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## Du'a for Reading the Book

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

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ  
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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## Blessings of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

### Du'a of Attar

O Allah Almighty! Whosoever reads or listens to the 21-page booklet 'Blessings of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ', grant him a portion from the Prophetic devotion of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, and forgive him without accountability.

اٰمِيْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْن صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

### Virtue of Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

The Last and Final Prophet of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Whosoever sends Salat upon me once, Allah Almighty will send Salat (i.e. mercy) upon him ten times. (Muslim, p. 172, Hadith 912)

*Zaat-e-Wala peh bar bar Durood*

*Bar bar aur bay-shumar Durood*

*Sar say pa tak karoor bar Salaam*

*Aur sarapa pay bay-shumar Durood*

(Zauq-e-Na't, pp. 123-124)

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## His eyesight returned (an account)

A young child's father had passed away, and Allah Almighty had decreed for him to lose his eyesight in his childhood. His righteous mother was deeply aggrieved by this; she had him treated but his eyesight did not return, so the poor mother was very concerned at this point. She continued to cry in the court of Allah Almighty on account of this pain and make Du'a for the return of her son's eyesight. The mercy of Allah Almighty showered down and He had mercy upon his righteous slave.

What happened was that one night, her fortune shone, the eye of her heart was illuminated and the Prophet of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came into her dream and said, 'Allah Almighty has returned your son's eyesight to him on account of your Du'as.' When the mother awoke in the morning and looked at her son, اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, his eyesight had returned. (*Tafheem-ul-Bukhari, vol. 1, p. 4, summarised*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Do you know who this fortunate child was? Yes, this young child would go on to become a great scholar and Hadith master, and is known to the world as 'Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ'. May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَوْمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## An introduction to Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Shawwal 194 AH, on a Friday, in Bukhara (a city in Uzbekistan). His name is Muhammad, and his Kunya is Abu Abdullah. (*Fath-ul-Baari, vol. 1, p. 452*) These are some of his titles: Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen fil Hadith, Hafiz-ul-Hadith, Nasir-ul-Ahadith-an-Nabawiyyah, Hibr-ul-Islam, Sayyid-ul-Fuqaha wal-Muhaddiseen, Imam-ul-Muslimeen and Shaykh-ul-Mu'mineen. (*Siyar A'laam-ul-Nubala, vol. 10, pp. 293-299; Tabaqat Al-Shafiyyah Al-Kubra, vol. 2, p. 212; Muqaddamah Nuzha-tul-Qaari, vol. 1, p. 106; Al-A'laam-liz-Zarkali, vol. 6, p. 34*)

## Imam Bukhari's father

Dear Islamic brothers! The father of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, Sayyiduna Isma'eel Bin Ibrahim رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, was a student of the Imam of millions of Malikis, Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, and benefitted from the company of the great Wali, Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Mubarak رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. His piety and righteousness were such that he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ protected his wealth from doubtful matters (such things in which there was doubt of them being Halal or Haraam). At the time of his passing, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, 'According to my knowledge, there is not a single Dirham from my wealth which is doubtful.' (*Irshad Al-Saari, vol. 1, p. 55*) May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

*Na mujh ko aazma dunya ka mal-o-zar 'ata kar kay  
'Ata kar apna gham aur chashm-e-giryan ya Rasoolallah  
(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, (amended version) p. 340)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### The blessings of righteous parents

Dear Islamic brothers! What can be said about the piety and righteousness of Imam Bukhari's father; remaining protected from doubtful wealth is indeed a great accomplishment, but alas, never mind staying away from doubtful wealth, people today are earning Haraam. Remember! Haraam wealth is a great calamity and can destroy many generations; alongside raising your children in accordance to the Shari'ah and Sunnah, one should pay close attention to earning Halal and eating Halal, otherwise remember, eating and feeding others Haraam can result in a person facing severe punishment on the Day of Judgement.

Read a terrifying narration and be concerned about earning and eating Halal. Moreover, if, Allah forbid, you have earned a morsel of Haraam, make sincere repentance from it and refer to a Mufti for guidance in order to find a solution, otherwise, you can fall into great hardship.

## An unfortunate husband and father (an account)

It is narrated: From those people who are related to a man, his wife and his children are foremost; all of them (i.e. his wife and children) will stand before Allah Almighty (on the Day of Judgement) and say, ‘O our Lord! Take our right from this man and give it to us, for he never instructed us regarding religious matters and he would feed us Haraam, which we had no knowledge of.’

The man will then be struck on account of earning Haraam, to such an extent that his flesh will fall off, then he will be brought to the scale of deeds and the angels will bring his good deeds that will be equivalent to a mountain, whereupon one of his family members will come forth and say, ‘My good deeds are little.’ Thus, he will take from his good deeds, then the second one will come and say, ‘You fed me usury,’ and he will take from his good deeds. This will continue until his family members take all of his deeds, whereupon, he will look towards his family members with regret and despair, and he will say, ‘Now only the sins and injustices remain upon my shoulders which I committed for your sake.’ The angels will say, ‘This is that (unfortunate) individual whose good deeds were taken by his family members and he has entered Hell because of them.’ (*Qurra-tul-Uyoon*, p. 401; *Naykiyyon ki jazayen aur gunahoon ki sazayen*, p. 93)

*Ya Rab bacha lay tu mujhay nar-e-jaheem say*

*Awlad par bhi balkeh Jahannam Haraam ho*

*(Wasail-e-Bakhshish (amended version) p. 310)*

## Haraam dealings with righteous work

The last and final Prophet of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Some people will come forth on the Day of Judgement with good deeds equivalent to Mount Tihaamah, however, when they will be brought forward, Allah Almighty will nullify all of their deeds and then they will be thrown into Hell.' It was asked, 'O Messenger of Allah! What is the reason for this?' He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'People offer Salah, keep fasts, give Zakat and perform Hajj, but when something Haraam came before them, they would take it, thus Allah Almighty nullified their deeds.' (*Kitab-ul-Kaba'ir, p. 136*)

## A terrifying voice

It is stated in another Hadith, 'Whosoever ate something Haraam, a fire will be lit in his stomach, and when he arises from the grave, the whole of creation will tremble because of his terrifying voice, until Allah Almighty will make whatever judgment He will make between his creation.' (*Qurra-tul-'Uyoon, p. 392*)

*Jo dukanayn khiyanat say chamkayen gay!*

*Kiya inhayn zar kay anbar kaam aayen gay?*

*Qahr-e-Qahar say kaya bacha payen gay?*

*Ji nahin, naar-e-dozakh mayn lay jayen gay*

Dear Islamic brothers! If parents act upon the Quran and

Hadith, and have fear of Allah Almighty, through their blessings, their children will also ascend the stations of piety and righteousness. The worldly benefit that the noble parents of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ received on account of their piety was that their son became ‘Imam-ul-Muhaddiseen’, and the people will remember him as ‘Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ’ until the end of times, and they will continue to benefit from the blessings of his renowned book, ‘Sahih Bukhari’.

*Bay adab maan ba adab Awlad jan sakti nahin  
Ma'dan-e-Zar Ma'dan-e-Fawlad ban sakti nahin*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### The blessings of righteous parents

Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا states, ‘Indeed, Allah Almighty rectifies a person’s children, and his children’s children, on account of his piety, and he protects him from among his lineage and neighbours, and they all remain in protection and safety from Allah Almighty. (Tafseer Durr-e-Mansoor, vol. 5, p. 422)

*Peer-o-Murshid par mayray maan baap par  
Ho sada rahmat aye nanaye husayn*

## The grace of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ upon Imam Bukhari

Dear Islamic brothers! The rank and status that Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ attained in the field of Hadith is second to none; he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ knew hundreds of thousands of Ahadith by heart. The special grace and generosity of Allah Almighty and His Beloved Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ were upon him. Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ once had a dream in which he saw that he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was removing the flies that were sitting on the blessed body of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. After seeing this dream, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was concerned, as flies never sat on the blessed body of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The noble scholars made the following interpretation of this dream: Congratulations to you, for you are clarifying and removing the confusion that has affected the Ahadith. (*Muqaddamah Fath Al-Baari, Al-Fasl-ul-Awwal, vol. 1, p. 9*)

## The advice of his teacher caused him to reach the heights (an account)

Imam Muhammad Bin Isma'eel Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ visited Imam Muhammad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, the great student of Imam-e-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, and began to learn the Book of Salah in Fiqh. When Imam Muhammad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ observed in him an inclination towards the science of Hadith, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

said, ‘Go and study the science of Hadith.’ Thus, when Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ accepted the advice of his teacher and began to attain knowledge of Hadith, all of those who were present saw that he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ surpassed all of the Imams of Hadith.

*(Rah-e-‘Ilm, p. 36; Ta’leem Al-Muta’allim, p. 52)*

### **Eating dry bread for forty years (an account)**

O devotees of Imam Bukhari! During his studies, Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ would sometimes eat dry grass to survive; on an average day, he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ would only eat two or three almonds. Once, he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ fell ill and the doctors said that his insides had become dry due to constantly eating dry bread. At that time, he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ said, ‘I have been eating dry bread for forty years and I did not touch condiments at all during this time.’ *(Tazkirah Al-Muhaddiseen, p. 183, slightly amended)*

### **Amazing memory (an account)**

Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Abi Haatim states: I heard from Haashid Bin Isma’eel and another scholar who both said: Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ accompanied us at a young age to the scholars of Basra in order to study the science of Hadith. Besides Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ, all of us would write down Ahadith in order to memorise them. After sixteen days had passed, we scolded Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ and said to him that he had wasted the efforts of all of these days by not

memorising the Ahadith. Hearing this, Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, 'Bring what you have written.' So, we each brought our pages and Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ began to read the Ahadith from memory until he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ had recited more than 15,000 Ahadith. After hearing this, we felt as though it was Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ who had dictated these narrations to us.

*(Irshad-us-Saari, vol. 1, p. 59, extracted)*

## Memorising 70,000 Ahadith

Dear Islamic brothers! If Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would look at a book once, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would memorise it. During the initial stages of his studies, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ had memorised 70,000 Ahadith and this number would reach 300,000 later on. Sayyiduna Sulayman Bin Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ once visited Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Salam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, and Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Salam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said to Sayyiduna Sulayman Bin Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, 'If you had come a short while before, I would have shown you that child who has memorised 70,000 Ahadith.'

Hearing this astonishing fact, a desire arose in the heart of Sayyiduna Sulayman رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ to meet Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. Thus, after leaving the presence of Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Salam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, Sayyiduna Sulayman Bin Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ began to search for Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. When he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ met Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, Sayyiduna Sulayman Bin

Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said, ‘Are you the one who has memorised 70,000 Ahadith?’ To which Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said, ‘Yes, I am that memoriser, in fact, I know even more Ahadith than this, and I am also aware of the dates of birth, places of residence and dates of death for most of the noble Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ and Tabi’een that I narrate Hadith from.’ (*Irshad-us-Saari, vol. 1, p. 59*)

### One secret behind a strong memory

Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was asked, ‘Is there any medicine to strengthen the memory?’ He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ replied, ‘I am not aware of any medicine; however, I have found studying with utmost concentration and steadfastness to be very beneficial for the memory.’ (*Fath-ul-Baari, vol. 1, p. 460*)

### Imam Bukhari’s mastery of Hadith

Muhammad Bin Ishaq Bin Khuzaymah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘I did not see a scholar or memoriser of Hadith greater than Muhammad Bin Isma’eel Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, such that it was said: If Muhammad Bin Isma’eel does not know a Hadith, it is not a Hadith.’

### How was Sahih Bukhari written?

Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said, ‘Whenever I intended to write a

Hadith in my book (*Sahih Bukhari*), I would first perform Ghusl and offer two cycles of Salah. I have selected the Ahadith written in this book from 600,000 Ahadith. I spent 16 years compiling this book and this book is a proof between me and Allah Almighty.’ (*Al-Mustadrak, vol. 1, p. 40*)

### The acceptance of *Sahih Bukhari*

Dear Islamic brothers! Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ wrote several books; however, no other book attained the acceptance and renown that Sahih Bukhari attained. Imam Abu Zayd Marwazi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘I was once sleeping in Makkah in between Maqaam Ibrahim and the Black Stone, when I saw the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in my dream, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘O Abu Zayd! Why do you not teach from our book?’ I asked, ‘O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! May my life be sacrificed upon you! Which book is yours?’ The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘The book of Muhammad Bin Isma’eel (i.e. *Imam Bukhari* رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ), *Sahih Bukhari*.’ (*Bustan-ul-Muhaddiseen, pp. 274-275, selected*)

### The excellence of *Sahih Bukhari*

O devotees of the Prophet! It is said in regards to Sahih Bukhari that: ‘أَصْحَحُّ الْكُتُبِ بَعْدَ كِتَابِ اللهِ الصَّحِيحُ الْبُخَارِيُّ’, i.e., ‘The most authentic book after the Quran is Sahih Bukhari.’ The full name

of the book is: ‘الْجَامِعُ الْمُسْتَدْرَكُ الصَّحِيحُ الْمُخْتَصَرُ مِنْ أُمُورِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ’. رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: The predecessors have written that, ‘If *Sahih Bukhari* is read at the time of difficulty, the difficulty is alleviated, if it is found on a ship, the ship will not sink, and if it is read at the time of drought, rain will fall.’

Imam Aseel-ud-Deen رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘I completed *Sahih Bukhari* 120 times for my own difficulties and the difficulties of others, and all wishes and needs were fulfilled. All of these blessings are due to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.’ (*Mirqat, vol. 1, p. 54*) Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na’eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘*Sahih Bukhari* is completed during calamities, and through its blessings and with the grace of Allah Almighty, calamities are averted.’ (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 1, p. 11, extracted*)

### The blessed habits of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

Dear Islamic brothers! One can only attain success by struggling day and night and by having the passion to fulfil one’s goal; those who waste their days on useless activities and spend their nights sleeping in heedlessness can never ascend the ladder of success. Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was very distant from living a life of luxury and he had inherited the avoidance of doubtful matters from his father, and he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ also displayed exemplary conduct when it came to the rights of

people. His devotion to the Prophet was such that he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would keep the blessed hair of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on his person. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would eat very little, and he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would safeguard his intention.

His passion for worship was also matchless; he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would stay awake all night and worship. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would offer an abundance of Nawafil, keep Nafl fasts, wake up every night and recite 10 Juzz of the Quran, complete one Quran daily in Ramadan, and completing the Quran in Taraweeh was also part of his routine. (*Siyar A'lam-un-Nubala*, vol. 10, p. 303; *Tahzeeb-ul-Asma wal-Lughaat*, vol. 1, p. 93; *Tabaqat Al-Shafi'ah Al-Kubra*, vol. 2, p. 224)

### **The livelihood of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ**

Dear Islamic brothers! Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was a farmer and a trader. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ received a lot of wealth from his father's inheritance, which he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would give as Mudarabah (silent partnership). (*Masabih-ul-Jami'-lil-Dimameeni*, vol. 5, p. 49; *Fath-ul-Baari*, vol. 1, p. 454) He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ once said, 'I receive 500 Dirhams every month and I spend all of it on acquiring knowledge.' (*Siyar A'lam-ul-Nubala*, vol. 10, p. 309)

### **The bee stung him 17 times**

Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was praying Salah once when a bee stung him 17 times. After completing the Salah, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

said, 'Check and see what was causing me pain during Salah.' His students looked and saw that his belly was inflamed in 17 places. In regards to not breaking Salah despite being stung 17 times by a bee, Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ said, 'I was reciting a verse and I had a desire to complete the verse.' (*Hady-us-Saari Muqaddamah Fath-ul-Baari, p. 455, selected*)

O devotees of Salah! Did you see his level of presence in Salah! May Allah Almighty grant us the ability to worship Him and to recite the Quran for the sake of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ

*Bana day mujhay nayk naykon ka sadqah*

*Gunahon say har dam bacha ya Ilahi*

*'Ibadat mayn guzray mayri zindgani*

*Karam ho karam ya Khuda ya Ilahi*

*(Wasail-e-Bakhshish (amended version) p. 105)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Respect for the Masjid

The author of the renowned Hadith book, 'Sahih Bukhari, Imam Muhammad Bin Isma'eel Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ was once in the Masjid when an individual took out a small piece of something from his beard and placed it on the floor of the Masjid. Seeing this, he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ stood up, placed the small

piece in his sleeve and then discarded it when he left the Masjid. (*Tareekh-e-Baghdad, vol. 2, p. 13*)

### He never engaged in backbiting

Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘I have hope that I will enter the court of Allah Almighty in a state that He will not take me to account for backbiting, for I have not backbitten anyone.’ (*Tareekh-e-Baghdad, vol. 2, p. 13*)

### He did not like changing his intention

Sayyiduna Bakr Bin Muneer رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘A man once sent some goods to Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, and some businessmen came in the evening and wished to purchase the goods for a profit of 5,000 Dirhams. Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, ‘Stay for the night.’ The next day, another group of businessmen came and offered to purchase it for a profit of 10,000 Dirhams, but Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, ‘I have made an intention to sell it to the businessmen that came yesterday.’ So, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ sold the goods to them and said, ‘I do not like to change my intention.’ (*Tareekh-e-Baghdad, vol. 2, p. 12, selected*)

Dear Islamic brothers! What can be said about the excellence of the people of Allah Almighty! Whether it was a religious matter or a worldly one, these great personalities would always remain in fear of Allah Almighty, in fact, they would protect

their intention and their heart in every state. If only the businessmen of today would emulate Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ by doing business with truthfulness and honesty; alongside attaining blessings and goodness in their livelihood, they would also attain an abundance of rewards.

### A matter of concern for the salesman

Imam Muhammad Bin Muhammad Bin Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states, 'On the Day of Judgement, the tradesman will be made to stand with every such individual that he sold something to, and accountability will be taken from him in accordance to the number of people that he had dealings with.'  
*(Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 2, p. 111)*

*Aashiq-e-Maal is mayn soch aakhir kaya 'Urooj-o-Kamal rakha hay?  
Tujh ko mil jaye ga jo qismat mayn tayri Rizq-e-Halaal rakha hay*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Number of teachers and students

A'la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: When Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ passed away, he left behind 90,000 students who were Muhaddiseen. *(Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat, p. 238)*

The commentator of *Sahih Bukhari*, Mufti Sharif-ul-Haq

Blessings of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

Amjadi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ writes: The number of Imam Bukhari's teachers is 1,080. (*Nuzha-tul-Qaari*, vol. 1, p. 119)

### The advice of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ would often recite these couplets:

إِعْتَنِمْ فِي الْفَرَاغِ فَضَلَ الْوُكُوعِ  
فَعَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ مَوْتُكَ بَعْتَةً  
كَمْ صَحِيحٍ رَأَيْتُ مِنْ عَجَبٍ سَقَمِ  
خَرَجَتْ نَفْسُهُ الصَّحِيحَةُ قَلْبَةً

**Translation:** (1) Realise the value of bowing and prostrating (i.e. Nafl Salah) in your free time, for death shall come to you soon. (2) I have seen many healthy people who had no ailments, and their souls departed suddenly. (*Mukashafa-tul-Quloob*, p. 271)

*Aakhirat ki karo jald tiyariyyan  
Maut aakar rahay gi tumhayn bay guman*

*Maut ka daykho I'laan karta huwa  
Soye goor-e-ghareeban Janazah chala*

*Kehta hay, jaam-e-hasti ko jis nay piya  
Woh bhi mayri tarah qabr mayn jaye ga*

*Tum aye borho suno! Nojawano suno!*

*Aye za'eefo suno! Pehlwano suno!*

*Maut ko har ghari sar peh jano suno*

*Jald tawbah karo mayri mano suno!*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ being awaited in the Prophetic court

Sayyiduna Abdul Wahid Tawaaweesi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ states: I saw the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in a dream and he صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was standing with the Sahabah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ at a place. I presented my Salam in the court of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and he صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied to my Salam. Then I enquired in regards to their standing, and he صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'I am awaiting Muhammad Bin Isma'eel Bukhari.' After a few days, I came to know that Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ had passed away. After making some enquiries, I found out that it was on the night that he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ passed away that I saw the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (Siyar A'laam-ul-Nubala, vol. 10, p. 319)

O devotees of Imam Bukhari! Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Shawwal-ul-Mukarram 256 AH (the night of Eid) at the age of 62. A perfume more fragrant than musk and

ambergris emanated from his blessed grave for some time. Soil was repeatedly placed on his grave, but the people would continue to take it as a form of blessings due to its fragrance. (*Tabaqat Al-Shafi'ah Al-Kubra*, vol. 2, pp. 232-233, extracted) His mausoleum is located in an area known as Khartank, which is close to Samarqand (Uzbekistan). (*Siyar A'laam-ul-Nubala*, vol. 10, pp. 319-320)

### The blessings of Imam Bukhari's mausoleum

Sayyiduna Abu Fath Samarqandi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ states: A famine once struck Samarqand (i.e. food became scarce due to a lack of rain), so the people prayed Salah Istisqa several times and made Du'as but rain did not fall. A righteous man then went to the judge of the city and advised him to take the people to the resting place of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ and make Du'a for rain in the court of Allah Almighty, then perhaps Allah Almighty will accept their Du'a.

The judge of the city accepted this suggestion and went to the mausoleum of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ with the people of the city. The people wept and made Du'a there with utmost humility, and requested Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ to act as an intercessor for the acceptance of their Du'a. At that very moment, clouds appeared in the sky and it rained abundantly and continuously for seven days, to such an extent that the people had to remain in Khartank, because it had become

difficult to travel to Samarqand due to the excessive rain.  
(*Irshad-us-Saari, vol. 1, p. 67*)

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon them all and forgive us  
without accountability for their sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَوْمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

اَللّٰهُ *Ghani! Shan-e-Wali! Raj dilon par*

*Dunya say chalay jayen hukumat nahin jati*

(*Wasail-e-Bakhshish, (amended version) p. 383*)

صَلُّوْا عَلَي الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَي مُحَمَّد

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

Saying of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ:  
Whosoever acted upon his knowledge, Allah  
Almighty will grant him such knowledge  
which he did not previously know.

*(Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 10, p. 13, Raqm 14320)*



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