keep ourselves away from all sins, such as backbiting. Aameen.

### **Pungent Vomit of Pus and Blood**

Hazrat Anas radiallalaho ta’ala anhu narrates that one day Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam ordered that no one should open their fast without the permission of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. In the evening, the people started coming and they asked permission of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam before opening their fast. Later, one man came and asked that two women of his house wanted permission to open their fast. After listening to his request, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam turned his blessed face away. The person inquired why Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam had turned his face away? The person again requested permission for the two women to open their fast. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “How can a person be keeping fast who had spent his whole day in eating the flesh of people, you should go back and tell them if they are fasting, they should induce vomit.” The person went home and told those two women to induce vomit, they did so and both of them vomited clotted blood. That person came back to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and told him what had happened. The Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, “If that would have remained in their stomachs, they would have been burnt in fire.”

According to another narration, it is said that when Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam turned his face away, the person left and came again soon after and said that both of them were about to die. Then Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam told the man to bring both of them to him. When they came, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam arranged a bowl and told both of them to vomit in that, both of them vomited pus, blood and meat. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Both of them closed their fast with things made Halal (lawful) by Allah Ta’ala and opened their fast with things made Haram (unlawful), they both sat by one another and kept on eating the flesh of people (did backbiting).”* (Makaashifat ul Qaloob)

Allah o Akbar! My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam beloved devotees! The ugly reality of backbiting has been vividly presented in front of you. The two women, who did not eat anything, vomited pus, blood and flesh. It means, it is a reality that those who back bite, they are eating the flesh of the people. If we love Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, we should prove ourselves true followers and we should keep ourselves away from deadly sins such as backbiting. May Allah keep all of us on the right path. Aameen.

### **Meat of a Dead Donkey**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that when Hazrat Ma’izz Aslami radiiallaho ta’ala anhu was being beaten to death with stones, two men started chatting. One of them said, *“See! How Allah Ta’ala gave him respect and hid his sins but his desire did not spare him and he is beaten to death with stones like a dog.”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam heard their conversation and kept on walking quietly. There was a dead donkey lying on the road with scattered legs. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said to them, *“Go and eat flesh of this dead donkey.”* They said, *how can the flesh of a dead donkey be eaten?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“You insulted your brother which is worse than eating the flesh of a dead donkey, By Allah! In whose custody my life is, he (Ma’izz Aslami radiiallaho ta’ala anhu) is taking a bath in the rivers of Paradise.”* (Abu Daud)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Hazrat Ma’izz radiiallaho ta’ala anhu was given the chance by Allah Ta’ala to ask for forgiveness and he chose punishment in this world and Allah Ta’ala saved him from the punishment in the world hereafter. And those who were criticising him were warned by Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam for their act of backbiting and the example of dead donkey clarifies how disgusting the act of backbiting is. We must watch our words and must not hurt any one with our tongue and should not consider any one lower or inferior than ourselves. May Allah Ta’ala save us from sins. Aameen

### **Explanation of backbiting**

Every thing that is said about a person in his absence, if he were to hear it and dislike it, is backbiting according to Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Hazrat Aisha radiiallaho ta’ala anha narrates that once she mentioned that Hazrat Safia radiiallaho ta’ala anha is short in height. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The sentence you have uttered, if it is dropped in an ocean, it will dominate it.”* (Imam Ahmed, Tirmzi, Abu Daud)

This means that even saying something like that is backbiting, and that backbiting is so polluting that if it is put into an ocean, it pollutes the ocean. If a person is short in height and if we call him dwarf, midget, short etc. or something similar then this is also a sin. And pointing out defects of handicapped people is also backbiting. We must not hurt our Muslim brothers in any situation or event. (Books of Fiqh)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! We will be severely punished in this world and the world hereafter if we do not reform our conduct and character according to the Qur’an and Sunnah. May Allah keep all of us on the right path. Ameen

### **Backbiting of the Body**

This is if we point out someone’s physical features, such as black as smoke or having eyes like a cat or very tall like a giraffe etc.

### **Backbiting of Conduct**

This is if a person slanders the character of a Muslim brother. That means if he says that he is proud, big mouthed, stupid etc.

### **Backbiting of Dress**

This is if we criticise some one’s dress code or choice of dress that if they would hear us, it would upset them.

## Whose Backbiting is Permissible?

Tibrani has narrated through Mua'awiya bin Haida radiallaho ta'ala anhu that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Pointing out the faults of a transgressor is not backbiting.*" (Kanzul Aa'maal)

Similarly, a wronged person complaining about a cruel person in front of the King for help and justice is not backbiting. Pointing out the faults of a person in front of a Mufti (Religious Scholar) for clarifications and edicts (Fatwa) is not backbiting. Imaginary names such as Amar or Zaid can be used or real names can be mentioned. Once Hinda complained against Hazrat Abu Sufiyan radiallaho ta'ala anhu for not giving her sufficient money for grocery for her family. She asked if she could take according to her requirement without telling Hazrat Abu Sufiyan radiallaho ta'ala anhu. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, "*You can take what you need to be enough for you and your children.*" (Rad ul Mukhtaar, Bahar E Shariat)

Similarly! Exposing those that cause trouble and dissension (Fitna) for the safety of Muslims is not backbiting. Exposing those that are openly disobeying Islamic Law, such as robbers, bandits, dishonest people, adulterer's etc is not backbiting. If these people are exposed for the benefit of the society then this is not backbiting.

## Compensation of backbiting

Baihiqi writes in Dawat e Kabeer, that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*The compensation of backbiting is that one should say, 'May Allah forgive him and me'.*"

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! If we have done backbiting of some one unintentionally, we can ask for forgiveness for him and for ourselves. May Allah accept our prayers for forgiveness. Aameen

## Lesson of Hazrat Sa'adi rehmatullahe ta'ala alaihe

Hazrat Sheikh Sa'adi Shirazi writes in his famous book "Gulistan" that in his child hood he developed a love for worship and used to offer prayers during the night. One night, he was praying with his father and other people in the house were enjoying sleep. He said to his father, "Why don't these people wake up and offer two rak'ats nafil prayer instead of laying there like dead people?" His father said, "My son, it would have been better for you to sleep all night than this worship that you are doing, because you are involving yourself in backbiting.

**Moral:** "The humorist sees himself with his own eyes and thinks very highly of himself, open the door of the heart and you will find yourself lowest of all."

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We see that even great scholars never hesitate to introspect and correct themselves and ask for forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala, but nowadays! We see a majority of people who boast about their worship and consider others low for not worshipping as they do. Actually they do not inspire others for worship, rather they offend others and send them away from worship due to their arrogance. Such people appreciate themselves and keep on depreciating others and their apparent piety fails to spread dignity at all. You know, such attitude shows that we are caught by the paws of desires and do not think about any others but ourselves. May Allah save us from the crippling cage of desires. Aameen.

## Easy way to stay away from backbiting

Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlvi alaihir rahmah writes that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*When ever you sit in a gathering, recite, 'Bismilla Hir Rehman Nirraheem Wa Sallalaho Ala Muhammad,' Allah Ta'ala will appoint an angel upon you that will keep you away from backbiting. When you leave the gathering, recite, 'Bismilla Hir Rehman Nirraheem Wa Sallalaho Ala Muhammad', Allah Ta'ala will keep people away from backbiting you.*" (Jazbul Quloob ala Dayarul Mehboob)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Memorise the above mentioned words and tell other Muslims to do the same. May Allah keep all of us on right path. Aameen



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## ***THE CONDEMNATION OF ARROGANCE***

Arrogance and pride actually takes one away from benediction and benefit and takes one close to wastage and condemnation. It is enough for a person to block his own way to benediction and benefit with his pride which takes away his power of listening to good advice and arrogance does not let him take in good habits.

“Arrogance” means pride when a person considers others inferior and considers himself better than the rest.

Allah Ta’ala has condemned arrogance on so many occasions in the Holy Qur’an:

*“And I shall turn from My Signs those who wish greatness in the earth unjustly.” (Surah A’raf, verse 146)*

He says in another verse, *“He does not like those with pride.”*

In yet another verse, Allah Ta’ala says, *“Undoubtedly, those who are too proud to worship Me, soon will enter the Hell despised.” (Surah Mo’min, verse 60)*

## **SAYINGS OF RASOOL ALLAH sallalaho alaihe wasallam**

### **Deprived of Paradise**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas’ood radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“A person who has arrogance in his heart equal to a grain of rye will not enter Paradise and a person who has faith in his heart equal to a grain of rye will not enter Hell”* (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Today, whatever worship we do, how tattered it may be, the intention behind it, in fact, is the desire to enter Paradise. Man keeps on wishing that he may do a task that pleases Allah Ta’ala, so that Allah Ta’ala blesses him with the good news of Paradise. However if a worshipper develops pride and arrogance about his worship, and begins to boast about it, shows off in front of people and wants to be treated better than others, and begins to treat others as beneath himself. Allah Ta’ala does not look at the worship of such a person. He condemns pride and arrogance, whether it is due to knowledge, wealth, worship or authority, and an arrogant person is not allowed to enter Paradise. We should save ourselves from all those things that block our path to Paradise. Look inside yourself and if you find the slightest tinge of pride in your heart, wash it with tears of regret and regenerate a meek, humble and down to earth person in you so that Allah Ta’ala will be pleased with you and may He forgive all of us and may He enable us to stay away from arrogance and pride. Aameen

### **No Mercy For The Arrogant One**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates, Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Allah Almighty will not speak to three people, neither will He purify them, nor will He shower His mercy on them on the day of judgement. They are an aged adulterer, a lying king, and an arrogant beggar”* (Muslim Shareef)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! If Allah Ta’ala will not shower His Mercy then there is no chance of survival and safety on the day of judgement. Every one will be keen and eager to have Allah Ta’ala’s Mercy and that He talks to them but three unfortunate persons will be deprived of it. The first unfortunate sinner is an aged adulterer. Old age brings one closer to death and one should be more God fearing because he has reached such an age that people look at him with respect and trust him. If he breaks this trust and does not respect his age and indulges in a deadly sin like adultery, then how can Allah Ta’ala look at him with Mercy?

Similarly a king is trusted. People trust him and chose him as the head of the state. They trust him for safety and security of the whole country and also depend on him for their personal and social problems. If he breaks the trust of the people by being a liar and deceiving them, Allah Ta’ala will not forgive him on the day of judgement and he will not enter Paradise.

Then comes the third unfortunate person, who is poor and needy but threatens people with pride and forces them to give him some thing and his conduct is less like a beggar and more like a robber. Allah Ta'ala will not forgive him. The Look of Mercy from Allah Ta'ala and His words will give peace and contentment on the day of judgement but the three types of people mentioned in the above Hadith will be deprived of these things. May Allah save us from being any one of these three persons and may He look at us with His Mercy and save us from the torments of the day of judgement. Aameen.

### **Worse Than a Dog and a Pig**

Hazrat Umar Faruq radiallaho ta'ala anhu stood on the pulpit and said, "O you who believe! Adopt humility and meekness. I heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saying, *"One who adopts humility and meekness for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, Allah Ta'ala raises his stature to a glorious pedestal until the stage comes when he considers himself small but he has spiritual heights in the eyes of people. One who is arrogant, Allah Ta'ala degrades his stature to the lowest level and he loses respect in the eyes of people up to the point that he is considered worse than a dog and a pig."* (Rawahul Baihiqee)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Honourable is not one who considers himself honourable. Exalted and honoured is one who is given these rewards by Allah Ta'ala. One who considers himself high and honoured, Allah Ta'ala destroys his pride by making him worse than a dog and a pig.

Just think! What is the status of a dog and a pig in the eyes of people? These animals are usually beaten with stones and they are usually kicked out of the houses and towns. An arrogant person repels others and no one likes him or loves him and they will receive the same fate. The finality of an arrogant person is a lesson bearing warning for others. Considering yourself grand and glorious does not dignify you rather it takes you away from people and friends. The far better way, the approved code of behaviour in Islam is that which shows down to earth humility, meekness and humbleness that enables you to merge yourself freely and easily amongst people for better mutual understanding and relationships based on love, respect and care.

Never ever let the thought enter your heart that, "I am something". This pronoun "I" when joined with pride, is a sign that your heart has caught an infection of arrogance. And such a diseased heart will take you towards destruction and will ruin your worldly life and the life hereafter. Never invite such catastrophe into your lives. May Allah Ta'ala save us from diseases of the soul and may He make us meek, humble and gentle. Aameen.

### **Arrogant One is Bound for the Fires of Hell**

Hazrat Harisa bin Wahab radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates, that he heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam saying, *"Should I not tell you about dwellers of Hell?"* (Then he told us himself) *"Every person who is rude and harsh in speech and is arrogant."*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala has created Hell and Heaven. He has told us about the people who will go to heaven and He has mentioned those who will go to Hell. Dealing with people is also a test, a trial for us. There are certain people who consider themselves superior to others due to knowledge, wealth or social status, and then they are so soaked in pride, so arrogant, that they consider it their right to speak to others in a harsh and rude manner. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has said that such people are bound for hell. If any one of us is guilty of this crime, it is essential to refrain from it, and seek sincere repentance so that we can gain the pleasure of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. May Allah Ta'ala save us from harshness in speech and may He enable us to be polite, sympathetic and soft in speech so that no one's heart get hurts. Aameen

### **Pride is only for Allah**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates a Hadith e Qudsi, Allah Ta'ala says, *"Pride (of Absolute Power) and Glory is my shawl, and Magnificence is my covering. Any person, who argues with me on these two attributes, I will put him into Hell. And I will not worry about them at all."* (Muslim, Abu Daud, Ibn Majah)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala describes His Absolute Power as his shawl. We are all aware how furious we would be if someone tried to take our shawl from us. Remember, if we study the whole Qur'an we realise that not only is Allah Ta'ala exalted, His remembrance and His word is also exalted. How mistaken man is. Receiving a little worldly wealth, getting a little bit of power and authority, or earning a little bit of faith makes a person think that he is great and exalted. He starts to show arrogance and pride. Humans should know that this is only the status and right of Allah Ta'ala who is free from all faults and defects. Beware, save yourselves from bad qualities like pride and arrogance otherwise we will be fuel for the fire of hell. Only Allah Ta'ala has absolute power and glory and no one else. May Allah save us from pride and arrogance and makes us humble and modest. Aameen.

It is reported that once Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam put his blessed saliva on the palm of his hand and said, “Allah Ta’ala says, *O man it is strange that you are proud, where as I created you with water like this and when I completed your creation, you are wandering on the earth waywardly wearing extravagant clothes, where as you have to go into the same earth. You collect money and store it and when death is near you start asking for permission to spend it in charity but there is no time left now to give charity.* (Maqashifatul Quloob)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! At the time of death, a person starts hating those very things that made him proud and arrogant during his life. He was proud because of wealth, now he wants to give that wealth away to gain peace. He wishes that he had given the wealth away in charity before death and had not shown pride so that he could be at peace at that time. Just think! What right does a man have to be proud when he was created from an impure clot. May Allah Ta’ala grant us all respect and peace and save us from all evils. Aameen.

### **Special punishment for three persons**

Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam says, “*A neck with two ears, two eyes and the power of speech will rise from hell and it will say that it has been appointed over three people, every disobedient and arrogant person, one who associates partners with Allah Ta’ala, and one who makes pictures.*”

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The mere thought of hell makes the heart tremble and it is more frightening if it is a specific punishment for specific people. Amongst those things mentioned above, arrogance and making pictures is very common in Muslims today. May Allah Ta’ala forgive and protect us. The true Muslims of past were humble, meek and polite but nowadays these characteristics are very rare in Muslims, mostly people are arrogant and proud. We still have time to ask for forgiveness from Allah Ta’ala. We still we have time to reform ourselves. Allah Ta’ala is Rehman and Raheem. He will certainly forgive us. May Allah Ta’ala save us from all those deeds which are forbidden and disliked by Him. Aameen.

### **Arrogant People as Small as Ants**

On the day of judgement, arrogant people will be brought in such a state that their faces will be like humans but their size will reduced to the size of ants. They will be dragged to the prison house of hell, which is called “BooLus” and means desperation. They will be burnt in a fire called “Naar ul Anyaar.” They will be given the pus of the people of Hell to drink.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The king of the worlds has explained to us the fate of those that are proud and arrogant. We are lucky that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has told us about all those things that will lead to rejection and degradation in the hereafter. The person that walks on the earth with his head held up with pride, one who thinks of himself as better than others, walks on the earth with arrogance and firmness will find himself the size of an ant on the day of judgement. He will be trapped in a degrading punishment because Allah Ta’ala despises arrogance and pride. The proud and arrogant people will realise who the Greatest and Supreme One is on the day of judgement.

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! If we were guilty of pride or arrogance in the past, repent today and make sure that this disease never enters our mind or body again. Allah Ta’ala is the Benevolent One and loves the repentance of his slaves. He accepts it and looks at them with Kindness and Mercy. May Allah Ta’ala save us from such attitudes and may He keep us on the path of obedience to Him and his Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.



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## ***THE CURSE OF LYING***

Lying is a great evil and a deadly sin. Many vices in our society flourish due to lying. Lying is apparently a single sin, but it generates and promotes many sins. No one trusts a liar, no one believes in his statements. A habitual liar is considered not trust worthy even if he speaks the truth. Thus a liar is not respected in this world and is condemned to Hell in the world hereafter.

The evil of lying and its condemnation has been stressed many times in the Qur'an and this warning, which appeared many times, should be enough in which Allah Ta'ala says, "the curse of Allah is on the liars."

Allah Ta'ala also says in the Holy Qur'an,

*"And so lay the curse of Allah upon the liars." (Surah Aal e Imran, verse 61)*

It means lying is a curse and a cursed person is away from the Blessing and Mercy of Allah Ta'ala. In most of the Ahadith, lying has been condemned and a liar is declared as unfortunate and cursed which is clear from the Ahadith mentioned below.

### **A Believer Cannot Be a Liar**

Hazrat Safwaan bin Sulaim radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam was asked, "*Can a believer be a coward? He said, "Yes, he can be coward. Then it was asked whether a believer could be a miser? He replied, "Yes, he can be a miser", it was then asked whether a believer could be a liar? He replied, "No, a believer cannot be a liar."* (Imam Malik, Mishkaat)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! A believer is always in search of the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala. If he is a true believer, he will never go near lies as he does not want to lose the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala and does not want to be cursed. Realise this fact, a person who says La Illaha Ilal Laho Muhammad Ur Rasool Allah, if he tells a lie then he puts the authenticity of the Kalima in doubt as well. Our behaviour and code of action reflects our faith and if we are liars, we are not trust worthy, and therefore not able to serve and spread our religion. It is mentioned in this Hadith that a believer can be a coward, he can be a miser but he cannot be a liar. Lying is a great risk to our faith, it is a must for us to save our faith and in order to save our faith, it is very important to save ourselves from lying. We need to present ourselves as slogans of truth, the followers of the true religion, the undoubtable Qur'an and Ummah of a Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam, who was declared Saadiq even by the infidels of Makkah. (Saadiq means one who always speaks the truth). May Allah Ta'ala enable us to speak the truth and always stay away from lies. Ameen

### **Angels Go 1 Mile Away**

Hazrat Ibn e Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*When a person tells a lie, the angels run one mile away.*" (Tirmizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The angels are every where to defend human beings. They are present in the gatherings of zikr of Allah Ta'ala and Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. They are also present in the streets and the market places. When a person tells a lie, his mouth raises such a bad odour that the angels run one mile away. If Allah Ta'ala's angels do not wish to stay near a liar, how will the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala remain close to him? If the Mercy is not near, where will the blessings come from? We have to purify our habits and stay away from lying and making false statements. May Allah Ta'ala enable us to stick to the truth and stay away from lies. Aameen.

### **Lying is a Sign of Hypocrisy**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr Ibnal Aas radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*A person having four qualities is a confirmed hypocrite. If some one has one of these qualities, he has one of the qualities of a hypocrite until he leaves it. They are, when some thing is trusted to him, he breaches that trust, when ever he speaks he tells a lie, when he makes a promise he breaks it and when he fights with someone he uses vulgar and abusive language.* (Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The hypocrites have been discussed in this Hadith and they are condemned in the Qur'an in very strict words. The Holy Qur'an says, "*Undoubtedly, the hypocrites are in the lowest section of Hell.*" (Surah Nisa, verse, 145)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! All these four signs of hypocrisy are present in the majority of the Muslims today. The first is breach of trust. May Allah Ta'ala protect, but people do not consider breaching trust and taking someone else's things as a sin anymore. Similarly, breaking a promise is evident from business dealings to all aspects of our lives; it has reached epidemic proportions. The third thing, lying, has become an art form, to see who is best at it. (Ma'azallah). Using vulgar language has also become common amongst Muslims and people do not consider it a great sin. Even after being guilty of all these things, everyone claims to be a true believer. If these things are present in us, there is no one that is more misguided than us because the qualities of a hypocrite are running wild in our bodies and minds. May Allah clean our hearts of hypocrisy and lying and may He make us true, pure and real Muslims. Aameen.

### **The Biggest Lie**

Hazrat Ibn Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*The biggest lie is that a person describes a thing as if he has seen it but in fact he has not seen it.*" (Bukhari Shareef)

### **Lying Is The Biggest Sin**

Hazrat Abu Bakr radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*Should I tell you the greatest among the deadly sins,*" I said, "*Why not? Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam.*" He said, "*Associating partners with Allah Ta'ala, disobedience of Parents, (when he was saying this he was lying in a relaxed position, suddenly he sat straight up), and said, "Beware of lying"... he kept on repeating this for such a long time that we started hoping that he would end this topic and talk to us about another topic.*" (Bukhari Shareef, Vol 1)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! The way Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam sat up when he mentioned lying is to warn us and make us aware that this is a deadly sin and make sure you stay away from it. Stay away from lying and see how many blessings rain down on you from Allah Ta'ala.

I have great hope that we will all save ourselves from lying from this day on, and may Allah Ta'ala bless us with the guidance and strength to follow the right path. Aameen.

### **Hazrat Luqman's Advice**

Hazrat Luqman alaihis salaam advised his sons, "Never lie even if the lie seems as delicious as the meat of a bird, because the evil of even a small lie destroys the liar."

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Hazrat Luqman alaihis salaam is advising his son's to never lie. Nowadays, parents do not bother to teach their children to speak the truth and to avoid lying; rather, they themselves force and teach their children to lie. What a great example was used by Hazrat Luqman alaihis salaam in that the taste of meat is momentary. Similarly, the taste of lying is also temporary. May Allah bless us with the strength of focusing on the permanent pleasures of the world hereafter, and may He save us from lying and all other deadly sins. Aameen.

### **The Biggest Dishonesty**

Hazrat Sufyaan bin Asad Hazri radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "*The greatest dishonesty is that you tell your brother something and he thinks you are speaking the truth, but in fact, you are lying.*" (Bukhari Shareef, Abu Daud)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There are very few people who are not guilty of the things that are mentioned in the Hadith mentioned above. We should try to save ourselves from this dishonesty and all forms of dishonesty. There is benefit in this for us and it is that Allah ta'ala will save us from grief in both worlds, and will bless us with great respect and grace. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen.

### **The Blessings of Not Lying**

The Leader of Aulia e Kiram Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani radiallaho ta'ala anhu, left his mother and joined a caravan for Baghdad. The caravan reached a city in Hamdaan safely. When it left from there and headed for a mountainous region, sixty robbers attacked whose leader was Ahmed Badwi. The people in the caravan did not possess the strength to fight them and the robbers snatched all the valuables from them and sat down to distribute it amongst themselves. Sheikh Abdul Qadir was standing peacefully at one side. No one noticed him. Seeing that he was a child they did not search him. One of the robbers asked him as if he had anything. Hazrat Abdul Qadir Jilani told him fearlessly, "Yes, I have forty dinars" The robber did not believe him and walked away. Another robber asked him the same question and he gave the same reply. This robber also did not believe him, laughed and walked away.

The robber went to where his leader was and the stolen articles were being distributed. He mentioned the words of the young man and the leader told him to bring the young man before him. Hazrat Ghauth E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu was taken to the leader of the robbers and he asked him, "Tell me the truth, do you have any thing valuable?" Hazrat Abdul Qadir Jilani radiallaho ta'ala anhu replied, "Yes! I have already told your comrades that I have forty dinars." The leader of the robbers asked, "Where are they?" Hazrat Abdul Qadir radiallaho ta'ala anhu replied, "They are stitched in my clothes under my arm pits." The leader of the robbers checked and found the dinars there. He was shocked to see the boldness and bravery of this young boy and was stunned to see that the young boy was so fearless and confident. He asked, "Who made you so brave?" Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani radiallaho ta'ala anhu said, "When I was leaving home, my respected and elderly mother advised me to always speak the truth and not to lie. Why would I disregard the advice of my mother for 40 dinars?"

The leader of the robber felt the impact of these words right on his heart, his hardened heart started melting and tears started gushing forth from his eyes which cleansed the darkness and evil that was in his heart. He said, "O child! You obeyed the advice and words of your mother so obediently and I have been disobeying the commands of my Lord for so long." After saying this he cried for so long that he was inconsolable. He then fell at the feet of Sayyedina Ghauth E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu and repented from a life of robbery and torment. Upon seeing their leader, his men also fell at the feet of Ghauth E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu and said to their leader, "You were our leader when we were robbing people, now you are our leader in repentance as well." (Seerat E Ghauth E Azam)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We should take many lessons from the incident mentioned above. Not just by saying, "We will never leave Ghauth E Azam (Ghauth ka daaman nahi chhorain gey)", but by adopting his character we will prove that we love him. We need to show our love, sincerity, respect and loyalty to Sayyedina Ghauth E Azam radiallaho ta'ala anhu by following in his blessed footsteps. May Allah Ta'ala guide us to follow the true teachings of the Friends of Allah ta'ala. Aameen.



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## ***THE CONDEMNATION OF JEALOUSY***

In The Holy Qur'an Allah Ta'ala says,

*“And covet not that where by Allah has made one of you excel over the other. For men there is share from their earning, and from women there is share from their earning. And ask Allah for His Grace. Undoubtedly, Allah knows everything.” (Surah Nisa, verse 32)*

In another place Allah Ta'ala says,

*“(O beloved Say I take refuge) From the evil of the envier when he envies me.” (Surah Falaq, verse5)*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Allah Ta'ala is telling His beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam to take refuge. Why is he telling him to take refuge and what is he telling him to seek refuge from? It states that seek my safety from the envious, jealous ones when they approach you. My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! A jealous person tries to cause as much damage as possible because of his jealousy and leaves no stone unturned in his mission. He uses all his strengths and everything in his power to disrupt and destroy. That is why we are told to seek refuge from Allah Ta'ala, because nothing can breach His security.

Let us look at what jealousy is. We should understand it properly so that we can save ourselves from this large sin.

Anger turns to hatred and hatred turns to jealousy. Jealousy is only on the Blessings and Graces bestowed by Allah Ta'ala. When Allah Ta'ala grants something to any of His bondmen, one of two conditions overcomes his brothers (in faith). One of these conditions is that he does not like it and wants blessing to disappear. This is called jealousy.

Jealousy is not liking a blessing and wanting it to disappear. The second condition is not wanting it to disappear or not wishing ill for his brother, but wanting this same thing for himself. This is known as envy (Rashk). To envy is allowed whereas jealousy is strictly forbidden (Haraam). May Allah Ta'ala save us all from jealousy and make us happy on our situations and wish the best for everyone. Aameen.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Save yourselves from jealousy, because jealousy destroys good deeds just like fire destroys sticks.”* (Abu Daud)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are all aware of how difficult it is to do good deeds in this age of trials and tribulations. People do not have the time to do good deeds in this dreadful atmosphere. Even if a person wants to do good deeds in this sea of evil, he finds it very difficult to do so. If he does manage to do some good deeds, saving the good deed is extremely tough. Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has bestowed on us a great favour by telling us what causes our good deeds to be destroyed; *“jealousy destroys good deeds just like fire destroys sticks.”*

You can understand from the above example that just as a fire leaves no trace of the stick once it gets hold of it, the same thing applies to good deeds if they are caught by the flame of jealousy. Therefore to save your good deeds, save yourself from jealousy, which is a great evil. May Allah Ta'ala save us from all bad deeds. Aameen.

Hazrat Anas radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Do not have hatred or jealousy for each other. Do not have enmity for each other and do not break relations with each other. And O slave of Allah Ta'ala, become brothers to each other and it is not permissible for a Muslim to cut off relations with another Muslim for more than three days.”* (Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! We are going closer to those things that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has ordered us to stay away from. We have been forbidden to hate, to have jealousy, to make enemies and from breaking off relations. However these things are rampant in our societies. Muslims have become so greedy for personal gain that they do not even care if something is forbidden. If we become obedient to the teachings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, the beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam would look at us with kindness and generosity. The Mercy to the world's sallalaho alaihe wasallam has ordered Muslims to treat each other as brothers and not to break off ties for more than three days.

He is making us aware that if we are his true followers then we should love him and resolve all our problems and disputes within three days. May Allah Ta'ala look at all of us with grace and kindness. May he guide us to follow the teachings of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. Aameen.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Everyone’s deeds are presented twice a week, on Monday’s and Thursday’s. The sins of all are forgiven except the person who has hatred or jealousy for his Muslim brother. The Angels are told to leave them (not to wipe clean their sins) until such a time that he refrains from doing this.”*

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Our deeds are presented on Monday’s and Thursday’s. Look at the Mercies of the Merciful One that He forgives everyone except those two that have hatred or jealousy in their hearts for each other. These two are not forgiven. What can be less fortunate for these two than the fact that the Merciful wants to forgive but they are not in a position to be forgiven?

We see from this that hatred and jealousy is such an evil that Allah Ta'ala strictly dislikes it and is so unhappy at those that are suffering from it that He tells the Angels to leave such people in the state that they are in until they do not reform. May Allah Ta'ala save you, me, and all Muslims from this disease and illness. Aameen.

### **Hatred and Jealousy the Disease of Previous Nations**

Hazrat Zubair radiallaho ta'ala anhu states that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The diseases and illnesses of the previous nations (ummats) have infected you as well. This illness is hatred and jealousy, which will make you bald. I do not mean bald as in having no hair, I mean it will shave (destroy) your faith.”* (Tirmizi, Imam Ahmed)

Allah O Akbar! My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The previous nations changed the whole face of their religion. They called Hazrat Isa alaihis salaam the son of Allah Ta'ala. They changed the contents of the revealed books as they pleased. The extent of their hatred and jealousy was so deep rooted, that they denied and refused to believe the verses that gave the good news about the arrival of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam that were present in their books. The Christians and Jews refuse to believe on the exalted status of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam on the basis of their hatred and jealousy and with this they destroyed their faith.

The Crown of the Universe sallalaho alaihe wasallam has told us how to save ourselves from destroying our faith, and also showed us how to safeguard it.

May Allah Ta'ala show kindness to us all and give us the guidance to safeguard our faith. Aameen.

### **Jealous Person Is An Enemy of Allah Ta'ala's Blessings**

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas radiallaho ta'ala anhumu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Undoubtedly there are those that are the enemies of Allah Ta'ala's blessings.”* The companions asked, *“Who are they?”* Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam replied, *“Those people that burn inside (are jealous) because of the blessings that Allah Ta'ala has granted to another person.”* (Tibrani)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! The disease of burning is rampant today. If someone else has wealth or respect, their relatives and friends burn and pray for this blessing to be destroyed. If only we would a bit of intelligence we would never be jealous of blessings received by anyone else. The One who can grant wealth, happiness and respect to whomever He pleases grants those blessings, and people get jealous and think they can stop that?

This ignorant person does not realise that nothing will happen based on what he wants, but only the Will of Allah Ta'ala will prevail. Therefore always remain happy with the decision of Allah Ta'ala and ask him for Bounties and for a clean heart. He is the Beneficent One and does not turn beggars away empty handed but fills their needs with the sadqa of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and grants them blessings as well.

May Allah Ta'ala shower his Blessings on all believers. Aameen.

### **One Who Is Pleased At A Muslim's Difficulties**

Hazrat Waasila bin Asqa radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Do not be pleased at the difficulties of your brother, Allah Ta'ala will free him and will afflict you with that difficulty.”* (Tirmizi)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! It is not befitting a Muslim that he should be happy at another Muslim’s difficulties, even if he causes us thousands of problems. The reason for this is that the true pain of those difficulties is only felt by the one who is inflicted with it. A complete believer is one who wishes for his Muslim brother what he likes for himself. Remember, if you see a Muslim in difficulties and pray for his freedom from those difficulties, Allah Ta'ala is the Merciful One, He will free the person from troubles and will stop difficulties from your path.

Someone has said so elegantly and beautifully, “Do good and you will receive good.” If we see someone in trouble and are happy then it is possible that Allah Ta’ala will free him from that difficulty and will inflict us with that pain and trouble. Therefore if we want to save ourselves from troubles, never be happy at the difficulties of others. May Allah Ta’ala grant all Muslims respect, happiness and pure hearts. Aameen.

### **Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam Feared Jealousy In His Ummah**

Hazrat Abu Ammar Asharaani radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“The biggest fear that I have for my ummah is that because of abundance of wealth, there will be jealousy and they will start to kill each other.”* (Ahya Ul Uloom)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam has stated that the reason for jealousy will be abundance of wealth, and the result of this jealousy will be bloodshed amongst each other. This is what is happening today. Do we not see the thing that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam feared present in our societies today? Of course we do. We see that because of a few pounds or dollars, or because of success, or increased business, all efforts are made to destroy him and this bloodshed is getting worse day by day. If Muslims would save themselves from this disease of jealousy, I believe many issues would be resolved in society. There would be love and understanding amongst people. Let us pray that Allah Ta’ala saves us all from jealousy and guides us to be happy when we see others happy. Aameen.

### **Glad Tidings of Paradise Given In The World**

Hazrat Anas radiallaho ta’ala anhu narrates that we were present in the court of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, and he said, *“There will be a dweller of Paradise (Jannati) that comes here right away. At that moment an Ansari companion arrived. He had shoes in his left hand and the water from ablution was dripping from his beard. He greeted all of us. The next day Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said the same thing and this same companion arrived. The same thing happened on the third day. When Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam had left, Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr bin Aas radiallaho ta’ala anhu followed the Ansari companion and said to him, “I have had a disagreement with my parents and have promised not to go to them for three days. Can I spend these three days with you?” The narrators report that he spent 3 nights at the Ansari companion’s house. He saw that he did not get up to worship in the night but that when he would turn over in his sleep he would take the name of Allah Ta’ala. He stayed on his bed until it was time for morning prayer. He did not hear anything but goodness from his mouth in the time that he spent with him. When he had spent three days with him and realised that his deeds were minor he said to him, “O slave of Allah Ta’ala ! There was no fight between my parents and I nor was there any disagreement. I heard Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam say that you were a dweller of Paradise. I wanted to see what great deeds you did that you received the good news of Paradise on the earth. I did not see you doing any extra worship or deeds in these three days, so how did you attain this high status? He replied, “My deeds are just those that you have seen.” When I started to leave he called me back and said, “I do not hold any resentment for any other Muslim in my heart, and therefore I have no jealousy for anyone for any blessings that Allah Ta’ala has given them.” Hazrat Abdullah radiallaho ta’ala anhu said to him, “This is the quality that has enabled you to reach such a raised position and this is beyond us.”* (Narrated by Ahmed)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Who does not want Paradise, respect, and a raised status? All you need to do is clean your heart of any malice or ill feeling for another Muslim, and if you see someone happy or successful, pray for their increased happiness and increased wealth. The result of wishing good on a fellow Muslim will lead to Allah Ta’ala to looking at us with Grace and Mercy and He will make us deserving of Paradise as well, and grant us respect in both worlds. May Allah Ta’ala cleanse our hearts of malice, hatred, jealousy, and guide us to always wish for the best for everyone. Aameen.

### **In The Shade of the Heavens**

It is narrated that when Hazrat Musa Kalim Ullah alaihis salaam climbed Mount Toor to communicate with Allah Ta’ala, he saw a person in the shade of the heavens. He was envious of the status of this person and asked Allah Ta’ala, “Can I know the name of this person?” A reply came, “Let Me tell you about his actions, he was never jealous of anyone, he never disobeyed his parents, and he did not back-bite or tell tales.” (Ahya Ul Uloom, Vol 3)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam’s beloved devotees! Hazrat Musa alaihis salaam, a great Prophet of Allah Ta’ala was envious of this person and his status. Allah O Akbar! May we be sacrificed on the fortune of this person that he was in the shade of the heavens. May Allah Ta’ala grant us the same habits that he had, and save us from jealousy, make us obedient to our parents and save us from back-biting. Aameen.

## The Calamity of Jealousy

Imam Ghazali alaihir rahmah writes in his famous book, "Ahya Ul Uloom" that Bakr bin Abdullah rehmatullahe ta'ala alaihe states that a person goes to the court of a King and keeps repeating the words, "Repay the favour of a benefactor by treating him well in return. The one that treats you badly, his evil is enough for him." One person was jealous of this man that was standing in the court of the King and he said to the King, "This person that is standing here and saying this, he has hatred for you in his heart and says that the King has bad breath."

The King asks the person what proof he has of this and the man replies that when he stands up to say those words he is covering his nose so that your bad breath does not worry him. The King said that, "I will test him and if it is as you say I will punish him severely."

The backbiter then fed the person food that contained a lot of garlic. Soon the King called him and when he approached the King he covered his mouth so that the smell of garlic would not unduly trouble the King. Upon seeing this the King believed what the backbiter had told him. He gave a letter to this person to give to the King's agent with the message that as soon as the agent received the letter he should kill the person that had brought the letter, and stuff his body with straw and send it back to him. The person took the letter and set off.

Along the way he met the backbiter. He asked what the King had given him. The person replied that he had a letter for the King's agent and he would get a reward when he delivered it. The backbiter thought that he would get the reward instead and said, "Give me the letter, I will deliver it." The person gave him the letter and the backbiter rushed to the King's agent. The agent read the letter and told the backbiter that the letter ordered him to kill the person that delivered the letter and stuff his body with straw. Now the backbiters eyes were opened. He pleaded with the agent to check with the King but the agent would not listen to him and carried out the orders of the King.

The person that was supposed to take the letter went to the King's court as was his custom and the King was shocked to see him. He asked him about the letter and the person told him what had happened. The King told him what the letter contained and also told him that the same person had told him that he hated the King. That was the reason for the King ordering him to be killed. The king explained that he was told that he did not come close to the king because of his bad breath. The person explained that it was because of the smell of garlic on his breath that he did not come close. The King told him to take his place and that the backbiter had received the punishment for his actions. The King said, "You were right when you said, the one that treats you badly, his evil is enough for him." (Ahya Ul Uloom, Vol 3)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Have you seen the result of trying to trouble innocent people? Remember that no one can live with peace in the world if they wish ill on anyone else. You will find many incidents like this throughout history. You will never find one that wishes well on others in a troubled state. Allah Ta'ala grants peace and contentment to those that wish good for His bondmen, and seizes those that wish ill on others in such a way that the world says that he got what he deserved.

Therefore we should take a lesson from the story that has just been related and always wish the best for everyone. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Aameen

## Jealous Of The Pious

One time shaitaan came to Hazrat Nooh alaihis salaam and said, "I want to repay a favour that you did for me." Hazrat Nooh alaihis salaam said, "O rejected one, I never even let you close to me, how could I have done you any favour?"

Shaitaan said, "By asking for your disobedient nation to be drowned, you have saved me from future calamities. You have saved me the trouble of struggling for ways to make them disobedient. In return for that I want to give you some advice, that save yourselves from being jealous of pious people. I was destroyed because I was jealous of Hazrat Adam alaihis salaam, and I became the first one to enter Hell. I could not stand his excellence and his status and refused to bow in front of him and therefore became cursed and rejected." (True Narrative, Nuzhatul Majaalis)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Sometimes the enemy speaks the truth as well. Shaitaan was jealous of Hazrat Adam alaihis salaam and for this Allah Ta'ala rejected his worship, rejected his praises and rosaries that he had said, did not look at the fact that he had taught the Angels. The result of his jealousy at the status that Allah Ta'ala had given Hazrat Adam alaihis salaam was that he was rejected and cursed forever. This shows us that jealousy is such a great sin that it destroys all the good that a person may have done and makes a person destined for hell. May Allah Ta'ala save us all from jealousy. Aameen.

## In Hell One Year Earlier

It is narrated that, "Six people will be put in Hell one year before the accounting begins on the day of judgement. People asked, "Ya Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam, who are these people?" He replied, 1) The rich person who is cruel,

2) *The Arab who is prejudice/racist, 3) The landowner who is proud, 4) The businessman whose business practices are not fair, 5) The illiterate because of his ignorance, 6) the scholar because of his jealousy.*”

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May Allah Ta'ala protect us all from being amongst the six types of people mentioned above and save us from those bad habits. Aameen.

### **Jealousy Only Allowed In Two Things**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar radiallaho ta'ala anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“Jealousy is only for two kinds of people. The first is that person who has been given wealth by Allah Ta'ala and he spends it all in His path. The second is the person that has been given knowledge, and he acts upon what he knows and teaches the knowledge that he has to other people.”* (Bukhari and Muslim)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! There is benefit in being jealous of the two types of people mentioned above. However, people are not jealous of such people these days, they think of them as stupid if they do such things. They think of them as backward and not educated or intelligent. If we see someone with wealth that spends in the path of Allah Ta'ala or a scholar that shares his knowledge we should pray that we are blessed with those things so that we can also do those same things. May Allah Ta'ala include us amongst those that are pious. Aameen.

### **Ways To Be Safe From Jealousy**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, *“No person is free of three things, 1) Suspicion, 2) Bad Fortune, 3) Jealousy. When you suspect something, do not believe it as true. When someone tells you that you will have bad fortune, stay busy in your work. When you feel jealousy, do not desire it.”*

Imam Muhammad Ghazali alaihir rehman says that, *“Jealousy is one of the biggest diseases of the heart, and the cure is that a jealous person should realise with a cool head that his jealousy will never destroy the blessings of anyone. There will be no loss to the person that I am jealous about, but my jealousy will ruin my world and my hereafter. I will burn with jealousy inside me and my good deeds will be ruined. My good deeds will go to the person who I am jealous about on the day of judgement. Also he should think that those blessings were given to the person by Allah Ta'ala. By being jealous and burning inside I am showing displeasure at the will of Allah Ta'ala and ruining my faith and my belief. He should think about these things and realise that Allah Ta'ala is The Wise One. He gives to each what they deserve. The person I am jealous about obviously deserves those things in the sight of Allah Ta'ala and that is why he got those things. In this way the disease of jealousy will leave the heart and the jealous person will be saved from the fire of jealousy.”* (Ahya Ul Uloom, Vol 3)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to act upon the words of Imam Ghazali alaihir rahman. Aameen.

### **No Divine Guidance To Recite The Kalima**

One of the students of Hazrat Fuzail bin Ayaaz radiallaho ta'ala anhu was close to death. He went to him and sat by his head and began reciting Surah Yasin shareef. The student said, *“O my teacher! Do not recite this (It will be of no use to me).”* He stayed quiet for a while then urged him once again to recite *“Laa Ilaha Illa Laah.”* The student said, *“I can not recite that at this time. I am in a bigger predicament than this.”* He said this and died.

Hazrat Fuzail returned home and cried for forty days at the mistake of his student, and did not leave his home. On the fortieth day he saw in a dream that the student was being dragged towards hell. Hazrat Fuzail said, *“O treacherous one, what did you do that made you deserving of Hell, even though you are my student? I did not expect this from you.”* The young man replied, *“I was involved in three things,*

- I was a telltale. I would tell my friends one thing, and would tell you something else.
- Jealousy. I was always jealous of those that were better off than I was.
- I had an illness and a doctor told me that to cure it I should drink alcohol once a year. Therefore I used to drink alcohol once every year.”

(Tafseer Roohul Bayaan, Vol 3)

My Beloved Prophet sallalaho alaihe wasallam's beloved devotees! Hazrat Fuzail bin Ayaaz rehmatallohe ta'ala alaihe was a friend of Allah Ta'ala (Aulia Allah). Even his prompting did not enable this person to recite the Kalima at the time of death and he became one condemned to Hell. He had three faults and the result of those faults was devastating. Allah Ta'ala was so displeased at his backbiting, his jealousy, and at his use of alcohol, that even the prompting of a friend of Allah could not bring the Kalima on his tongue. That is why we should always pray to stay away from sins and always keep account of our deeds and actions. Remember true success is death with faith. May Allah Ta'ala keep us alive on faith and give us death on the religion of Islam. May He save us from the three sins mentioned above and from all sins. Aameen.



## **MUNAJAAT (DUA)**

Ya Ilahi Har Jagah Teri Ataa Ka Saath Ho  
 Ya Ilahi Bhool Jaaon Naz'a Ki Takleef Ko  
 Ya Ilahi Gor Teera Ki Jab Aaye Sakht Raat  
 Ya Ilahi Jab Parey Mehshar Mey Shor Daar o Geer  
 Ya Ilahi Jab Zubaney Baahar Aaye Pyaas Sey  
 Ya Ilahi Garmee E Mehshar Sey Jab Bharkey Badan  
 Ya Ilahi Naama E Aamaal Jab Khulney Lagey  
 Ya Ilahi Jab Bahain Aankhain Hisaab E Jurm Mey  
 Ya Ilahi Rang Laaye Jab Meri Bey Baakiyan  
 Ya Ilahi Jab Chaloo Taareekh Raah E Pul Siraat  
 Ya Ilahi Jab Sar E Shamseer Par Chalna Parey  
 Ya Ilahi Jo Duain Naik Ham Tujh Sey Karey  
 Ya Ilahi Jab Raza Khwaab E Giraan Sey Sar Uthaaye

Jab Parey Mushkil Shahey Mushkil Kusha Ka Saath Ho  
 Shaadiye Deedar Husney Mustafa ka Saath Ho  
 UnKey Pyaarey Moonh Ki Subhey Jaan Fiza Ka Saath Ho  
 Amn Deyney Waaley Pyaarey Paishwa Ka Saath Ho  
 Saahib E Kauthar Shahey Jood O Ataa Ka Saath Ho  
 Daaman E Mehboob Ki Thandi Hawa ka Saath Ho  
 Aib Poshey Khalq Sattar E Khata Ka Saath Ho  
 Un Tabbasum Raiz Hoton Ki Dua Ka Saath Ho  
 Unki Neechi Neechi Nazron Ki Haya Ka Saath Ho  
 Aaftaab E Hashmi Noorul Huda Ka Saath Ho  
 Rabbey Sallim Kehney Waaley Gham Zuda Ka Saath Ho  
 Qudsiyon Key Lab Sey Aameen Rabbana Ka Saath Ho  
 Daulat E Beydaar Ishqey Mustafa Ka Saath Ho

**AAMEEN....AAMEEN....AAMEEN**

## **LAKHON SALAAM**

<i>Mustafa Jaan E Rehmat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>	<i>Sham'e Bazm E Hidayat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Shehr E Yaar E Iram Taajdaar E Haram</i>	<i>Nau Bahaar E Shafa'at Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Door O Nazdeek Key Sun-ney Waaley Wo Kaan</i>	<i>Kaan Laal E Karamat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Jis Key Maathey Shafa'at Ka Sehra Raha</i>	<i>Oos Jabeen E Sa'aadat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Jis Taraf Uth Gayee Dam Mey Dam Aagaya</i>	<i>Oos Nigaah E Inayat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Patli Patli Guley Quds Ki Pattiyan</i>	<i>Un Labon Ki Nazaakat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Woh Zubaan Jis Ko Sab Kun Ki Kunji Kahey</i>	<i>Oos Ki Naafiz Hukoomat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Kul Jahan Milk Aur Jau Ki Roti Giza</i>	<i>Oos Shikam Ki Kana'at Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Jis Suhaani Ghari Chamka Taibah Ka Chand</i>	<i>Oos Dil Afroz Saa'at Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Ghauth E Azam Imam Mutuqqa Wan Nuqa</i>	<i>Jalwa E Shaan E Qudrat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Shafa-ee Maalik Ahmed Imam Haneef</i>	<i>Chaar Baag E Imamat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>
<i>Kash Mehshar Mey Jab Unki Aamad Ho Aur</i>	<i>Beyjhey Sab Unki Shauqat Pey Lakhon Salaam</i>

*Mujh Sey Khidmay Key Qudsi Kahain Haan Raza  
 Mustafa Jaan E Rehmat Pey Lakhon Salaam*