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عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

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

### Note:

Recite *ṣalāt* upon the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** once before and after.

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**Attar's prayer:** O Lord of the Prophet! Whoever reads or listens to the 20-page booklet, *17 Stories of Sunni Scholars in Mecca and Medina*; allow them to perform ḥajj and visit Medina time and time again. Forgive them and their parents without accountability.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## The excellences of reciting ṣalāt upon the Prophet

The final Prophet of Allah, our master Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Whoever recited ṣalāt three times in the morning and evening, out of love and yearning for me, Allah Almighty shall certainly forgive their sins of that day and night.”<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### 1. A special invitation

The father of the famous Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was Mawlana Naqī ‘Alī Khān رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, an expert in Islamic law

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Mu‘jam al-Kabīr, vol. 18, p. 362, hadith 928

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and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Going to Medina is one thing, but being called is something else entirely. A unique event transpired with him; in that he was invited to Medina in a dream by none other than the Greatest Prophet ﷺ himself.

Despite being unwell and physically weak, Mawlana Naqī ‘Alī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ packed his bags and set off for the Ḥaram with a handful of friends. Some well-wishers suggested he undertake this journey next year, considering his illness. He replied, “If only my soul were to leave my body as I step out of my home on this journey to Medina.”

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ preserved the honour of his sincere devotee’s profound love by coming into Mawlana Naqī ‘Alī’s رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ dream yet again and giving him medicine in a bowl. After drinking this, the shaykh became so healthy, he found no problem in performing ḥajj at all.<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

اٰمِيْنُ بِجَاهِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

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<sup>1</sup> Surūr al-Qulūb د



## 2. Medina – the real reason I am here

The renowned devotee of Allah’s Messenger, the reviver of Islam, and one of the Ahl al-Sunnah’s leading imams, Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ performed his second ḥajj and proceeded to fall extremely ill. He then said, “Lengthy illness does not worry me. I am only worried about whether I can visit the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.”

Despite the illness not appearing as though it would go away anytime soon, the imam set forth for Medina. Scholars رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ attempted to stop him out of concern; “The journey is long, and you are sick!”, they said.

The imam replied, “If you want to know the truth, both times I left my home for ḥajj my actual goal was to visit Medina. مَعَادَ اللَّهِ. If I did not do this, my ḥajj experience would have been empty of sweetness.”

The scholars insisted and reminded him of how unwell he was. The imam then read this hadith, مَنْ حَجَّ وَلَمْ يَزُرْنِي فَقَدْ جَفَانِي - “He who performs ḥajj and does not visit me, has betrayed me.”<sup>1</sup> The scholars said, “You have already been to Medina once before.”

The imam explained:

In my eyes, this hadith does not mean a person can do

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<sup>1</sup> Kashf al-Khafā', vol. 2, p. 218, hadith 2458

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ḥajj many times over and only visit Medina once. In fact, going to Medina is a necessity alongside ḥajj. I ask you to pray I reach the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. I just wish to see the Rawḍa, even if I were to die right after.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

### 3. Imam Aḥmad Raza's vision of the Beloved

Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was an expert scholar who deeply loved the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He harboured proficiency in around 100 branches of knowledge, whilst scholars of Mecca and Medina declared him reviver (*mujaddid*) of the 14<sup>th</sup> hijri century. In his time and place, he protected Islamic traditions from mixing with falsehood, and worked diligently to revive the sunnah.

When the lantern of love for the Greatest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was falling dimmer in the hearts of people, the imam reignited this in beautiful fashion. Without doubt, he was completely and utterly engrossed in this love. Upon leaving for his second ḥajj, he came to Medina, yearning for a wakeful vision of Allah's Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He stood facing the gates parallel to

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<sup>1</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Alā Hazrat, p. 201

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the sacred resting place and spent all night reciting ṣalāt upon the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

That night, it was not written for him to attain what he sought. He came again the next night, continued reciting ṣalāt, and presented a heartfelt poem to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Ultimately, the time came, and whilst awake and with his physical eyes, he was given the honour of beholding the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

May Allah Almighty send mercy upon Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. For the sake of the imam, may we be forgiven without accountability.

اٰمِيْنُ بِجَاۗءِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّۦنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Dear Islamic brothers!** We should seek to grow our love for the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and desire to see him. اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ. We too will have this honour one day and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ shall grace us with his vision.

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

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### 4. Yūsuf b. Ismāil al-Nabhānī رحمته اللہ علیہ and his decorum in Medina

A student of Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رحمته اللہ علیہ and the foremost hadith expert of Kotla, Abū Yūsuf Muhammad Sharīf رحمته اللہ علیہ tells:

I once performed ḥajj and visited Medina. As I turned my gaze to the Green Dome, I saw a white-bearded elder sat facing it from Bab al-Salam, softly reciting something. His face was especially bright. I asked who he was, and I was told this was the famous scholar, Shaykh Yūsuf b. Ismāil al-Nabhānī رحمته اللہ علیہ.

His handsomeness and the brightness of his face took me aback. I sat near him and attempted to say a few words. His attention did not turn to me first. I then said, “I have come from India and read your works, such as حُجَّةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ and جَوَاهِرُ الْبَحَارِ. Reading them has made me revere and respect you greatly.”

He lovingly extended his hand and shook mine. I then asked why he was sat this far from the sacred grave of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He immediately burst into tears and said, “I am not worthy to be close to him.”

I visited his place of stay in Medina multiple times afterwards and even gained certification in hadith sciences from him.

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Shaykh Ḍiyā' al-Dīn Aḥmad al-Madanī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ writes, “The honourable wife رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا of Shaykh al-Nabhānī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was blessed with seeing the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 84 times.”<sup>1</sup>

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

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صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

### 5. Sayyid Mehr ‘Alī’s and the valley of Ḥamra

The saint of Golra, Sayyid Mehr ‘Alī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

Journeying to Medina, we stopped at Ḥamra valley, and out of fear of potentially being robbed I was forced to leave the sunnah units of ‘ishā’ salah. Muhammad Ghāzī was with me. He thought extremely well of me, and despite his busy teaching schedule at Madrassa Ṣawlatiyya, he came with me to help during my travels.

We all were asleep one night. In my dream, I saw none other than the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ dressed in a beautiful black Arabian jubba. His

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<sup>1</sup> Anwār-i-Quṭb-i-Madīnah, p. 195 Summarized

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resplendent beauty gave me new life.

I found myself sitting in a masjid, sat on my knees, and deep in contemplation. Allah's Messenger ﷺ then arrived and said, "The Messenger's offspring should not leave the sunnah."

I grasped his sacred shins and found them more sublime than silk. Tears flowed uncontrollably from my eyes as I recited *الصلوة والسلام عليك يا رسول الله*. I lost my senses entirely, as I was overwhelmed by what was happening. This led me to ask, "Who is your good self?" In reply, he ﷺ explained, "The Messenger's offspring should not leave the sunnah." I repeated this question three times to the same answer.

After I asked for a third time, I realised that as this blessed individual was not forbidding me from referring to him as the Messenger of Allah, this meant it was none other than the Messenger of Allah ﷺ himself. I would have been stopped if this was a saint or somebody else.

What can I say of his beauty and handsomeness? My words fall short of the describing the blessings, sanctity, and uniqueness of that occasion. I cannot describe my emotions and love. Yet, the drink of love I was honoured

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to imbibe, and the fragrance I experienced; I found it suitable to include but a glimpse of this in my poetry.<sup>1</sup>

Sayyid Mehr ‘Alī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ penned a famous poem after this, in which he references this miraculous event.

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

### 6. Respecting the dogs of Medina

Sayyid Jamā‘at ‘Alī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was a renowned hadith expert. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ visited Medina on one occasion. One of his murids, who was also in the sacred city, accidentally struck a dog and caused it injury. Somebody mentioned this to the shaykh. This left him restless. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ immediately called for the murid to find the dog and have it brought to him.

When the dog was brought to the shaykh, the former stood up, and with tears flowing from his eyes, addressed it directly, “O you who lives in the city of the Beloved! For the sake of Allah Almighty, overlook my murid’s mistake!”

He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ then called for cooked meat and milk to be given to the dog, and bade farewell to it by saying, “Jamā‘at ‘Alī (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ) seeks your forgiveness. Forgive me for the sake of Allah Almighty.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mehr-i-Munīr, pp. 131-132

<sup>2</sup> Sunnī ‘Ulamā’ kī Hikāyāt, p. 211 Sumarized

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### 7. When the master of Medina calls

The son of Shaykh Abū Yūsuf Muhammad Sharīf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ، Mawlana Abū al-Nūr Muhammad Bashīr رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, explains the following event:

Sayyid Jamā'at 'Alī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ performed many ḥajj. His love for Medina meant he went all but every year. One year, he had arranged to travel for ḥajj via plane, which my father caught wind of. My father and myself then went to Alipur, visited the shaykh, and found him speaking of Medina.

Elated upon seeing my father, he then explained, “I am going to visit the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ again -. My father said, “I heard you are travelling by plane this year.” He replied, “If the master of Medina صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ calls, we should fly to reach him.”



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This phrase left an indelible effect on the listeners and even brought the shaykh to tears himself.<sup>1</sup>

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

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صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

### 8. Loving the dates of Medina

A sign of true love for the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is to love his blessed city. This could be seen in the life of the former grand mufti of Pakistan, the renowned hadith expert, Mawlana Sardār Aḥmad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. His gatherings were adorned with profuse mention of Medina.

If somebody returned from the blessed city, Mawlana Sardār Aḥmad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would ask them about it, inquire after the well-being of Sunnis living there, and happily accept any gift brought for him from the holy lands.

The shaykh رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was presented with dates from Medina. At that time, he was teaching a lesson on hadith. He first distributed said dates amongst his students, bit into one himself,

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid, p. 45

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and declared, “A date from Medina is in my mouth, and as long as it remains within me, my faith shall become ever fresher.”<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

## 9. Burying one’s hair and nails in the sacred city

Mawlana Sardār Aḥmad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ also explained:

As I was once leaving Medina, I buried my hair and nails in the sacred city. I then turned to the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and submitted, “Perhaps dying in Medina is not in my destiny. Yet, I bury parts of my being here, as this is a priceless honour for paupers like me.”<sup>2</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

## 10. All I recall is Medina

Qāḍī Maẓhar al-Ḥaqq Jehlumī once visited Quetta, Zahedan, Baghdad, Medina, and a host of other hallowed places. He then came to visit Mawlana Sardār Aḥmad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. When the qāḍī was introduced to the shaykh, and it was explained he had just

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<sup>1</sup> Hayāt-i-Muhaddith-i-Āzam Pakistan, p. 155 Derived

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

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returned from Medina, the shaykh took hold of his hand with tears in his eyes.

Despite ongoing illness, the shaykh asked about Medina, began reminiscing of the sacred city, and inquired after the well-being of Sunnis living there. Memories of the Green Dome and recollections of the Prophet's resting place came flooding back to him. Eventually, the entire gathering was left thinking of nothing but Medina.<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

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### 11. From India to Medina

Sayyid Na'im al-Din Murādābadi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ was a great devotee of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. I (the author) heard the following story from his grandson, Sayyid Ya'qūb 'Alī.

Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ once left for ḥajj. When he came to Medina and presented himself before the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he saw Sayyid Na'im al-Din

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid, pp. 155 - 156

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رحمته اللہ علیہ also present. He decided against speaking with him, as people of respect and decorum do not utter a word there. After finishing his recital of ṣalāt upon the Prophet and other invocations, Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رحمته اللہ علیہ came outside masjid and searched for Sayyid Na‘im al-Dīn رحمته اللہ علیہ, but to no avail.

He then went to draw blessings from the company of the grandshaykh, Ḍiyā' al-Dīn Aḥmad Qādirī رحمته اللہ علیہ. During their visits to the Ḥaramayn, Arab and non-Arab scholars alike would never miss an opportunity to meet with this illustrious personality.

Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رحمته اللہ علیہ attended the gathering of the grandshaykh but could not find out more regarding the whereabouts of Sayyid Na‘im al-Dīn رحمته اللہ علیہ. In the meanwhile, a letter arrived from India, which explained how Sayyid Na‘im al-Dīn رحمته اللہ علیہ had passed away at so-and-so time on so-and-so day. When Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رحمته اللہ علیہ matched the time of the sayyid’s passing with the time he saw him standing at the grave of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he came to an amazing conclusion: as soon as Sayyid Na‘im al-Dīn رحمته اللہ علیہ passed away, he came to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to present his humble ṣalāt and salam.

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## 12. O pain of Medina, you belong in my heart

Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ travelled for ḥajj in 1390 AH. During this, an amazing event took place with him in Medina.

In Medina, I tripped and broke my wrist. When the pain became intense, I kissed it and said, “O pain of Medina, you belong in my heart, as I attained you at the door of my beloved.” The pain dissipated immediately but my hand could not move.

After seventeen days, I had an x-ray done at Malik Hospital, revealing a sizeable fracture in my wrist. Despite this, I did not take treatment of any kind. My hand slowly began to work with the passage of time. Dr. Muhammad Ismā‘īl, who worked at this hospital, commented on the miraculous nature of this. From a medical perspective, my hand was not supposed to be able to move.

I still have that x-ray with me. My wrist is still broken, yet I have penned a tafsir with the same hand. The only treatment I had for this was when I stood at the Rawḍa and said, “O my master! My wrist is broken, yet you healed the broken shin of ‘Abdullah bin ‘Atīk رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

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and remedied the broken arm of Muādh bin ‘Afrā’  
ارَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ! My master! I ask you to fix my wrist!”<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us  
without accountability for his sake.

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### 13. Jannat al-Baqī‘ and the transferring of bodies

Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ tells of a pious elder from  
Punjab named Šūfi Muhammad Ḥusayn, who accompanied  
him during ḥajj and relayed the following story:

I was once with Shaykh ‘Abd al-Ḥaqq Muhājir. I asked,  
“A hadith says, ‘Our Medina is a furnace. The way a  
furnace removes impurities from iron, the land of  
Medina removes those unworthy from itself.’ But  
apostates and hypocrites die and are buried here.  
Bearing this in mind, what does this hadith mean?”

The shaykh held me by the ear and led me out of the  
gathering. I was taken aback, as I did not think I did  
anything wrong. That night I saw Jannat al-Baqī‘ being

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<sup>1</sup> Tafsīr Na‘īmi, vol. 9, p. 388

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dug up, with dead bodies being brought upon the back of camels into and out of the graveyard.

I asked the people there what they were doing. They told me, “Those buried here who are unworthy have their bodies removed from this city, whilst devotees of Medina who die elsewhere have their bodies brought here.”

The next day, I went back to Shaykh ‘Abd al-Ḥaqq. He saw me and instantly declared, “This is what that hadith meant! As for yourself, you asked regarding concealed matters from strangers yesterday, an action for which you were penalized.”<sup>1</sup>

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

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## 14. Prophetic favours

In Medina, a boisterous Mawlid gathering was once conducted by Shaykh ‘Alī Ḥusayn Madanī رحمته الله عليه; an event filled with Prophetic illumination. At its end, the shaykh distributed

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<sup>1</sup> Tafsīr Na‘īmi, vol. 1, p. 766

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confectionary and said, “Whoever eats this will see the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in their dream tonight - إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ. After fajr salah, we will meet one another in Masjid al-Nabawi and talk about what we saw.”

Ghulām Ḥusayn Madanī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ enclosed:

أَلْحَدِّثِ اللهُ I ate some of that confectionary. That night, I saw the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in my dream, with Sayyid Aḥmad Sa‘id Kāzmī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ standing at his right side and Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ holding his left hand.<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon the shaykhs, and may we be forgiven without accountability for their sake.

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## 15. The thorn of Medina

The Ghazālī of contemporary times, Sayyid Aḥmad Sa‘id Kāzmī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ explained:

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<sup>1</sup> Anwār-i-Quṭb-i-Madīnah, p.53



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A thorn became stuck in foot during my first visit to Medina. This caused me immense pain. As I went to remove it, I recalled the love displayed by Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ for the thorns of Medina. I ended up not removing the thorn and it fell out itself after some time.<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

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## 16. Imam Aḥmad Razā رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and the Prophetic court

After Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ passed away, Shaykh Ḍiyā' al-Dīn Aḥmad Qādirī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ conveyed the following event:

Seeking to present myself at the Rawḍa, I once entered Masjid al-Nabawi from Bab al-Salam. I then saw Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ facing it and reciting salam. The imam disappeared as I drew nearer to him. At the Rawḍa, I recited ṣalāt and salam humbly, and

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<sup>1</sup> Anwār-i-Quṭb-i-Madīnah, p. 53

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asked, “O Messenger of Allah ﷺ! Do not let go without seeing my shaykh.”

When I looked towards the side of the Rawḍa parallel to the sacred feet of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, I found the imam sat there, upon which I rushed over to meet him.<sup>1</sup>

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

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### 17. The poor guest

Muhammad Mūsā Amritsari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

When I was in Medina, I was fortunate to spend time with Shaykh Ḍiyā' al-Dīn Aḥmad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. When time came to eat, a particular destitute person would come, quietly eat, and leave.

One day I thought, “Who is this person? He only comes when there’s food. He makes the shaykh go through the trouble of feeding him.” When that day’s gathering

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid, p. 238 Summarized

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concluded, the shaykh told me to meet with him before I left. He went on to explain, “This poor person you see works a normal job at a mill in Faisalabad, in Pakistan. He is honoured to come and visit the Holy Prophet ﷺ every year. This, coupled with the fact he is a visitor to Medina, is the reason why I feed him daily.”<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

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<sup>1</sup> Anwār-i-Quṭb-i-Madīnah, p. 277 Summarized

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