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## Foreword

The religion of Islam provides principles for all aspects of a person's life. In order to have a mutually respectful society, it is necessary to know the rights that people have over each other. Details of many fundamental human rights are mentioned in detail in the Qur'an and Ahadith. There are many books by the Scholars of Ahle Sunnat describing rights and responsibilities in great detail. In the booklet in your hand, six rights of a Muslim are explained in detail. The aim is that it will make people aware of the rights that others have over them and instil in them a desire to fulfil their responsibilities and duties as believers so they can create a harmonious and peaceful society and account for their deeds in front of Allah Ta'ala. This is only possible if one knows the importance of his duties and responsibilities. We should know that society can only be peaceful if each and every person is sincere in fulfilling the rights that others have over them. That is why it is necessary for us to understand these rights and responsibilities and instil in ourselves a desire and passion to fulfil them.

Allah Ta'ala states:

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي  
الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ  
الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ  
أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَأَلِيمٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

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**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 and to your male and female servants.**

**Undoubtedly, Allah loves not the proud, boastful.**

*(Surah Nisaa Verse 36)*

In the above mentioned verse, as well as mentioning His rights, Allah Ta'ala mentions the rights of many others, which demonstrates the importance of fulfilling those rights. The rights of parents, neighbours, relatives, etc can be studied in detail in Barkaat e Shariat. At this time we are attempting to learn how many rights a Muslim has over another Muslim and what they are.



## **FIRST RIGHT**

### **Six Rights of a Muslim**

The Prophet of Mercy, Intercessor of the Nation صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "A Muslim has six rights over another Muslim." When he was asked what they were, Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, "When you meet him, greet him; when he invites you, accept his invitation; when he seeks goodness from you, give it to him; when he sneezes, say 'Yarhamuk Allah'; when he is sick, visit him and when he dies, attend his funeral." (Muslim Shareef Vol 2 Page 213)

From this Hadith we realise that the first right and duty of a Muslim is that he should cheerfully greet his Muslim brother when they meet. The importance and excellence of greeting is proven from the Qur'an and Ahadith.

In the Holy Qur'an Allah Ta'ala states:

وَإِذَا جَاءَكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِآيَاتِنَا فَقُلْ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ

**And when those who believe in Our signs come to you then say to them, 'Peace be upon you,'...**

*(Surah An'aam verse 54)*

In the above verse, Muslims are being taught that they should greet fellow Muslims upon meeting them. This affectionate and caring act is loved by Allah Ta'ala as greeting one another is exchanging wishes for peace on each other. The person who is greeted should also cheerfully reply to the greeting with 'Wa 'Alaikum Salaam.' Greeting one another is an excellent way in which to strengthen and increase mutual love and friendship.

At another point, Allah Ta'ala says to the believers:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ بُيُوتِكُمْ حَتَّى تَسْتَأْذِنُوا  
وَتُسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَهْلِهَا ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.

**O believers! Enter not houses other than your own, until you take permission and salute the residents thereof. This is better for you, haply you may be heedful.**

*(Surah Noor verse 27)*

Believers are being advised in a very merciful manner not to enter anyone's home until they have permission. The method shown for taking permission is that the person arriving should greet the residents of the home, thereby informing them of his presence. If it is not possible to inform the residents of his presence by greeting them, then he should knock on the door or ring the doorbell and wait for a response from inside. He should not stand directly in front of the door; he should stand to one side of the door. If there is no response from inside or the door is not opened he should not be upset or disappointed, rather, he should act upon the Orders of the Lord and should leave. He should not have any ill feelings or doubt the residents but should always think the best and assume the residents are not home or are busy. It is possible the resident is in the bathroom or the lady of the house is performing Salah. Remember this is the order of the Qur'an and obeying it is compulsory for believers.

Look at the action of Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم himself when he went to the home of Hazrat Sa'ad bin 'Ubadah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu and asked for permission to enter by saying, 'Assalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatullahi.' Hazrat Sa'ad Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu heard him and replied, 'Wa 'Alaikum Salaam Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu' very quietly. Due to the fact that his reply was very quiet Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم did not hear it. Once again Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم greeted and again Hazrat Sa'ad Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu replied quietly, which Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم did not hear. This happened a third time and after waiting a few moments Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم started to leave when Hazrat Sa'ad Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu rushed outside shouting, "Yaa Rasool Allah! Yaa Rasool Allah!" Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Sa'ad,

I asked permission three times to enter but you did not respond and therefore I was leaving.” Hazrat Sa’ad Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu said, “I heard your greeting all three times but responded quietly so that you would continue to wish peace on me and I would obtain the blessings of that.”

Subhan Allah! What faith and love the Companions had, in that they would seek out opportunities to obtain blessings through Rasool Allah ﷺ. There are many such incidents found in the books of Ahadith.

Hazrat ‘Abdullah bin Basar Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu reports that when Rasool Allah ﷺ would go to anyone’s house, he would not stand directly in front of the door, rather he would stand a little to the left or right of the door.

The Holy Qur’an shows its believers how to enter homes in the following manner:

فَإِذَا دَخَلْتُمْ بُيُوتًا فَسَلِّمُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ تَحِيَّةً مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ  
مُبَارَكَةً طَيِّبَةً كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ

Then when you enter any house, salute your own people, a nice greeting from Allah at the time of meeting, blessed, pure. Thus Allah narrates to you His signs that you may understand.

*(Surah Noor verse 61)*

In another verse, it states:

وَإِذَا حُيِّتُمْ بِتَحِيَّةٍ فَحَيُّوا بِأَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا أَوْ رُدُّوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَسِيبٌ

And when you are greeted with any word of greeting then greet him back with a better word than it or return the same.

Undoubtedly, Allah is Reckoner of everything.

*(Surah Nisaa verse 86)*

وَإِذَا جَاءَكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِآيَاتِنَا فَقُلْ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ كَتَبَ رَبُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ  
الرَّحْمَةَ أَنَّهُ مَن عَمِلَ مِنكُمْ سُوءًا بِجَهَالَةٍ ثُمَّ تَابَ مِن بَعْدِهِ وَأَصْلَحَ فَإِنَّهُ غُفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

And when those who believe in Our signs come to you then say to them, 'Peace be upon you,' your Lord has prescribed mercy on Himself, that whoso of you does some evil ignorantly and repents thereafter and amends, then undoubtedly, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

*(Surah An'aam verse 54)*

To further understand the importance of greeting let us look at some more verses of the Holy Qur'an. It states in the Qur'an that when the Angels come to take the soul of a believer they greet the believer:

كَذَٰلِكَ يَجْزِي اللَّهُ الْمُتَّقِينَ ۝ الَّذِينَ تَوَقَّاهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ  
طَيِّبِينَ يَقُولُونَ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

Allah thus recompenses the duty bound. Those whose lives are taken out by angels while they are pure, saying, 'Peace be upon you.' enter paradise for what you did.

*(Surah Nahl verse 32)*

In a similar manner, Allah Ta'ala states in the Qur'an:

وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَىٰ الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا. حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ وَهَّاءُهَا وَفُتِحَتْ  
أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْتُمْ فَادْخُلُوهَا خَالِدِينَ

And those who feared their Lord, their carriages shall be escorted to Heaven in troops. Until when they shall reach there, and its gates shall be opened and its warders will say to them, 'peace be upon you', excellent were you, so enter the paradise to abide forever.

*(Surah Zumar verse 73)*

When these pure and pious people enter Paradise, Angels will enter from all the doors of Paradise and greet them, as the Qur'an says:

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ  
سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ فَنِعْمَ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ

...Angels shall enter unto them from every door, saying; 'Peace be upon you for your patience,' what an excellent last abode then you got.'

*(Surah Ra'd verses 23-24)*

The dwellers of Paradise will welcome each other with these words:

دَعَاؤُهُمْ فِيهَا سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَتَحِيَّتُهُمْ فِيهَا سَلَامٌ

Their prayer therein shall be this, 'Sanctity to you, O Allah, and the opening word at the time of their greeting is 'peace'...

*(Surah Yunus verse 10)*

Allah Ta'ala Himself will proclaim peace and blessings on the dwellers of paradise. He states:

إِنَّ أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ الْيَوْمَ فِي شُغْلٍ فَكَّهُونَ . هُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُهُمْ فِي ظِلِّ عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ مُتَكئونَ . لَهُمْ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَلَهُمْ مَا يَدْعُونَ .  
سَلَامٌ قَوْلًا مِنْ رَبِّ رَحِيمٍ .

Undoubtedly, the inmates of Heaven are enjoying their, entertainment comfortably. They and their wives are in shades reclining on raised couches. There is a fruit therein for them and there is for them whatever they ask for. Peace will be on them, a word from the Merciful Lord.

*(Surah Yasin verses 55-58)*

In other words, there will be greetings of peace from all sides for the believers:

لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا تَأْتِيهِنَّ إِلَّا قِيلاً سَلَامًا

**They shall not hear therein any vain or any sinful talk. Yes, this will be their saying, 'peace, peace.'**

*(Surah Waqi'a verses 25-26)*

In light of clear guidance, it is necessary upon all believers to meet and greet Muslims according to the way shown in the Qur'an and Ahadith as opposed to their own desires and preferences so that they can obtain blessings in both worlds.

## **The Best Islam**

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma reports that a Companion asked Rasool Allah ﷺ, "What is the best Islam?" Rasool Allah ﷺ replied, "Feed people and greet all people, regardless of whether you know them or not." (Bukhari vol 1 page 9, Muslim vol 1 page 48)

## **Greeting Creates Love**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "You will not enter Paradise until you become believers and you cannot become believers until you love one another. Should I not make you aware of a deed which if you act upon will create love amongst you? Listen! Spread peace in abundance." (Muslim Shareef vol 1 page 54)

This Hadith shows us that a person can only become a true believer when he loves his Muslim brother and the sign of love is to greet him when you meet him. In one narration the words of the Hadith are, "Spread peace it will create mutual love." Some Muslims start chatting as soon as they meet and greet each other later on. This should not be the case. Whenever you meet a Muslim brother you should greet him first and then start the conversation as it states in a Hadith narrated by Hazrat Jaabir Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Greeting should precede the conversation." (Tirmidhi vol 2 page 99).

Hazrat Jaabir Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu also narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Greeting should precede the conversation and do not invite anyone to a meal until they greet you." (Tirmidhi Shareef)

### **Extra Words Mean Extra Rewards**

Hazrat Imran bin Haseen Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates, "A person came to Rasool Allah ﷺ and said, 'Assalamu 'Alaikum.' Rasool Allah ﷺ replied to his greeting and then said, 'He received ten rewards.' Then a person came and said, 'Assalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatullah.' Rasool Allah ﷺ replied to his greeting and said, 'He received twenty rewards.' Soon thereafter, a third person came and said, 'Assalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.' Rasool Allah ﷺ replied and said, 'He received thirty rewards.'" (Tirmidhi Shareef vol 2 page 98)

### **Who Should Greet First?**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Younger ones should greet older ones, those who are walking should greet those who are sitting and the smaller party should greet the larger party." (Bukhari vol 2 page 921)

Additionally, he also narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The one who is mounted (on an animal) should greet the one who is walking, the one who is walking should greet the one who is seated, and the smaller party should greet the larger party." (Bukhari vol 2 page 921, Muslim vol 2 page 212)

### **First to Greet is Free from Arrogance**

Hazrat 'Abdullah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The one who is first to greet is free from arrogance." (Baihaqi Shareef)

Hazrat Abu Umamah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The one who greets first is more deserving of the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala." (Tirmidhi vol 2 page 99)

## **Rasool Allah Would Greet Children**

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Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that one time Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم passed by some children and greeted them. (Bukhari vol 2 page 923, Muslim vol 2 page 214)

### **Who is Closer to Allah?**

Hazrat Abu Umamah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The one who greets first is closer to Allah Ta'ala." (Al Targheeb wal Tarheeb vol 2 page 337, Abu Dawood vol 2 page 706)

We learn from this Hadith that the first one to greet is blessed with the priceless and matchless wealth of being close to Allah Ta'ala.

### **Greeting Family Members Results in Blessings**

Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "O my son! When you go to your family members, greet them as this will result in blessings descending on you and your family members." (Tirmidhi Shareef vol 2 page 99)

Respected readers! Every home today is the victim of problems and lack of blessings. The words and teachings of the Helper to humanity, Prophet of Mercy صلى الله عليه وسلم show us the remedy for this ailment. Let us immediately make a firm intention that whenever we enter our homes we will greet our family members.

### **Greet When Arriving and Leaving**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "When a person arrives at a gathering, he should greet the people there and if he needs to sit down he should do so. When he gets up to leave he should greet them again as the first greeting is not better than the second greeting (The first and second greetings are both Sunnahs)." (Tirmidhi vol 2 page 100)

In another narration he reports that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "When any of you meets his brother you should greet him. If a tree,

wall or rock comes between you then you should greet him again.”  
(Abu Dawood vol 2 page 707)

### **Do Not Greet Like Others**

Hazrat ‘Amro bin Shoaib reports from his father who reports from his grandfather that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “Those who imitate others are not from us. Do not imitate the Jews and the Christians as signalling with the fingers is the way of the Jews and signalling with the palms is the way of the Christians.” (Tirmidhi Shareef vol 2 page 99)

### **Replying to a Greeting**

Hazrat Ghaalib reports that a person came to Hazrat Imam Hasan Basri and narrated the story of his grandfather which he had heard through his father. His father stated that one time his father sent him to the court of Rasool Allah ﷺ and told him to present his greetings to Rasool Allah ﷺ. He went and carried out his father’s orders and when he presented the greeting Rasool Allah ﷺ replied, “Alaika Wa ‘Ala Abikas Salaam.” (Abu Dawood Shareef vol 2 page 710)

When greeting a fellow Muslim, do not only greet but also shake hands as it is Sunnah to shake hands and is also a means of great reward – one Hadith is being presented in relation to this:

Hazrat Bar’a bin Haajib Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “When two Muslims meet and shake hands with each other, praise Allah Ta’ala and repent, they are forgiven.” (Abu Dawood vol 2 page 708)

Realise that greeting is the right of your Muslim brother and do not be lazy in fulfilling this right, rather, display your generosity. Do not be miserly in greeting as Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that the biggest miser is one who is miserly in greeting.

At another point, Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “The person who greets first is closer to Allah Ta’ala.” (Abu Dawood vol 2 page 706)

May Allah Ta’ala guide us all, Aameen.

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## **SECOND RIGHT**

The second right of a Muslim is that he should accept the invitation of his Muslim brother. It is Sunnah to accept an invitation and following Sunnahs is the means to success in both worlds. Some Ahadith are being presented in relation to accepting invitations and its etiquettes. Read them and act upon them to obtain eternal rewards.

### **Accept an Invitation**

Hazrat Abdullah bin 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "When someone invites you to a Walima, you should certainly attend." (Bukhari Shareef vol 2 page 777)

### **What if there are Multiple Invitations?**

A Companion narrates that the Beloved Prophet of Allah Ta'ala ﷺ said, "If you receive multiple invitations, accept the invitation of the one whose door is closest, and accept the invitation of the one who invites you first." (Abu Dawood Shareef vol 2 page 527)

### **Going Without Being Invited**

Hazrat Abdullah bin 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The person who receives an invitation but does not attend is disobedient to Allah and His Prophet, and the one who attends without an invitation enters like a thief and leaves like a bandit." (Abu Dawood vol 2 page 525)

### **Attending with the Family**

Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that when Rasool Allah ﷺ saw some women and children returning from a wedding invitation he stood up in delight and said, "Allah is my witness that you are the most beloved to me amongst all the people." (Bukhari Shareef vol 2 page 778)

## **Inviting Only the Rich is Evil**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet of Allah Ta'ala صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The worst feast is the wedding (Walima) feast where only the rich are invited and the poor are not, and the person who receives an invitation but does not attend is disobedient to Allah and His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم." (Bukhari vol 2 page 778)

Every word spoken by the Beloved Prophet and possessor of unseen knowledge صلى الله عليه وسلم has been proven to be true. Nowadays, people invite leaders, politicians and the wealthy from far and wide to attend wedding feasts with great pride, regardless of their religious affiliations. The poor, needy and destitute are deprived of invitations to such feasts. Such people should realise that the feasts where the poor are not invited are not Sunnah but are innovations, and instead of earning rewards, they become the means for punishment. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all to perform all our work and duties according to Sunnah.

## **Boastful Feasts Should Not Be Attended**

Hazrat Akrama Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم forbade people from eating the food of those who were boastful and arrogant. (Abu Dawood Shareef vol 2 page 527)

## **Wedding Feasts Should Be Organised**

Hazrat Anas Bin Malik Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Organise a wedding feast (Walima) even if it is with only one goat." (Bukhari vol 2 page 776)

## **How Long Should a Wedding Feast Last?**

Hazrat Ibn Mas'ood Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The feast on the first day is rightful (meaning it is proven and should be organised). The feast on the second day is Sunnah but organising a feast on the third day is ostentatious

(showing off) and those who show off will be shown (punished) by Allah Ta'ala." (Tirmidhi Shareef vol 1 page 208)

### **How Long Should Hospitality Last?**

Hazrat Abu Shareeh Ka'abi Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The person who believes in Allah Ta'ala and on the Day of Judgement should revere guests. One day and one night is his right (meaning do not spare any expense in providing for the guest on the first day), and hospitality is for three days (meaning provide them whatever you have, do not burden yourself). Anything after three days is charity (Sadqa). It is not permissible for a guest to stay for more than three days if that is a burden on the host." (Bukhari vol 2 page 906, Abu Dawood vol 2 page 526)



### **THIRD RIGHT**

The third right of a Muslim towards another Muslim is that he should always wish well for his brother.

#### **Muslims Are Brothers Unto Each Other:**

Allah Ta'ala states:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

**Muslims are brothers, therefore make peace between the two brothers and fear Allah that mercy may be shown to you.**

*(Surah Hujurat, Verse 10)*

#### **Islam is the Religion of Goodness**

Hazrat Tameem Daari Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Our religion means peace and wishing well." We asked, "Wishing well for whom?" He replied, "For Allah Ta'ala, His Book, His Prophet, for the scholars of Islam and for all Muslims." (Muslim Shareef vol 1 page 54)

Wishing well for Allah Ta'ala means to believe in Him as the One and Only Supreme Lord, to not associate partners with Him, to believe Him to be free from all defects and the embodiment of all superior qualities.

Wishing well for the Prophet means to accept his Prophethood, to believe in him, to respect and revere him, and to obey and help him.

Wishing well for the scholars of Islam means to obey them and help them in carrying out their tasks, and wishing well for all Muslims means to fulfil their rights.

In relation to this, Hafiz Abul Qasim Tibraani Rehmatullahe Ta'ala 'Alaihi has reported a beautiful and thought provoking Hadith. He states that the Companion Hazrat Jareer Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu sent his slave to the market in order to buy a horse. The slave bought a horse for 300 Dirhams and came back home with the horse and its owner so

that the owner could be paid the amount that had been agreed. Hazrat Jareer looked at the horse and said to the owner, "Your horse is worth more than 300 Dirhams. Will you sell it to me for 400 Dirhams?" The owner replied, "As you wish." Then Hazrat Jareer said, "Your horse is very valuable, will you sell him for 500?" In this manner he kept increasing the price until he said, "Will you sell me your horse for 800 Dirhams?" The owner was ecstatic and sold his horse for 800 Dirhams to Hazrat Jareer. When he was asked the reason for this, Hazrat Jareer replied, "I pledged allegiance at the hands of Rasool Allah ﷺ and promised to wish well for all Muslims." (Sharhey Muslim Vol 1 Page 55)

### **Without Wishing Well Faith Not Complete**

Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "You cannot be a true believer until you do not desire for your Muslim brother what you desire for yourself." (Bukhari vol 1 page 6, Muslim vol 1 page 50)

### **Blessings of Wishing Well For Others**

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Muslims are brothers unto one another. They should not torment nor disgrace each other. The person who remains busy in fulfilling the needs of his brother, Allah Ta'ala will fulfil his needs. The person who removes the difficulties of a fellow Muslim, Allah Ta'ala will remove one of his difficulties on the Day of Judgement. The person who hides the faults of his Muslim brother, Allah Ta'ala will hide his faults on the Day of Judgement." (Bukhari & Muslim)

Respected readers! Look at the glorious glad tidings that are given for those who wish well for others and how much help wishing well for others will provide on the Day of Judgement. On that terrifying day, Allah Ta'ala will ease a person's burdens on account of him wishing well for his fellow Muslims on the earth. Therefore, do not ever wish ill, always wish well for Muslims. Rather, do not even think ill

thoughts for fellow Muslims and Insha Allah goodness and success will follow you always.

## **Muslims Are Walls for Each Other**

Hazrat Abu Musa Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "A Muslim is like a wall for another Muslim. Their bodies are strengthened by each other." (Bukhari vol 2 page 890, Tirmidhi vol 2 page 14)

## **Muslims are a Single Body**

Hazrat Nau'maan bin Basheer Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The way that believers are merciful, friendly and loving unto each other, they are like a single body. When one part of the body aches, the whole body is hurt and feels the pain." (Muslim vol 2 page 321)

Hazrat Nau'maan further states that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "All believers are like a single body. When there is pain in the eye, the whole body will ache and if there is pain in the head, the whole body will feel the pain." (Muslim Shareef vol 2 page 321)

May Allah Ta'ala guide us to always wish well for all, Aameen.



## **FOURTH RIGHT**

The fourth right of a Muslim is that when his Muslim brother sneezes, he should say, “Yarhamuk Allah” (May Allah have mercy on you).

### **Sneezing Liked By Allah Ta’ala**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “Undoubtedly, Allah Ta’ala likes sneezing and dislikes yawning. When one of you sneezes, he should say, ‘Alhamdu Lillah’, and all those who hear it should reply, ‘Yarhamuk Allah.’ Yawning is from Satan. When one of you feels like yawning, he should do his utmost to stop it as Satan laughs when any of you yawns.” (Bukhari Shareef vol 2 page 919)

### **What to Say If One Sneezes?**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet of Allah Ta’ala ﷺ said, “When one of you sneezes, let him say, "Alhamdu Lillah" (Praise be to Allah), and let his brother or companion say to him, "Yarhamuk Allah" (May Allah have mercy on you). If he says, "Yarhamuk Allah", then let [the sneezer] say, "Yahdeekum Allah wa Yuslihu Baalakum" (May Allah guide you and rectify your condition). (Bukhari Shareef vol 2 page 919)

### **Reply to One Who Says Alhamdu Lillah**

Hazrat Abu Musa Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “Only reply to the one who sneezes and says ‘Alhamdu Lillah.’ Do not reply to one who sneezes and does not praise Allah Ta’ala.” (Muslim Shareef vol 2 page 413)

### **What to Do When One Sneezes?**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu reports that when Rasool Allah ﷺ would sneeze, he would cover his blessed face with

his blessed hand or a cloth and he would sneeze quietly. (Tirmidhi vol 1 page 103)

### **Reply for Up to Three Sneezes**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Reply to your brother for up to three sneezes. If he sneezes more than three times, then it is a cold." (Abu Dawood Shareef vol 2 page 686)

Hazrat 'Ubais bin Raf'a states that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Reply up to three times to one who sneezes. If he sneezes more than three times reply if you wish or do not reply." (Mishkaat Page 406)

### **Cover Mouth When Yawning**

Hazrat Abu Sa'eed Khudri Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "When you yawn, cover your mouth with your hand otherwise Satan enters the mouth." (Muslim Shareef vol 2 page 413)



## **FIFTH RIGHT**

The fifth right (duty) of a Muslim is that when his Muslim brother is sick he should visit him. The Arabic word for inquiring on the health of the sick is 'Ayaadat which means to return. Due to the fact that a person returns time and again to visit the sick it is used in that context for visiting the sick.

Visiting the sick is a very important moral duty. When a friend, relative, neighbour or any acquaintance is sick, he should be visited and comforted as this earns the Pleasure of Allah Ta'ala. Visiting and comforting the sick is also a blessed Sunnah of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ. A number of Ahadith are being presented in relation to visiting the sick – act upon them and earn immense rewards.

### **Visit the Sick**

Hazrat Abu Musa Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Feed the poor, visit the sick and free the prisoner." (Bukhari Shareef vol 2 page 843)

### **Method of Visiting the Sick**

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "When you visit any sick person say the following, "O Allah! Grant health to this slave of Yours so that he can punish Your enemies or can walk with a funeral bier for Your Pleasure." (Abu Dawood vol 2 page 443)

Hazrat Abu Sa'eed Khudri Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "When you visit any sick person, try and remove his grief and sadness. This will not alter his destiny (meaning death will occur at the appointed time), but it will make him feel better." (Ibn Majah Shareef page 104)

### **Excellence of Visiting the Sick**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "When a person goes to one who is sick, a caller calls out from the heavens, 'Glad tidings for you, your journey is excellent and you have obtained a great status in Paradise.'" (Ibn Majah Shareef page 104)

Hazrat 'Ali Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu reports that I heard Rasool Allah ﷺ say, "If a person visits a sick person in the morning, seventy thousand Angels supplicate for him until the evening. And if he visits a sick person in the evening, seventy thousand Angels supplicate for him until the following morning. Additionally, an orchard is planted for him in Paradise." (Tirmidhi vol 1 page 191, Abu Dawood vol 2 page 442)

## **A Great Method of Visiting the Sick**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "On the Day of Judgement, Allah Ta'ala will say, 'O son of Adam! I was sick and you did not visit Me.' The slave will say, 'O my Lord! You are the Lord of all the worlds, how could I visit You?' Upon hearing this Allah Ta'ala will say, 'Did you not know that my (such and such) slave was ill? But you did not go and visit him. Do you know that if you would have visited him you would definitely have found Me there?'" (Muslim Shareef vol 2 page 318)

## **Obtain Mercy by Visiting the Sick**

Hazrat Jaabir Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "When a person visits one who is sick, he takes a dip in the river of mercy. When he sits beside the sick person (to comfort him), he begins to bathe in that mercy." (Masnad Imam Ahmed)

## **Far Away From Hell**

Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "If a person performs ablution well and goes (with the intention of obtaining reward) to visit one who is sick, he is moved (a distance

of) seventy years away from the fire of hell.” (Abu Dawood vol 2 page 441)

### **Gather Inspiration from Paradise**

Hazrat Thaubaan Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “When a Muslim visits his sick Muslim brother, he is gathering inspiration from Paradise for as long as he is comforting his sick brother.” (Muslim Shareef vol 2 page 381)

### **Do Not Call Fever Evil**

Hazrat Jaabir Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that one time Rasool Allah ﷺ went to Hazrat Umme Saa’ib Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anha and asked, “Why are you shivering?” She replied, “I have a fever, may it perish.” Upon hearing this Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “Do not call fever evil because it cleans a person’s sins like fire cleans iron.” (Muslim Shareef vol 2 page 319)

### **Fulfil the Desires of the Sick**

Hazrat Ibn ‘Abbas Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhuma reports that Rasool Allah ﷺ went to visit a sick person and asked, “Do you desire anything?” He replied, “I want a wheat chapatti.” Upon hearing this Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “Whichever one of you has a wheat chapatti, bring it for this brother of yours.” Then Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “When a sick person asks for something, give it to him.” (Ibn Majah page 104)

### **Ask the Sick to Supplicate for You**

Hazrat ‘Umar bin Khattab Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “When you visit a sick person, ask him to supplicate for you as his supplication (in terms of acceptance) has the same status as the supplication of Angels.” (Mishkaat page 138)

### **Do Not Spend Too Long With the Sick**

Hazrat Sa'eed bin Musayyab Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The best manner of visiting the sick is to comfort the sick and then leave." (Mishkaat page 138)

### **Supplicate For the Sick like This**

Hazrat Ibn 'Abbas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma reports that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "If a person visits a sick person and says '**As-alul Laahal Adheema Rabbil 'Arshil Adheemi Ay Yash-Fiyaka'** then he will certainly be cured – unless it is the appointed time for his death." (Abu Dawood vol 2 page 442)

### **There is Cure for All Illnesses**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Allah Ta'ala has sent a cure for every illness that He has sent." (Bukhari Shareef vol 2 page 848)

Hazrat Jaabir Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "There is cure for all illnesses and when a sick person receives the medicine he is cured (by the Will of Allah Ta'ala)." (Muslim Shareef vol 2 page 225)

### **Find a Cure, But...**

Hazrat Abu Darda Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Allah Ta'ala has created both illnesses and cures and has appointed a cure for each and every illness. Therefore, search for a cure but not with forbidden (Haram) things." (Abu Dawood Shareef vol 2 page 541)



## **SIXTH RIGHT**

The sixth right and duty of a Muslim is that when his Muslim brother dies, he should attend his funeral.

Death is a reality which each and every person will taste. No one will be able to escape it. If a brother of yours passes away from this mortal world today it is not a time to be happy as tomorrow it will be your turn. Therefore, when a Muslim brother or sister passes away, act upon the Sunnah and attend their funeral prayer. Performing the funeral Salah and lifting the funeral bier are both means of earning great rewards. The blessings and etiquettes of attending funerals are presented over the next few pages – read them and attempt to act upon them.

### **Lifting the Bier Is Sunnah**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The person who walks with the funeral procession and lifts the bier three times, he has fulfilled the rights of the funeral." The author of Mishkaat states that it is reported in Sharhul Lisaana that Rasool Allah ﷺ lifted the corpse of Sa'ad bin Mu'aaz Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu on two planks of wood. (Mishkaat Shareef page 146)

### **Hasten the Funeral**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "Hasten to perform the funeral because if the deceased was a pious person you are taking him towards goodness, and if he was not pious then it is a heavy burden on your shoulders that you should hasten to unload." (Muslim Shareef)

### **Do Not Walk In Front of the Bier**

Hazrat 'Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, "The funeral (bier) is a leader and not a

follower and the one who walks in front of it is not with the funeral procession.” (Abu Dawood vol 2 page 453)

### **Attending a Funeral – Means of Reward**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “The person who attends a funeral with the intention of obtaining rewards and stays for the (funeral) prayer and burial, undoubtedly he returns with two carats worth of rewards. The reward for each carat is equivalent to Mount Uhud and the person who performs the funeral prayer and leaves before the burial leaves with one carat.” (Bukhari Shareef vol 1 page 12)

### **Do Not Sit Before the Bier is Put Down**

Hazrat Abu Sa’eed Khudri Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “If you see a funeral bier then stand up and if you are walking with a funeral procession, do not sit down until the bier has been placed on the ground.” (Muslim Shareef)

### **Do Not Ride on an Animal**

Hazrat Thaubaan reports that we attended a funeral procession with Rasool Allah ﷺ and when Rasool Allah ﷺ saw some people riding on animals he said, “Are you not embarrassed that Allah Ta’ala’s Angels are walking and you are riding on the backs of animals?” (Tirmidhi vol 1 page 196)

### **Publicise the Good Deeds of the Deceased**

Hazrat Ibn ‘Umar Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “Publicise the goodness and good deeds of your deceased and refrain from speaking about their bad deeds.” (Tirmidhi vol 1 page 198)

Respected readers! The only way we can achieve success in both worlds is by following the rules of Islamic society given to us by the Beloved of Allah Ta’ala, Leader of both worlds, Prophet of Mercy ﷺ

*Six Rights of a Muslim*

عليه والسلم. Looking for success anywhere else is like looking for sweet water in a desert. Instead of looking towards western culture with yearning eyes, we should try and instil the example of Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه والسلم in all facets of our lives, as the secret to success in both worlds is hidden in that.

**We have to please the King of Makkah  
If he becomes ours, the Mercy of Allah is ours**



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