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عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Translation

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! 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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Sayings of the Companions

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Sayings of the Companions

Du'a of Attar:

O Lord of Mustafa! Whosoever reads or listens to the 28 pages booklet, ‘Sayings of the Companions,’ grant them true love for You, Your beloved and final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Companions and the Ahl al-Bayt, and become pleased with them for eternity.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The excellence of Salat upon the Prophet

The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Allah Almighty fulfils a hundred needs of the one who recites a hundred Salat upon me in the day and night of Friday; seventy of the Hereafter and thirty of this world. Allah Almighty appoints an angel to relay that Salat to my grave in the way gifts are presented to you. Indeed, my knowledge after my passing is the same as it is during my lifetime.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Jam 'al-Jawaam'i, vol. 7, p. 199, Hadith 22355

Sayings of the Companions

Dear Islamic brothers! The sayings and statements of the noble Companions **عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ** guide us in various fields of life. This is because the sayings of these eminent personalities are a result of the blessings they attained through the guidance and company of the beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**. Also, their sayings are an overview of their experiences over many years. Let us take a look at some sayings of the noble Companions, and take benefit from them.

The blessed sayings of Sayyiduna Abu ‘Ubaydah bin

Jarraah **رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ**

- ❖ Whether a person is white or black, free or a slave, Arab or non-Arab; if I come to know they possess more piety than me, I would like to have been a portion of their skin.²
- ❖ Sayyiduna Nimraan bin Mikhmar **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ** narrates that Sayyiduna Abu ‘Ubaydah bin Jarraah **رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ** was once walking with an army, when he said:

Listen! Many people in white clothing are tainted in regards to their faith, and many of those who consider themselves blessed are actually worthless. O people! New good deeds abolish old sins. If any of you fill the earth and sky with your evil, but then perform a good deed, it is possible for that single virtue to

² *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, p. 203 Hadith 1027*

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overcome all of those sins, and wipe them out.³

- ❖ Sayyiduna Khalid bin Ma'daan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ reports that *Ameen al-Ummah*, Sayyiduna Abu 'Ubaydah bin Jarraah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, "The heart of a believer changes countless times throughout the day, similar to a sparrow."⁴

The blessed sayings of Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin Mas'ud

رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ لَا الْفَيْئَةَ أَحَدَكُمْ جِنْفَةً لَيْلٍ تُطْرَبُ نَهَارًا - May I not find any of you like the person who lays all night like a corpse, and remains in pursuit of attaining the world all day (without any care for the Hereafter).⁵
- ❖ I have great dislike for the person who is neither engaged in any worldly task nor does he have any concern for the Hereafter.⁶
- ❖ All of you are guests, and guests do not stay forever, as they eventually have to leave. All of the wealth in your possession is borrowed, and borrowed wealth must be returned to its owner.⁷

³ *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 203 *Hadith 1026*

⁴ *Musannaf ibn Abi Shaiba*, vol. 8, p. 174, *Hadith 5*

⁵ *Mu'jam Kabeer*, vol. 9, p. 152, *Hadith 8763*

⁶ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 178, *Hadith 403*

⁷ *Mu'jam Kabeer*, vol. 9, p. 101, *Hadith 8533*

- ❖ The show-off does not refrain from ostentation even after dying. (When asked how, he said:) He desires for many people to attend his funeral prayer (*janaza*), so he is lauded. Ostentation does not leave a person, even after death.⁸
- ❖ Whoever is capable should place their wealth where no insect nor any thief can touch it (i.e. give it in the way of Allah Almighty as sadaqah), as a person's heart remains attentive towards his wealth.⁹
- ❖ The truth feels heavy and bitter, whereas a lie seems light and sweet, and sometimes, a small amount of lust can lead to a long period of sadness.¹⁰
- ❖ By the One besides Whom there is none worthy of worship! There is nothing more in need of being imprisoned for an extended period of time than the tongue.¹¹
- ❖ Good desires come about within the heart, as do evil thoughts. Therefore, consider goodness to be valuable and carry it out. Do not sully yourself with evil, but rather abandon it.¹²

⁸ *Mirat ul Manajeeh*, vol. 7, p. 19

⁹ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 183, *Hadith* 433

¹⁰ *Al-Zuhd li-Ibn Mubarak*, p. 98, *Hadith* 290

¹¹ *Mu'jam Kabeer*, vol. 9, p. 149, *Hadith* 8744

¹² *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 469, *Hadith* 1331

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- ❖ Protect your heart from the things which harden it, and leave that which brings it uneasiness.¹³
- ❖ The memorizer (*hafiz*) of the Quran should safeguard his night whilst others sleep (by spending the night reciting the Quran and worshipping Allah Almighty, and not waste it in negligence). When others are eating and drinking, he should be mindful of his day (meaning, he should fast). When others are happy, he should keep his sadness in mind (i.e. consider the affairs of the Hereafter). Whilst people laugh, he should cry. When people come together to meet, he should remain silent. When people begin to suffer from arrogance, he should adopt humility. The memorizer of the Quran should be a person who cries, remains sorrowful, possesses wisdom, forbearance, knowledge and inner tranquillity. He should not be stone-faced, negligent, cause clamour or scream and shout, nor should he be of a harsh temperament.¹⁴
- ❖ Sayyiduna Abd al-Rahman Hajeerah رضى الله عنه reports from his father that when Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas'ud رضى الله عنه would sit with people, he would say:

O people! Your lives are lessening with the passing of each day. Your deeds are being recorded. Death shall come suddenly. Whosoever cultivates a field of goodness will harvest it quickly

¹³ *Al-Wara' lil-Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, p. 46*

¹⁴ *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, p. 183, Hadith 892*

with eagerness, and the one who cultivates a field of evil will be made to harvest it with regret. Everyone will take from the field they planted. The lethargic and inactive person will never be able to advance with their deeds, whilst the greedy and selfish will only receive their apportioned amount. The one who was granted the ability to perform good has only received it from Allah Almighty, and whomsoever was saved from evil was saved due to His grace. The people of piety are the leaders of the masses, and the jurists are their guides. Sitting in their company leads to an increase in good deeds.¹⁵

- ❖ A person once came to him and asked, “O Abu Abd al-Rahman (the teknonym of Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas’ud رضي الله عنه)! Kindly teach me some concise and beneficial words.”
- ❖ He replied, “Worship Allah, and do not associate anyone with him. Live your life in accordance with the rulings of the Quran. Even if an unfamiliar or unfavourable person brings the truth, accept it from them. If a person beloved to you presents falsehood, reject it.”¹⁶
- ❖ Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas’ud رضي الله عنه was once visited by farmers, and the people were amazed at their wide necks and strong physiques. Upon this, Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas’ud رضي الله عنه said: “You can see how the

¹⁵ *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 183, Hadith 889

¹⁶ *Mawsu’ah li-Ibn Abi al-dunya*, vol. 7, p. 264, Hadith 454

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bodies of the disbelievers are healthy, but their hearts are sick. Even if the body of a believer is weak, their hearts are healthy and strong. By Allah! If your body is healthy but your heart is sick, your rank in the sight of Allah Almighty is less than a dung beetle.”¹⁷

- ❖ Sayyiduna ‘Itrees bin ‘Urqoob Shaybani رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ came to Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas’ud رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ and said, “Ruined is the one who neither commanded good nor forbade evil.” Upon this, Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas’ud رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ stated, “Rather, ruined is the one whose heart did not consider goodness to be goodness nor evil to be evil.”¹⁸
- ❖ The righteous have left the world and the people of doubt have remained behind; those who do not have recognition of virtue nor any knowledge of what is evil.¹⁹
- ❖ A person came to Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas’ud رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ and asked for advice, so he replied, “Your home should suffice for you (meaning, do not leave the home without reason), safeguard your tongue, bring your transgressions to mind and shed tears over them.”²⁰
- ❖ “O people! You seek to surpass the Companions عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ in your fasting, salah and independent reasoning

¹⁷ *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 148, *Hadith 904*

¹⁸ *Mu’jam Kabeer*, vol. 9, p. 107, *Hadith 8564*

¹⁹ *Mu’jam Kabeer*, vol. 9, p. 105, *Hadith 8552*

²⁰ *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 42, *Hadith 130*

(*ijtihaad*), when they are greater than you?” The people asked, “O Abu Abd al-Rahman رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ! What is the reason for this?” He replied, “They are the most ascetic in the entire world, and those who possess the most keenness regarding the Hereafter.”²¹

- ❖ Hearts are like vessels, so do not fill them with anything except the Quran.²²
- ❖ It is enough for someone to be sinful, that he becomes upset when told to fear Allah, and retorts with, “Remain concerned with yourself.”²³
- ❖ O tongue! Speak good, it will benefit you, and speak little, as you will remain safe instead of feeling regret.²⁴
- ❖ حَافِظُوا عَلَى آيَاتِكُمْ فِي الصَّلَاةِ - “Pay attention to your children regarding their Salah.”²⁵
- ❖ I marvel at the trader and wonder how he shall remain safe. He praises his item when selling it, and if he buys something from another person, he berates it.²⁶
- ❖ I would prefer to lick burning coal and have it burn

²¹ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 185, *Hadith 438*

²² *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 183 *Hadith 891*

²³ *Al-Kawakib al-Duriya*, vol. 1, p. 171

²⁴ *Husn al-Samt Fi al-Samt*, p. 79

²⁵ *Musannaf Abdul Razzaq*, vol. 4, p. 120, *Raqm 7329*

²⁶ *Bahja tul Majalis Wa Uns al-Mujalis li-Ibn Abdul Barr*, vol. 1, p. 136

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whatever it burns of my tongue and leave whatever it leaves, than to say, “If only that did not happen” about something that has passed, or, “If only that happened” about something that did not.²⁷

- ❖ When an alcoholic dies, bury him. After that, suspend me from a beam of wood and dig up his grave. If his face has not turned from the qibla, leave me hanging where I am.²⁸
- ❖ As long as you remain occupied with salah, you knock on the King’s door (the door of Allah’s mercy), and whosoever continues knocking on the door of the King will find that the door will eventually open for them.²⁹
- ❖ Do not hasten to praise or vilify (someone), as the one who appears good to you today will appear bad to you tomorrow, and the one who appears bad to you today shall appear good to you tomorrow.³⁰

The blessed sayings of Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas

رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا

- ❖ Sayyiduna Sa’eed bin Jubayr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that he saw Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا holding the tip of his tongue whilst saying, “What great regret I have over

²⁷ *Ihya al-Uloom*, vol. 5, p. 66

²⁸ *Kitab al-Kabair li al-Zahabi*, p.96

²⁹ *Musannaf ibn Abi Shaiba*, vol. 2, p. 360, *Hadith 10*

³⁰ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 4, p. 279, *Hadith 5568*

you! Speak good, as your betterment lies in this, and do not utter evil, as your safety lies in this.” When those present asked the reason behind this, he responded, “I have been informed that a person shall be subject to the greatest loss on the Day of Judgement due to his tongue.”³¹

- ❖ O tongue! Speak well, you will benefit, and refrain from speaking ill, as your safety lies in this.³²
- ❖ When the dirham and dinar (coins of gold and silver) were first fashioned, Satan held them to his eyes and said, “You are the nourishment of my heart and coolness of my eyes. Through you, I will make people rebellious and turn them into disbelievers. I will cause people to enter Hell because of you. I am happy with the person whose love of the world causes him to become your slave.”³³
- ❖ The nation in which injustice becomes apparent will suffer from a great number of deaths.³⁴
- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Ghalib Khalji رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ once heard Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا saying:

Make the fulfilment of obligations (*faraaid*) necessary upon yourself. Fulfil the rights of Allah Almighty that He has

³¹ *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 206 Hadith 1047

³² *Husn al-Samt Fi al-Samat*, p. 80

³³ *Sifat al-Safwah*, vol. 1, p. 384, Raqm 119

³⁴ *Tamheed li-Ibn Abd al-Barr*, vol. 10, p. 262, Hadith 755

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ordained upon you, and ask Him for aid in doing this. Whenever Allah Almighty sees that a servant has a sincere intention and is in search of reward, He removes their difficulties. He is the Owner, and He does as He wills.³⁵

- ❖ Allah Almighty has recorded the sustenance for every believer and every transgressor. If they remain patient until they are granted Halal sustenance, Allah Almighty will grant it to them. If they display impatience and advance towards Haram, Allah Almighty reduces their Halal sustenance.³⁶
- ❖ **أَيْقُظُوا الصَّبِيَّ يُصَلِّ، وَلَوْ بِسَجْدَةٍ** - “Wake children for salah, even if they perform a single prostration (*sajdah*).”³⁷
- ❖ The people who thanked Allah Almighty in every state will be the first to be called towards Paradise on the Day of Judgement.³⁸
- ❖ The grounds of Paradise are inherited by those who offer the five prescribed prayers in congregation.³⁹

The blessed sayings of Imam Hasan رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ The greatest show of intellect is righteousness, and the

³⁵ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 401, *Hadith 1151*

³⁶ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 401, *Hadith 1152*

³⁷ *Musannaf Abd al-Razzaq*, vol. 4, p. 120, *Raqm 7329*

³⁸ *Kitab al-Zuhd li-Ibn Mubarak*, p. 68 *Hadith 206*

³⁹ *Husn al-Tanabbuh*, vol. 3, p. 209

greatest show foolishness is transgression and disobedience.⁴⁰

- ❖ O son of Adam! Do not be jealous of your brother. If Allah Almighty has granted him a bounty in order to honour him, then do not be jealous of the one whom Allah Almighty has granted esteem. If He gives to them for another reason, then why be envious of somebody whose abode is Hell?⁴¹
- ❖ I am astounded by the one who washes impurity from himself once or twice a day with his own hands, yet attempts to compete with (displays arrogance to) the King of the heavens and earth.⁴²
- ❖ Sayyiduna Imam Hasan رضي الله عنه once saw a wealthy person walking in an arrogant manner, and exclaimed, “O foolish one! Where are you looking with such arrogance, with your nose held high? Are you looking at the bounties you have not paid thanks for, or are you looking at the bounties which have not been mentioned in the commands of Allah Almighty?” Hearing this, the wealthy person presented his apology, and Sayyiduna Imam Hasan replied by saying, “Do not apologise to me, but repent to Allah Almighty. Have you not heard this statement of His:

⁴⁰ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 7, p. 277, Hadith 165*

⁴¹ *Al-Zawajir ‘an Iqtiraf al-Kabair, vol. 1, p. 116*

⁴² *Al-Zawajir ‘an Iqtiraf al-Kabair, vol. 1, p. 149*

وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَخْرِقَ الْأَرْضَ وَلَنْ تَبْلُغَ الْجِبَالَ طُولًا ﴿٣٧﴾

And do not walk arrogantly on the earth; undoubtedly, you will indeed never tear the earth apart and will never reach the mountains in height⁴³⁻⁴⁴

The blessed sayings of Sayyiduna Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه

- ❖ O people! Draw yourselves towards good character and hasten to perform good deeds. Whosoever favours another, but he [the recipient] does not thank him, Allah Almighty shall recompense him. Have complete certainty that good deeds lead to commendation and reward. If you could see goodness in the form of a human, then he would appear beautiful and handsome, and pleasing to the viewer. If you could see chastisement and evil, you would see an abhorrent sight that the heart would dislike and cause you to lower your gaze.

O people! The one who is generous is a leader, and the one who is miserly is disgraced. The most generous is he who gives to those who had no expectation of receiving. The most chaste and bravest of all is the one who is able to take revenge, but forgives instead. The person who establishes ties of kinship the most is the one who establishes relationships with those family members who cut ties.

⁴³ [Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 15, Surah Bani Isra'eel, verse 37)

⁴⁴ Al-Zawajir 'an Iqtiraf al-Kabair, vol. 1, p. 149

- ❖ Whosoever favours his brother in order to seek the pleasure of Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty grants him reward for this when he encounters a difficult time, and wards off a major calamity from him.
- ❖ Whosoever removed a worldly problem from his Muslim brother, Allah Almighty shall remove a calamity of the Hereafter from him. Whosoever favours another, Allah Almighty will favour him, and Allah Almighty loves those who favour [others].
- ❖ Although the world is considered good and precious, the reward of Allah Almighty is greater and more precious.
- ❖ Sustenance has already been apportioned in destiny, so it is good for a man to not be greedy in what he acquires.
- ❖ When man is to leave behind his wealth in this world, why is he miserly with it?
- ❖ When someone enlists the help of another to cause pain, the person helping is the same as the disgraced and humiliated.⁴⁵

The blessed sayings of Umm al-Mu`mineen

Sayyidatuna 'Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا

- ❖ A person who drinks pure water, which enters (his

⁴⁵ *Noor al-Absaar Fi Manaqib Aal Bayt al-Nabi al-Mukhtar*, pp. 152 -153

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stomach) and leaves without pain, is obligated to offer thanks.⁴⁶

- ❖ You are negligent of the greatest form of worship, which is humbleness.⁴⁷

Sayings of Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'awiyah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ I can please every individual besides the one who is jealous of any blessing of mine because the jealous one will only be pleased when I lose that blessing.⁴⁸
- ❖ The greatest leader is the one from whom something is sought and in reply he shows the greatest level of generosity, he is the best in character in a gathering, and if he is mistreated, he demonstrates tolerance and forbearance.⁴⁹
- ❖ The person who does not benefit from experience cannot attain a high rank.⁵⁰

Sayings of Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ It is better for a person to have molten lead poured into his ears than to hear the azan and not go to the masjid.⁵¹

⁴⁶ *Kitab al-Shukr*, p. 162, Raqm 188

⁴⁷ *Ihya al-Uloom*, vol. 3, p. 419

⁴⁸ *Ihya al-Uloom*, vol. 3, p. 233

⁴⁹ *Tareekh Ibn Asakir*, vol. 59, p. 186, Raqm 7510

⁵⁰ *Ihya Uloom*, vol. 3, p. 230

- ❖ The dwellers of the heavens look at those houses in which the remembrance of Allah is performed in the same way that you look at the stars.⁵²
- ❖ Sayyiduna ‘Ataa رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ narrates that Sayyiduna Abu Huraira رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said:

When you see 6 things, then let go of your life if it is in your possession. This is why I desire death, out of fear that I confront these things: 1) when leaders are foolish 2) judgements are sold 3) lives are not protected 4) relations are severed 5) the protectors of the nation become crooks and 6) people begin to sing when reciting the Quran.⁵³

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Aswad رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ narrates that a person constructed a house in Madinah Munawwarah. After the construction was complete, he was standing at the door of the house one day when Sayyiduna Abu Huraira رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ passed by so he said, “O Abu Huraira! Please wait and inform me of what I should have written on the door of the house.” He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, “Have this written – Houses are for the purpose of becoming desolate, children are for passing away and wealth is gathered for inheritors.” At that time, a Bedouin was also present who said, “Shaykh! You have said a terrible thing.” The owner of the house retorted,

⁵¹ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 1, p. 380, *Hadith 4*

⁵² *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 8, p. 236, *Hadith 10*

⁵³ *Tareekh Ibn Asakir*, vol. 67, p. 379, *Musannaf Abd al-Razzaq*, vol. 2, p. 322, *Hadith 1119*

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"Woe to you! This is Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ , a companion of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ."⁵⁴

The blessed sayings of Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar

رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا

- ❖ Do not wait for the upcoming morning once you reach the evening, and when you reach the morning, do not wait for the evening. Prepare for illness during good health, and prepare for death during your life.⁵⁵
- ❖ A person cannot become truly learned until they have no jealousy towards those higher than them, do not consider those lower than them to be inferior, and do not exchange knowledge for wealth.⁵⁶
- ❖ From a man’s body, his tongue is most rightful to be kept clean (from useless speech).⁵⁷
- ❖ يُعَلِّمُ الصَّبِيَّ الصَّلَاةَ إِذَا عَرَفَ يَمِينَهُ مِنْ شِمَالِهِ - When a child begins to discern right from left, he should be taught regarding salah.⁵⁸
- ❖ If my finger were to be doused in alcohol, I would not like

⁵⁴ Tareekh Ibn Asakir, vol. 67, p. 374

⁵⁵ Bukhari, vol. 4, p. 223, Hadith 6416

⁵⁶ Al-Kawakib al-Durriya, vol. 1, p. 166

⁵⁷ Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 6, p. 237, Hadith 7

⁵⁸ Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 1, p. 382, Raqm 5

for it to be kept with my hand.⁵⁹

- ❖ Consult with one another in regards to good things, but do not have discussions regarding evil.⁶⁰
- ❖ If a person attains any worldly bounty, his rank is decreased in the sight of Allah Almighty, regardless of his esteem and honour in the divine court.⁶¹
- ❖ A servant cannot reach the reality of faith until people see his steadfastness upon the religion and consider him foolish.⁶²
- ❖ A person who is jealous of his elders, considers the young to be lowly and makes knowledge a means of attaining the world, cannot become a scholar.⁶³
- ❖ The one who desires to follow someone, should follow the predecessors, who are the Companions of Allah's Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. They are the best individuals from the entire *ummah*. Their hearts are filled with more virtue and goodness in comparison to others. Their knowledge is the vastest, and they do not have any pretence or ostentation. These pure souls were those who Allah Almighty chose to be in the company of His beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and He chose them to

⁵⁹ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 5, p. 509, *Hadith 6*

⁶⁰ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 8, p. 176 *Hadith 16*

⁶¹ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 8, p. 174, *Hadith 2*

⁶² *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 8, p. 175, *Hadith 4*

⁶³ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 379, *Hadith 1067*

spread Islam. Therefore, you should adopt their character, practices and path, as they are the Companions of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. By the Lord of the Ka’bah! They were those who walked upon the straight path of guidance. O people! Keep only a physical connection with the world, and keep it far from your heart and mind, as your salvation depends on your deeds. Prepare for your death now, so you may pass away in a good state.⁶⁴

- ❖ Sayyiduna Qatada رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ reports that a person once asked Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا, “Did the honourable Companions رَضُوا اللهُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ laugh?” To which he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ replied, “Yes! Even though faith was more powerful and stronger in their hearts than mountains.”⁶⁵
- ❖ A person once asked Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا, “The same way deeds do not offer any benefit without إِلاَّ اللهُ (meaning, Islam), does this mean a deed cannot cause any harm to a Muslim?” He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ replied, “Live a virtuous life (full of good deeds) and do not remain deceived (thinking that evil cannot cause harm to a Muslim).”⁶⁶

⁶⁴ Hilya tul Awliya, vol. 1, p. 378, Raqm 1065

⁶⁵ Al-Jami Ma’mar Bin Rashid M’aa al-Musannaf Abd al-Razzaq, vol. 10, p. 286, Hadith 20837

⁶⁶ Al-Jami Ma’mar Bin Rashid M’aa al-Musannaf Abd al-Razzaq, vol. 10, p. 258, Hadith 20720

Sayings of Sayyiduna Abu Musa Ash'ari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ Whilst living in this world, a person only anticipates a distressing calamity or a tribulation.⁶⁷
- ❖ Sayyiduna Qasamah bin Zuhair رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: In Basra, Sayyiduna Abu Musa Ash'ari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ once delivered a sermon to us saying, “O people! Cry, and if you cannot cry, then adopt a crying appearance because the dwellers of Hell (who will enter hell due their transgressions) will cry so profusely that their tears will dry up. Eventually, they will begin to cry tears of blood and shed so many tears that if ships were placed in them, they would begin to sail.”⁶⁸
- ❖ Indeed, on the Day of Judgement, the sun will be blazing above the heads of the people, and their deeds will (either) be a means of shade for them or allow them to burn in the sunlight.⁶⁹

Saying of Sayyiduna Mu'aaz bin Jabal رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ The dwellers of Paradise will not regret anything except that time which they spent in heedlessness from the remembrance of Allah Almighty.⁷⁰

⁶⁷ *Kitab al-Zuhd li-Ibn al-Mubarak*, p. 3, *Hadith 5*

⁶⁸ *Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*, p. 215, *Hadith 1103*

⁶⁹ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 8, p. 203, *Hadith 3*

⁷⁰ *Ihya al-'Uloom*, vol. 1, p. 392

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Sayings of Sayyiduna Abu Darda رضي الله عنه

- ❖ Whosoever desires to enter Paradise while laughing should always keep his tongue moist with the remembrance of Allah Almighty.⁷¹
- ❖ The happiness and jealousy of the one who remembers death abundantly are decreased.⁷²
- ❖ The elevation of faith lies in being patient upon the command of Allah Almighty and remaining content with the divine decree.⁷³
- ❖ You should be fearful that the hearts of the believers begin to despise you, yet you are unaware.⁷⁴
- ❖ As long as you have love for the righteous, you will remain upon goodness, and whenever something truthful is said about you then accept it, for the one who recognises the truth is like the one who acts upon it.⁷⁵

Sayings of Sayyiduna Huzayfah bin Yamaan رضي الله عنه

- ❖ Sayyiduna Huzayfah bin Yamaan رضي الله عنه said, “Save yourselves from places of tribulation.” When asked about

⁷¹ *Tabaqat al-Sufiyya*, vol. 1, p. 117

⁷² *Al-Zawajir ‘an Iqtiraf al-Kabair*, vol. 1, p. 116

⁷³ *Ihya al-Uloom*, vol. 5, p. 67

⁷⁴ *Kitab al-Zuhd li-Abi Dawud*, p. 205, Raqm 229

⁷⁵ *Shu‘ab al-Iman*, vol. 6, p. 503, Hadith 9063

these places, he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ replied, “The doors of leaders. One of you goes to the door of the leader and affirms his lie, and mentions regarding him that which is not present within him.”⁷⁶

- ❖ Many sinful believers whose worldly state is miserable and wretched will be admitted into Paradise solely due to their generosity.⁷⁷

Sayings of Sayyiduna ‘Amr bin ‘Aas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ Every verse of the Noble Quran is a level in Paradise and a lantern of your houses.⁷⁸
- ❖ Whosoever recited the Quran has gathered Prophethood between both his sides except that Divine Revelation does not come to him.⁷⁹
- ❖ Speaking is like medicine; it is beneficial in small quantities, but will prove to be harmful in large amounts.⁸⁰

Sayings of Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin ‘Aas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا

- ❖ Paradise is forbidden for every foulmouthed person.⁸¹

⁷⁶ *Ihya al-Uloom*, vol. 2, p. 177

⁷⁷ *Al-Tazkirah al-Hamduniyyah*, vol. 2, p. 299

⁷⁸ *Ihya al-Uloom*, vol. 1, p. 363

⁷⁹ *Ihya al-Uloom*, vol. 1, p. 363

⁸⁰ *Husn al-Samt Fi al-Samt*, p. 100

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- ❖ There is no limb in a believer's body which is more beloved to Allah Almighty than the tongue; it is due to this very tongue that Allah Almighty will admit him into Paradise, and there is no limb in a disbeliever's body which is more disliked by Allah Almighty than the tongue; it is due to this very tongue that Allah Almighty will cast him into Hell.⁸²

The blessed sayings of Sayyiduna Abu Zar Ghifari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ The one who desires to enter Paradise should not be drawn towards worldly wealth.⁸³
- ❖ The importance of good deeds and virtue in regards to the acceptance of du'a is like that of salt in food.⁸⁴
- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Zar Ghifari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ once said to Sayyiduna Salamah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, "O Salamah! Do not go to the doors of kings. You shall not receive anything from their worldly wherewithal, but they shall take from something more superior, i.e., your religion."⁸⁵
- ❖ The accountability of the possessor of two dirhams shall be harsher than the accountability of the one who possesses

⁸¹ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 359, Raqm 982

⁸² *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 280

⁸³ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 219, Raqm 542

⁸⁴ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 7, p. 40, Hadith 4

⁸⁵ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 8, p. 698, Hadith 79

one dirham. (The more wealth, the more difficulty).⁸⁶

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Zar رضي الله عنه once stood by the Ka'bah and exclaimed, "O people! I am Jundub Ghifari. Gather near your compassionate brother, who has advice for you!" Once they had assembled around him, he began to say, "When any of you travel, do you not prepare provisions to take along with you, so that you can fulfil your needs and reach your destination?" When the people replied in the affirmative, he continued, "Then hear well! The journey of the Day of Judgement is the lengthiest. So, prepare plenty of provisions that shall help you." Those present asked, "What can we take that will help us?"

He replied: Perform Hajj to be saved from troublesome matters. Keep fasts even on hot days, in order to be saved from the heat of the Day of Judgement. Offer Salah in the darkness of the night to be saved from fear and terror in the grave. Speak well and refrain from uttering evil, so that your summoning forth on the day of accountability may pass easily. Give *sadaqah* to be saved from the severity of the Day of Judgement. Only attend two types of gatherings in this world, one in order to seek the Hereafter, and the other to seek lawful sustenance. Do not attend any other type of gathering, as there is no benefit in this for you and will only prove to be harmful.

In the same fashion, divide your wealth into two parts. One for

⁸⁶ *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah*, vol. 8, p. 183, *Hadith 3*

spending upon your family, and the second for spending in the way of Allah Almighty in order to prepare for the Hereafter. Do not make any more divisions in your wealth, as this shall amount to nothing but harm and bring no benefit at all. After this, he raised his voice and proclaimed, “O people! Your destruction lies in greediness, as this never comes to an end nor shall you ever satiate it.”⁸⁷

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Zar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said to Sayyiduna Ahnaf bin Qays رَضِيَ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ, “As long as gifts are given to you wholeheartedly, take them, but when they become the price of your faith, leave them.”⁸⁸

Sayings of Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

- ❖ People oppressing one another in the world is a cause of darkness on the Day of Judgement.⁸⁹
- ❖ When Allah Almighty wills to humiliate or destroy a person, He removes modesty from him. Then you will see that person in a state where he has hatred towards people and they have hatred towards him.⁹⁰
- ❖ Sayyiduna Maymoon bin Mihran رَضِيَ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ narrates that a

⁸⁷ *Akhbar Makka li al-Faakihi*, vol. 3, p. 134, *Hadith 1904 Sifat al-Safwah*, vol. 1, p. 301, Raqm 64

⁸⁸ *Ihya al-'Uloom*, vol. 2, p. 170

⁸⁹ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 260, Raqm 640

⁹⁰ *Makarim al-Akhlaq*, p. 94, Raqm 113

man presented himself before Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رضي الله عنه and said, “Advise me.” He رضي الله عنه replied, “Do not speak.” He said, “The one who lives amongst people cannot avoid speaking.” He رضي الله عنه stated, “If he must speak, he should only speak the truth or remain silent.”⁹¹

- ❖ Sayyiduna Ja’far bin Burqan رحمته الله عليه narrates that Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رضي الله عنه said:

There are 3 things which make me laugh and 3 things which make me cry. The three things that make me laugh are: 1) I am astonished at that person who pins his hopes on the world whereas death is in search of him 2) I am shocked at that heedless person who does not awaken from heedlessness, and 3) I am astonished at that person who laughs loudly even though he does not know whether his Lord is pleased or displeased with him. The 3 things that make me cry are: 1) Separation from the beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and the blessed Companions عليهم الرضوان 2) occurrence of the pangs of death, and 3) presenting myself in the Divine Court while I do not know whether I will be dragged towards Hell or attain a place in Paradise.⁹²

- ❖ Sayyiduna Tariq bin Shihab رحمته الله عليه states: I spent the night with Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رضي الله عنه in order to observe his acts of worship. Hence, when it was the latter

⁹¹ Tareekh Ibn Asakir, vol. 21, p. 449

⁹² Kitab al-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, p. 176, Hadith 837

part of the night, he **رضي الله عنه** awoke and performed Salah. What I had assumed (that he performed worship all night) was not actually the case. I mentioned this to him and he said, “Be consistent in performing these 5 prescribed prayers and they will be an expiation for the sins committed between them as long as major sins are avoided.”

He further added: When people have performed ‘Isha, they fall into three categories: 1) those people for whom this night becomes a calamity and they do not take any benefit from it 2) It becomes a means of goodness for some fortunate ones and saves them from calamity, and 3) for some foolish ones this night is neither beneficial nor a calamity. The people for whom it is a calamity and devoid of benefit are those who see the darkness of the night and the heedlessness of the people as an advantage and spend the night audaciously engaged in sin. As for those who consider the darkness of the night and the heedlessness of the people as an advantage and wake up to worship, the night is beneficial for such people and not calamitous. The night is neither beneficial nor calamitous for those who perform Salah and then sleep. Therefore, refrain from heedlessness, intend to worship Allah Almighty and adopt steadfastness upon it.⁹³

❖ Every person has an inner and an outer. Thus, whosoever

⁹³ *Musannaf Abd al-Razzaq, vol. 2, p. 416, Hadith 4749*

rectifies his inner, Allah Almighty adorns his outer, and whosoever ruins his inner, Allah Almighty ruins his outer too.⁹⁴

- ❖ Indeed, knowledge is abundant and life is short. Therefore, learn the essential knowledge of Islam and leave everything other than this, as you will not be helped regarding this.⁹⁵
- ❖ Sayyiduna Salman رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was asked about such a sin in the presence of which no good deed gives benefit, so he replied, “That sin is arrogance.”⁹⁶

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

⁹⁴ *Kitab al-Zuhd li-Ibn al-Mubarak Wa-yalihi Kitab al-Raqaaiq*, p. 17, Hadith 72

⁹⁵ *Hilya tul Awliya*, vol. 1, p. 246, Raqm 606

⁹⁶ *Al-Zawajir ‘an Iqtiraf al-Kabair*, vol. 1, p. 149