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## Du'a for Reading the Book

**R**ead the following Du'a (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ*:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَاَنْشُرْ  
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

### 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:**

Recite Salat upon the Holy Prophet *ﷺ* once before and after the Du'a.

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### Du'a of Attar

O Allah Almighty! Whoever reads the 24-page booklet titled 'Excellence of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq' رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, forgive him without accountability and admit him into Jannat-ul-Firdaus in the company of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

### Virtue of Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

Saying of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ: Reciting Salat upon the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ erases sins so quickly that not even water can extinguish fire as swiftly, and sending Salam upon the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is superior to freeing necks (i.e. slaves). (*Tareekh-e-Baghdad*, vol. 7, p. 172)

*Jo ho mareez-e-la-dawa ya kisi gham mayn muftala*

*Subh-o-masa parhay sada صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّد*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّد

## Faith enlightening dream

Before the sun of Islam rose, during the era of ignorance, a pious businessman went to Syria to conduct business. Whilst there, he had a dream which he relayed to a monk named 'Baheera'.

The monk asked: 'Where have you come from?' To which the businessman replied: 'From Makkah.'

He then asked: 'Which tribe do you belong to?'

The businessman replied: 'The Quraysh.'

He asked: 'What do you do?'

He said: 'I am a businessman.'

The monk began to say: 'If Allah Almighty actualises your dream, He will send a Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to your nation; you will be his vizier during his life and his successor after his passing away.'

The pious businessman did not inform anyone about his dream and its interpretation, and when the sun of Islam rose and the seal of Prophets صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ announced his prophethood, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself mentioned the incident of the dream that the businessman saw in Syria and its interpretation as a proof, upon hearing which, the pious businessman embraced the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and whilst

kissing his blessed forehead, said: 'I bear witness that no one is worthy of worship besides Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and I also bear witness that you are a true Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.'

The pious businessman states: On that day, no one in the whole of Makkah was more pleased with me embracing Islam than the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Al-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, p. 83*)

O devotees of the companions and the Prophetic family! Do you know who that pious businessman was? He was the first caliph of the Muslims, the most pious, the paradise dweller, son of a paradise dweller, the companion, son of a companion, the companion in the cave and the shrine, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.

### The most fortunate

It is mentioned in 'سُبُلُ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ' [*Subul-ul-Huda war-Rashad*]: Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ had a dream that a moon had descended in Makkah. Suddenly, the moon split and its fragments entered every house of Makkah. Then the pieces of the moon reassembled and entered his lap. He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ inquired about its interpretation and it was said: 'you will be the most fortunate one from the followers of the awaited Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and all people.'

Thus, when the Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ of Allah Almighty



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announced his prophethood and he invited him (i.e. Abu Bakr) towards Islam, he embraced faith instantly, without delay. (*Subul-ul-Huda War-Rashad, vol. 2, p. 303*)

May Allah Almighty's mercy be upon him and may we be forgiven without accountability for his sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَوْيَيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

*Bayan ho kis zaban say martabah Siddeeq Akbar ka  
Hay yar-e-ghaar mahboob-e-Khuda Siddeeq-e-Akbar ka*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Introduction

O devotees of the companions and the Prophetic family! The respected name of the first caliph of Islam, the leader of believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ is 'Abdullah. His Kunyah [patronymic appellation] is 'Abu Bakr' رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and his titles are Siddeeq and 'Ateeq.

The meaning of 'Siddeeq' is, 'one who is extremely truthful.' He was famously known by this title even in the period of ignorance because he always spoke the truth.

The meaning of 'Ateeq' is 'freed'. Giving him glad tidings, the knower of the unseen by the bestowal of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the

Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'أَنْتَ عَتِيقٌ مِنَ النَّارِ' i.e. 'You are free from the fire of Hell.' This is why he received the title of 'Ateeq. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 29)

He رضي الله عنه is 'Qurayshi', and at the seventh generation, his lineage joins with that of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رضي الله عنه was born in Makkah Mukarramah, approximately two and half years after 'Aam-ul-Feel' (i.e. the year when the unsuccessful king, Abrahah, came along with an army of elephants to attack the Blessed Ka'bah).

*Ilahi! Rahm farma! Khadim-e-Siddeeq-e-Akbar hoon  
Tayri rahmat kay sadaqay, wasitah Siddeeq-e-Akbar ka*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Blessed appearance

The beloved mother of believers, Sayyidatuna 'Aaishah Siddiqah رضي الله عنها was asked: 'How was the blessed appearance of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه?'

She رضي الله عنها said: 'His complexion was fair, his body was slender and his cheeks were not fleshy. He رضي الله عنه would tie his lungi (lower garment) tightly at the waist to stop it from dangling. The veins of his face were clearly visible; likewise, the veins on the back of his palms could be seen clearly. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 25)

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*Behtari jis peh karay fakhr woh behtar Siddeeq*

*Sarwari jis peh karay naaz woh sarwar Siddeeq*

## Important ruling

Whilst mentioning the order (of the companions) in terms of excellence and status according to the correct creed of Ahl-us-Sunnah wal-Jama'at, Mufti Amjad Ali A'zami رحمته اللہ علیہ states: 'all of the companions, the superior and the lower ranked ones (and there is no low ranking one among them) are dwellers of Paradise. After the Prophets and Messengers عليهم السلام, the highest ranking personality within the creation of Allah عز وجل from the humans, Jinns and angels is Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه, followed by Sayyiduna 'Umar, then Sayyiduna 'Usman, then Sayyiduna 'Ali رضي الله عنهم; and after the four rightly guided caliphs, superiority belongs to the rest of the 'Asharah Mubasharah, Hasnayn-e-Karimayn, the participants of Badr and the those of Bay'at-ur-Ridwan رضي الله عنهم; these all are proven dwellers of Paradise.

The meaning of superiority is that they have more honour and status in the court of Allah عز وجل, which is interpreted as an abundance of reward also.' (*Bahar-e-Shari'at*, vol. 1, pp. 241-245 summarised)

*Mustafa kay sab Sahabah Jannati hayn la jaram*

*Sab say razi Haq Ta'ala sab peh hay us ka karam*

Har Sahabi-e-Nabi	Jannati Jannati	Hadrat-e-Usman bhi	Jannati Jannati
Hadrat-e-Siddeeq bhi	Jannati Jannati	Fatimah aur 'Ali	Jannati Jannati
Aur Umar, Farooq bhi	Jannati Jannati	Har Zaujah-e-Nabi	Jannati Jannati

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### The most pious

O devotees of the companions and the Prophetic family! What can be said about the excellence and greatness of the first caliph of the Muslims, the paradise dweller, son of a paradise dweller, the companion, son of a companion, the companion in the cave and the shrine, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ! His virtues are countless just like the stars of the sky and the particles of the earth. His excellences have been mentioned in the Noble Quran, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated his excellence, in fact, the leader of the angels, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام also loves Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. Allah Almighty states in the Noble Quran, part 30, Surah Al-Layl, Verses 17 till 21:

وَسَيُجَنَّبُهَا الْأَتْقَى ﴿١٧﴾ الَّذِي يُؤْتِي مَالَهُ يَتَزَكَّى ﴿١٨﴾ وَمَا لِأَحَدٍ عِنْدَهُ مِنْ  
نِعْمَةٍ تُجْزَى ﴿١٩﴾ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ رَبِّهِ الْأَعْلَى ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلَسَوْفَ يَرْضَى ﴿٢١﴾

*And very soon he will be kept far away from it (i.e. Hell) the one who is most pious. Who gives his wealth in order to become pure.*

*And no one has done a (worldly) favour to him, for which recompense may be given in return. He desires only the pleasure of his Lord Who is Most High. And indeed, soon he will be very pleased.*

*[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 30, Surah Al-Layl, Verses 17-21)*

A pious predecessor from almost 800 years ago, Imam Fakhruddin Razi رحمته الله عليه writes in *Tafseer-e-Kabeer*: ‘the Quranic commentators رحمهم الله are unanimous that this verse was revealed about the leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه. (*Tafseer-e-Kabeer, vol. 11, p. 187*)

*Khuda ikraam farmata hay atqaa keh kay Quran mayn  
Karayn phir kyun nah ikram atqiya Siddeeq Akbar ka*

## Cause of revelation

When Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه purchased (the Mu`azzin of the Prophet) Sayyiduna Bilal رضي الله عنه at a very expensive price and then freed him, the non-Muslims were surprised and asked: ‘why did Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq

رضي الله عنه do this? Perhaps, Sayyiduna Bilal رضي الله عنه has some sort of favour upon him due to which he purchased him at an expensive price and then freed him.’

This blessed verse was revealed upon this and it was made apparent in this verse and the subsequent verse that this action of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه was solely to please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and not in return for the favour of any person, and neither does Sayyiduna Bilal رضي الله عنه or anyone else have any favour upon him. (*Khaazin, Surah Al-Layl, under the verses 19-20, vol. 4, p. 385*)

O devotees of the companions and the Prophetic family! Keep in mind that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه purchased many other people besides Sayyiduna Bilal رضي الله عنه and freed them due to their embracing of Islam; for instance, Sayyiduna ‘Amir Bin Fuhayrah, Sayyidatuna Umm-e-‘Umayy and Sayyiduna Zuhrah رضي الله عنهم.

Moreover, due to the blessings of him spreading the invitation to Islam, five such companions رضي الله عنهم embraced faith who are included amongst the Asharah Mubashsharah. (The Asharah Mubashsharah are those ten companions who were given the glad tidings of Paradise by the Final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during their lifetime.)

*Woh dason jin ko Jannat ka musdah mila*

*Us mubarak Jama'at peh lakhoon salam*

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Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رحمته الله عليه states: 'upon the purchase of the Sayyiduna Bilal رضي الله عنه, the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said to Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه: 'O Abu Bakr! Allow us to partake in the purchase of Bilal رضي الله عنه, take half the amount from us so we both will be his purchasers.'

Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه began trembling and while sacrificing himself on the feet of the Prophet, he said: 'O Master صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, I am your slave and so too is Bilal رضي الله عنه. O Master! I have purchased him for you, I have freed him.'

When Sayyiduna Bilal رضي الله عنه saw the face of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, he immediately fainted and fell unconscious. The Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم cleaned the dust from his face with his own shawl and said: 'أُودِيَتْ فِي اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا' meaning, O

*Bilal! You have suffered a lot of hardships in the way of Allah  
عَزَّوَجَلَّ.*

He (Mufti Sahib) further states: ‘O Siddeeq! Many salutations upon you as you freed the Master of all of us Muslims, Sayyiduna Bilal رضي الله عنه. You freed our Master Bilal رضي الله عنه, (so) you are the Master of our Master.’ (*Mirat-ul-Manajeeh, vol. 8, p. 352*)

*Gada Siddeeq-e-Akbar ka Khuda say fazal paata hay  
Khuda kay fazal say mayn hoon gada Siddeeq-e-Akbar ka*

### **Who is deserving of Jannat-ul-‘Adn?**

The companion, son of a companion, the paradise dweller, son of a paradise dweller, Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin ‘Umar رضي الله عنه states: ‘when Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه was born, Allah Almighty said to Jannat-ul-‘Adn: ‘By My honour and majesty! I will only enter those people in you who will have love for this individual who was born (i.e. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه).’ (*Mukhtasar Tareekh-e-Dimashq, vol. 13, p. 69*)

*Tun hay azad saqr say tayray banday azad  
Hay yeh Saalik bhi tayra bandah bay zar Siddeeq*

### **More renowned in the heavens than on the earth**

It is narrated by the paradise dwelling companion, Sayyiduna



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Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه that once Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عليه السلام came to the court of the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه واله وسلم and sat in one corner. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه passed by, so Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عليه السلام said: 'Ya Rasoolallah صلى الله عليه واله وسلم! Is this the son of Abu Quhafah?' To which he صلى الله عليه واله وسلم replied: 'O Jibra'eel عليه السلام! Do you heavenly residents recognise him?'

Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عليه السلام said: 'by the Lord who sent you as the truthful Prophet صلى الله عليه واله وسلم! In comparison to the earth, Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه is more renowned in the heavens and his name in the heavens is 'Haleem'.' (*Al-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, p. 82*)

## 12 Sayings of the Noble Prophet ﷺ

1. Whosoever wants to see a person who is free from Hell, he should look at Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه. (*Mu'jam-e-Awsat, vol. 6, p. 456, Hadees 9384*)
2. Devotion for Abu Bakr and showing gratitude towards him is necessary upon my entire Ummah. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa`, p. 44*)
3. O Abu Bakr! The first person from my Ummah to enter Paradise will be you. (*Abu Dawood, vol. 4, p. 280 Hadees 4652*)
4. (O Abu Bakr!) You have been freed from hellfire by Allah Almighty. (*Tirmizi, Hadees 3699*)

5. O Abul Hasan (i.e. he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ addressed Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and said), the rank of Abu Bakr in my sight is the same as my rank in the court of Allah. *(Al-Riyad-un-Nadawah, vol. 1, p. 185)*
6. Allah Almighty has created some heavenly maidens from flowers who are referred to as the maidens of rose. Only a Prophet, a Siddeeq or a martyr can marry them, and Abu Bakr will be granted 400 such maidens. *(Al-Riyad-un-Nadawah, vol. 1, p. 184)*
7. I was taken on a journey across the heavens. So, in each heaven that I passed, I found my name inscribed there and I also saw the name of Abu Bakr written after my name. *(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 9, p. 19, Hadees 14296)*
8. I have repaid everyone who had a favour upon me. However, the favours of Abu Bakr upon me will be repaid by Allah Almighty on the Day of Judgement. *(Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 374, Hadees 3681)*
9. Abu Bakr is my brother in the world and the Hereafter. May Allah have mercy upon him and reward him with a good reward on behalf of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as he aided me with his life and wealth. *(Al-Riyad-un-Nadawah, vol. 1, p. 131)*
10. Do not give superiority to anyone over Abu Bakr as he is greater than all of you (companions) in the world and in

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the Hereafter. *(Al-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, p. 137)*

11. The most compassionate one towards my Ummah is Abu Bakr. *(Tirmizi, Hadees 3815, selected)*
12. O Abu Bakr! On Judgement Day, Allah Almighty will manifest a general light upon the people and He will manifest a special light upon you. *(Lisan-ul-Meezan, vol. 2, p. 114, Hadees 1783)*

*Saaray Ashaab-e-Nabi taaray hayn Ummat kay liye  
In sitaaron mayn banay mahr-e-munawwar Siddeeq*

*In kay Maddah Nabi in ka sana go Allah  
Haq Abu-ul-Fazal kahay aur Payambar Siddeeq*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Prophetic love of the unparalleled devotee

The great Taabi'i, Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ibn-e-Sireen رضي الله عنه states: When Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه was going towards the Cave of Sawr with the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, he صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم would sometimes walk in front of the Blessed Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and sometimes behind him. The Noble Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم asked, 'Why are you doing this?'

He رضي الله عنه replied, 'When I think about those who are searching for us, I move behind you, and when I think about

the hidden enemies waiting in ambush, I move in front of you, so that no harm can reach you.’

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then asked, ‘In case of a danger, would you prefer to die before me?’

He replied, ‘By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! This is my only desire.’ (*Aashiq-e-Akbar, p. 31*)

*Parwanay ko charagh tu Bulbul ko phool bas  
Siddeeq kay liye hay Khuda ka Rasool bas*

### 8 distinctive qualities of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

1. He led 17 prayers during the worldly life of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.
2. He was the first to compile the Noble Quran. (*Umda-tul-Qaari, vol. 13, p. 534*)
3. He was the first to offer Salah with the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa`, p. 25*)
4. It is the unanimous belief of the Ahl-us-Sunnah that after the Prophets and Messengers عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام, he is superior to all humans, jinns and angels.
5. He spent 47 years of his blessed life with the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Fatawa-e-Razawiyah, vol. 28, 457, summarised*)

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6. He is that fortunate individual who is a companion himself, whose father is a companion, and whose sons, daughters and grandchildren are all companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ. (*Tareekh-e-Ibn-'Asakir, vol. 30, p. 19*) No one besides him enjoys this honour.
7. He was the first to deliver a Khutbah (sermon) in Masjid-ul-Haraam. (*Tareekh-e-Ibn-e-'Asakir, Hadees 3398*)
8. He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would run a clothing business. (*Lam'aat-ut-Tanqeeh, vol. 6, p. 500*)

*Chamnistaan-e-Nubuwwat ki bahar-e-awwal*

*Gulshan-e-Deen kay banay pehlay gull-e-tar Siddeeq*

## Knowledge of dream interpretation

The secret behind Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq's رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ expertise in dream interpretation was that he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ acquired this knowledge directly from the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'I was commanded to mention the interpretation of dreams and that I teach this knowledge to Abu Bakr.' (*Tareekh-e-Ibn-'Asakir, Hadees 6325*)

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## The favoured one

The Imam of Ahl-us-Sunnah, Sayyiduna Imam Abul Hasan

Ash'ari رحمته الله عليه states: 'Abu Bakr was always favoured with the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.' (*Irshad-us-Saari*, vol. 8, p. 370, selected)

Imam Abdul Wahhab Sha'rani رحمته الله عليه states in 'أَلْيَوْمَاقِيَّتِ وَالْجَوَاهِرِ' [*Al-Yawaqeeet wal-Jawahir*]: 'The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه: 'do you remember that day?'

He رضي الله عنه replied: 'yes, I remember it and I also remember that on that day, you (the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) were the first to say 'بَلَى'. (This refers to the day of the covenant when Allah Almighty said to all the human souls, 'Am I not your Lord?' To which they all replied 'بَلَى' – of course.)

A'la Hadrat رحمته الله عليه states: 'since the day of the covenant till his birth, from his birth till his passing and from his passing till eternity, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه is the leader of the believers.' (*Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat*, p. 62)

*Nabi ka aur Khuda ka madh go Siddeeq-e-Akbar hayn*

*Nabi Siddeeq-e-Akbar ka Khuda Siddeeq-e-Akbar ka*

## Disinclination from the world

The paradise dwelling companion, Sayyiduna Zaid Bin Arqam رضي الله عنه states: 'the leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه requested for some water to drink, so water and honey were presented in a vessel.

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When the leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه brought it close to his mouth, he started crying, making those who were present cry also. He رضي الله عنه then became quiet while the others continued to cry. (Upon seeing this state of theirs,) He رضي الله عنه became emotional and started crying again, to the extent that people thought that they could not ask the reason for crying.

Then, after some time when the crying stopped, the people asked: ‘what made you cry so much?’

The leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه said: ‘I was once with the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم when he صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم was saying whilst distancing something from himself, ‘Move away from me, move away from me,’ but I could not see anything near him.

I asked: ‘Ya Rasoolallah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, what are you distancing from yourself as I cannot see anything near you?’

The Noble Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم replied: ‘this was the world, which came to me in an adorned state so I said to it: ‘move away from me’, so it did so. It (the world) said: ‘by Allah! You have saved yourself from me but those who will come after you will not be able to.’

He رضي الله عنه then said: ‘I became fearful that the world has clung to me. This is what made me cry.’ (*Musnad Bazzar, vol. 1, p. 196, Hadees 44*)

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*Yaqinan manbi'-e-khauf-e-Khuda Siddeeq-e-Akbar hayn*

*Haqeeqi 'aashiq-e-khayr-ul-wara Siddeeq-e-Akbar hayn*

*Nihayat muttaqi-o-paarsa Siddeeq-e-Akbar hayn*

*Taqai hayn balkeh shah-e-Atqiya Siddeeq-e-Akbar hayn*

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The eminent Taabi'i, Sayyiduna Sa'eed Bin Jubayr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states: The following verses (of Surah Al-Fajr) were recited near the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

يَا أَيَّتُهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةُ ﴿٢٧﴾ ارْجِعِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكِ رَاضِيَةً مَرْضِيَّةً  
﴿٢٨﴾ فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ﴿٢٩﴾ وَادْخُلِي جَنَّاتِي ﴿٣٠﴾

*(It will be said to the pious) 'O satisfied soul.' 'Return towards your Lord, in the state that you are pleased with Him, and He is pleased with you.' 'Then enter (the ranks of) My chosen bondsmen.' 'And enter My Paradise.'*

*[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 30, Surah Al-Fajr, Verses 27-30)*

Whereupon, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said: 'How good is this!'

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'At the time of your



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death, the angel will definitely say this.’ (*Tafseer-e-Tabari, vol. 12, p. 581, Hadees 37213*)

A’la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحمته الله عليه states: ‘Ever since the time that he (Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه) accompanied the Noble Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, he did not separate from him at all, to the extent that even after death, he رضي الله عنه is resting by the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم.

Once, the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم took Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq’s رضي الله عنه hand in his right hand and the hand of Sayyiduna ‘Umar Farooq رضي الله عنه in his left hand and said: ‘we will be raised like this on the Day of Judgement.’ (*Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 378, Hadees 3689*)

## Passing away

The unparalleled devotee, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه passed away on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jumadal Ukhra 13AH at the age of 63. (*Sunan-ul-Kubra-lil-Bayhaqi, vol. 3, p. 557, Hadees 6663*)

At the time of death, his final words were: ‘O Allah! Grant me death upon Islam and join me with the righteous.’ (*Al-Riyad-un-Nadawah, vol. 1, p. 258*)

## Blessing of the testimony of faith

People saw Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه after his passing in a dream and asked: ‘O leader of the believers! You

used to say about your tongue that it caused you to fall into places of destruction, so how did Allah Almighty deal with you?’

He رضي الله عنه replied: ‘I recited ‘لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ’ with it, so this very tongue caused me to enter paradise.’ (*Ihya`-ul-‘Uloom, vol. 4, p. 431*)

*Maqaam-e-khawab-e-rahmat chayn say aaram karnay ko*

*Bana Pehloye mahboob-e-Khuda Siddeeq-e-Akbar ka*

O devotees of the companions and the Prophetic family! The blessed life of the unparalleled devotee, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه is an excellent example for us. He رضي الله عنه was stationed at the lofty rank of ‘فَتَا فِي الرَّسُولِ’ (i.e., complete engrossment in prophetic love). His every act was a Sunnah of the Prophet. If only we, the devotees of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه, also begin to firmly act upon the Prophetic Sunnah, not only ourselves but also make others act upon the Sunnah by conveying the call of righteousness to each and every home, and may we depart from this world in this glorious state.

These sentiments have been expressed by the devotee of the Prophet, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, ‘Allamah, Maulana, Muhammad Ilyas Qadiri Razavi Ziyae دامت بركاتهم العالوية as follows:

*Tayri Sunnatoon peh chal kar mayri ruh jab nikal kar*

*Chalay tu galay lagana Madani Madinay walay*

O devotees of the companions and the prophetic family! In order to attain the true passion of becoming a follower of the paradise dweller, son of a paradise dweller, the companion, son of a companion, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and all other companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and to light the lamp of prophetic love in your heart, associate yourself with the blessed environment of Dawat-e-Islami; travel abundantly in Madani Qafilahs to propagate Sunnahs, keep a fist length beard in conformity with the Sunnah and instead of keeping a non-Islamic hairstyle, adopt the Sunnah of keeping tresses [in conformity with the Prophetic Sunnah], and instead of walking around bareheaded, wear the crown of Imamah.

Whilst spending your life in obedience to Allah Almighty and His Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, have devotion for all the companions and the prophetic family, because just as having devotion for the companions is extremely important for the safety of Iman, likewise love for the prophetic family is also compulsory in order to attain the intercession of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. If love for these two great groups is found in the heart, إِنَّ رِضَا آلِ اللَّهِ فِي دِينِكُمْ يُبْتِغَىٰ بِهِ النِّجَاتِ success will be attained in both worlds.

**Respect the Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ immensely**

Sadr-ul-Afadil, ‘Allamah Maulana Sayyid Muhammad

Na'eem-ud-Deen Muradabadi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ has stated: 'Muslims should show immense respect for the Noble Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and inculcate love for them in their hearts. Loving them is loving the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and the unfortunate person who speaks disrespectfully about the companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ is an enemy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Messenger. Muslims should not sit with such a person.' (*Sawanih Karbala*, p. 31)

### Stay away from those who disrespect the companions

Sayyiduna 'Allamah Jalaluddin Suyuti Shaafi'i رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ has stated in '*Sharh-us-Sudoor*': 'when the time of death of a person approached, he was told to recite the Kalimah Tayyibah. He replied, 'I don't have the ability to recite it because I used to associate with those people who would instruct me to say insulting words about Abu Bakr and 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا.' (*Sharh-us-Sudoor*, p. 38)

O devotees of the companions and the prophetic family! If this is the consequence of having such a friendship that a person is deprived of reciting the Kalimah Tayyibah, then what will be the state of those who are actually guilty of insulting them.

Hence, it is imperative to remain far away from those who insult the Shaykhayn and all the companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ. Only adopt the company of the devotees of the Prophet, the companions and the saints of Allah. Illuminate the lantern of devotion towards these great personalities in your heart and

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become worthy of the blessings of both worlds. Teach your children that every companion is a paradise dweller.

Har Sahabi-e-Nabi	Jannati Jannati	Hadrat-e-Usman bhi	Jannati Jannati
Hadrat-e-Siddeeq bhi	Jannati Jannati	Fatimah aur 'Ali	Jannati Jannati
Aur Umar, Farooq bhi	Jannati Jannati	Her Zaujah-e-Nabi	Jannati Jannati

(For further information about the biography of the unparalleled devotee, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه, read the 64-page booklet, entitled '*Unparalleled devotee*', and the (approx.) 700-page book, entitled '*Faizan-e-Siddeeq-e-Akbar*', both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah. You can also download these books from Dawat-e-Islami's website for free).