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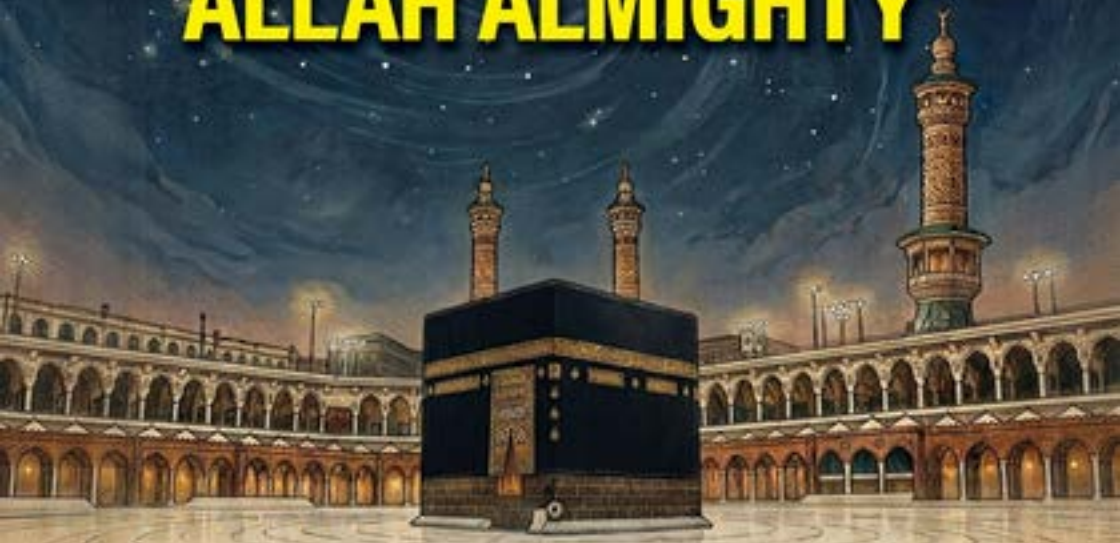

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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ وَالصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلٰى خَاتَمِ النَّبِيّٖنَ

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Longing to Meet Allah Almighty

Attar's Prayer:

O Lord of the Prophet! Forgive without accountability whoever reads or listens to the booklet *Longing to Meet Allah Almighty*, be pleased with them forever, and bless them with the longing to meet You, and forgive them along with their parents.

اٰمِيْن بِجَاہِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيّٖن صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

Excellence of Salat

The Final Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said: "Whoever would like to be presented in the blessed court of Allah Almighty in such a state that Allah Almighty is pleased with him should recite Salat upon me abundantly."[1]

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

I Am the Angel of Death (Parable)

Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the Angel of Death, met a pious person and greeted him with Salaam. The pious person replied to the Salaam. The Angel of Death عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: "I have an important matter with you." The pious person replied: "Please tell me." Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: "This is a secret between you and me." The pious person brought his head closer. Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام whispered: "I am the Angel of Death." The pious person said: "Welcome! You made me wait a long time. By Allah Almighty! There was no one on the face of the earth whose meeting I desired more than yours." Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: "Complete the work for which you came out." The pious person replied: "Now, nothing is more beloved to

[1] Firdaus-ul-Akhbaar, vol. 2, p. 284, Hadith 2083

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me than meeting Allah Almighty." Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked: "In which state would you like to die?" The pious person asked: "Do you have permission for this?" Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: "I have been commanded to do so." The pious person requested: "I will perform ablution and offer Salah; take my soul while I am in prostration (Sajdah)." Therefore, the Angel of Death عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام took his soul while he was in prostration.[1]

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

اٰمِیْن بِجَاہِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِیّٖن صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! If only the longing to meet the Lord of the Universe would be created within us! The Companion of the Prophet, Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ, said: "There is no comfort for a believer greater than meeting Allah Almighty."[2]

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Who Is Supplicating? (Parable)

The Companion of the Prophet, Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ, was once supplicating when the Beloved Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم passed there along with Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Al-Siddeeq and Sayyiduna 'Umar Al-Farooq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُمَا. The Final Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم said: "Who is supplicating? Let him ask, he will be given." Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Al-Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ went to him and said: "Tell me the supplication you were just making!" Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ

[1] Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, p. 214; Ihya-ul-'Uloom (Urdu), vol. 5, p. 529
[2] Sharh-us-Sudoor (Urdu), p. 56; Az-Zuhd li-Ibn Al-Mubarak, p.7, Statement No. 17

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said: "I praised Allah Almighty and expressed His greatness, then I made this supplication:

(Translation) 'O Allah! There is no deity worthy of worship except You, Your promise is true, meeting You is true, Paradise and Hell are true, Your Messengers are true, Your Book is true, Your Prophets are true, and the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم is also true.'"[1]

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Meaning of "Meeting Allah Almighty"

It is stated in Bukhari Sharif: The Master of the Universe صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said: "Whoever likes to meet Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty likes to meet him; and whoever dislikes meeting Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty dislikes meeting him."

Hearing this, the Mother of the Believers, Sayyidah ‘A’ishah Siddiqah رَضِیَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, or some of the pure wives, submitted, "O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! We dislike death." So, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied, "That is not what it means. It means that when the death of a believer approaches with certainty, he is given the glad tidings of the pleasure and favour of Allah Almighty. Thus, nothing becomes more beloved to him than what lies ahead of him. Now, he loves meeting Allah Almighty, and Allah Almighty loves meeting him. And when the death of a disbeliever approaches, he is informed of the punishment and torment of Allah Almighty. At that moment, nothing becomes more disliked to him than what lies ahead of him. Therefore, he dislikes meeting Allah Almighty, and Allah Almighty dislikes meeting him."[2]

Those who Dislike Death

Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad bin Muhammad bin Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْه states: Some people remember death only occasionally, and whenever they

[1] Hilyat-ul-Awliya (Urdu), vol. 1, p. 250, Statement No. 390
[2] Bukhari, vol. 2, p. 249, Hadith 6507

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remember it, they dislike it because they are absorbed in the world. Remembering death while disliking it distance a person further from Allah Almighty. However, some people turn completely towards Allah Almighty and repent from their sins. Along with the completion of repentance, the remembrance of death increases the fear of Allah Almighty in their hearts, as well as their preparation to present themselves in the Divine court, and their loyalty. Such a person does not dislike death due to being engrossed in the world; rather, he dislikes death because of his lack of provisions (i.e. pious deeds) and lack of preparation for the Afterlife. Disliking death for this reason is not equivalent to disliking the meeting with Allah Almighty, nor is it bad. Instead, that person desires worldly life to prepare for the Afterlife. If death comes to him while he is engaged in this love (i.e. preparing for the Afterlife), then death will lead him towards the meeting with Allah Almighty and proximity of His mercy. The one who possesses the gnosis of Allah Almighty always remembers death, because death is the promise of meeting the Beloved, and the lover can never forget the time of meeting the Beloved.[1]

One Year Before Death

It is narrated from the Mother of the Believers, Sayyidah ʻA'ishah Siddiqah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنۡہَا, that when Allah Almighty intends good for a servant, He appoints an angel over him one year prior to his death who continuously guides him onto the straight path until the person dies upon goodness. People say regarding him, "Such a person died upon goodness." When such a servant is about to die, seeing his rewards for the Afterlife, his soul hastens to depart. Therefore, at that moment, he loves to meet Allah Almighty, and Allah Almighty loves to meet him. And when evil has been decreed for someone by Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty subjects a devil over him one year before his death, who continuously misguides and strays him until he dies in the worst condition. When he sees the punishments prepared for him at the time of death, his soul writhes in detestation. At that time, he dislikes meeting Allah Almighty, and Allah Almighty also dislikes meeting him.[2]

[1] Lubab al-Ihya (Urdu), p. 380

[2] Sharh-us-Sudoor (Urdu), pp. 87-89; vol. 5, p. 443, Hadith 157

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Tū Ḥasan ko uthā Ḥasan kr kay

Hū ma'al-khayr khātimah... Yā Rabb

Explanation of the couplet of Hasan Raza رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْه**:** O Allah Almighty! Raise Hasan Raza Khan, Hasan, as a pious and good servant from this world, and grant him a death blessed with goodness.

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Supplication to See Allah Almighty

Blessed Saying of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم: Request in your supplication:

اَللّٰهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِيْ لَذَّةَ النَّظَرِ اِلٰى وَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيْمِ وَالشَّوْقَ اِلٰى لِقَائِكَ

meaning, "O Allah Almighty! Grant me the pleasure of beholding Your Noble Sight and the longing to meet You."[1]

A Definition of Sufism

The noble Sufis رَحِمَهُمُ اللّٰهُ state: Turning away from the world, leaving it, and striving hard to meet Allah Almighty in the Afterlife is named Sufism.[2]

Develop a Longing for the Meeting

Dear Islamic brothers! Meeting Allah Almighty will certainly take place after death only. Turning away from the heedless world, performing pious deeds, and living a life to attain the pleasure of Allah Almighty, a fortunate lover of the Prophet will like death, because for that fortunate person, the reward for his good deeds will be Paradise and its supreme blessings, and the greatest blessing of all is the blessed Sight of Allah, the Almighty. If only! A hundred million times if only! May a

[1] Nawadir-ul-Usool, vol. 2, p. 167, Hadith 136; Kanz-ul-Ummal, vol. 1, part 2, p. 84, Hadith 3698

[2] Allah Walon ki Baten, vol. 3, p. 76

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longing to meet the Creator of the universe be created within us as well. It is stated in *Sirat-ul-Jinan*, volume 1, page 169: "The longing to meet Allah Almighty is the way of the accepted servants."

A Sign of Guidance

Sayyiduna Sufyan Thawri رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه said: "The clearest sign among the signs of guidance is liking to meet Allah Almighty. When a servant likes to meet Allah Almighty, he reaches the height of goodness."[1]

A Day of Ease and Comfort

The great Successor (Tabi'i), Sayyiduna Hasan Basri رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه, states:

"The peace of a believer lies only in meeting Allah Almighty. And for the one whose peace lies in meeting Allah Almighty, the day of death is a day of happiness, comfort, peace, honour, and greatness."[2]

Sayyiduna 'Uqbah bin Muslim رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه stated: "Nothing is more beloved to Allah Almighty than this habit of a servant in which he likes to meet Allah Almighty."[3]

Hope of Forgiveness

Allah Almighty will say to the believers on the Day of Judgment: "Did you like meeting Me?" They will say: "Yes, O our Lord!" Allah Almighty will say: "Why?" They will answer: "We hoped for Your pardon (that is, forgiving sins) and Your forgiveness." Allah Almighty will say: "I have made My forgiveness mandatory upon you."[4]

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب　　صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

The Soul Was Taken Whilst Smelling a Flower

[1] Allah Walon Ki Baten, vol. 5, p. 146, saying 53140
[2] Ihya-ul-'Ulum, vol. 5, p. 523
[3] Mukashafat-ul-Qulub, p. 360; Az-Zuhd by Ibn-ul-Mubarak, p. 94, saying 279
[4] Ihya-ul-'Ulum, vol. 5, p. 576

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The Companion, son of a Companion, Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin 'Umar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُمَا states: Malak-ul-Mawt عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام presented in the court of Allah Almighty: "O Allah! Your servant Sayyiduna Ibrahim Khalilullah عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام has become apprehensive of death." Allah Almighty stated: "Tell him, when a long time passes without meeting a friend, the longing for the meeting increases." When this message reached him, he عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام presented: "O Pure Lord! I long for Your meeting." Thereupon, Malak-ul-Mawt عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام presented a flower to him; when he عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام smelled it, during this, he took his blessed soul.[1]

Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام

Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام made this supplication containing the longing to meet Allah Almighty, as it is in Para 13, Surah Yusuf, Verse 101:

رَبِّ قَدْ اٰتَیْتَنِیْ مِنَ الْمُلْكِ وَ عَلَّمْتَنِیْ مِنْ تَاْوِیْلِ الْاَحَادِیْثِۚ فَاطِرَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَ الْاَرْضِ ۫ اَنْتَ وَلِیّٖ

فِی الدُّنْیَا وَ الْاٰخِرَةِۚ تَوَفَّنِیْ مُسْلِمًا وَّ اَلْحِقْنِیْ بِالصّٰلِحِیْنَ ﴿۱۰۱﴾

O my Lord! You have endowed me with a kingdom and taught me the interpretation of dreams; O Creator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Helper in this world and in the Hereafter. Grant me death as a believer and include me among the righteous elite."[2]-[3]

Faith-Refreshing Information Regarding the Shrine of Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام

It is stated in *Tafsir Sirat-ul-Jinan*, volume 5, page 64: Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام lived for 23 years after his respected father. After that, he عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام passed away. A severe disagreement arose among the people of Egypt regarding his عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام place of

[1] Sharh-us-Sudur, p. 116

[2] Allah Walon Ki Baten, vol. 2, p. 518, saying 2658

[3] Al-Quran, Surah Yūsuf, verse 101; translation from Kanz al-ʿIrfān

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resting; the residents of every neighbourhood insisted on having his resting place in their own neighbourhood to gain blessings. Finally, this opinion was agreed upon that he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام should be laid to rest in the River Nile, so that the water would pass touching his [blessed] grave, allowing all the people of Egypt to benefit from its blessings. Therefore, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was laid to rest in a coffin of marble or alabaster within the river Nile. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام remained there until, after 400 years, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام removed his noble coffin and laid him to rest alongside his ancestors عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام in the land of Sham.[1]

O Devotees of the Holy Prophet! This shows that Muslims of ancient times also held the belief that blessings are received from the chosen servants of Allah Almighty even after their passing, and anything that touches their shrines also becomes blessed.

9 Sayings of Those Longing to Meet [Allah Almighty]

1. When the time of passing of the Companion, Sayyiduna Abu Dharr Ghifari رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ drew near, he said, "O death, come quickly, for I love to meet Allah Almighty."[2]

Dey us ko dam-e-naz'a agar hoor bhi Saghar

Munh phair lay jo tishna-e-deedar Tera ho[3]

Explanation of the couplet by Hasan Raza: O Messenger of Allah صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم! Since the privilege of viewing your blessed face is granted in the grave, if a heavenly maiden offers a brimful cup to a Devotee of the Holy Prophet who thirsts for the elixir of your sight at the time of death, he would turn his face away and not accept it.

2. The Companion, Sayyiduna Abu Darda رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ said, "I love death for the

[1] Tafseer Madarik, p. 546; Tafseer Khazin, vol. 3, p. 47 selected
[2] Tanbih-ul-Mughtarreen, p. 59
[3] Zouq-e-Na'at, p. 210

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meeting with my Merciful Lord."[1]

Grant Us Your Meeting

3. The great Tabi'i saint, Sayyiduna Malik bin Dinar رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه, among the words of the long supplication he frequently made, would say: "O Allah Almighty! Grant us the ability to repent before death and grant us Your meeting with safety and wellbeing [before the accountability of the Hereafter]. O Master of the earth and the heavens! Grant us inclination towards You and fear of You."[2]

Death in Prostration

4. Sayyiduna Safwan bin Sulaim رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه passed away while in the state of prostration. In his supplication, he would humbly state: "O Allah! I love meeting You, so You too love meeting me."[3]

The Supplication of Bibi Sha'wanah رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهَا

5. The saint of Allah Almighty, Sayyidah Bibi Sha'wanah رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهَا, would pray like this: "O Lord! I have a great longing to meet You and a strong hope for the reward from You. You are so Bountiful that hopefuls are not disappointed in Your court."[4]

Spiritual Ecstasy at the Time of Death

6. Sayyiduna Junayd Baghdadi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه was asked: "At the time of passing away, Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed Ahmad bin 'Isa Kharraz رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه was experiencing great spiritual ecstasy (*wajd*)." He replied: "Perhaps his soul

[1] Sharh-us-Sudoor, p. 58; Tabaqat Ibn Sa'd, vol. 7, p. 275
[2] Allah Walon Ki Batein, vol. 2, p. 945, narration 8527
[3] Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, p. 373
[4] Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, p. 386

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wished to separate from his body due to the desire to meet his Lord."[1]

Sayyiduna Maulana Shah 'Abd-ul-'Aleem Aasi Ghazipuri رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه says out of the longing to see the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم:

Ab to phoole na samayen ge kafan mein Aasi

Hai shab-e-gor bhi us gul se mulaqat ki raat

Words and meanings: *Shab-e-gor*: Night in the grave. *Gul*: Flower. In this couplet, "flower" refers to the sacred being of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

The One Who Touches the Pillar First

7. A few saints and scholars gathered at a place and began discussing death. One of them said: "If Sayyiduna Malak-ul-Maut (the Angel of Death) عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام were to arrive and say, 'Whichever of you touches that pillar first will pass away', then I hope that out of longing to meet Allah Almighty, I would beat you all to it." That means, I would quickly step forward and touch the pillar.[2]

I Would Choose Death

8. Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin Abu Zakariyya رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه used to say: "If I were given the choice to live for 100 years obeying Allah Almighty or to pass away today, I would choose death out of the longing to meet Allah Almighty, His Final Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, and the pious servants."[3]

Would You Not Like to Meet Him?

9. Sayyiduna Abu 'Abdullah Saji رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه says: "If I were given the choice to enjoy pure (*halal*) blessings for my whole life about which I would not even be questioned on the Day of Resurrection, or to die right now, I would

[1] Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, p. 757
[2] Allah Walon Ki Batein, vol. 6, p. 160, narration 8023
[3] Hilyat al-Awliya, vol. 5, p. 172 narration 6733

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accept dying right now. Would you not like to meet Him (i.e. Allah Almighty) whom you obey?"[1]

May Allah Almighty bestow His mercy upon them and forgive us without account for their sake.

اٰمِیْن بِجَاہِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِیّٖن صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

How to Create the Longing to Meet Allah Almighty

O Devotees of the Prophet! Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad bin Muhammad bin Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَۃُ اللّٰہِ عَلَیْہ states: "Wisdom demands that one should love a Being who will never be far from us. The lover of the world dislikes meeting Allah Almighty, but upon death, he has to separate from his beloved world. The pain of separation from the beloved depends on the degree of love (that is, the greater the love for someone, the greater the pain of separation will be)."[2]

When a person knows that true happiness in the Hereafter is only in meeting Allah Almighty, anyone who remains veiled and blocked from the honour of this meeting is deprived. The things that distance a person from meeting Allah Almighty are following desires, taking interest in the fleeting world, and being trapped in its love, from which distance is necessary.

The way to meet Allah Almighty is to break the heart's attachment to the attractions of this world, turn towards Allah Almighty continuously through His remembrance (*dhikr*) to gain attachment to Him, and love Him.[3]

True happiness and success for a human being lie in considering the meeting with Allah Almighty as his goal, the Hereafter as his permanent abode, the world as a

[1] Hilyat al-Awliya, vol. 9, p. 323 narration 14019
[2] Ihya al-'Uloom (Urdu), vol. 4, p. 706
[3] Ihya al-'Uloom (Urdu), vol. 4, p. 15 summarised

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temporary staying place, the body as a ride, and the limbs as his servants (to aid him in the obedience of Allah Almighty).[1]

Allah Almighty states in Surah al-ʿAnkabut, Part 21, Verse 64:

وَاِنَّ الدَّارَ الْاٰخِرَةَ لَهِیَ الْحَیَوَانُ ۘ لَوْ كَانُوْا یَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿۶۴﴾

Undoubtedly, the abode of the Hereafter is true life. If only they knew.[2]

And whoever reaches this rank (i.e., giving preference to the Hereafter over the world) likes to meet Allah Almighty, and therefore, he also likes death.[3]

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Prepare to Meet Me!

Allah Almighty stated in the Divine Scriptures: "O My servant! Prepare to meet Me, for you shall soon meet Me. And worship Me, because I alone am your Owner. How will the one who disobeyed Me have the courage to look at Me? Or how will the one who has forgotten My Majesty and Grandeur face Me? That servant is in loss whom I deprive of My vision. When the truthful servants are near Me and the wretched ones are driven away from My court, I shall then manifest My splendour upon those pious people who love Me (i.e., hold Me dear). O My servant! Stand at My door, for I am Most Generous, and seek My refuge, as this alone is the straight path."[4]

In one narration it is stated: Allah Almighty said to the world: "Become bitter for My saints, so that they consider meeting Me desirable, and become sweet for My enemies, so that they consider meeting Me undesirable, because I have made the world a prison for My saints and a paradise for My enemies."[5]

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[1] Ihya al-ʿUloom (Urdu), vol. 4, p. 30
[2] Al-Quran, Al-Baqarah, verse 64; translation from Kanz al-ʿIrfān
[3] Ihya al-ʿUloom (Urdu), vol. 5, p. 76
[4] Hikāyāt aur Naṣīḥaṭaiñ (Translation of Rawḍ al-Fāʾiq), p. 95
[5] Al-Muʿjam al-Kabīr, vol. 9, p. 1, Hadith 11, summarised

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If Only We Live Such a Life

Dear Islamic brothers! Certainly, only that person will like death who has prepared for it; for example, being punctual in prayers and fasts, performing plenty of pious deeds, acting upon Sunnahs, calling towards righteousness, forbidding evil, having in his heart the spirit of sympathy and goodwill for Muslim brothers—and especially the poor—and sharing the grief of distressed Muslims, whilst avoiding lies, backbiting, tale-bearing, breach of promise, abusive language, interest, bribery, films, dramas, music, etc. If only we live such a life as someone has said:

Yād dāri kih waqt-e-zādan-e-tu

Hamah khandāñ badand-o-tu giryāñ

Āñ chunāñ zī kih waqt-e-murdan-e-tu

Hamah giryāñ shawand-o-tu khandāñ

That is: Remember! At the time of your birth, everyone was smiling while you were crying. Live such a life that at the time of your death, everyone is crying while you are smiling.

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب　　صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

How Is Praying for One's Own Death?

The father of Aʿla Hazrat, Mawlana Naqi Ali Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْه, writes: "Praying for one's own death due to the longing to meet Allah Almighty and His (deceased) pious servants is permissible. However, wishing for death to escape worldly harms (i.e. troubles) is impermissible, whereas doing so out of fear of religious harm (i.e.

loss to religion) is permissible."[1]

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Allah Almighty loves to meet you

On the day of the apparent passing of the final Prophet of Allah Almighty, Muhammad Arabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, Jibrāʾīl the Trustworthy عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام presented himself in the blessed court of Prophethood and submitted: "How are you feeling?" He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم stated: "O Jibrāʾīl! I feel grieved (i.e. this grief was regarding his ummah and religion as to what would happen to it)." In the meantime, the Angel of Death عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked permission to enter. Jibrāʾīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام submitted: "O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! This is the Angel of Death and he seeks your permission. He has never asked permission from anyone before you, nor will he ask anyone after you." The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم stated: "He is permitted." Then the Angel of Death stood respectfully before him and submitted:

"Allah Almighty has sent me to you and commanded me to obey you. If you permit me to take your (blessed) soul, I will do so; if you forbid me, I will not." The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم stated: "O Angel of Death! Will you really do so?" He submitted: "Yes! I have been commanded to do this." Sayyiduna Jibrāʾīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام submitted: "O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم!" Allah Almighty wills to meet you. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, “O Angel of Death! Carry out the command that you have been given.” Accordingly, the Angel of Death took the blessed soul of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.[2]

Khalq to kya keh hain Khaliq ko azeez

[1] Faḍāʾil-e-Duʿā, pp. 182-183, summarised

[2] A summary of Dala'il al-Nubuwwah lil-Bayhaqi, vol. 7, p. 211

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Kuch ‘ajab bhaate hain bhaane waale[1]

Word Meanings: Khalq: Creation; created beings. Khaliq: The Creator, i.e. Allah Almighty. ‘Ajab: Wondrous; extraordinary. Bhaana: To be pleasing; to win someone’s affection.

Explanation of Imam Ahmad Raza Khan’s Couplet:

In this couplet, my master, A‘la Hazrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه, describes the beauty and magnificence of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم in a truly endearing manner. He رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْه says:

“You are so exceptionally beautiful that not only do created beings love you, but the Creator of the universe Himself (i.e. Allah Almighty, the Pure, who created all the worlds and also created you) loves you. You are such a unique and beloved personality that both the Creator and all created beings love you.”

O Lord of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! Remove our heedlessness and grant us the longing to meet You.

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[1] Hada’iq-e-Bakhshish, p. 162

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SUPPLICATION FOR PROTECTION FROM PARALYSIS, ACCIDENTS, ETC.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الَّذِیْ لَا یَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهٖ شَیْءٌ فِی الْاَرْضِ وَلَا فِی السَّمَآءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِیْعُ الْعَلِیْمُ۔

Excellence: The Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم said, "Whoever recites this supplication (mentioned above) three times daily, in the morning and evening, will be protected from sudden calamities."

The Tabi'i saint, Sayyiduna Aban رَحْمَۃُ اللّٰہِ عَلَیْہ stated, "On the day I suffered paralysis, I had not recited this supplication." *(Abu Dawood, Hadith 5088; Tirmidhi, Hadith 3399 summarized)*

It is stated in Mir'at that, by virtue of this supplication, one remains protected from sudden illnesses, the bites of poisonous animals, and other sudden calamities. However, other kinds of difficulties can still occur, and human beings continue to experience minor pains and illnesses. *(Mir`at, vol. 4, p. 11 summarized)*

(Morning extends from midnight until the first ray of sunlight, while evening extends from the beginning of Zuhr time until sunset.)

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