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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ
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The Splendours of Paradise¹

Attar's prayer

O Allah! Whoever reads or listens to the booklet entitled *The Splendours of Paradise*, then with Your mercy, grant them, their parents, and their family entry into Jannat al-Firdaws without accountability.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Excellence of reciting *ṣalāt* upon the beloved Prophet ﷺ

The final Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared, “He who recites ṣalāt upon me one thousand times in a day shall not die until he sees his place in Paradise.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The splendours of paradise

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh b. Mas‘ūd رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrates:

On the Day of Judgement, all people will gather on the *Ṣirāt*, standing on the threshold of Hell, and each will pass over it according to their deeds;

¹ This speech was delivered by Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri during a weekly Sunnah-inspired gathering on the 17th of Jumādā al-Ūlā 1413 AH, corresponding to 13th November 1992, in one of the early centres of Dawat-e-Islami, Gulzar-e-Habib Masjid in Karachi. It has been compiled and edited by a branch of the Islamic Research Centre which focuses on Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's speeches.

² Jam'i al-Ahadiith, vol. 7, p. 268, Hadith 22354

some as swiftly as lightning, some like the wind, some like birds, some like fast horses, some like fine camels, and some like a man running.

The very last person to cross will pass over a narrow path as thin as his two big toes, slippery and sharp like a sword. Angels will be standing on both sides of the bridge with hooks of fire, pulling people off it. Some will safely cross, others will be injured and fall into Hell. There will be some who, despite being injured, will still pass safely.

The last person to cross will have a door to Paradise opened before him. Seeing no blessings inside for himself, he will sit down and plead, “O Allah! Allow me to stay here.”

It will be said to him, “If you are granted this, will you ask for nothing more?”

He will take an oath, “By Your Honor and Majesty, I will not ask again!” Allah will then permit him to stay.

Soon after, he will see the palaces of Paradise and plead, “O Allah! Take me to them.”

He will again be asked, “Will you ask for anything after this?”

He will say, “By Your Honor and Majesty, never again.”

He will be taken to those palaces. Afterwards, he will see even greater splendours and blessings, but say nothing.

Allah will ask, “Why do you not ask now?”

He will submit, “I have already asked too much, and now I feel shy.”

At this point, Allah’s mercy will come to the fore, and He will proclaim, “I have granted you Paradise equal to the whole world and ten times more.”

This man will be the lowest-ranked person in Paradise.

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh b. Mas‘ūd رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says: “When the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would narrate this, he would smile so broadly that his sacred molar teeth would

become visible.”¹

Dear Islamic brothers! Paradise contains blessings that no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, and no mind has ever imagined, except for those whom Allah Almighty has shown.²

For example, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ personally witnessed these splendours with his blessed eyes during the Night of *al-Mi‘rāj*.³

The delights of Paradise are eternal; only Allah Almighty truly knows their reality. The examples of it mentioned in the noble Quran and sacred *Aḥādīth* are so we may gain an understanding of that astounding realm.

What are some of the blessings the inhabitants of Paradise will receive? Let us read about them and carry out abundant good deeds to attain these bounties!

72 Wives

Each male inhabitant of Paradise will be granted 72 wives.⁴

What about the women of Paradise?

Sometimes, ignorant individuals—or those who claim superior education and intelligence—challenge religiously inclined people merely to be troublesome, asking: “If men are given 72 wives in Paradise, how many husbands will women receive?”⁵

In this regard, it must be said that such a question stems from utter ignorance and

¹ Tanbīh al-Ghāfilīn: Hadith 76 derived

² Sahih Muslim: Hadith 7133

³ Sahih al-Bukhari: Hadith 3342

⁴ Sunan Ibn Majah: Hadith 4337

⁵ In Paradise, women will have the husband they were married to, conditional upon the husband being in Paradise too. If a woman’s husband does not make it to Paradise, she will be married to another man of Paradise. Likewise, those women who passed away unmarried will also be married to a man in Paradise.

a corrupt mindset. Whether Muslim or non-Muslim, hardly any nation in this world would deem it acceptable for a woman to have multiple husbands. If, in this worldly life, no one tolerates the idea of one woman having several husbands, then how could such a thing exist in Paradise?

The beauty of the women of Paradise

If a woman from Paradise were to glance toward the world, the world would be filled with light and fragrance, and the brightness of the Sun and Moon would fade before her radiance. The veil of a heavenly woman is better than the entire world and all that it contains.¹

In another narration, it is stated:

If a *Hawrā'* (singular of *Hūr*, paradise maiden) were to reveal her palm between the heavens and the earth, all creation would fall into tribulation at her beauty. If she were to uncover her veil, her radiance would outshine the Sun, just as the Sun outshines a lamp.²

The beauty of things in Paradise

If a heavenly object just the size of a fingernail was revealed in this world, the heavens and earth would be adorned by it. If a bracelet from Paradise appeared, its light would overpower the Sun, just as the Sun overpowers the light of the stars.³

The vastness of Paradise

Only Allah and His Messenger ﷺ truly know how vast Paradise is. However, it is said to have 100 levels, and the distance between each is like the distance between the heavens and the earth.⁴

As per a hadith narrated in *Jāmi' al-Tirmidhī*: “If the entire creation were gathered

¹ Sahih al-Bukhari: Hadith 6568

² Fath al-Bari, vol. 12, p. 378, under Hadith 19 derived

³ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2547 derived

⁴ Ibid: Hadith 2539

in just one level of Paradise, it would still be spacious enough for them.”¹

The breadth of a tree in Paradise

In Paradise, there is a tree so immense that a swift horse rider could travel under its shade for a hundred years and still not reach the end of its shadow.²

The magnitude of the Gates of Paradise

The gates of Paradise are so wide, that if a horseman were to ride from one side, he would take seventy years to reach the other.³ Despite this tremendous width, those entering Paradise will be so many in number that their shoulders will touch each other.⁴

The splendour and adornment of Paradise

The palaces of Paradise are made of diamonds, pearls, and precious stones so clear that the inside will be visible from the outside and the outside from the inside.⁵

The walls of Paradise are of gold and silver, whilst their mortar is of musk. One brick of gold and the next silver. The ground will be made of saffron, with pearls and rubies in place of pebbles.⁶

The bricks of *Jannat al-‘Adn*

One brick of *Jannat al-‘Adn* will be of pure white pearl, the next of red ruby, the next of green emerald. The mortar will be musk, the grass saffron, pebbles of pearls, and the earth of ambergris.⁷

¹ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2540

² Sahih Muslim: Hadith 7138

³ Musnad Ahmad: Hadith 16206

⁴ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2557 — paraphrased

⁵ Musnad Ahmad: Hadith 66206

⁶ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2534

⁷ Al-Targhib wa al-Tarhib: Hadith 33

The pavilions of Paradise

In Paradise, there will be pavilions made of a single pearl sixty miles tall. ¹

The rivers of Paradise

In Paradise, there will be four main rivers of pure water, milk, honey, and wine. Streams will flow from these.² These rivers do not flow through the earth, as in this world. Instead, they flow on the surface of the land. Their banks will be of pearls and rubies, and their beds of pure musk.³ The wine of Paradise is not like the wine of this world; it has no foul smell, no bitterness, no intoxication, and it does not lead to senselessness or vulgarity.⁴

The foods of Paradise

In Paradise, the dwellers will enjoy every kind of delicious food. Whatever a person wishes to eat will appear instantly before them.⁵ If one sees a bird and desires to eat it, that bird will at once appear perfectly cooked before him.⁶ If they wish to drink, cups will automatically come into their hands, filled with the exact portion they desire —be it water, honey, or milk — no more, no less. After drinking, the cups will return to their places on their own.⁷

Purity and cleanliness

In Paradise, there will be no impurity or filth of any kind. No urine, phlegm, mucus, earwax, or bodily dirt that causes discomfort.

As for how food will be digested, Allah Almighty has decreed that in Paradise, food will be digested through a pleasant burp and fragrant perspiration, which will carry

¹ Sahih Muslim: Hadith 7158

² Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2580

³ Mawsua Ibn Abi al-Dunya: Hadith: 68 selected

⁴ Tafsir Ibn Kathir, vol. 7, p. 289 selected

⁵ Tafsir Ibn Kathir, vol. 7, p. 162

⁶ Tafsir Durr al-Manthur, vol. 8, p. 11

⁷ Al-Targhib al-Tarhib: Hadith 66 selected

the scent of musk.¹

Continuous praise of Allah Almighty

In Paradise, the believers will continuously recite *tasbīḥ* and *takbīr*, wilfully and involuntarily, just like breathing. In this world, one pauses or becomes tired after reciting something continuously. There, *dhikr* will remain upon the tongue effortlessly.²

Ten thousand servants

Each inhabitant of Paradise will have at least ten thousand servants. Every servant will hold a golden bowl in one hand and a silver bowl in the other, each filled with varieties of fresh delights.³ No matter how much they eat, the taste will never diminish. This is unlike worldly food, where the first bite is rich in flavour and the pleasure fades as one's stomach fills.

Worldly foods lose their charm when eaten repeatedly. For example, someone who works in a sweet shop soon loses interest in sweets. In Paradise, every bite remains as delightful as the first, and every moment brings new joy and satisfaction.

Seventy flavours in every bite

Each morsel of food in Paradise will contain seventy distinct flavours, each clearly distinguishable from the other. In this world, when different foods are mixed, like biryani and sweet rice, they create a third blended taste, but one flavour often overpowers the rest. In Paradise, however, no flavour will overpower another. Each taste will be distinct, experienced all at once, yet none overpowering the other—granting the eater seventy layers of delight in a single bite.

¹ Sahih Muslim: Hadith 7152 summarised

² Sahih Muslim: Hadith 7152

³ Mujam Awsat: Hadith 7674

Eternal youth and unfading garments

The garments of the people of Paradise will never wear out, and their youth will never fade.¹

All the inhabitants of Paradise will appear to be thirty years old.² In this world, youth withers away as years pass, wrinkles form, backs become crooked, and vitality diminishes. In Paradise, there will be no aging, no weakness, and no end. The dwellers of Paradise will live there forever in youthful perfection, enjoying an everlasting life without death or decline.

Radiant faces of the believers

The first group to enter Paradise will have faces as bright as the full Moon, and the second group will have faces shining like radiant stars.³

No hatred, envy, or ill feelings

In Paradise, all believers will have hearts united as one. There will be no hatred, jealousy, or enmity among them.⁴ Unlike the world, where grudges and envy separate hearts, the people of Paradise will be bound by love, free from anger, irritation, and disputes. No harsh words, no quarrels; only peace, harmony, and affection.

A life free of sorrow and sickness

There will be no grief, pain, or illness in Paradise. No stomach aches, no asthma, no coughing, no chronic disease, no cancer, no distress at all. Unlike the world, Paradise will be a realm of perfect health, peace, and eternal happiness.

The beauty of the Maidens of Paradise (*al-Ḥūr al-ʿĪn*)

Each inhabitant of Paradise will have at least two wives from among the *al-Ḥūr al-*

¹ Sahih Muslim: Hadith 7156

² Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2554

³ Sahih al-Bukhari: Hadith 3254

⁴ Ibid: Hadith: 3254

Tyn—large eyed maidens of Paradise. They will wear seventy layers of garments, yet the marrow of their shins will still be visible through their flesh and clothing, as clearly as red wine is seen through a crystal glass.¹

This is because Allah Almighty has likened them to rubies. When a thread passes through a hole in a ruby, it becomes visible from the outside.² A man will be able to see his reflection in her face more clearly than in a mirror, and even the lowest-quality pearl adorning her can illuminate the distance between the East and the West.³

A narration mentions, “If a man places his hand between her shoulders from behind, it would be visible from her front through her body and garments.”⁴

If a garment of Paradise were worn in this world...

If a garment from Paradise were to be worn in this world, anyone who saw it would fall unconscious, for the brilliance of that clothing would be unbearable for human eyes.⁵

To understand this, consider how the Sun’s dazzling rays blind one’s sight when it shines in full glory. The eyes simply cannot bear its brilliance. This is merely an example for understanding, for in truth, only Allah Almighty knows the reality and splendour of these heavenly garments, which no eye in this world can even look at.

The effect of the *Hūr*’s saliva

If one of the *Hūr* were to spit into the sea, its salty waters would turn sweet. If a woman of Paradise were to spit into the seven seas, they would all become sweeter than honey.⁶

¹ Sahih Bukhari: Hadith 3254; Al-Mujam al-Kabir: Hadith 10321

² Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2541

³ Musnad Ahmad: Hadith 11715

⁴ Al-Targhib wa al-Tarhib: Hadith 96

⁵ Ibid: Hadith 84

⁶ At-Targhib wa al-Tarhib: Hadith 98–99

The melodious voices of the Maidens of Paradise

When a person enters Paradise, two maidens will be seated, one towards his head side and the other at the foot of his bed, each singing in exquisitely beautiful fashion. Their singing will not resemble worldly songs or Satanic music, which corrupt the soul. Instead, their melodies will be filled with praise and glorification of Allah Almighty.¹

Their voices will be sweet and harmonious, such that no ear has ever heard such a sound before. In their heavenly song, they will sing, “We are everlasting and will never die. We are peaceful and will never suffer; we are pleased and will never be displeased. Glad tidings to he who belongs to us, and to whom we belong.”²

All the inhabitants of Paradise will be beardless

Apart from the hair on their heads, eyelashes, and eyebrows, the people of Paradise will have no hair anywhere else on their bodies. All of them will be without beards, have eyes lined with kohl, and appear to be thirty years old.³

No sleep in Paradise

There will be no sleep in Paradise, as sleep is a form of death. There is no death in Paradise.⁴

But without sleep, will they not face difficulty?

Someone might wonder: “If there is no sleep in Paradise, will people become tired or restless?” The answer is no. The dwellers of Paradise will experience such comfort and happiness that they will never feel the need for sleep. Even in this world, we see people who, out of joy or excitement, forget to sleep entirely. During Ramadan, many spend the nights in worship, and during weddings and festivals, happiness keeps people awake all day and night. If such temporary worldly joy

¹ Al-Mujam al-Kabir: Hadith 7478 derived

² Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2573

³ Ibid: Hadith 2554

⁴ Shuab al-Iman: Hadith 4745

reduces one's need for sleep, imagine the eternal bliss of Paradise! There, Allah Almighty will grant such peace and satisfaction that the thought of rest or fatigue will never arise.

In this world, a person engrossed in business or chasing success forgets to sleep. Tailors during Eid season, for example, work all day and night. They stop thinking about prayer, *tarāwīḥ*, or anything else. Their focus is only on making the most of this time financially. Their occupation and schedule stop them sleeping entirely.

In truth, nobody can stay awake for 24 hours every day. We must get sleep of some kind. Some can stay awake for days, such is their level of involvement in this world.

Yet, Allah Almighty has ordained that the people of Paradise will not sleep. Despite not sleeping, the inhabitants will not experience any worry or discomfort.

Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's wish

Amir Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlana Ilyas al-Qadri دامت بركاتهم العالوية once expressed his heartfelt wish:

I wish to never sleep, and I wish for this to never make me sick or tired. I wish I could work for the religion of Allah tirelessly, 24 hours a day. Yet, this is difficult to attain, as sleep is part of the system Allah has created.

O those who love Allah's Messenger! The world is a place of tests, which is why there are many hardships, worries, restrictions, and problems here. When we are successful in this test, then all these worries, concerns, and restrictions will come to an end.

Paradise is an immense display of Allah's power, where blessings and bounties will overflow, and no worries will occur. There will neither be any disbelievers in Paradise nor any people with whom we will quarrel; there will only be peace and harmony.

Pulpits of gold and silver

In Paradise, there will be pulpits made of gold and silver. Even the lowest-ranked person in Paradise will sit upon a hill of musk and camphor, and none will think

themselves lesser than another.¹

This means none will think that only they have a hill of camphor whilst another person sits on a chair of light. No envy or pride will exist; every heart will be perfectly content.

Seeing Allah Almighty

In Paradise, the believers will behold Allah Almighty without any difficulty, just as multitudes can see the Sun and Moon without obstruction.

When the people of Paradise see Allah Almighty, He will say to one of them, “O so-and-so, son of so-and-so! Do you remember the day you did such and such?” In other words, He will remind them of some sins they committed in the world.

The person will submit, “O Lord! Did you not forgive me?”

Allah will declare, “Indeed, it is due to My expansive forgiveness that you reached this rank.”

A cloud will come forth and rain down fragrance upon the dwellers, which they have never smelt before. Allah Almighty will proclaim, “Go to the honour I have prepared for you and what you will.”

They will visit a heavenly marketplace surrounded by angels, where treasures unseen by any eye or imagined by any heart will await. There will be no buying or selling; whatever one wants will instantly become theirs.

The people of Paradise will meet one another; when a person of lower rank sees someone of higher status, the former will admire the latter’s clothing. Immediately, the former’s own attire will become even more beautiful than the latter. There will be no grief or jealousy, only ever-increasing delight.

When they return home, their wives will greet them joyfully, saying: “You have returned more radiant and beautiful than when you left!”

They will reply: “We have just presented ourselves to Allah Almighty and beheld

¹ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2558

Him. Why would our beauty not increase?”¹

The manner of meeting in Paradise

In this world, meeting someone requires travel and effort. In Paradise, it will be amazingly effortless. If one wishes to visit another, his throne will simply glide to that person.²

Another narration states that splendid horses and carriages will be brought for them, and they will ride wherever they wish.³

The lowest ranked person in Paradise

Even the lowest-ranked inhabitant of Paradise will have gardens, wives, servants, and thrones stretching a thousand years in distance. Yet, the most honoured in the court of Allah Almighty will be the one who is blessed to see Him every morning and evening.⁴

The greatest blessing is to behold Allah Almighty

When the people of Paradise have entered it, Allah Almighty will declare, “Do you desire anything more I may give you?”

They will submit, “O Allah! You have brightened our faces, admitted us into Paradise, and saved us from Hellfire.”

The veil will be lifted from the people of Paradise, and there will be no blessing greater for them than to behold Allah Almighty.⁵

The reservoir of Kawthar

Among Paradise’s countless blessings is al-Kawthar, the reservoir granted to our

¹ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2558 — excerpt

² Jami‘ al-Jawami’: Hadith 993

³ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2553

⁴ Ibid: Hadith 2562 — excerpt

⁵ Sahih Muslim: Hadith 449

beloved Prophet ﷺ. He has two of these; one before the Širāṭ and one after.¹

On the Day of Judgement, the beloved Prophet ﷺ will give this water to his parched followers. Whoever drinks it will never feel thirsty again.²

Every prophet will have a reservoir from which their nations will drink, and they will feel joy over the large numbers of their followers. Yet, the largest gathering will be the Prophet's Ummah at his reservoir.

It is mentioned in a Hadith: "Every prophet has a reservoir. They shall express joy amongst themselves when one of their reservoirs is visited by more people. I hope that the number of visitors at my reservoir shall be greatest."³

A question and its answer

Someone may wonder: "In Paradise, there is al-Kawthar, pure wine, rivers of milk, honey, and water, but since no one will ever feel thirst there, why will the dwellers of Paradise drink them?"

The answer is simple: the people of Paradise will drink not out of need, but for pure delight and enjoyment. With every sip, this will increase.⁴

To understand this better, think of this. When we feel thirsty, we drink water. But sometimes, even after quenching our thirst, we still drink tea, juice, or a cold drink, not out of necessity, but for taste and enjoyment. Likewise, the dwellers of Paradise will drink for delight, not to satisfy thirst.

The blessings of Paradise are so magnificent that no one would ever wish to miss out on them. The one who enters Paradise is truly successful, and the one deprived of it is indeed unfortunate.

If we genuinely believe that Paradise is real and eternal, then why don't we strive to attain it? Even in this world, nothing worthwhile is achieved without effort. For

¹ Al-Tadhkirat bi Ahwal al-Mawta, p. 291

² Sahih al-Bukhari: Hadiths 6579–6583

³ Jami al-Tirmidhi: Hadith 2451 — excerpt

⁴ Mirat al-Manajih, vol. 7, p. 485 derived

instance, a person studies for years to secure a good job, struggling day and night, sitting exams, and attending interviews, sometimes using recommendations or even bribery, just for a temporary position. If we work so hard for a worldly job, which can end at any moment, then how negligent are we for not striving for Paradise, whose blessings are everlasting and whose beauty no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no heart can imagine?

To attain the world, one faces countless hardships yet continues to strive. But for Paradise, even a little effort feels difficult, though it requires far less struggle. For example, Paradise has been promised to those who establish prayer. What hardship is there in offering prayer? Each day, we spend 8 to 12 hours working, yet we hesitate to spend an hour praying five times a day, which could earn us eternal Paradise! How astonishing that people willingly endure pain, fatigue, and pressure for worldly goals, but are unwilling to bear even the smallest sacrifice for the Abode of Everlasting Joy.

Imam al-Ghazālī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ narrates the saying of a pious person, “If man loved Paradise as much as he loves wealth, he would attain both.”¹

Sadly, most people love only their wealth, lands, shops, and houses, not the eternal gardens of Paradise. They rejoice upon hearing about Paradise; they say سُبْحَانَ اللهِ, send blessings upon the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, even smile and sway with joy, yet make no practical effort to attain it.

If one truly desired Paradise the way he desires property or success, and then acted upon that desire, Paradise would surely be his. But most only wish for it, without working for it.

Revive the Sunnah

Whoever revives the *sunan* of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and follows his way with true love, will be with him in Paradise اِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ.

Act upon the Sunnah and adorn your face with a beard, for it holds immense

¹ Ihya Ulum al-Din, vol. 4, p. 245

reward. Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān Naʿīmī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ writes, “He who keeps a beard in this era will receive the reward of a hundred martyrs.”¹

أَلْحَدِثِ اللَّهِ Dawat-e-Islami has played a major role in the growing revival of the Sunnah beard in today’s society. Otherwise, how many people would grow the beard previously? This Sunnah was gradually fading day by day.

Keeping a fist-length beard or wearing an *ʿimāmah* is perceived as difficult in today’s society. When encouraged to wear an *ʿimāmah*, for example, some say, “People at my workplace will make fun of me.” In reality, such people often have weak character, are quick to argue, joke, or quarrel. If they became solemn and dignified, no one would mock their *ʿimāmah*. Even if someone mocks you for wearing one, be patient and walk away silently. After two or three times, those who ridicule will grow silent themselves.

A satanic excuse

Some people avoid wearing an *ʿimāmah* by saying that if they make a mistake, people will not only criticise them, but also speak ill of the *ʿimāmah* itself.

To such people it is said: keep your character pure. Live as a practicing Muslim, then people will be impressed by you and follow your example إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ. If your actions are lacking, your tongue is sharp, you are quick to anger, or if you lack manners altogether, people will not look at your appearance, but criticise your character. They will resent you not because of the Sunnah you wear, but because of the behaviour you show.

Follow the Sunnah and keep a beard, adorn your head with an *ʿimāmah*, and start wearing Sunnah style clothing. إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ. Before long, you will notice a radiance and dignity in your personality, and people will begin to respect and revere you.

Remember, your trousers should be above the ankles, as the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “The garment that hangs below the ankles out of arrogance is in Hellfire.”² Sadly, people pay no attention to this nowadays.

¹ Mirat al-Manajih, vol. 1, p. 173 — excerpt

² Sahih al-Bukhari: Hadith 5787 derived

We only *verbally* express the desire to be saved from Hell, but make no effort in action to save ourselves. When it comes to worldly poverty, every one of us makes every possible effort to avoid it. If only we feared Hell as much as we fear poverty, we would be saved from both! Imam al-Ghazālī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ narrates from a pious elder: “If people feared Hell as much as they fear poverty, they would be safe from both.”¹

O those who love Allah’s Messenger! Paradise is a great favour of Allah Almighty. We should strive wholeheartedly to attain it and protect ourselves from Hell by walking firmly on the path that leads to Paradise.

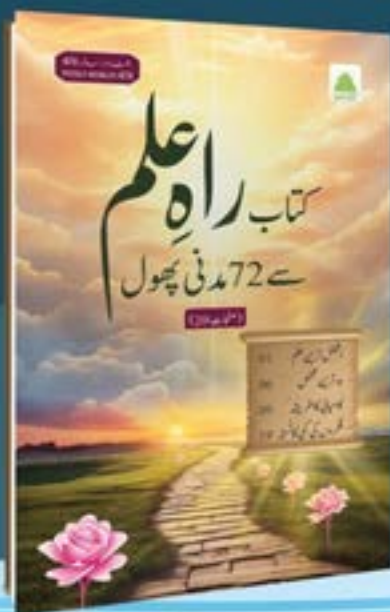
May Allah Almighty, by the honour of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, grant us entry into Paradise without reckoning and without punishment.

اٰمِيْنُ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Ihya al-Ulum al-Din, vol. 4, p. 245

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