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## Supplication for reading this book

**R**ecite the following before you read a religious book or begin an Islamic lesson; you will remember whatever you study ان شاء الله.

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ  
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 beloved Prophet ﷺ once before and after.

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### Virtue of sending *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet

The Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated:

Whosoever sent *ṣalāt* upon me once, Allah Almighty sends ten mercies upon him, and the one who sends *ṣalāt* upon me ten times, Allah Almighty sends a hundred mercies upon him, and the one who sends *ṣalāt* upon me a hundred times, Allah Almighty writes between his eyes that he is free from hypocrisy and the Fire of Hell, and He will place him among the martyrs on the Day of Judgement.<sup>2</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

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<sup>1</sup> A compilation of some *aḥādīth* and sayings of the pious elders from the book of Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمْ الْعَالِيَةِ entitled *Backbiting: A Cancer in Our Society*.

<sup>2</sup> Al-Mu'jam al-Awsat, vol. 5, p. 252, hadith 2735



### (1) Attaining the reward of worshipping for one year

Once, Prophet Mūsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked Allah Almighty, ‘Allah Almighty! What is the reward for the one who invites his brother towards good and forbids him from evil?’

Allah Almighty replied, ‘For his every word, I grant him the reward for a year’s worth of worship, and I observe *ḥayā* in punishing him with the torment of Hell.’<sup>1</sup>

### (2) An action which leads to forgiveness

(Tafsīr) ‘*Rūḥ-ul-Bayān*’ cites this Ḥadiṣ Qudsī:

Whoever recites once بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ and Sūrah Al-Fātiḥa by joining them together (like this بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِیْنَ till the end of the Sūrah) then be a witness that I have forgiven him, accepted all his good deeds and forgiven his sins, and I will not burn his tongue, I will free him from the torment of the grave, the torment of the fire, the torment of the Day of Judgement and from fear.<sup>2</sup>

**Note:** the proper manner of joining [join the last letter Mīm

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<sup>1</sup> Mukashafat al-Qulub, p. 48

<sup>2</sup> Tafseer Ruh al-Bayan, vol. 1, p. 9

(with Kasrah) of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ with Lām (with Jāzm) in [الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ] as in ... مِنْ حَمْدِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِیْنَ. and then completing the entire Surah Al-Fātiḥah.<sup>1</sup>

### (3) Four pieces of advices

Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm b. Adham رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ states: ‘I stayed in the company of many saints رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِمُ in the mountains of Lebanon. All of the saints advised me to give the following four pieces of advice whenever I meet people:

1. Whoever eats to the fullest of his appetite will not enjoy the taste of worship.
2. Whoever sleeps excessively will not have blessings in his lifespan.
3. Whoever seeks only to please the people will be in despair from Allah’s pleasure.
4. Whoever excessively backbites and indulges in lots of irrelevant conversations will not die on Islam.<sup>2</sup>

### (4) Humiliating a Muslim is a major sin

The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘Indeed,

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<sup>1</sup> Ghibat Ki Tabah Kariyan, p. 37

<sup>2</sup> Minhāj-ul-‘Ābidīn, p. 98

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humiliating a Muslim, without a cause, is one of the major sins.<sup>1</sup>

### (5) Eyes forbidden upon Hell

Allah Almighty sent revelation towards Sayyidunā Mūsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, ‘O Mūsā! I have made three types of eyes forbidden upon Hell:

1. The eyes which stay guard in My path;
2. Eyes which refrained from Ḥarām; and
3. The eye that shed tears out of My fear.

There is one reward for every deed except for the tears which will be rewarded with blessings, forgiveness and entry into Paradise, and nothing less than that.<sup>2</sup>

### (6) You will be with me in Paradise

A man came to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and inquired, ‘I only fast for one month and no more and I pray only five times a day and no more. I neither qualify to pay zakat nor performing Hajj nor do I perform Naf̄l Hajj. Where will I go after I die?’

The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ smiled and replied, ‘You will

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<sup>1</sup> Sunan Abī Dāwūd, vol. 4, p. 353, Ḥadīṣ 4877

<sup>2</sup> Baḥr-ud-Dumū’, p. 172

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be with me in Paradise as long as you safeguard your heart from two – envy and dishonesty; and you prevent your tongue from two – lies and backbiting; and you save your eyes from two – those scenes which have been made Ḥarām by Allah Almighty and from looking down upon any Muslim with disdain.<sup>1</sup>

### (7) The one who relays everything

Remind yourself the Ḥadīš:

كُفِيَ بِالْمَرْءِ كَذِبًا أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُلِّ مَا سَمِعَ

*It is enough for a person to be a liar that he relays anything he has heard to others (without research).<sup>2</sup>*

### (8) Safeguard yourselves from the thieves of love

The righteous elders رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ advise that: Safeguard yourselves from the enemies of the intellect and the thieves of love. These thieves speak ill and tell tales. A thief steals materialistic possessions, but they (who backbite and tell tales) steal love.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Qūt-ul-Qulūb, vol. 1, p. 433

<sup>2</sup> Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, p. 8, Ḥadīš 5

<sup>3</sup> Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, p. 151

### (9) One year before passing away

The Mother of the Believers, Sayyidatunā ‘Āishah al-Şiddīqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا:

When Allah Almighty wills good for a person, then one year before his death, He designates an angel to him who keeps taking him towards the right path until he dies with belief. Upon his death, people say that so-and-so died in a good state. When such a fortunate and pious person starts to die, his soul departs quickly. At that time, he wants to meet Allah Almighty and Allah Almighty likes to meet him. When Allah Almighty wills bad for a person, then one year before his death, a devil is appointed upon him, who deviates him until he reaches the worst time of his life and then dies. As death approaches him, his soul begins to get trapped. At that time, neither does the dying person want to meet Allah Almighty nor does Allah Almighty wish to meet him.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Musu’ah Li Ibn Abi Dunya, vol. 5, p. 443, hadith 157 Summarized

### (10) One hundred heavenly maidens

After worshipping for forty years, a saint made this dua, ‘Allah Almighty! Show me a glimpse of the blessings You will bestow upon me in Paradise with Your mercy.’

While he was still busy in his dua, the arch of the Masjid split open, a beautiful heavenly maiden (Ḥūr) emerged from the gap and said, ‘You will gain one hundred heavenly maidens like me, each will have one hundred helpers, and each helper will have a hundred slave-girls, and each slave-girl will have a hundred assistants.’

Upon hearing this, the saint rejoiced and inquired, ‘Will anyone get more than me in Paradise?’

She replied, ‘Every inhabitant of Paradise, who would have recited **أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ** in the morning and evening, will receive this.’<sup>1</sup>

### (11) Who is a complete Muslim?

The Final Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated: ‘A (complete) Muslim is the one who avoids harming other Muslims with his hand and tongue. Similarly, a (complete) Muhājir is one who gives up all that is forbidden by Allah Almighty.’<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rauḍ-ur-Riyāḥīn, p. 55

<sup>2</sup> Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, vol. 1, p. 15, Ḥadiṣ 10

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### (12) Who is poor?

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ asked his companions رضى الله عنهم, ‘Who is the poor one?’

The companions رضى الله عنهم answered, ‘A poor person from among us is he who has no money or material possessions.’

He ﷺ replied, ‘The poor person from my Ummah is the one who will come on the Day of Judgement with his salah, fasts and zakat, but he would have cursed someone, blamed someone, stole from someone, shed someone’s blood and hit someone. So, they will all be given a share from his good deeds and if his good deeds run out before their rights are fulfilled, then their sins will be given to him and then he will be thrown into Hell.’<sup>1</sup>

### (13) Great virtue of the one who forgives

On the Day of Judgement, it will be announced, ‘Whoever has their reward with Allah’s mercy let them stand up and enter Paradise.’

It will be asked, ‘For whom is this reward?’

The announcer will reply, ‘This is for those who forgive.’

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<sup>1</sup> Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, p. 1069, Ḥadīṣ 6579

Then, thousands of people will stand up and enter Paradise without any accountability.<sup>1</sup>

#### (14) Three ways to attain Paradise

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ said, ‘Whoever has three things, Allah Almighty will take him to account with ease and admit him into Paradise (with His mercy).’

I asked, ‘O Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)! What are those three things?’

He ﷺ replied, ‘(1) Mending relations with the one who breaks ties with you, (2) giving to the who deprives you, and (3) forgiving the one who oppresses you.’<sup>2</sup>

#### (15) Black dot on the heart

It is reported in a hadith that when a person commits a sin, a black spot appears on his heart. When he sins again, another spot forms on his heart, until his heart becomes

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Mu’jam-ul-Awsaṭ, vol. 1, p. 542, Ḥadīṣ 1998

<sup>2</sup> Al-Mu’jam-ul-Awsaṭ, vol. 1, p. 263, Ḥadīṣ 909



dark, and as a result of this, any righteous word has no effect upon his heart.<sup>1</sup>

### **(16) Don't rejoice at the difficulties of others**

The Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ said, 'Do not get pleased (and express happiness at your brother's difficulties), lest Allah Almighty cast His mercy upon him and afflict you with that thing.'<sup>2</sup>

### **(17) Do three favours on the believers**

Sayyidunā Yaḥyā b. Mu'āz Rāzī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, 'If you can benefit the believers by these three means then you will be considered a person who bestows favours upon others:

1. If you cannot benefit them, then do not hurt them either
2. If you cannot give them happiness, then do not dishearten them either.
3. If you cannot praise them, then do not talk ill about them either.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Tafseer-Durr-Al-Manšūr, vol. 8, p. 446

<sup>2</sup> Jāmi' Tirmizī, vol. 4, p. 227, Ḥadīš 2514

<sup>3</sup> Tanbīh-ul-Ghāfilin, p. 88

### **(18) If you cannot act on three then do this...**

One wise person said that if you are not capable of three then do these three things: if you cannot do good, then refrain from evil; if you cannot benefit others, then at least do not hurt them; and if you cannot keep Nafl fasts, then avoid eating the flesh (backbiting) of others.<sup>1</sup>

### **(19) Say about others what you would like to be said about you**

Shaykh Sufyān al-Thawrī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, ‘Talk about your brother when he is not present, in a manner in which you want your brother to talk about you when you are not present.’<sup>2</sup>

### **(20) Seized by Allah’s hidden plan**

Shaykh Bakr Muzanī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated, ‘When you see a person spreading other’s shortcomings (meaning, who always reveals others secrets and backbites about people), then know that he is surely the enemy of Allah Almighty and is seized by Allah’s hidden plan.’<sup>3</sup>

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1 Tanbīh-ul-Ghāfilīn, p. 89

2 Tanbīh-ul-Mughtarrīn, p. 192

3 Tanbīh-ul-Mughtarrīn, p. 197

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### (21) Making someone ashamed of their sin

The Noble Prophet ﷺ has said, ‘Whoever makes his brother feel ashamed for a sin which he had already repented from, then that person will fall into that sin before he dies.’<sup>1</sup>

### (22) The one who talks more, makes more mistakes

On page 108 of *Minhāj-ul-‘Ābidīn* [the 344-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madīnah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], The Proof of Islam, Imām Muḥammad al-Ghazālī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: ‘Securing the tongue secures the deeds, because whoever does not control his tongue usually gets embroiled in backbiting.’<sup>2</sup> It is a famous proverb مَنْ كَثُرَ لَغَطُهُ كَثُرَ سَقَطُهُ: ‘Whoever talks more tends to make more mistakes.’<sup>3</sup>

### (23) How to attain palaces in Paradise

The Final Prophet ﷺ said, ‘Whoever recites Sūrah Al-Ikhlāṣ ten times, Allah Almighty builds a palace for him in

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1 Jāmi’ Tirmizī, vol. 4, p. 226, Ḥadīṣ 2513

2 Minhāj-ul-‘Ābidīn, p. 65

3 Ghibat Ki Tabah Kariyan, p. 133

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Paradise. Whoever recites it twenty times, Allah Almighty builds two palaces for him and whoever recites it thirty times, Allah Almighty builds three palaces for him in Paradise.’

The second Caliph of Islam, Sayyidunā ‘Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ asked, ‘Would we have several palaces at that time?’

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, ‘Allah’s favour is even greater than that.’<sup>1</sup>

### (24) Dua of the angels for the one who speaks good of a Muslim

A famous saint, Shaykh Sayyidunā Mujāhid رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ (who passed away while he was in the position of prostration in Makkah al-Mukarramah in Hijrī 103) said: When a Muslim mentions his Islamic brother in good words, the angels that are with him supplicate for him, ‘May Allah Almighty also grant you the same’; and if a person talks ill against his Islamic brothers then the angels say, ‘You exposed your brother’s secret, look at yourself! Thank Allah Almighty that He has kept your shortcomings concealed.’<sup>2</sup>

### (25) What happened to my good deeds?

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: “Indeed, on the

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1 Sunan Dārimī, vol. 2, p. 552, Ḥadīṣ 3429

2 Tanbīh-ul-Ghāfilīn, p. 88

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Day of Judgement, a person will have his book of deeds brought to him. He will say, 'I did such-and-such good deeds, what happened to them?' He will be told, 'Those deeds were wiped away due to the backbiting that you committed.'"<sup>1</sup>

### **(26) Enquiring about other's needs and consoling them in sickness**

It is narrated by Sayyidunā 'Abdullāh Ibn 'Umar and Sayyidunā Abū Hurayrah رضي الله عنهم that:

Whoever goes to help a needy Muslim brother, Allah Almighty shades him with seventy-five thousand angels. Those angels make dua for him and he remains covered in the ocean of mercy, until he is finished. Then, Allah Almighty writes for him the reward of one Hajj and one Umrah. Likewise, anyone who consoles an ill person, Allah Almighty shall shade him beneath seventy-five thousand angels. Until he returns home, he is granted a good deed for every step, an evil deed is forgiven for every step, and his status is raised once. When he sits with the ill person, mercy covers him and continues covering him until he returns home.<sup>2</sup>

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1 Attarghib Wattarhib, vol. 3, p. 332, Ḥadīṣ 30

2 Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsaṭ, vol. 3, p. 222, Ḥadīṣ 4396

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Dear Islamic brothers! Try to rid yourself from the evil habit of backbiting and do not only save your virtuous deeds but also increase them. Follow the Prophetic guidance to increase your virtuous deeds and earn the highest level of Paradise – Jannah al-Firdaus.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ, How fortunate are those Islamic brothers and sisters who use their tongues for calling people toward righteousness, delivering Sunnah-inspiring speeches and stay busy in the Zikr of Allah Almighty and in reciting Ṣalāt upon the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Fulfilling the needs of Muslims is a rewardable action and consoling concerned Muslims is an excellent way to utilise the tongue.

### (27) Calling people bad names

The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, ‘Angels curse the one who calls a Muslim with any words [i.e. bad names] besides their name.’<sup>1</sup>

### (28) Most mistakes are made with the tongue

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘People make most of their mistakes by their tongues.’<sup>2</sup>

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1 Al-Jāmi’-uṣ-Ṣaghīr, p. 525, Ḥadīṣ 8666

2 Al-Mu’jam-ul-Kabīr, vol. 10, p. 197, Ḥadīṣ 10446

### (29) Eternal pleasure or displeasure

Sayyidunā Bilāl b. Hārith رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrated that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, ‘A person says something good without realising its extent and because of it Allah’s pleasure is written for him until the day he will meet Allah Almighty. [On the contrary] A person says something bad without realising its extent and because of it Allah’s displeasure is written for him till the day he will meet Allah Almighty.’<sup>1</sup>

### (30) Every Companion is in Paradise

The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared, ‘Fear Allah Almighty in regards to my companions! Fear Allah Almighty! Do not make them a target after me. Whoever loves them does so out of their love for me, and whoever has hatred against them, he hatred for out of hatred for me. Whoever harms them has annoyed me, and whoever annoys me has annoyed Allah Almighty and whoever annoyed Allah Almighty, will soon be held accountable by Allah Almighty.’<sup>2</sup>

### (31) Reward for safeguarding the honour of a Muslim

The Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: ‘Whoever safeguards the

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1 Sunan-ut-Tirmizī, vol. 4, p. 143, Ḥadīṣ 2326

2 Jāmi’ Tirmizī, vol. 5, p. 463, Ḥadīṣ 3888

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honour of his brother, Allah Almighty will send an angel on the Day of Judgement who will protect him from Hell.<sup>1</sup>

### (32) Reward for preventing backbiting

‘Whoever prevents others from the flesh of his brother in his absence (i.e., he stops someone backbiting against a Muslim in his absence), then it is a right of Allah Almighty to free him from Hell.’<sup>2</sup>

### (33) Punishment in the Fire

It is narrated in a hadith, ‘The one who commits suicide will be punished in the Fire with the tool with which he killed himself.’<sup>3</sup>

### (34) Resurrected looking like dogs

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ said: ‘The backbiter, the tale-teller and the one who tries to find faults of pious people, will be resurrected by Allah Almighty in the form of dogs.’<sup>4</sup>

### (35) Eavesdropping on others

The Noble Prophet ﷺ warned, ‘On the Day of

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1 Musu’ah li-Ibn Abid Duniyā, vol. 4, p. 385, Ḥadīš 105

2 Mishkāt-ul-Maṣābiḥ, vol. 3, p. 70, Ḥadīš 4981

3 Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, vol. 4, p. 289, Ḥadīš 6652

1 At-Tawbīkh Wat-Tanbīḥ li- Aṣḥāḥānī, p. 97, Number: 220  
Attarghīb Wattarḥīb, vol. 3, p. 325, Ḥadīš 10



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Judgement, molten lead will be poured into the ears of the one who listens to the speech of people who do not like for him to listen to them or they want to keep their conversation a secret.<sup>1</sup>

### (36) Easy method to safeguard yourself from backbiting

It is narrated from Shaykh Majd al-Dīn Fīrauzābādī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ: ‘When you join a gathering and recite:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ Allah Almighty will designate an angel that will keep you from backbiting; and when you depart from that gathering then recite: بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ, then the angel will keep others from backbiting against you.<sup>2</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### (37) Special door of Hell

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, ‘There is a door in Hell, through which only those people will enter whose anger subsides only after committing a sin.’<sup>3</sup>

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1 Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, vol. 4, p. 423, Ḥadīṣ 7042

1 Al-Qaul-ul-Badī, p. 278

3 Al-Firdaus bimā Ṣaur-ul-Khaṭṭāb, vol. 1, p. 205, Ḥadīṣ 784

### (38) Recognition of a good companion

Here are two sayings of the Noble Prophet ﷺ in regard to good company:

1. A good companion is the one who helps you when you remember Allah Almighty and reminds you when you forget.<sup>1</sup>
2. A good companion is one whose sight reminds you of Allah Almighty, his conversation increases in your actions, and his actions remind you of the Hereafter.<sup>2</sup>

### (39) Reward of fifty Ṣiddīqīn

The fourth Caliph of Islam, Sayyidunā ‘Alī b. Abī Ṭālib رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has stated, ‘Soon a time will come upon the people when their gatherings will not be free from carnal desires. So, the one lives in such an era should be patient and control his carnal-self; Allah Almighty will grant him the reward equivalent to [the reward bestowed upon] fifty Ṣiddīqīn.’<sup>3</sup>

### (40) Even a dog is better than a backbiter

Sayyidunā Ḥammād b. Zayd رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ relayed, “I once came

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1 Musu’a li-Ibn Abid Duniyā, vol. 8, p. 161, Number 42

1 Shu’ab-ul-Īmān, vol. 7, p. 57, Ḥadīṣ 9446

3 Tanbīh-ul-Mughtarrīn, p. 225

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into the presence of Sayyidunā Mālik b. Dīnār رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ. I saw a dog in front of him and wanted to drive it away. He said, ‘Ḥammād, leave it alone. It is better than the companion who sits with me and backbites against others.’<sup>1</sup>

### (41) A good end for the one who refrained from speaking ill

Shaykh Sa‘dī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has narrated the following incident in his *Būstān-e-Sa‘dī*:

A righteous and good-mannered individual would never talk ill of others even if they were his personal enemies. He would always say good things whenever those people would be mentioned in a conversation. After his death, someone saw him in a dream and asked, مَا فَعَلَ اللَّهُ بِكَ؟ (meaning, *how did Allah Almighty treat you?*)<sup>2</sup>

Hearing this question, his face lit up with a smile and he said, ‘In the world, I always strived to refrain from making bad comments about others. The Nakīrayn (Munkar and Nakīr) were also not harsh in questioning me. أَلْحَقَّ دِلِّي، I was dealt with pleasantly.’<sup>2</sup>

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1 Tanbīh-ul-Mughtarrīn, p. 227

2 Būstān-e-Sa‘dī, p. 149

#### **(42) Paradise in exchange for six things**

Guarantee six things for me and I guarantee Paradise for you:

1. When you speak, speak the truth
2. When you make a promise, fulfil it
3. When something is entrusted to you, return it
4. Guard your private parts
5. Keep your gaze lowered
6. Prevent your hands [from hurting others].<sup>1</sup>

#### **(43) Things that lead to Paradise or Hell**

The things that make a person most [worthy of] entering Paradise are piety and good manners, and the acts that make a person most [worthy of] entering Hell are two hollow things; the mouth and the private part.<sup>2</sup>

#### **(44) Look at your own shortcomings**

When one wishes to expose the shortcomings of others, he should think about his own sins and make an effort to rectify them. By Allah Almighty, this is a great honour. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ stated, ‘Glad tidings for the one whose

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1 Musnad Imām Aḥmad, vol. 8, p. 412, Ḥadīš 22821

2 Jāmi’ Tirmiḏī, vol. 3, p. 404, Ḥadīš 2011

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[self-realisation of his own] shortcomings prevented him from looking for faults in others.<sup>1</sup>

### (45) Remember your shortcomings

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāb b. ‘Abbās رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا has stated, ‘Whenever you intend to talk about the shortcomings of others, remember you own.’<sup>2</sup>

### (46) Allah will conceal his faults

It has been narrated on the authority of Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh b. ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated:

A Muslim is a brother to another Muslim; he neither oppresses him nor leave him helpless. Whoever fulfils the need of his brother, Allah Almighty fulfils his need. Whoever relieves another Muslim from pain, Allah Almighty will relieve him from the pains of the Day of Judgement. Whoever conceals the faults of another Muslim; Allah Almighty will conceal his faults on the Day of Judgement.<sup>3</sup>

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1 Al-Firdaus bimā Šaur-ul-Khaṭṭāb, vol. 2, p. 447, Ḥadiš 3929

2 Musu’a li-Ibn Abid Duniyā, vol. 4, p. 357, Ḥadiš 56

3 Šaḥiḥ Muslim, p. 1069, Ḥadiš 6587

#### (47) Conceal the faults of others and gain Paradise

Sayyidunā Abū Saʿīd Khudrī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘Whoever conceals the shortcomings of his brother upon witnessing them will be made to enter Paradise.’<sup>1</sup>

#### (48) Safety lies in seeking forgiveness in this world

The Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, ‘Whoever has the burden of slandering or oppressing his brother, it is necessary upon him that he asks the person for forgiveness here [in this world] before the coming of that hour, because neither dirham nor dinar will be there. If he has some good deeds, they will be taken away equal to the violation of rights and given to the victim. If not, then his sins will be transferred to him [the wrongdoer].’<sup>2</sup>

#### (49) The punishment of accusing others of a sin

While mentioning many things that he saw in a dream, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then mentioned, ‘Some people were hung by their tongues. I asked Jibrīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام about those

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1 Musnad ‘Abd b. Ḥumayd, p. 279, Ḥadīš 885

2 Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, vol. 2, p. 128, Ḥadīš 2449

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people. He replied, "These people accuse others of committing a sin for no reason."<sup>1</sup>

### (50) The virtues of reciting **أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ**

The Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** stated: **مَنْ اسْتَغْفَرَ اللَّهَ غَفَرَ لَهُ** i.e. *Allah Almighty will forgive the one who seeks forgiveness from Him.* (Uttering only 'أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ' is also seeking forgiveness).<sup>2</sup>

### (51) Litany to be blessed with a glimpse of the Beloved Prophet **ﷺ**

On page 115 of *Malfūzāt-e-A'lā Hadrat* [the 561-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madīnah, the publishing house of Dawat-e-Islami], it is stated:

**Question:** How can we be blessed with the blessed vision of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**?

**Answer:** Besides reciting *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet at night and at the time of going to sleep, recite *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet in abundance at all times. In particular, read the following *ṣalāt* upon

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1 Sharḥ-uṣ-Ṣudūr, p. 184

2 Jāmi' Tirmizī, vol. 5, p. 288, Ḥadīṣ 3481

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the Prophet 100 times or as much as possible after Isha salah:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا أَمَرْتَنَا أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ عَلَيْهِ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى رُوحِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْأَرْوَاحِ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى جَسَدِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْأَجْسَادِ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى قَبْرِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْقُبُورِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ

There are no better phrases [of Ṣalāt-‘Alan-Nabī] to see the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ but read them with a sincere intention of reverence and honour for his noble personality, without specifically intending that you are reciting it to gain the vision. Beyond this, his compassion is abundant and has no limits.

### (52) Backbiting against a handicapped person

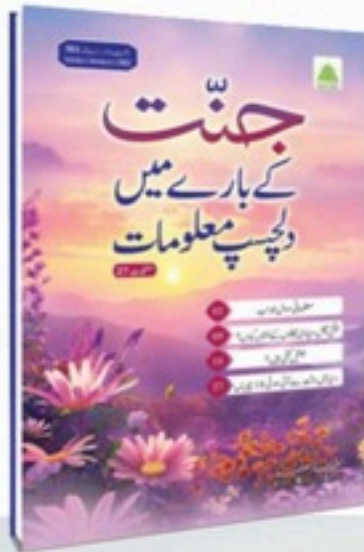
A Tābi‘ī saint, Sayyidunā Mu‘āwiyah b. Qurrah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘If a handicapped passes by you and you mention the negative aspect of his affected limb, then this is also backbiting.’<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

1 Tafseer Dur-rul-Manšūr, vol. 7, p. 571



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