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Alhamdulillah, it is nearly 92 years since Aa'la Hazrat, Imam Ahle Sunnat, the Reviver of Deen, Imam Ahmed Rida Khan Bareilvi  left this mundane world and the Muslim Ummah is still exploring his life, works and achievements. Imam Ahle Sunnat devoted his complete life defending the true rank, prominence, excellence and the honour of the Master of the Treasures of Allah, the Mercy of the Universe, the Beloved of Almighty Allah, our Holy Prophet .

One of the greatest favours of Imam Ahmed Rida on this Ummah is that he has proved the principles of the Ahle Sunnat from the Quran, the Hadith and sayings of the great scholars of the past. In this booklet Imam Ahle Sunnat proves beyond any doubt that the Beloved of Allah  is the Prime Intercessor who has been chosen and appointed by Allah Almighty. He will be the one who will open the door of

Intercession so that others can also Intercede. He will release entire mankind from the everlasting torments of the Day of Judgement and for all this he will be praised like no other in the creation of Allah has been praised before.

This humble piece of work is an effort by Sunni Dawate Islami to bring the works of Imam Ahmed Rida to the masses in order to strengthen their faith and also giving them a glimpse of the extraordinary personality of their Imam who helped bring us the true principles as believed by the Companions and all the scholars up until now.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدانا لهذا لولا كنا من المفلين

The narrations on the Intercession of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are so manifest and evident that it cannot be concealed from anyone. They are narrated by scores of Companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, hundreds of Tabi'een and thousands of Muhadditheen (scholars of Hadith). Every soul of the Ahle Sunnat, even the women and children, in fact the very ignorant ones too are aware of the notion of Intercession.

Here, to keep it concise, I will only list forty narrations (Ahadith) regarding Intercession, but before that let us look at some of the verses from the Holy Quran:

Verse 1

عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا

*It is likely your Lord will set you on a place where
everyone will praise you.*

[Surah Bani Israeel, Verse 79]

It is narrated in Bukhari Sharif that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was asked what is the 'Maqaame Mahmood' as mentioned in the verse. He replied, 'It is Intercession'.

Verse 2

وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَىٰ^ط

*And indeed your Lord will soon give you so much that
you will be pleased.*

[Surah Al-Duha, Verse 5]

It is narrated by Dailami in Musnad al Firdaus by the Leader of the Faithful Sayyeduna Ali ﷺ, that when this verse was revealed the Intercessor of the sinners ﷺ said,

'I will not be pleased even if one person from my Ummah is in Hell.'

It is narrated by Tabrani in Awsat and Bazzar again by Sayyeduna Ali عليه السلام that the Beloved of Allah ﷺ said,

"I will intercede for my Ummah until my Lord will ask, 'Ya Muhammed! Are you pleased?' and I will reply, 'O my Lord! I am pleased'"

Verse 3

وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ^ط

وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مُتَقَلَّبَكُمْ وَمَثْوَاكُمْ

'And seek the forgiveness of sins of your close ones and for the common believing men and women.'

[Surah Muhammed, Verse 19]

In the verse, Allah Almighty, commands His Beloved Prophet ﷺ to seek forgiveness for the sins of the Muslim men and women. If this is not Intercession then what is?

Verse 4

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ

وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَّحِيمًا

'And when they have wronged their own souls, come humbly to you (O dear Prophet Mohammed ﷺ) and seek forgiveness from Allah, and the Noble Messenger intercedes for them, they will certainly find Allah as the Most Acceptor of Repentance, the Most Merciful.' [Surah Al-Nisa, Verse 64]

In this verse Allah Almighty notifies the believers that if they commit sins, then they should come to the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and plead for Intercession and if the Holy Prophet ﷺ Intercedes for them then Allah Almighty will certainly forgive their sins.

Verse 5

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا يَسْتَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَوَّوْا
رُءُوسَهُمْ وَرَأَيْتَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ

'And when it is said to them, "Come! Allah's Noble Messenger may seek forgiveness for you" - they turn their heads away, and you will see them turning away in pride.' [Surah Al-Munafiqoon, Verse 5]

In this verse the state of the hypocrites, who don't seek Intercession from the Holy Prophet ﷺ, is exposed. Thus those who don't seek Intercession today will not receive it tomorrow (Day of Judgement). May Allah bestow us with the Intercession of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in this world and in the hereafter.

NARRATIONS OF THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ

The narrations on the 'Shafa'at e Kubraa' (Primary Intercession) makes it evident that the Day of Judgement will be excessively long and extremely difficult to pass with the sun over our heads and the fire of Hell too close.

On that day the sun will burn with ten years of heat. The state of thirst (may our Lord never show us), the heat (may our Lord save us) will be so severe that the perspiration will be absorbed in the ground causing it to overflow, which in turn will cover the people up to their necks. The level of perspiration will be enough for ships to float on, but in reality people will be drowning in it. They will be extremely terrified as if their souls are stuck in their throats.

Exhausted of these terrifying torments they will start looking for an Intercessor. They will all turn to Adam ﷺ, Nooh ﷺ, Ibrahim Khalilullah ﷺ, Moosa Kaleemullah ﷺ and Isa Roohullah ﷺ but will receive the reply that they can't bear to hear. All the Prophets ﷺ will acknowledge that they don't have the rank, are not worthy of and do not have the

power to open the door of Intercession. They will say, 'Today we are worried about ourselves, go to somebody else'.

Finally they will reach the Beloved of Allah, the Seal of the Prophethood, the Master of the first and the last, the Mercy of the Universe ﷺ who will proclaim, 'I am for this, I am for this, I am the Intercessor'. He will then turn to his Lord and go into prostration. His Lord will state, 'Ya Muhammed! Lift your head, say and you will be heard, ask and you will be granted, Intercede and your Intercession will be accepted.'

This is the '*Maqam-e-Mehmood*' where all the people from the beginning to the end will praise the Holy Prophet ﷺ. All those who believed and disbelieved will witness the distinctive status that the Holy Prophet ﷺ enjoys in the Court of Allah Almighty and the prominence that he holds. All Praise is to Allah.

This is the reason that the people will be made to go to all the other Prophets ﷺ only to be turned away disappointed showing that no one, on that day, has the power and authority to open the door of Intercession other than our Beloved Prophet ﷺ.

All this is narrated in Bukhari Sharif and Muslim Sharif alike and is too long and well known to be quoted. Also mentioned at the end of these narrations is the fact that after opening the doors of Intercession, Allah Almighty will repeat His words for the Holy Prophet ﷺ to continue to Intercede for countless number of sinners.

So, other than these famous narrations I will list down forty more which are not well known to the masses so that the faith of the believers is strengthened and the hearts of those who reject are set ablaze.

These narrations will make it evident that the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is a safe haven for the weak; he will be for those who have no one to help and that he has been chosen and appointed for Intercession, not like some ignorant one who wrote,

‘He (Allah Almighty) will appoint whoever He wishes as an Intercessor’.

These narrations will also manifest that Allah Almighty has openly declared the name of the Prime Intercessor that he is Muhammed, the Prophet of Allah ﷺ. This is not unclear like the one who says, ‘Leave it to Him to decide to choose an Intercessor for us.’

These narrations will give the glad tidings that the intercession of our Beloved Prophet ﷺ is not only for those who committed sins by chance and are always regretting and repenting on them but by Allah, who has made the Beloved Prophet ﷺ as the Intercessor for the sinners, his Intercession will be for people who are submerged in sins and also the like of those that sins too are ashamed of them.

وَحَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَنِعْمَ وَكِيلٌ - وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ
 عَلَى الشَّفِيعِ الْجَمِيلِ - وَعَلَى إِلِهِ وَصَّحْبِهِ بِالْأُوفِ
 التَّبَجِيلِ - وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ -

Hadith 1 and 2

Imam Ahmed narrates in his Musnad from Hazrat Abdullah ibne Umar رضي الله عنه and Ibne Majah narrates from Hazrat Abu Musa As'ari رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the sinners عليه السلام has said,

'I was given choice by Allah Almighty to choose between Intercession and half of my Ummah going into Heaven. I chose Intercession as it is more complete and beneficial. Do you think that my Intercession is (only) for the pious believers? No but it is (also) for persistent sinners.'

Hazrat 3

Ibne Adi narrates from the Mother of the Faithful Sayyedah Aishah Siddiqa رضي الله عنها, that the Intercessor of the sinners عليه السلام has said,

'My intercession is for those from my Ummah who have been ruined by their sins.'

This is certainly the truth – O my Intercessor! May I be sacrificed upon you عليه السلام.

Hadith 4-8

Abu Dawood, Tirmizi, Ibne Hibban, Hakim and Baihaqi narrate from Hazrat Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه and Tirmizi, Ibne Majah, Ibne Hibban and Hakim narrate from Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah رضي الله عنه and Tabrani in Mu'jam Kabir from Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas رضي الله عنه and Khateeb Bagdadi narrates from Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar Farooq رضي الله عنه and Hazrat Ka'ab bin Ujrah رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners عليه السلام has said,

'My Intercession is for those from my Ummah who have committed major sins.'

O Allah! Peace and abundant blessings be upon the Holy Prophet and all Praise is to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

Hadith 9

Abubakr Ahmed bin Ali Bagdadi narrates from Hazrat Abu Darda رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners رضي الله عنه has said,

'My intercession is for the sinners from my Ummah.'
Hazrat Abu Darda رضي الله عنه politely enquired, 'Even though he is a fornicator? Even though he is a thief?' The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, 'Even though he is a fornicator, even though he is a thief contrary to the wish of Abu Darda.'

Hadith 10 – 11

Tabrani and Baihaqi narrate from Hazrat Buridah and Tabrani in Mu'jam and Awsat narrates from Hazrat Anas that the Intercessor of the Sinners عليه السلام has said,

'On the Day of Judgement I will Intercede for more people than the number of trees, stones and pebbles on the surface of earth.'

Hadith 12

Bukhari, Muslim and Baihaqi narrate from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه Intercessor of the Sinners عليه السلام has said,

'My Intercession is for those who sincerely bear witness that there is no god but Allah in a way that their heart testifies in favour of their tongue.'

Hadith 13

Ahmed, Tabrani and Bazzar narrate from Hazrat Muaz bin Jabal رضي الله عنه and Hazrat Abu Musa Ashari رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners رضي الله عنه has said,

'There is more scope for the Ummah in Intercession, it is for all those who die without associating any partners with Allah (die in the state of Imaan).'

Hadith 14

Tabrani in Mujam and Awsat narrates from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners رضي الله عنه has said,

'I will open the door of Hell and enter it, then I will glorify Allah in a manner that no one has done before me and no one will do after me. Then I will free all those people from Hell who has sincerely proclaimed that there is no god but Allah.'

Hadith 15

Hakim, Tabrani and Baihaqi narrates from Abdullah bin Abbas رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners عليه السلام has said,

'Pulpits made of gold will be erected for the Prophets. They will sit on them but I won't. I will be standing humbly in front of my Lord in fear that I might be sent to Heaven and my Ummah will be left behind on their own. Then I will plead, 'O my Lord! My Ummah my Ummah'. Allah Almighty will say, 'Ya Muhammad! What is your wish that I should do to your Ummah?' I will request, 'O my Lord! Undertake their accounting quickly'. Thus I will keep Interceding for them until I will get the list of all those who had been sent to Hell and then released. The guard of Hell will say, 'Ya Muhammad! You have not left any anger in Allah Almighty in regards to your Ummah.'

Hadith 16 – 21

Bukhari and Muslim narrate from Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners رضي الله عنه has said,

'I have been appointed as the Intercessor and Intercession is only for me, no one else has received it other than me.'

Hadith 22 – 23

Bukhari and Muslim narrate from Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners رضي الله عنه has said,

'Even though all the prayers of the Prophets are answered, there is one prayer granted to them by Allah Almighty in which they can ask for anything they wish. All the Prophets from Hazrat Adam to Hazrat Isa have used their prayer in this world but I have left mine for the hereafter and this will be the Intercession for my Ummah. I will use it for those from my Ummah who died in the state of Imaan.'

Allahu Akbar! O Sinners! Have you not just read about the utmost mercy and kindness of your Master on you? The Beloved Prophet ﷺ was granted three wishes by his Lord but he never asked anything for himself rather he used two of the prayers in this world and that too for his Ummah leaving the third one for the hereafter when the Ummah will be in most need of it and when there will be nobody else to help. Indeed Allah Almighty has rightly said,

'Your falling into hardship aggrieves him, most concerned for your well being, for the Muslims most compassionate, most merciful.' (Surah Tauba 9:128)

By Allah, the One who made His Beloved Prophet ﷺ as mercy for us, no mother in this world is as caring as he is on his Ummah.

O Allah! You indeed know our limitations and weaknesses and also know the right of your Beloved over us, so O Allah! The Omnipotent, the Supreme Being, the Great! Shower your choicest, abundant, auspicious blessings upon him and his progeny that befit his rights and that suffice his mercy!

Subhan Allah! Some from his Ummah have repaid his favours by doubting his excellence over others, some by denying his Intercession, some have tried to limit his praise to the praise of the fellow human beings and some cannot put up with his respect. May Allah save and protect us. Ameen.

Hadith 24

Muslim Sharif narrates from Ubai bin Ka'b رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners عليه السلام has said,

'I was granted three wishes out of which I have used two in this world (by saying) 'O Allah! Forgive my Ummah. O Allah! Forgive my Ummah and I have left the third one for that day when all the creation of Allah will be looking towards me, even Ibrahim عليه السلام.'

Hadith 25

Baihaqi narrates from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners عليه السلام has said,

'I requested my Lord on the Night of Ascension, 'You have granted high status to your Prophets'. Allah Almighty replied, 'What I have granted you is better than what I have granted them. I have reserved Intercession for you which no other Prophet has received.'

Hadith 26

Ibne abi Shaiba and Tirmizi narrates from Hazrat Ubai bin Ka'b رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners عليه السلام has said,

'On the day of Judgement, I will be the leader of all the Prophets, their orator and their Intercessor and I don't say this out of pride.'

Hadith 28 – 40

Ibne Manee' narrates from fourteen companions including Hazrat Zaid bin Arqam رضي الله عنه that the Intercessor of the Sinners ﷺ has said,

'My Intercession on the Day of Judgement is a fact and those who don't believe in it will not be worthy of it.'

Thus, those who reject the Intercession of the Holy Prophet ﷺ should have mercy upon themselves and start believing on the Intercession of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ.

O Allah! Make us worthy of his intercession in this world and in the hereafter. O Allah, the Supreme! Shower your choicest abundant auspicious blessings upon our Master and his progeny and upon all his followers until the day of judgement!

Peace & blessings be upon all the Prophets, and May Allah be well pleased with the Companions. Aameen.

Munajaat

(Du'aa)

Yaa Elahi har jagah teri a'taa ka saath ho
Jab pare mushkil shahe mushkil kusha ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi bhool jawu naz'a ki takleef ko
Shaadiye deedare husne Mustafa ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi goor-e-tira ki jab aayeh sakht raat
Unke pyare munh ki subha jaa fiza ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi jab zabaaneh baahir aayeh pyaas se
Saahib-e-kauthar shahe jood-o-ataa ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi gharmi-e-mehshar se jab bharke badan
Daaman-e-Mahboob ki thandi hawaa ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi na'ama-e-a'maal jab khulne laghe
Aib-e-poose khalqe Sattare khata ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi jab bahe aankhe hisaab-e-Jurm meh
Un tabassum rez hontoh ki Dua ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi rangh laaye jab meri be baaqiyah
Unki neechi neechi nazro ki hayaa ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi jab chalo tareekh raahe pul siraat
Aftaab-e-haashmi nurul huda ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi Jab sare Shamsheer per chalna pare
Rabbe sallim kahne waale ghamzadah ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi jo Du'aein naik hum tujh se kare
Qudsiyo ke lab se Ameen Rabbana ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi jab Raza kwaab-e-ghiraa se sar uthaaye
Daulat-e-bedaar ishq-e- Mustafa ka saath ho

Yaa Elahi le chale jab dafan karne qabr me
Ghaus-e-Azam peshewa'e Awliya ka saath ho

Salato Salam (Mustafa Jaane Rehmat)

Mustafa jaan-e-rehmat pe lakhon salaam
Sham'e bazme hidayat pe lakhon salaam

Shehre yaare iram taaj daare haram
Nau Bahaare shafa'at pe lakhon salaam

Dooro- nazdeek ke soon-ne waale woh kaan
Kaane laale karamat pe lakhon salaam

Jis taraf ooth gayee dam mey dam Aaa gaya
Oos nigaahе inayat pe lakhon salaam

Woh zabaan jisko sab koon ki kunji kahey
Oos ki naafiz hukoomat pe lakhon salaam

Jis suhaani ghari chamka taibah ka chand
Oos dil afroz saa'at pe lakhon salaam

Ghauthе Azam Imam-mutuqqa wan nuqa
Jalwa-e-shaan-e-Qudrat pe lakhon salaam

Kash mehshar mey jab unki aamad ho aur
Beyjhey sab unki shauqat pe lakhon salaam

Mujh se Khidmat ki qudsi kahain haan Raza
Mustafa jaan-e-rehmat pe lakhon salaam.