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### Translation

O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious! (*Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40*)

#### Note:

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## VIRTUES OF MISWAK

No matter how hard Satan tries to make you feel lazy, please read this book completely, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** you will develop great love for Miswak.

### Excellence of Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has said, ‘Whoever recites Salat upon me 50 times in a day, I will shake hands with him on the Day of Judgement.’ (*Ibn Bishkwal, pp. 90, Hadees 90*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### When does one not gain the reward of using Miswak?

Deeds are based upon intentions, if there is no good intention, then no reward is gained. Therefore, before using Miswak, make the following intention: *In order to gain reward of the Sunnah, I will use Miswak and through this, I will clean my mouth for reciting the Glorious Quran, Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and Salat-‘Alan-Nabi.*

## 10 Blessed sayings of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ regarding Miswak

1. Offering 2 Rak'aat having performed Miswak are better than 70 Rak'aat without Miswak. (*Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 1, pp. 102, Hadees 18*)
2. Offering Salah having performed Miswak is 70 times greater than the Salah performed without [using] Miswak. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 26, Hadees 2774*)
3. Four blessed actions are the Sunnah of the blessed Rusul: (1) Wearing 'Itr (2) Performing Nikah (3) Using Miswak (4) Having modesty. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 9, pp. 147, Hadees 23641*)
4. Perform Miswak! Don't approach me with yellow teeth. (*Jam'-ul-Jawami', vol. 1, pp. 389, Hadees 2875*)
5. There is a cure for every disease in Miswak other than death. (*Jami' Sagheer, pp. 297, Hadees 4840*)
6. If I did not feel that it would be difficult upon my Ummah, I would have ordered them to perform Miswak with every Wudu. (*Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 637*)
7. Make the use of Miswak necessary upon yourself because in it is the cleanliness of the mouth and it is a means of



attaining the pleasure of Allah ﷺ. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 2, pp. 438, Hadees 5869*)

8. Wudu is half of Iman, and using Miswak is half of Wudu. (*Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 1, pp. 197, Hadees 22*)
9. When a person stands for Salah having performed Miswak, an angel stands behind him listening to his recitation, then comes close to him up to the extent that the angel places his mouth on the reciter's mouth. (*Al-Bahr-uz-Zakhaar, vol. 2, pp. 214, Hadees 603*)
10. Whoever takes a bath on Friday, performs Miswak, applies 'Itr, wears fine quality clothing and then comes to the Masjid and does not step over people, but in fact performs Salah and remains silent after the arrival of the Imam (i.e. during the Khutbah) until the completion of Salah, Allah ﷺ forgives all of his sins that were committed during that week. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 4, pp. 162, Hadees 11768*)

### Performing Miswak strengthens memory

Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has stated, 'Three things strengthen the memory and removes phlegm: (1) Miswak (2) Observing Sawm (3) Recitation of the Glorious Quran.' (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 1, pp. 364*)

## The privilege of reciting the Kalimah at the time of death

In *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, volume 1, page 288, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah; the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, it is stated: Whoever is habitual of [using] Miswak will be fortunate to recite the Kalimah at the time of death and whoever uses opium will not be fortunate to recite the Kalimah at the time of death.

## Actions to increase intellect

Sayyiduna Imam Shaafi'i رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: Four things increase intellect: (1) Refraining from useless talk (2) The use of Miswak (3) The company of pious people (4) To act upon the knowledge that one has been blessed with. (*Hayat-ul-Haywan lid-Dameeri, vol. 2, pp. 166*)



## WHEN WOULD THE BELOVED RASOOL ﷺ PERFORM MISWAK?

### Miswak for every Salah

Sayyiduna Zayd Bin Khalid Juhani رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ has stated, 'The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ wouldn't leave his blessed home for any Salah until he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had performed Miswak.' (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer lit-Tabarani, vol. 5, pp. 254, Hadees 5261*)

## Performing Miswak on awakening is Sunnah

It is narrated from Sayyidatuna ‘Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا: Miswak and water for Wudu used to be placed for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. When he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would wake up in the night, then after relieving himself, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would at first perform Miswak.’ (*Abu Dawood, vol. 2, Hadees 56*)

In another blessed Hadees, it is also narrated from Sayyidatuna ‘Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا: Whenever the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would awaken from sleep; day or night, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would perform Miswak before Wudu. (*Ibid, Hadees 57*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Performing Miswak after waking up is Sunnah. When in the state of sleeping, foul smelling stomach gases travel up towards the mouth, due to which bad breath and a change in taste occurs in the mouth. Through the blessing of this Sunnah, the mouth becomes cleansed.

## The first action when entering the home

Sayyiduna Shurayh Bin Haani رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that I asked Sayyidatuna ‘Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, ‘When the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to enter the blessed home, what was the first action he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to do?’ She رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا replied, ‘Miswak.’ (*Sahih Muslim, pp. 152, Hadees 253*)

## Miswak in the state of Sawm [fast]

It is narrated from Sayyiduna ‘Aamir Bin Rabee’ah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا: I saw the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ perform Miswak many times when observing Sawm ﴿صَوْمٌ﴾. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 176, Hadees 725*)

## Some Madani pearls about Miswak when observing Sawm

It is stated in *Bahar-e-Shari’at*, volume 1, page 997: It is not Makruh [disliked] to perform Miswak whilst observing Sawm, in fact just as it is Sunnah on other days, it is also Sunnah when observing Sawm. Whether the Miswak is dry or wet, be it wet due to water, whether it is used before Zawaal or after; it is not Makruh at any time. It is common amongst the majority of people that it is Makruh to perform Miswak in the afternoon; this is contrary to the Hanafi Mazhab. (*Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 1, pp. 99*)

If by chewing the Miswak, traces [of Miswak strands] are left or taste is felt, then one should not perform Miswak in such a way whilst observing Sawm. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 10, pp. 511*)

## Miswak before the apparent departure

Sayyidatuna ‘Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا stated that at the time of the apparent departure, I requested to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, ‘Should I bring a Miswak?’ The Beloved Rasool

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ nodded his blessed head in agreement. So I having taken it from (my brother) Sayyiduna ‘Abdur Rahman رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ, presented it to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ wanted to use it but it was too hard, so, I requested, ‘Should I soften it?’ The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ nodded his blessed head in agreement. Thus, having softened the Miswak by chewing it with my teeth, I presented it to him. He صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then started to move it over his blessed teeth. *(Summarised from: Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, 3, pp. 308, 157, Hadees 890, 4449)*

### **It is Sunnah for a traveller to keep 8 things with him**

The blessed father of the Imam of the Ahl-us-Sunnah, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan, Maulana Naqi ‘Ali Khan رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated: The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to keep 8 things with him whilst travelling: (1) Miswak (2) Kohl (3) Mirror (4) Comb (5) Scissors (6) Needle (7) Thread. *(Anwaar Jamal-e-Mustafa, pp. 160)* In another narration, (8) ‘Oil’ is (also) mentioned. *(Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 7, pp. 347)*

### **Miswak before eating**

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا used to perform Miswak before eating. *(Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 1, pp. 197)*

## Advice for removing the yellowness from teeth

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رضي الله تعالى عنه states: Performing Miswak after eating removes the yellow stains from the teeth.

*(Al-Kamil fi Du'afa-ir-Rijaal, vol. 4, pp. 123)*



## The causes of 80% of diseases

According to the research of experts, 80% of diseases are caused by problems of the teeth and stomach. Generally, due to not looking after the teeth, several types of bacteria gather in the gums and then go into the stomach, causing numerous diseases.

## Health benefits of Miswak

- ❖ According to the research of a well known American company, Miswak has 20% more capability than any other method in removing harmful bacteria.
- ❖ According to one research of some Sweden scientists, the bristles of Miswak directly remove bacteria without chewing them and protect the teeth from many illnesses.
- ❖ It has been mentioned in a published research of the U.S. National Library of Medicine that if Miswak is used correctly, it is an excellent way of cleansing the teeth and mouth; also, of strengthening the gums.

- ❖ According to one research, those people who use Miswak regularly, have fewer complaints about gum bleeding.
- ❖ It was mentioned in a conference held in Atlanta, America in relation to teeth, that there are such substances in Miswak that protect the teeth from weakness, and Miswak is more beneficial than all types of medications used for cleaning teeth.
- ❖ Miswak removes the layers of plaque on teeth.
- ❖ Miswak protects the teeth from breaking or chipping.
- ❖ When patients of continuous cold and flu who are unable to remove phlegm, use Miswak, the phlegm is removed; and thus they begin to feel lighter in the head.
- ❖ It is proven from the experience and research of pathologists that Miswak is an excellent cure for continuous cold.

### **Miswak cures stomach acidity and sores in the mouth!**

Some sores appear in the mouth due to stomach acidity. There is one such type due to which a lot of bacteria spreads; for this one should use a fresh Miswak as well as the saliva produced from it. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** the illness will go away. Some people complain that their teeth turn yellow or the white lining is removed. A Miswak with new bristles is beneficial for such people, and is also beneficial for removing the yellowness from

teeth. Miswak removes bad odours and bacteria from the mouth, saving one from several diseases.

### The Du'a for Miswak

Some respected jurists رحمهم الله state, recite the following Du'a at the time of using Miswak:

﴿1﴾ اللَّهُمَّ بَيِّضْ بِهِ أَسْنَانِي، وَشُدِّ بِهِ لِثَاتِي، وَثَبِّتْ بِهِ لَهَاتِي،  
وَ بَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّحِيمِينَ<sup>1</sup>



﴿2﴾ اللَّهُمَّ طَهِّرْ فَمِي، وَنَوِّرْ قَلْبِي، وَ طَهِّرْ بَدَنِي، وَ حَرِّمْ  
جَسَدِي عَلَى النَّارِ، وَ ادْخُلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ<sup>2</sup>

**Madani pearl:** One can recite both Du'as or either one.

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<sup>1</sup> **Translation:** O Allah Almighty! Through this, whiten my teeth, strengthen my gums and my throat, and give blessings in it for me, O the Most Merciful of the merciful ones! (*Sharh-ul-Muhazzab lin-Nawawi, vol. 1, pp. 283*)

<sup>2</sup> **Translation:** O Allah Almighty! Cleanse my mouth, enlighten my heart, make my body pure, and make the fire of Hell Haraam on my body and from Your Mercy, include me amongst the pious people! (*'Umda-tul-Qaari, vol. 5, pp. 31, Hadees 887*)



#### **14. Madani pearls of Miswak**

1. Miswak should be of Peelu or bitter wood such as olive etc.
2. The thickness of a Miswak should be equal to that of the small finger.
3. It shouldn't be longer than a hand-span, otherwise Satan sits on it.
4. It's bristles should be soft because hard bristles cause gaps between the teeth and gums.
5. Miswak being fresh is better otherwise make it soft by placing it in a glass of water for a while.
6. Doctors advise to cut the bristles of Miswak daily.

#### **The method of performing Miswak**

7. Perform Miswak horizontally on teeth.
8. Whenever one performs Miswak, it should be done so at least thrice and washed each time.
9. Hold the Miswak in the right hand in such a manner that the little finger remains at the bottom, and the middle three fingers remain on it while the thumb remains at the top bristles end of Miswak. First clean the top right row of the teeth and then the top left row. Then clean the bottom right row and then the bottom left row of the teeth.

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10. Performing Miswak while holding it in a fist may cause piles.
11. Miswak is a Sunnat-e-Qabliyyah [in other words, Miswak is a Sunnah before Wudu, not during Wudu] therefore perform Miswak before starting Wudu, then wash both hands three times and (complete Wudu) as per usual. However, it becomes Sunnah Muakkadah when there is a bad breath. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 1, pp. 837*)

## For women, it is a Sunnah of Sayyidatuna ‘Aaishah Siddiqah to perform Miswak

12. It is stated in *Malfuzaat A’la Hadrat* that: For women, it is a Sunnah of Umm-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyidatuna ‘Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا to perform Miswak but if they don’t use Miswak, then there is no harm in this. Their teeth and gums are relatively weaker in comparison to men’s; it will suffice if they use Missi (bark of a tree for cleaning teeth). (*Malfuzaat A’la Hadrat, pp. 357*)

## When a Miswak becomes unusable

13. When a Miswak becomes unusable, one shouldn’t throw it away as this is a tool for acting upon a Sunnah. It should be placed somewhere with care; or buried somewhere or tied to a stone and drowned in the sea. (For detailed

information, please refer to *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, volume 1, pages 294-295; printed by Maktaba-tul-Madinah.)

### Do you know how to perform Miswak?

14. It is possible that even though you feel that you have been using Miswak for a long time, however you have problems with your teeth and stomach! My dear Islamic brothers! It is not the fault of the Miswak but of your own. I (Sag-e-Madinah) have arrived at the conclusion that nowadays, probably one from thousands knows how to correctly use the Miswak. Usually we rush away having quickly rubbed the Miswak on our teeth in Wudu (ablution), in other words, it should be said that we do not actually perform Miswak properly; in fact it is the formality of Miswak rather being done in a haste.



## TEN PARABLES AND NARRATIONS OF THE LOVERS OF MISWAK

### 1. Curved Miswak

At some place, the Beloved and Blessed Rasool ﷺ got two Miswaks, one of which was curved and the other was straight. He ﷺ gave the straight one to his fellow

companion, and kept the curved one for himself. The companion humbly said: Ya Rasoolallah ﷺ! I swear by Allah عزوجل! You are more deserving of the Miswak which is straight! He ﷺ replied: Whenever somebody adopts the companionship of a person, even if it is for a short while of the day, he will be questioned about that companionship on the Day of Judgement. (Summarized from: *Qoot-ul-Quloob*, vol. 2, pp. 387; *Ihya-ul-'Uloom*, vol. 2, pp. 218)

## 2. How is to suck the Miswak?

Regarding the piece of information mentioned in the book *Durr-e-Mukhtar*, i.e. Sucking at Miswak causes blindness', it is stated in *Fatawa Shaami*: About the act of swallowing saliva without sucking the Miswak, Hakeem Tirmizi رحمه الله عليه has stated: When using Miswak, one should swallow the saliva which is produced in the beginning because it cures all illnesses except leucoderma, leprosy and death. (*Rad-dul-Muhtar*, vol. 1, pp. 251)



## 3. Miswak in 'Imamah

It is stated in *Fatawa Shaami* that some blessed companions رضي الله عنهم would place their Miswak in between the folds of their 'Imamah.

#### 4. Miswak on ear

Sayyiduna Zayd Bin Khalid Juhani رضي الله عنه would go to the Masjid to offer Salah with the Miswak placed on his ear, as a pen is placed on the ear of the scribe.

#### 5. Miswak tied with a string around the neck

It is stated on page 402 of the 518-page book, 'Imamay kay Fazaail' [Excellence of 'Imamah] published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami: Sayyiduna Imam 'Abdul Wahhab Sha'rani رحمته الله عليه stated: We have been made to promise that we will use Miswak regularly before every Wudu and Salah, even if most of us will have to tie our Miswak with a string around our necks (so that the Miswak will not be misplaced) or even if we will have to tie it with our 'Imamah when the 'Imamah is tied on a bandana only. If we have a cap, we will tie 'Imamah on it tightly and will attach the Miswak to the Imamah towards the left ear.

*(Lawaqi-ul-Anwaar, vol. 1, pp. 16)*

#### One should give up Mustahab if there is a fear of Fitnah

How deep love the blessed companions رضي الله عنهم and pious predecessors رحمهم الله had for Miswak! May millions of praises be upon their glorious actions! Remember! Nowadays, if somebody wanders in streets with a Miswak placed on his ear or on 'Imamah or with Miswak tied to a string around his

neck, people will point a finger and mock such a person. Hence it should be avoided in front of general public.

Regarding a certain Mustahab deed, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was asked a question. As there was a risk of Fitnah in case of acting upon that Mustahab deed in India, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ replied: Wherever it is common, it is Mustahab at those places. As for the Indian cities where it is utterly uncommon and – if anyone acts upon it, so the ignorant people will make fun of it, and making fun of an Islamic ruling may ruin one's Deen (faith) – so there is no need to act upon it in such places. If Muslims indulge in a serious issue (i.e. making fun of Islamic rulings), then acting upon a Mustahab deed is not recommended. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 22, pp. 603*)

### Placing a pen on the ear

For a scribe to place the pen on his ear is something good. Sayyiduna Zayd Ibn Saabit رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا has stated: I was once present in the court of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. In front of him was a scribe. I heard the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ say: Place the pen on your ear, as it makes a person remember a lot what he is going to write. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 327, Hadees 2723*)

The renowned commentator, a great thinker of Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ stated regarding this blessed Hadees: If a scribe keeps a pen on his ear, he will remember the ideas he is going to write about. It is better to place the pen

on the right ear. Allah ﷻ has created some effect in everything. The effect of placing a pen on the ear is that one remembers the topic. (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 6, pp. 334*) This could also mean a psychological effect.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Make a specific pocket to place the Miswak

If possible, have two pockets sewn on to your Kurta [i.e. a type of long, fairly loose and full-sleeved shirt]; one on the right and one on the left. Also have a small pocket sewn on the side near the heart (i.e. the left hand side). It will be as if the Miswak – the beloved Sunnah of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ – will cling to the chest and heart.

صَلِّ اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

### 6. A Miswak was bought for a gold coin (parable)

Sayyiduna ‘Abdul Wahhab Sha’rani رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ has narrated: Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Shibli Baghdadi رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ once needed Miswak for Wudu. He رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ searched for it but could not find. Eventually, he رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ bought a Miswak for one dinar, i.e. a gold coin and used it. Some people commented, ‘You have spent a lot of money. It is very expensive.’ He رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ

replied, ‘The world and everything in it is not even as much important in the court of Allah ﷺ as a mosquito’s wing. If, on the Day of Judgement, Allah ﷺ asks me – why did you miss the Sunnah of My Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ? The wealth I bestowed upon you was not even as much important in My court as a mosquito’s wing. Why did you not spend such inferior wealth on getting such a great Sunnah (Miswak)? – Then what reply will I give.’ (Summarized from: *Lawaqi-ul-Anwaar*, pp. 38)

May Allah ﷺ have mercy on them and forgive us without accountability for their sake!

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

O devotees of Rasool! Have you seen? How deep love our pious predecessors had for the blessed Sunnah! Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Shibli رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ spent one dinar (i.e. a gold coin) on Miswak which is a Sunnah of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

## 7. Tears fell from eyes! (Parable)

Dear Islamic brothers! Every Sunnah is a treasure of wisdom. Take Miswak as an example! How can words fully express the blessings of this Sunnah! A businessman stated: I met a new Muslim in Switzerland and I gifted him a Miswak. He accepted it with great happiness. He kissed the Miswak and then touched it to his eyes. Suddenly tears welled up in his eyes. He



then took out a handkerchief from his pocket and unfolded it. On it was a small Miswak approximately two inches in length. He said that when he embraced Islam, he was given that as a gift by Muslims; he used it with great care and it was nearly finished up, making him anxious. It was by the grace of Allah ﷻ that he received another gift of Miswak from him, i.e. the businessman.

Then he added that he had chronic infection in his teeth and gums. The dentist had no cure for it. He started to use the Miswak and اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ after a few days, he felt better. He went to see the doctor who was very surprised to see that he was cured. The doctor said that he could not be cured in such a short period of time with the medicine he had prescribed. Just recall what he had used. He pondered and recalled that he had become a Muslim and had recently started to use the Miswak. Due to use of the Miswak, he was blessed and healed. When he showed the Miswak to the doctor, he was astonished.

## **8. Miswak cured inflammation of the neck and throat ache**

A person had ache in the throat and the neck and also suffered from the inflammation of the neck. His voice was also hoarse due to the illness of the throat. He felt dizzy due to the pain and inflammation of his neck. As a result, his memory had also become weak. He received medical treatment but in vain. One

day, somebody advised him to use a Miswak; so he began to use it regularly. In addition, he split the Miswak into two, placed it into water, boiled it and gargled using this water. Moreover, he put some ointment on the neck where there was inflammation. This treatment proved to be very effective. When it was researched, it came out that his thyroid glands were also affected, causing effects on his whole body. This illness was removed by the use of Miswak and he became healthy.

## 9. Miswak and the throat glands

A person was worried about his enlarged throat glands. He took the syrup made from mulberry and also he started to use fresh Miswak regularly; he (patient) began to feel the benefit straight away.

## 10. 25 Blessings of Miswak

‘Allamah Sayyid Ahmad Tahtaawi Hanafi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated the benefits and excellence of Miswak in the book *Haashiyah Tahtaawi*:

1. Make the usage of blessed Miswak necessary for you. Do not be heedless of it. Use it regularly because the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is in it.
2. Regular use of Miswak makes it easy to earn a living and brings blessings in sustenance.

3. It removes headache.
4. It removes phlegm.
5. It improves eyesight.
6. It maintains the proper functioning of the stomach.
7. It energizes the person who uses it.
8. It improves memory and enhances intellect.
9. It purifies the heart.
10. Good deeds increase.
11. Angels become pleased.
12. Miswak displeases Satan.
13. It helps in the digestion of food.
14. It increases the number of the birth of one's children.
15. It delays aging.
16. It strengthens the back.
17. It gives strength to the body to obey Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
18. It brings easiness at the time of death and reminds one of the Kalimah at such time.
19. It is a means of the book of deeds being given to the Miswak-using person in his right hand.
20. It makes him cross the Pul-Siraat with the lightning speed.

#### Virtues of Miswak

21. The Miswak-using person is helped in the fulfilment of his needs.
22. He gets peace and comfort in the grave.
23. The gates of Heaven are opened for him.
24. He is pure at the time of departing this world.
25. The biggest benefit is that the pleasure of Allah ﷻ is in it.

*(Summarized from: Haashiyah Tahtaawi, pp. 68-69)*

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O Lord of Mustafa! For the sake of Your Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, grant us the privilege of steadfastly acting upon the blessed Sunnah of using Miswak.

**أَمِينٍ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**

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