

Blessings of

Maula 'Ali

رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ

Mushkil Kusha



**Sunnah-Inspiring speech of
weekly Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
 أَمَا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Blessings of Maula 'Ali Mushkil Kusha كَرَّمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكِ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى الْكُؤَاصْحَبِكِ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of 'I'tikaaf' because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafli (supererogatory) I'tikaaf, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat- 'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites Salat upon me on Friday, I will intercede for him on the Day of Judgement.' (*Jam'-ul-Jawami' lis-Suyuti, vol. 7, pp. 199, Hadees 22352*)

أفوهر بېسنګلاخ، آه! بېپاشاخشاخ اے میرے مُشکل کُشا! تمہی کروڑوں دُرد

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, *نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ* 'The intention of a believer is better than his action.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient & calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear *تُؤْتِبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ*, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Intentions of delivering Bayan

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayan) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah ﷺ and for reaping the rewards.
2. I will deliver my speech (Bayan) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.
3. Allah ﷺ has stated in the Glorious Quran:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: 'Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.' (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

And the Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

'Convey from me even if it is a single verse.' (SahihBukhari, Hadees 4361)

4. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.
5. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.
6. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In'aamaat and to join the 'Ilaaqa'i Daura for Nayki ki Da'wat' (area visit for calling towards righteousness).
7. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.

8. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

صَلِّ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

A victim of paralysis was cured

Once (the fourth Khaleefah of Islam) Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ was present in the House of Allah (Ka'bah) with both of his sons, Sayyiduna Imam Hasan and Imam Husayn رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا. He noticed a person making du'aa in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ ordered to bring the person to him. One side of his body was affected by paralysis; therefore, he dragged his legs while walking and came to him. He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ enquired what had happened to him. The person said, 'Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen, without any fear I constantly committed sins and my father who was a righteous and pious Muslim, would repeatedly prevent me from committing sins. Once my anger boiled over upon his advice to me and I beat him severely. Having been hit, my father then sorrowfully went to the Ka'bah and made du'aas against me. All of a sudden I was under his curse and one side of my body was affected by paralysis and I had to move crawling on the ground. This divine punishment taught me a warning and I asked my father's pardon tearfully. Overcome by fatherly love, he had pity on me and forgave me. He then said to me, 'My son, come with me! I will pray for your health at the very same place where I had cursed you.'

Thus, we were on the way to Makkah رَادِعًا اللَّهُ شَرِيكًا وَتَعْظِيمًا on a she-camel. It got scared and ran in different directions; during which it stumbled and my father fell down between two rocks and passed away, إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَ إِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رُجْعُونَ. Now I have come alone to the House of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. I continue praying tearfully to Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for my health. Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ listened to his sad story and said sympathetically, 'O person! If your father was really pleased with you, have patience, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ everything will be good for you.' Then Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ offered a few Rak'at of Salah praying for his healing and then said, 'قُمْ' i.e.

stand up. Upon listening to this, the person stood up normally without any difficulty and began to walk.

(Derived from: *Hujjatullahi-'alal-'Alamin*, pp. 614)

کیوں نہ مُشکلگشا کہوں تم کو تم نے بگڑی مری بنائی ہے

Dear Islamic brothers! The abovementioned parable contains various warnings in the form of Madani pearls as to how terrible punishment that person experienced due to disobedience and disrespect to his parents and constantly committing sins, that one side of his body was badly paralyzed and then he would drag his legs while walking; we have also come to know that we should not disobey our parents but we must obey them, within the boundaries of Islam; always save yourselves from their curses and avoid every act which causes their displeasure; furthermore, we learn a Karaamah (miracle) of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَوَّمَهُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم in this parable that when he رَحِمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ made du'aa for that man in the court of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ his du'aa was fulfilled immediately and the paralysed person who was dragging his legs while walking had immediately recovered with the blessings of the du'aa of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَوَّمَهُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم and began to walk without any trouble.

بے سبب بخشش ہو میری یہ دُعا فرمائیے

مُصطَفٰے کا واسطہ مولیٰ علی مُشکلگشا

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! The virtues and excellences of Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali كَوَّمَهُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم are truly amazing and beyond description. The Blessed personality of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَوَّمَهُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم is unique and unparalleled; he رَحِمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ is a descendant of Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ, lover of the Hereafter, beloved of Allah, the door to the city of Knowledge, an eloquent orator, he رَحِمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ attained a distinguished mastery in solving issues in the light of Quran and Hadees, he is a light for those who obey, a

guide for those who promote justice and the most brilliant quality is that he **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** was courteous and a learned personality.

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, Hazrat 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyaae **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** has featured his introduction in the following way:

Name, appellations and appearance

Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali **كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** was born in Makka-tul-Mukarramah **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا**. His mother Sayyidatuna Fatimah Bint-e-Asad **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** named him after his father's name 'Haydar' whereas his father named him 'Ali'. The Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** granted him the title of 'Asadullaah' (Lion of Allah); besides this other admirable names like, 'Murtada' (i.e. chosen), 'Karraar' (i.e. the one striking back repeatedly), 'Shayr-e-Khuda' and 'Maula Mushkil-Kusha' are his famous appellations (titles). Sayyiduna 'Ali **كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** is a paternal cousin of the Most Noble Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**. (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 8, pp. 412, etc.*)

The Kunya of the fourth caliph of Islam, Sayyiduna 'Ali Bin 'Abi Talib **كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** is Abul Hasan and Abu Turaab.

اس نے لقبِ خاکِ شہنشاہ سے پایا جو حیدرِ کُزّار کہ مولیٰ ہے ہمارا

(*Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, pp. 32*)

Sayyiduna 'Ali **كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** is a son of the Holy Prophet's paternal uncle, Abu Talib. After 30 years of 'Aam-ul-Feel¹ (when the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** was 30 years old), Sayyiduna 'Ali **كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** was born inside the Holy Ka'bah on Friday, the 13th of Rajab. The name of his mother is Sayyidatuna Fatimah Bint-e-Asad **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا**.

¹i.e. the year in which the wretched king Abrahah attacked the Holy Ka'bah using troops and herds of elephants. To learn about details of this event, please read the book '*Ajaib-ul-Quran ma' Gharaiib-ul-Quran*' published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah.

He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was only 10 years old when he came into the fold of Islam. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was raised under the patronage of the Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ remained active in serving Islam, supporting the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and promoting Islamic teachings throughout his life. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ occupies a distinguished reputation because of being amongst the 'Muhaajireen Awwaleen' and the 'Asharah Mubashsharah' and possesses many other remarkable attributes. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ took part with exceptional bravery in the battles of Badr, Uhud, and Khandaq and a great many renowned and brave warriors of the unbelievers (Kuffaar) were hurled into Hell due to the massive strikes of his unique sword named 'Zulfiqaar'.

دُشْمَنَكَ زَوْرِبُڑھ چلا بے با علی مدد! ابدُوالفِقا رَحید ریبھریے نیامہو

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 310)

After the martyrdom of Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Usman-e-Ghani رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, the Ansaar and Muhaajireen pledged the Bay'ah (submission and pledge of allegiance) to Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ and elected him as the Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen (commander and leader of the believers), who held the office of Khilaafat for 4 years, 8 months and 9 days.

On the 17th or 19th of Ramadaan-ul-Mubaarak, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was seriously wounded by a wicked Khaarij's assassination attempt which proved fatal. And on the 21st Ramadaan-ul-Mubaarak, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed away as a martyr.

(Tarikh-ul-Khulafa, pp. 132)

أَصْلِنَسْلِصَفَاوَجِرِوَصِلِخْدَا
بَايْفَضْلُو لَايْتِپِپَلَاكْهُوَسَلَام

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, pp. 313)

Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ was neither tall nor short but he was of medium height, he had large eyes and his blessed face was outstandingly handsome and was as lustrous as the full moon. The portion between his two shoulders was wide. His palms and bones of the shoulders were heavy. He had a slender neck. He had blessed hair from rear of his head not from forehead. His blessed beard was flowing and each hair was naturally dark. His hands and shoulders were hard and immensely strong.

مرتضيشيرخُدا! مرحبکُشا! خَيرکُشا!
سَرورا! لشکرکُشا! مشکلکُشا! امدادکن!

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, pp. 323)

Childhood of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ

Dear Islamic brothers! If we have a look at the childhood of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ, we find it matchless and unparalleled as well. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ remained constantly in the blessed company of the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, brought up under the fostering care of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and acquired blessed teachings. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ embraced Islam while still at a tender age and he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ began calling people towards righteousness with great enthusiasm while obstacles appeared on his path of carrying out this blessed act, this also became part of his learning & training. Let's listen to one of the beautiful parts of his childhood.

First meal of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ

Sayyidatuna Fatimah Bint-e-Asad رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has stated: When Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ was born, the Blessed and Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ named him 'Ali', he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ put his blessed saliva into his mouth and he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then placed his blessed tongue into the mouth of Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ suckled on the blessed tongue and slept sucking the blessed tongue.

Next day, the midwife was called but Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ did not take milk. When this news reached the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived and he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ placed his blessed tongue into the mouth of Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ slept sucking the blessed tongue of Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, thus it continued till Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ willed. (As-Seerat-ul-Halbiyah, pp. 382)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen that the Noblest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ bestowing his blessings upon Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ by his blessed tongue. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has revealed blessed verses at different places in the Glorious Quran.

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said in the Holy Quran:

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ وَجِبْرِيلُ
وَصَالِحِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ ﴿٤﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Allah is his helper, and Jibraeel, and the righteous believers and also the angels are appointed as his helpers.

(Part 28, Surah At-Tahrim, Verse 4)

Commenting on the abovementioned blessed verse, 'Allaamah Sayyid Mahmood Aaloosi Baghdadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْبَارِي has stated: Sayyidah Asmaa Bint-e-'Umayy رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has heard the Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying: (The words in the verse) "righteous believers" refers to Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ.

Sayyiduna Abu Ja'far رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated: When this blessed verse was revealed, the Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ took the hand of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ in his hand and said: This (i.e., Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ) is a righteous believer. (Ruh-ul-Ma'aani, vol. 28, pp.482)

مسلمانو! رَسُوْلُ اللهِ كى اَلْفَت اِگر چاهو
كرو اس كى غلامى جس كا بر مومن بنده هوا

Unique excellence of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ

Sadr-ul-Afaadil, 'Allaamah Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Na'eemuddeen Muraadabaadi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الْهَامِي has stated: When the wealthy people prolonged their questioning and discussion in the blessed court of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and, as a result, the poor hardly found any time to submit their requests in the blessed court of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then a Divine command of giving charity before submitting requests was revealed and Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ complied with the command by paying Sadaqah (charity) and asked some rulings.

He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ ask the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, 'What is loyalty.' The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'The oneness of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and testifying it.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked, 'What is turmoil?' The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Disbelief and polytheism.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked, 'What is truth?' The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Islam, the Glorious Quran and sainthood when you attain them.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked, 'What is necessary upon me?' The Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Obedience to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ).' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked: 'How do I beg from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ?' The Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'With absolute truth and conviction.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked, 'What do I beg for?' The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'The Hereafter.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked, 'What should I do for my salvation?' The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Eat Halaal (permissible) and speak the truth.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked, 'What is pleasure?' The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Jannah.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked, 'What is comfort & tranquillity?' The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Seeing the blessed sight of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.' When Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ completed his questions, this command was abrogated, bringing the relief. No one except Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ acted upon this blessed verse. (Tafseer Khazain-ul-'Irfan)

The blessed verse is as follows:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا تَاجَيْتُمُ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوِكُمْ صَدَقَةً^ط

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who believe! When you wish to humbly consult with the Noble Messenger, give some charity before your consultation. (Part 28, Surah Al-Mujadalah, verse 12)

Virtue of Sayyiduna 'Ali in the light of Ahaadees

Dear Islamic brothers! We heard the glory and eminence of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ mentioned in the Glorious Quran at many places. Besides that, now let's listen to the nobility of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ, as stated by the Blessed and Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

1. The Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said to Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ: 'أَنْتَ مَعِيَ بِمَنْزِلَةِ هَارُونَ مِنْ مُوسَى إِلَّا أَنَّهُ لَا نَبِيَّ بَعْدِي' كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ 'You are in the same position with relation to me as (Sayyiduna) Haroon عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا was, in relation to (Sayyiduna) Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ but there is no prophet after me. (Sahih Muslim, pp. 1310, Hadees2404)
2. 'عَلِيٌّ مَعِيَ بِمَنْزِلَةِ رَأْسِي مِنْ بَدَنِي' i.e., (Sayyiduna) 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ to me is like my head to my body.' (Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 6, pp. 277, Hadees32911)
3. 'أَنَا دَارُ الْحِكْمَةِ وَعَلِيٌّ بَابُهَا' i.e. I am the house of wisdom and (Sayyiduna) 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ is its door. (Jami' Tirmizi, vol. 5, pp. 402, Hadees 3744)

ایک ذرا باپنیافت کا اعنایت کر مجھے اپنا دیوانہ بنامو لیعلم مشکل کاشا!

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen what a great excellence & glory of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ was stated by the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. A part of all these favours and miracles of Sayyiduna

'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has also bestowed him with innumerable virtues.

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated, 'Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ is a scholarly person of great eminence who possesses both the knowledge of the seen and unseen.' (*Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 42, pp. 400*)

Similarly, the second Khalifah of Islam, Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated, '(Sayyiduna) 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ holds three distinctions and even if one of them were awarded to me, it would be more beloved to me than red camels.' The companions then asked about these three distinctions. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said:

1. The Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ married his daughter Fatima-tuz-Zahra رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا to him.
2. His house was adjacent to that of the Most Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ inside Masjid-un-Nabawi and whatever was permissible for him inside the Masjid was his exclusivity.
3. The flag of Islam was given to him in the battle of Khyber.

(*Al-Mustadrak, vol. 4, pp. 94, Hadees 4689*)

Sayyiduna Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated: (Sayyiduna) Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ is the best jurist amongst all of us and Sayyiduna Ubay Bin Ka'b رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is a Qaari (reciter). (*Al-Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol.8, pp. 6, Hadees 21143*)

بیان کسمنپسے ہوا سمجھنا البحرین کا رتبہ
جو مرکز ہے شریعت کا طریقہ کتاب ہے سرچشمہ

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! How majestic is the eminence of Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ that he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was held in high esteem by Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ

كَوَّمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ 'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ surpassed Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ in terms of rank and eminence.

As mentioned by Sadr-ush-Shari'ah, Badr-ut-Tariqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, the order with respect to superiority and ranking according to the beliefs of the Ahl-e-Sunnat Wa-Jama'at (the true school of thought) is: All the companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ whether having attained high ranks or vice-versa (and none is lesser ranked amongst them) all are dwellers of Jannah. In terms of superiority after the blessed Prophets is Siddiq-e-Akbar then 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam then 'Usman-e-Ghani then Sayyiduna 'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ are superior in that order to all the creatures of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ whether genies (jinn), human beings or angels. Superior here means, being more respectable and honourable in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

(Derived from: Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 1, pp. 241-254)

Dear Islamic brothers! Undoubtedly, all the blessed rightly guided caliphs are dearest and beloved of the Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the Noblest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated virtues for each one of them.

The great scholar of Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh) Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has reported that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

أَنَا مَدِينَةُ الْعِلْمِ وَأَبُو بَكْرٍ أَسَاسُهَا وَعُمَرُ حِيطَانُهَا وَعُثْمَانُ سَقْفُهَا وَعَلِيٌّ بَابُهَا

I am the city of knowledge, Abu Bakr is its foundation, 'Umar is its wall, 'Usman is its roof and 'Ali is its door. *(Musnad-ul-Firdaus, vol. 1, pp. 42, Hadees 105)*

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What Sayyiduna 'Ali's love demands

Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ has said: After the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, 'Abu Bakr and 'Umar are better than all.' He added, 'لَا يَجْتَمِعُ حُبِّي وَبُغْضُ أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَ عُمَرَ فِي قَلْبِ مُؤْمِنٍ' *Love for me and hatred for Abu Bakr and 'Umar cannot gather in the heart of any true believer.'* (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat lit-Tabarani, vol. 3 p. 79, Hadees 3920)

كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ It is as if Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ is stating himself that if anyone claims to express devotion towards me, he will have to show devotion towards Abu Bakr and 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا otherwise devotion merely towards me would not be of any benefit.

How beautifully Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allaamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has illustrated the blessed eminence of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ in the form of a couplet:

بعدِ خُلَفَائِهِ ثَلَاثَةَ سَبِّ صَحَابِهِ سَے بڑا
آپ کو رُتَبہ مِلا مَوْلَى عَلِي مُشْکِلِ کُشَا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Aversion to worldliness

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ keeps himself away from wealth and he would have strong a great dislike towards worldliness. Ibn-e-Nabbaaj once came in the presence of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ and humbly said, 'YA Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen the Bayt-ul-Maal (public treasury) is full of gold and silver'. Upon that Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ said اَللّٰهُ اَكْبَرُ, stood up and went to the Bayt-ul-Maal and instructed, 'O Nabbaaj! Call the people of Kufa', announcements were made then he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ distributed all the wealth amongst the people and he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was in the state that while distributing he would say, 'O gold! O silver! Go away from

me; alas! After distribution not even a single dinar or dirham was left, he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ then ordered to spray out water inside the Bayt-ul-Maal (public treasury) and offered two Rak'at Salah there. *(Fazail-us-Sahabah li Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, pp. 531)*

دل سے دنیا کی مہبت دُور کر کے یا علی!
دید و عشقِ مُصطفیٰ مَولِیٰ عَلِیْمِ شکرِ کُشا!

Unasked for bestowment

Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ has stated: I gave when anybody asked me and when nobody asked me I still gave him without his asking [his demand].

(Al-Kaamil fi Du'afa-ir-Rijal, vol. 4, pp. 333, Raqm 775)

بھیک لینے کے لئے دربار میں منگتا ترا
لے کے کشکولاً گیا مَولِیٰ عَلِیْمِ شکرِ کُشا

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you observed the strong hatred of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ towards worldliness and on the other hand his incredible and boundless generosity that he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would not keep anything in his possession and would sacrifice it in the way of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. We too should continue giving charity, following in the footsteps of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ. Listen to three blessed saying of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in order to develop our motivation for giving charity.

1. Give Sadaqah early in the morning as charity given in the morning prevents calamities. *(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 214, Hadees 3353)*
2. Indeed, Sadaqah of a Muslim increases life and rids him of a bad death and Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ prevents evils like arrogance, boasting, jealousy and pride with the blessings of Sadaqah.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 17, pp. 22, Hadees 31)

3. Allah ﷻ says: O Ibn-e-Adam! Entrust your treasure to me, neither will it burn nor be stolen nor sink; I will return it when you really need it.

(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 10, Hadees 30)

May Allah ﷻ grant us the privilege to give more and more charity with sincerity following in the footsteps of pious predecessors.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

بے صدقہ میل پھراس پاک و ستھرے کو روا کیوں ہو

کہ دنیا کھا رہی ہے جس کی آل پاک کا صدقہ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The distinctive traits of Sayyiduna 'Ali

Sayyiduna 'Abi Salih رضي الله تعالى عنه has reported, 'Once Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'aawiyah رضي الله تعالى عنه said to Sayyiduna Daraar رضي الله تعالى عنه, 'Please mention the qualities of Sayyiduna 'Ali رضي الله تعالى عنه before me.' Sayyiduna Daraar رضي الله تعالى عنه said, 'One cannot comprehend the level of knowledge and wisdom of Sayyiduna 'Ali رضي الله تعالى عنه; he رضي الله تعالى عنه had an iron will with regard to Allah's matters and in supporting His religion; he رضي الله تعالى عنه would speak in a decisive manner and would resolve issues with great justice. The eminent personality of Maula 'Ali رضي الله تعالى عنه was the fountain of knowledge and wisdom. Whenever he رضي الله تعالى عنه would speak, his speech had been full of the pearls of wisdom; he رضي الله تعالى عنه disliked worldliness. He رضي الله تعالى عنه would feel delighted (by the worship of Allah ﷻ) in the darkness of the night. By Allah ﷻ! He رضي الله تعالى عنه had been very tearful, far-sighted and grieved. He رضي الله تعالى عنه used to hold his Nafs [self] accountable. He رضي الله تعالى عنه would like to wear rough and thick clothes and would eat coarse bread. By Allah ﷻ! He رضي الله تعالى عنه had such a majestic personality that all of us would feel reluctant to talk to him. However, whenever we visited him, he رضي الله تعالى عنه always came forward to meet us with a warm welcome; he رضي الله تعالى عنه

answered our queries and accepted our invitation. Whenever he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would smile, his blessed teeth would look like a string of white pearls. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would respect the pious, love the Masaakeen (destitute) and would never give hope to the influential or affluent to fulfil their invalid & untruthful desires. No vulnerable person would be disappointed from his court; rather he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would have been confident to have justice done from his blessed court.

By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I have witnessed that when the night would fall, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would weep bitterly holding his blessed beard and would twist like a wounded person. I heard him saying, 'O world! Have you turned your face away from me or are you still desirous of me? O you deceptive world! Go and mislead someone else. I have divorced you thrice in which there remains no opportunity of reconciliation. Your age is too short, your luxuries and bounties are cruel and your dangers are huge. Alas! The journey to the afterlife is too long, the provisions are very short, and the path is difficult and full of dangers.'

Having heard this much, Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'aawiyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ wept so much that his blessed beard was drenched in tears and the people present were also crying. Then he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, 'May peace be upon Abul Hasan (Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ)! By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was surely as has been mentioned.' (*'Uyun-ul-Hikayat, pp. 25*)

اشكبار آنكهين عطا بون دل كيسختيد و ربهو
ديجئے خوف خدام ولي علم مشكل گشا!
بيكر جو دوس خائومين فقير ويے نوا
توبے داتا مين گدا مولی علم مشكل گشا!

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Sayyiduna 'Ali's love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ

Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ was completely overwhelmed with 'Ishq-e-Rasool (intense love and obedience to the Beloved Rasool ﷺ). Someone asked Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ, (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

'How much do you love the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ?' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ replied, 'I swear by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is dearer to us than our wealth, offspring, parents and even cold water at the time of intense thirst.'

(Ash-Shifa, vol. 2, pp. 22)

پیکرِ خوفِ خدا سے عاشقِ خیرِ الوری تم سے راضی کہ بریا مولیٰ تعلیمِ مشکِ لکشا!

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed that when Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was questioned about his overwhelming love towards the Beloved Rasool رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed the message to all the Muslims to come in this world till the Hereafter that the blessed personality of the Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is dearer to us more than our wealth, children and parents. Certainly, this is the recognition of true lovers of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that he shows selfless and intense love towards the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ more than his close relatives, family members, children and even more than his own life because one's own life is most-beloved and dearest to everyone but those who are true lovers of the beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ do not avoid sacrificing their lives in the name of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and they give preference to the blessed personality of the Noblest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ over their own lives.

Today, we do claim to be the true lovers of the beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ but remember! Obeying the Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is also one of the signs of being a true lover of Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. This sign of love perfectly existed in the lives of the blessed Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ. These blessed people رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ entailed following the teachings of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in each step of their lives, they would even carry out those acts which were not necessary upon them, they would believe them to be an honour to perform because the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to do them. Whereas, on the other hand, we are overpowered by western culture, thus we abandon the dearest Sunan of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ though Sunnah is wisdom and is a source of blessings.

In this sinful and evil era, for learning the various Sunan and attaining the passion of acting upon them, the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami is no less than any blessing; you can also attain the motivation and passion by associating yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and by the blessings of travelling with Madani Qafilahs.

لوٹنے رحمتیں قافلے میں چلو سیکھنے سنتیں قافلے میں چلو

ہوں گی حلمشکلیں قافلے میں چلو ختم ہوں شامتیں قافلے میں چلو

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ

Blessed sayings of Sayyiduna 'Ali

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم has stated such beautiful Madani pearls full of wisdom and knowledge, that if we act upon them, success can become our destiny in this world and in the Hereafter.

Sayyiduna Ibn-e-'Abbas عَنْهُمَا تَعَالٰى رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمَا narrated, Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ has stated: Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم has stated such a beautiful sayings that if people act upon them, they attain success and never indulge in evil acts. People humbly asked, 'O Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen! What are those sayings? He رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ replied: These are the sayings to take lessons from:

1. Take care of the likes of your brother, treat him well then you will attain your favourite thing from him.
2. And do not have an evil suspicion about a word that comes out of your brother (seek the positive aspect) you must form a good opinion out of it.
3. Of two acts, never indulge in that which makes you follow your Nafs (self) because following the Nafs is pure loss.
4. Whenever you want your need to be fulfilled then recite abundant Salat upon the Blessed Rasool صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ before making du'aa.

Undoubtedly, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ favours that person who asks for his needs; if whoever asks for those things then Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestows him whatever is better for him and prevents those things which are harmful for him.

5. Whoever wants to be absorbed in the remembrance of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he should make Zikr his habit and custom and have patience in each trouble & misfortune.
6. Whoever longs for a long worldly life, he should be prepared to face troubles.
7. Whoever wants to retain his honour and prestige, he should refrain from showing off.
8. Do not ask questions about which you have nothing to do with.
9. Care for your health before your illness and make good use of your spare time otherwise you will face anxiety and grief.
10. Steadfastness is half of success like sadness is half of old age.
11. When a thing disturbs your heart, abandon it, because peace lies in abandoning that thing. (*'Uyun-ul-Hikayat, pp. 173*)

Dear Islamic brothers! The abovementioned blessed sayings are comprehensive and full of wisdom, if we act upon them, these will bring about immense favours of this world and the Hereafter and such a person would not face embarrassment in any of his dealings. Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيم has devised the best method of living our lives. If we live our lives accordingly, we will be privileged to attain success and progress in no time as well as attaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. If you want to collect lessons from the Madani pearls of blessed saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى which are full of wisdom and knowledge along with their biographies then do read the 324-page book '152 Rahmat Bhari Hikayaat', a publication of Maktabat-ul-Madinah. This remarkable book contains short biographies of 92 blessed saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى, parables of forgiveness and many Madani pearls. It is a Madani request to you to not only read this book but to also motivate others to do so. This can

also be downloaded from Dawat-e-Islami's website: www.dawateislami.net or read online.

Dear Islamic brothers! Keep yourselves engaged with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. **إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. We will be overwhelmed by the blessings of virtuous people that surround and approach us from every side.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Let's listen to a Madani parable for enhancing our motivation & persuasion.

Blessings of giving Dars alone

No words can express the greatness of delivering Dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat*. One brother from the 'Lines Area' of Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi narrated: I was standing on the roof of my house when I saw an Islamic brother of Dawat-e-Islami, with a green 'Imamah on his head, giving Chowk Dars all alone by the street corner. No one was there to listen to him. Even though I was far away from religion and would avoid Islamic brothers who wore green 'Imamahs, when I saw that brother giving a Dars all alone, I felt bad. I went down and joined his Dars in sympathy. Joining that Dars became a source for my reformation and I became attached to the Madani environment. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, at the time of giving this statement, I am in charge of Madani In'aamaat in my locality. There was a time when I used to run away from people wearing green 'Imamahs and **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, and today the crown of the green 'Imamah is shining on my head.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I take this opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has said, 'He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.' (*Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343*)

جَنَّتَمِينَ پُڑوسِ مِجھے تہا پنا بانا

سینہ تر یسْتَنکام دینہ بنے آقا

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

9 Madani pearls regarding the ‘Imamah [Sunnah turban]

Two sayings of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

1. 2 Rak’at of Salah performed whilst wearing an ‘Imamah are better than offering 70 Rak’at without wearing an ‘Imamah.’ *(Al-Firdaus bimaSaur-ul-Khattab, vol. 2, pp. 265, Hadees 3233)*
2. Offering Salah whilst wearing an ‘Imamah is equivalent to 10 000 virtues.’ *(Al-Firdaus bimaSaur-ul-Khattab, vol. 2, pp. 406, Hadees 3805)*
3. Bind the ‘Imamah whilst standing and facing the Qiblah. *(Kashf-ul-Iltibas fis-Tihbab-il-Libas lish-Shaykh ‘Abdul Haq Dihlvi, pp. 38)*
4. The Sunnah of the ‘Imamah is that it should not be shorter than 2½ yards (2.28 metres) in length, nor should it be longer than 6 yards (5.5 metres), and it should be bound in a dome-like fashion. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 22, pp. 186)*
5. If you have a large handkerchief with which you can produce enough folds to cover the whole head, then it will be considered as an ‘Imamah.
6. It is Makruh to bind a small handkerchief with which one can only produce one or two folds. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah – referenced, vol. 7, pp. 299)*
7. It is more appropriate to wrap the first fold of the ‘Imamah towards the right side of the head. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 22, pp. 199)*
8. If the Imamah is to be taken off, out of some need and the intention of binding it again is present, then one sin will be erased on each fold that is opened. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 6, pp. 214)*

9. The length of the Shimlah of the 'Imamah should be at least the width of four fingers, and at most up to the middle of the back, i.e. approximately the length of one arm.

To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatay aur Aadaab*, comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

مجھ کو جذبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پَروردگار سُنّتوں کی تربیت کے قافلے میں بار بار

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

تعالى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (*Afzal-us-Salawat 'alaSayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 151)

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' (*ibid*, pp. 65)

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, pp. 277)

4. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-'Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Sawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْهَامِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-'Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afzal-us-Salawat 'alaSayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.'

(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 125)

6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَأَنْزِلْهُ الْبُقْعَةَ الْمُقَرَّبَةَ عِنْدَ كَيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(AttarhibWattarhib, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيمٌ' and 'كَرِيمٌ'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.