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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, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَأَنْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Translation

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

Note:

Recite Salat upon the prophet ﷺ once before and after the Du'a.

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Beautiful conduct of Imam Abu Hanifah

Du'a of Attar

O Allah! Whoever reads or listens to the 22 page booklet 'Beautiful conduct of Imam Abu Hanifah', grant him the ability to always use his tongue in a correct manner and to refrain from backbiting and taletelling for the sake of Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ and forgive him without accountability.

أَمِينٍ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Virtue of Reciting Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever recites a hundred Salat upon me, Allah Almighty inscribes between his eyes that this person is free from hypocrisy and the hellfire; and he will be raised with the martyrs on the Day of Judgement.' (*Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 10, p. 253, Hadith 17298*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

1. Two female backbiters

Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has stated that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ once ordered the companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ to observe fast and instructed, ‘Do not break the fast until I grant you permission.’ Hence the companions fasted and in the evening, they came to the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ one by one and asked, ‘Ya Rasoolallah! I observed the fast, now please grant me permission to break the fast.’ The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would grant them permission. A companion رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ came and said, ‘Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, two women observed the fast and are showing modesty in coming before you. Grant them permission so that they may break their fasts.’ The Final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ turned his blessed face away.

The companion once again requested and once again the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ turned his radiant face away. The companion again requested and once again the Most Dignified Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ turned his resplendent face away. The companion once again repeated his request and again the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ turned his radiant face away. Then the Knower of the Unseen صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ (revealing the unseen) said, ‘They have not observed the fast, what type of fast they have observed – they have been eating people’s flesh all day. Go and command them to throw up, if they have observed the fast.’

The companion *رضي الله عنه* went to the women and gave the command of the Beloved Prophet *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم*. They both did exactly that (i.e. vomited) and they threw up coagulated blood. The companion went to the Blessed Prophet *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* and told him what he had seen. The King of Madinah *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* said, ‘By the One in Whose power is my soul! If that had remained in their stomachs, fire would devour them (because they had committed backbiting).’ (*Zamm-ul-Gheebah li-Ibn Abi al-Dunya, p. 72, Hadith 31*)

In another narration it is stated that when the Holy Prophet *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* turned his face away from the companion *رضي الله عنه*, the companion came in front of the Beloved Prophet *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* and said, ‘Ya Rasoolallah! They are close to their death because of extreme thirst.’ The Blessed Prophet *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* said, ‘Bring them to me.’ They both came. The Noble Prophet *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* had a bowl brought to him and asked one of them to throw up in the bowl. The woman threw up blood, pus and flesh that filled half of the bowl. Then he *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* ordered the second one to do the same and she did exactly that – the whole bowl was filled. Then the Greatest Prophet *صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم* said, ‘Both of these observed the fast and abstained from the things Allah Almighty has made Halal (food and water etc.), however they broke the fast with the things made Haraam (even outside of the state of fasting).’ What transpired was that one girl sat by the other and they began to eat (i.e. backbite) the flesh of others.

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 9, p. 165, Hadith 23714)

The Prophet's Knowledge of the Unseen

Dear Islamic brothers! The aforementioned parable clearly reveals that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been granted the Knowledge of the Unseen [‘Ilm-e-Ghayb] by Allah Almighty. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is aware of all the affairs of his servants, or else how would he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ have made known the private matters of the two women. The parable also brings our attention to the effect that backbiting & other sins have on our fasts – which can make the fast difficult and unbearable for us. The point is that whether or not we are observing fast, we should protect our tongue from such transgressions.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

2. An excellent method to refrain from backbiting

Sayyiduna Sufyan Bin Husain رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ has stated, ‘I was sitting with Sayyiduna Iyas Bin Mu’awiyah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ when a person passed by us. I began to speak ill of him.’ The Shaykh said, ‘Silence! Are you at war with the Romans and Turks?’ I replied, ‘No.’ He then said, ‘The Romans and the Turks are safe from you, but a Muslim could not remain safe (from your backbiting).’ Sayyiduna Sufyan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states that he never committed backbiting after that incident nor did he ever slander anyone’s reputation. (*Tanbih-ul-Ghafilin, p. 88*)

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

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Dear Islamic brothers! Whenever someone commits backbiting in front us, if possible we should advise him as advice never goes to waste. The Creator of the Universe عَزَّوَجَلَّ states in Surah Al-Zariyaat:

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

And give warning, because admonition benefits the Muslims.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 27, Surah Al-Zariyaat, verse 55)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

3. The cotton seller deceived you

A pious person bought some cotton for his wife. When he reached home, his wife told him that the cotton sellers had deceived him. The pious person immediately divorced her. When the person was asked as to why he did that, he replied, 'I have self-respect. I became apprehensive that what if the cotton seller, on the Day of Judgement, asks her for his rights due to the infringement caused by the backbiting (accusations) and

the people say, ‘Look, the cotton sellers are asking for their rights from so-and-so person’s wife; that is why I divorced her.’

(Tanbih-ul-Ghafileen, p. 89)

17 Examples of backbiting committed against businessmen

Dear Islamic brothers! To backbite a nation or a department– for example to say that the police take bribes – is not a sin since a nation, department or group contain good and bad people. However, if the objective is to include each and every individual of a nation or department, then that action of speaking ill will be classified as a sinful instance of backbiting.

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

In the aforementioned parable, a particular cotton seller is not mentioned – they are mentioned generally. Therefore, according to the ruling stated above, the action is not classed as sinful backbiting. However, it is possible that there were only 2 or 3 cotton sellers in that village, and it is possible that he may have thought based on the context that his wife is accusing every cotton seller as a fraudster; which is why he divorced her due to the fear of the Day of Judgement. Allah Almighty and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ know best. Anyhow, regardless of whatever the reality is, the people who just look for opportunities to backbite and accuse the business community should learn from the above discussion. People utter statements like:

1. He tricked me.
2. He is a cheater.
3. He is a trickster.
4. He robs his customers.
5. He marks up his goods too much.
6. His goods are the most expensive.
7. His practices are fraudulent.
8. He mixes counterfeit products with originals.
9. He lures the customer by flattering them.
10. He is very greedy.
11. He is the last one to close his store.
12. He stretches the cloth while measuring (so that he would sell less cloth for more money).
13. He buys on credit but does not pay.
14. It is not easy to retrieve debts from him.
15. He takes interest.
16. Who knows how many people he has cheated?
17. He swears false oaths.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

18 Examples of backbiting committed against employees

Here are some sinful expressions often uttered regarding employees:

1. He is workshy.
2. He is lazy.
3. He is idle.
4. He takes too many days off for no reason.
5. He eats Haraam sustenance.
6. He steals goods from the store.
7. He just passes time at work.
8. He is always on the phone.
9. He is ill-tempered.
10. He becomes angry at every little thing.
11. He does not know how to deal with customers.
12. He is a crackpot.
13. He is stupid.
14. He is insane.
15. His arrogance is on the rise.

16. He comes late.
17. He leaves early.
18. There was a robbery at our store; I think so-and-so employee is involved.

10 Examples of backbiting among store owners

Dear Islamic brothers! There are always ups and downs when it comes to doing business. It can be concluded from various Hadith that the deprivation of blessings can also be caused by sins. People should reflect upon their own affairs and deeds when they see a lack of blessing or loss in business; rather than accusing, blaming and backbiting others. Often the following sentences are heard when store owners indulge in backbiting:

1. It seems that so-and-so business owner does not want my business to flourish.
2. He wards my customers away.
3. He purposely sells his goods cheaper than I sell and takes my customers away.
4. He himself sells counterfeit goods.
5. He labels mine as counterfeit.
6. He has placed a stall in front of my shop with evil intentions.

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7. He wants me to go bankrupt and thus close my business.
8. He has cast an evil eye on my store due to which customers do not come.
9. The storeowner across mine always has prayer beads in his hands and he is always invoking something and then blowing towards my store.
10. The other day he was offering Salah on the prayer mat and looked towards my store one or two times. Most definitely, he has done magic on my store and caused many problems for us.

Dear Islamic brothers! Mark my words that magic cannot be cast by Zikr and Salah. Therefore, do not commit the sins of ill-assumption, backbiting, and accusing. Always look towards Allah Almighty.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

4. Youngster who would rob mobiles at gun-point

In order to rid yourself from the habit of backbiting and listening to it, to make a habit of offering Salah and practicing the Sunnah; always remain affiliated with the fragrant environment of Dawat-e-Islami, to learn and teach Sunnahs, travel in the Madani Qafilah with the devotees of the Prophet and to live a successful life, act according to the Pious Deeds

booklet and assess your actions daily, while making a habit to hand in the booklet to your local representative on the 1st date of each month. To learn and teach the Sunnah, travel abundantly in the Madani Qafilahs. For your encouragement, a Madani parable is being presented with amendments.

Before associating with Dawat-e-Islami, an Islamic brother from Liyari Karachi was an alcoholic, one who missed Salah, he would commit robbery and steal mobiles at gunpoint. He was also involved in many other evils and spent four years of his life doing these acts. Then, an Islamic brother invited him to travel with a Madani Qafilah and he did so for one month. He attained so much comfort in the Madani Qafilah, repented sincerely from his sins and thereafter he attained the blessings of doing a training course at Faizan e Madina Karachi.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Amazing passion to spread the call of righteousness

O devotees of the Prophet! You just heard about the immense blessings of the Madani Qafilah! Just as one attains the fortune of becoming pious due to the blessings of the Madani Qafilah, he also acquires the passion to call towards righteousness which is an act of great reward. Here are four sayings of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in this regard:

Four sayings of Mustafa ﷺ

1. The one who shows the righteous path is like the one who does the good deed. *(Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 305, Hadith 2679)*
2. If Allah Almighty grants guidance to a person through you; this is better for you than you having red camels. *(Sahih Muslim, p. 1311, Hadith 2406)*
3. Undoubtedly, Allah Almighty, His angels, the creation in the land and heavens, even the ants in their burrows and fish (in the sea) send ‘Salat’ on the one who teaches righteousness. *(Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 314, Hadith 2694)*

The renowned commentator of the Quran, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na’eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has elaborated: Allah’s sending of ‘Salat’ is showering special mercy and creations’ sending of Salat is making special Du’a for mercy on the person’s behalf. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 1, p. 200)*

4. The best Sadaqah is that a Muslim seeks knowledge and then passes it on to his Muslim brother. *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 1, p. 158, Hadith 243)*

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

5. Imam al-A’zam’s beautiful conduct with a disrespectful person

The Imam of Imams, the Shining Star of the Ummah,

Sayyiduna Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was sitting in Masjid-ul-Khayf in Mina when a person approached him and asked a question. He answered the question, upon which the person replied that Sayyiduna Hasan Basri's opinion on the subject was contrary to that of his. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ simply replied that Sayyiduna Hasan Basri (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ) had made an 'error in Ijtihad' regarding the issue.

Another person whose face was covered with a cloth then came and cursed Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, rudely uttering, 'You say that Hasan Basri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is in error.' The Imam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ showed such patience that no expressions of anger were found on his face. The other attendees around him were so furious with that person's behaviour that some stood up to hit him, but the great Imam calmed them down. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ then calmly replied to the person, 'Hasan Basri (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ) has made an 'error in Ijtihad' and the narration of Sayyiduna Ibn Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ concerning this topic is authentic.' (*Al-Manaqib lil-Muwaffaq, vol. 2, p. 9*)

May Allah Almighty have mercy on him and forgive us without accountability for his sake!

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The virtues of controlling anger

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see the patience and the calmness manifested by the Imam of the Hanafi School of

Jurisprudence, the Great Imam Sayyiduna Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifah رحمته الله عليه whom millions of Muslims follow! If he had wished, the attendees could have beaten that person up; however, he did not allow that to happen. It is human nature to be infuriated when someone disrespects you. On this occasion, control your anger and become worthy of the following virtues:

On page 188 of *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, volume 16 [the 312-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], it is cited: The Merciful Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم has asserted, 'Whoever protects his tongue, Allah Almighty will conceal him (his sins); and for the one who controls his anger, Allah Almighty will stop punishment from [seizing] him on the Day of Judgement; and the one who makes a plea, Allah Almighty will accept his plea.'

(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, p. 315, Hadith 8311)

Did Imam al-A'zam backbite Hasan Basri?

In the aforementioned parable, Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifah رحمته الله عليه did backbite Hasan Basri رحمته الله عليه when he said 'he had made an error in Ijtihad', however this was a case where backbiting is permitted because a Mufti can correct and refute another Mufti, if he makes an error regarding the matters of jurisprudence and Islamic law. Clarifying the permissibility of backbiting in such circumstances, on page 178 of *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, volume 16, it is cited: It is permissible to critically analyse and expound upon the faults of the narrators of

Hadith, witnesses in court cases, and authors. If this were not done on narrators, it would become impossible to classify the various Ahadith and distinguish between the Sahih and non-Sahih categories. Similarly, the trustworthy and untrustworthy books could not be identified if the lives of the authors are not critically analysed. The rights of the Muslims cannot be upheld if the witnesses are not critically analysed.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ
أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللهِ
صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

6. Imam al-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ never even backbited his enemies

Once, Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn Mubarak رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ told Sayyiduna Sufyan Sawri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ that اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is so opposed to backbiting that he has never heard the Imam backbite even his enemies.

(Mirqat al-Mafatih, vol. 1, p. 77)

Wiser than half the inhabitants of the earth

Dear Islamic brothers! How wise was Imam A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ! Indeed wise is he who obeys the orders of Allah Almighty and His Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, otherwise he is

not only naive but the leader of the unwise people if he indulges in backbiting of Muslims and makes himself deserving of Hell by eradicating his good deeds.

On page 332 of *Hikayatayn aur Naseehatayn* [the 649-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], it is reported: Sayyiduna ‘Ali Bin ‘Aasim رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has said, ‘If the intellect of half of the inhabitants of the earth is compared against that of the Imam; the Imam’s intellect will prevail.’ (*Tabyeeed Al-Sahifah fi Manaqib Al-Imam Abi Hanifah lis-Suyuti, p. 128*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

7. Those whose destination is the grave do not backbite

On page 477 of *Hikayatayn aur Naseehatayn* [the 649-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], the following statement of Sayyiduna Sari Saqati رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is reported: Once I had to go to the graveyard. I saw Sayyiduna Bahlol Dana رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ rolling in the sand near a grave. I asked him as to why he was sitting there. He replied, ‘I am with people who neither hurt me nor backbite me when I disappear.’ (*Al-Raud-ul-Faa'iq, p. 246*)

May Allah Almighty have mercy on him and forgive us without accountability for his sake!

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! What an amazing Madani mindset and attitude our pious predecessors had! Indeed, the time spent in the graveyard not only reminds you of your death, but also keeps you away from backbiting. Neither do you backbite against anyone nor do the grave dwellers backbite you.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

8. I would flee from offering Salah

In order to rid yourself from the habit of backbiting and listening to it, to make a habit of offering Salah and practicing the Sunnah; always remain affiliated with the fragrant environment of Dawat-e-Islami, to learn and teach Sunnahs, travel in the Madani Qafilah with the devotees of the Prophet and to live a successful life and better your hereafter, act according to the Pious Deeds booklet and assess your actions daily, while making a habit to hand in the booklet to your local representative on the 1st date of each month . For your encouragement, a Madani parable is being presented.

An Islamic brother from Mailsi district Vehari (Punjab, Pakistan) was involved in bad company who would give him cannabis and alcohol. At night, he would work with his brother at the shop and during the day, he would take intoxicants and recklessly roam the streets or remain asleep at home throughout the day. At night when he would be in a state of

intoxication, while weeping, his mother would try and convince him to leave intoxicants and would supplicate for his rectification. His father too would remain angry owing to his intoxication. The shop of a Muballigh of Dawat-e-Islami was adjacent to his, he would invite him to offer Salah and would try to persuade him to go to the Masjid with him to offer Salah but he would flee and return whilst on the way. Once, the same Muballigh made his mindset to travel with a 3 day Madani Qafilah and he agreed to travel. The Muballigh arranged a seat for him on the bus and bid farewell to him as he travelled to Faizan e Madina (Multan Shareef). There, he participated in the weekly Sunnah-inspired Ijtima of Dawat-e-Islami which had a positive impact on his heart. From there, he travelled with a 3 day Madani Qafilah, made an intention to grow a beard, adorned his head with an Imamah and made sincere repentance on not returning to sins. When he returned home from the Madani Qafilah, his family was very happy. Prior to repenting, he had films saved on his mobile which he deleted and instead downloaded Na'ats. He also abandoned bad company. Previously, he would travel on a rickshaw to buy alcohol for his friends and now, he would travel on the same rickshaw while taking brothers to the weekly Sunnah inspired Ijtima in Faizan e Madina (Mailsi) before leaving intoxicants, people would call him a druggie, but now they refer to him as a member of Dawat-e-Islami. His family members are also happy with him now. He has attained the blessings of leaving sins by coming into the environment of Dawat-e-Islami, he

travels for three days with a Madani Qafilah every month, he completed the recitation of the Quran by looking in one year and also attained the good fortune of becoming a Zayli Halqah Nigran.

Did you observe the blessings of Madani Qafilah! A Madani transformation occurred in the life of one who was distant from the worship of Allah Almighty. Previously, he would flee from offering Salah and now he has become one who invites others towards Salah. Every Muslim should offer Salah, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, by its blessings, sinful actions will stop. Allah Almighty states in Surah Al-‘Ankaboot:

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ^ط

Undoubtedly, the prayer forbids one from indecency and evil thing.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 21, Surah Al-‘Ankaboot, verse 45)

Moved a dry twig

The virtues of Salah are amazing! In this regard, on page 76 of ‘Jannat mayn lay jaanay walay A’maal’ [the 743-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], it is stated: Sayyiduna Abu ‘Usman **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ** has stated that I was standing beneath a tree with Sayyiduna Salman Farsi **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ** where he held a dry branch from a tree and shook it until its leaves fell off. He then uttered, ‘O Abu ‘Usman **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ**! Will you not ask me as to

why I did such a thing?’ I complied and asked him the question to which he replied, ‘Once, I was standing beneath a tree with the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and he did just as I did – holding a dry branch and shaking it until its leaves fell. Then the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘O Salman, will you not ask me why I did this.’ I asked, ‘Why did you do this?’ He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘Undoubtedly, when a Muslim makes complete Wudu and offers the five Salah; his sins fall just like these leaves fall.’ Then he recited the following verse:

وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ طَرَفِي النَّهَارِ وَزُلْفَا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ ط إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ
السَّيِّئَاتِ ط ذَلِكَ ذِكْرِي لِلذَّاكِرِينَ ط

And establish prayer at the two ends of the day and in some parts of the night. No doubt, good deeds eliminate evil deeds. This is admonition for those who accept admonition.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 12, Surah Hood, verse 114)

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ	صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ
أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ	تُوبُوا إِلَى اللهِ
صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ	صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

9. Imprisonment in Barzakh

In the book titled ‘Ansuon ka Dairyā’ [the 300-page publication

of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], it is cited: Faqih Abul Hasan ‘Ali Bin Farhon Qurtubi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ stated in his book ‘الزَّاهِرُ’, ‘I saw my uncle, who died in the city of Faas, in a dream after his demise in the year 555 Hijri. He came in the house and sat down resting his back against the wall. I sat across him noticing the expressions of worry on his face. I then asked, ‘O my uncle! What did you attain from Allah Almighty?’ He replied, ‘O my son! What does one get from the Merciful other than mercy. Allah Almighty was lenient with me in all matters except backbiting. Since my death, I have been confined in Barzakh because of backbiting. This sin has not been forgiven yet. My son, I advise you to refrain from backbiting and tale-bearing because I have not seen a greater crime than backbiting on the Day of Judgement.’ Saying that, he parted from me.’

(Bahr-ud-Dumu’, p. 185)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

10. Cause of falling in love with a hermaphrodite

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see that backbiting caused problems after death! Backbiting, telling tales, and having ill-opinion are such wicked evils that at times, they distance one from acts of worship and take the person deeper into the realm of sins. Hence, Sayyiduna Shaykh Abul Qasim Qushayri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has cited an incident reported by Sayyiduna Shaykh Abu Ja’far

Balkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, ‘There was a young man in our city of Balkh, who would worship and perform pious acts in abundance, however he was engaged in the evil practice of backbiting. He would often say that so-and-so person is like this and so-and-so person is like that. One day I saw him depart from some hermaphrodites who would wash other people’s clothes. I asked the reason for that to which he replied, ‘This was the punishment for speaking ill (backbiting) about other people – I have been condemned to this state. Sadly, I have fallen in love with a hermaphrodite. I serve these hermaphrodites because of his love. I lost the spiritual insight that I had earlier received from Allah, the Almighty. Therefore, supplicate that Allah Almighty shower mercy upon me.’ *(Al-Risala-tul-Qushayriyyah, p. 196)*

Perhaps backbiting caused ruin

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see that the evils of backbiting caused a pious and dutiful young man to fall in love with a hermaphrodite! Due to the evil of backbiting, he was deprived of the sweetness of worship.

Those Islamic brothers should ponder, who once used to find peace in the heart due to the Sunnah-inspiring speeches, Na’at in the honour of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Zikr of Allah Almighty and supplications – but now the heart is always inclined towards sins. Perhaps, the evil of backbiting has caused this ruin. Sincerely repent; the mercy of Allah Almighty is all-encompassing.

Saying of the Final Prophet

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Do not belittle any good deed, even if it is meeting your brother in an amicable manner

(Muslim, p. 1084, Hadith 6690)



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