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Blessing of Khadija tul Kubra

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Blessings of Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra

أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى أَوْلِيكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى أَوْلِيكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafil I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafil (supererogatory) I'tikaf, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ has stated:

زَيُّنُوا مَجَالِسَكُمْ بِالصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ عَلَيَّ نُورٌ لَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Beautify your gatherings by reciting Salat upon me; because the Salat that you recite upon me, will be Noor for you on the Day of Judgement.

(Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, pp. 280, Hadees 4580)

اور ذکر کا بھی شوق پئے غوث و رضا دے

پڑھتا رہوں کثرت سے دُرود اُن پہ سدا میں

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'يَبِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.*

(*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942*)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient & calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, اذْكُرُوا لِلّٰهِ, اذْكُرُوا لِلّٰهِ, اذْكُرُوا لِلّٰهِ, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by saying Salaam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Intentions of delivering Bayan:

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayan) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for reaping the rewards.

2. I will deliver my speech (Bayan) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.
3. Allah ﷻ has stated in the Glorious Quran:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: ‘Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.’ (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

And the Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

‘Convey from me even if it is a single verse.’ (Sahih Bukhari, Hadees 4361)

4. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.
5. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.
6. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In’amaat and to join the ‘Ilaqa’i Daura for Nayki ki Da’wat’ (area visit for calling towards righteousness).
7. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.
8. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

A Qurayshi woman of good character

Dear Islamic brothers! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, through the blessings of today's weekly Ijtima' we will gain the privilege of hearing about a very special person. She is the mother of the believers, Consoler of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, the mother of Sayyidatuna Fatima-tuz-Zahra and other sons and daughters and the maternal grandmother of Sayyiduna Imam Hasan and Imam Husayn **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا**, she is none other than Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا**, She **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** used to do trade on a huge scale. Like every trader, she **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** also needed an intelligent, sensible, competent and well-mannered workers who were trustworthy and honest. On the other hand, the fame of good manners, truth and honesty of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** was well known to everyone. By virtue of his extraordinary moral and social attributes he **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** was called trustworthy even at that era of ignorance and immorality of the people. The fame of these blessed attributes had also reached Sayyidatuna Khadija **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** and that's why she also wanted the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** to go with her business caravan carrying her goods, but she thought whether or not the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** would accept her request so she did not express her intention. The days had passed, even up to 15 years before the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** announced his Prophethood. Like the previous years, this year also the business caravan of the inhabitants of Arabia were ready to travel to Syria. *(Faizan-e-Khadija-tul-Kubra, pp. 5, 6, 8)*

She **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** sent this message to the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**: 'I am aware of your truth, honesty and good character. If you accept my offer to take these goods for trade, I will pay you double of what I pay to other people of your tribe.' The Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** accepted her offer. Sayyidatuna Khadijah **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** sent her servant Maysarah with the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, instructing him not to disobey the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in any matter, nor to have any difference of opinion with him. By virtue of the Sadaqah of His Beloved (**صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**), Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** granted so much blessings and profit in this trade that had never been produced before. Having seen so much profits, Maysarah said: O Muhammad (**صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**)! I have never seen so much of profit that has just been

earned because of you. After the buying and selling, the caravan set off to return home. During the journey, Maysarah saw that at noon when the intensity of heat increased, two angels started giving shelter to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for protection from the sun. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ developed the love for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the heart of Maysarah, therefore, he behaved with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as if he had been his slave. When the Greatest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and informed her about the profit that was earned, she رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا became very pleased. Furthermore, when she رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا saw so much profit in her trade, compared to previous years, she presented twice as much wages than she decided to pay the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 2, pp. 158, 159, 160*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! How honestly the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ sold the goods and proved himself to be trustworthy. He gave us a message that it is the responsibility of every Muslim especially one who is a businessman to protect the goods of people and not to be dishonest in them. It is stated in a blessed Hadees: Undoubtedly the most purified earning is of those traders who do not tell a lie when they speak, do not act deceitfully when they are entrusted with something, do not break a promise when they make it. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 4, pp. 221, Hadees 4854*)

Remember! To be dishonest in something that is kept in your safekeeping (Amanat) is Haraam and an act leading to Hell. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has commanded us to abstain from being dishonest in Amanat (deposit). It is stated in verse 27 of Surah Al-Anfaal, part 9:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ

وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنَتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who believe! Do not betray Allah and His Noble Messenger, nor purposely defraud your trusts.

(Part 9, Surah Al-Anfaal, verse 27)

It is stated in verse 58 of Surah An-Nisa, part 5:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا ۗ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed Allah commands you to hand over whatever you hold in trust, to their owners.

This attribute of a perfect true believer has been mentioned in a blessed Hadees that a true believer can form every habit, but he cannot be a liar and dishonest. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 8, pp. 276, Hadees 22232*)

Whereas a hypocrite acts deceitfully in something that's entrusted to him, as the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'There are three signs of a hypocrite: (1) When he talks, he lies; (2) when he promises, he breaks it and (3) when he is entrusted, he betrays.

(*Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 24, Hadees 33, Gheebat ki Tabah Kariyan, pp. 463*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! How terrible it is to be dishonest, that the true believer refrains from it and a hypocrite indulges in it. Remember! To be dishonest or to act deceitfully when entrusted with money, possessions or goods is Haraam and an act leading to Hell. Similarly, to act deceitfully in the trusts of personal conversation, activities and posts is also Haraam. For example, if someone shared a secret with us and his manner of doing so suggested that it should not be mentioned to anyone else or he has said that it has been entrusted to you, then do not share it with anyone else, now if we have told it to someone else, we have committed the sin of breach of trust.

Likewise, the task which has been assigned to a labourer or a servant during his time of work is a trust for them. If they waste this time deliberately or they do less work during this period of time, then they will also commit the sin of breach of trust. Similarly, it is the responsibility of a ruler to watch his subject and be aware of them and do justice. If he does not fulfil the

responsibilities of his position, he will be dishonest. May Allah ﷺ enable us to refrain from breach of trust!

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Let us listen to more honourable things about the Mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. One of her brilliant attributes is that she was the first woman to accept Islam. She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا had the privilege of becoming the first wife of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Allah ﷺ sent Salaam to her through Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا had the privilege of spending almost 25 years in the blessed company of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا set a unique example of companionship and love by being besieged in Shi'b-e-Abi Taalib with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا presented all her wealth to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself was in her grave and lowered her into the grave with his blessed hands. In history, she is remembered by the title of Taahirah and Siddiqah. She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا is the most beloved wife of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ did not marry anyone else in her lifetime and she was given the good news of being blessed with a palace free of noise in Paradise. (Faizan-e-Ummahat-ul-Mu`mineen, pp. 28)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! Allah ﷺ has blessed Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا with magnificent attributes. Now we shall be privileged to listen to her brief introduction and more of her virtues.

Birth, name and lineage, filial appellations and titles

Her name is Khadijah, father's name is Khuwaylid and mother's name is Fatimah. Regarding her lineage, she رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا had the honour that her lineage connects with the blessed lineage of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with fewer relations than other blessed wives. Her filial appellation is Umm-

ul-Qaasim¹ and Umm-e-Hind². She رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has many titles. Let's listen to some of them. The most famous title is 'Al-Kubra'. This was so frequently used that it seemed as if it had been a part of her name. Another famous title is 'Taahirah'. She رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا used to be called 'Taahirah' even in the pre-Islamic era of ignorance. Furthermore, she رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا was also called 'Sayyidatu Quraysh'. (*As-Seerat-ul-Halbiyyah, vol. 1, pp. 199*)

Similarly, 'Siddiqah' is also her title. It has been narrated that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'هَذِهِ صِدِّيقَةُ أُمَّتِي', i.e. 'She is the Siddiqah of my Ummah.' (*Tareekh Damishq, vol. 70, pp. 118*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Salam of Allah

How eminent and exalted is the status, rank and honour of the Mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا can be judged from this narration. Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that (once) Sayyiduna Jibra'eel-e-Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ came to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and humbly requested: Ya Rasoolallah (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)! Khadijah is approaching. She رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has a pot of food. When she approaches you, then convey to her the Salam of your Rab and mine and give her the good news of a home, made of a case-like (hollow) pearl in Paradise that has neither any noise nor any other inconvenience.

(*Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 565, Hadees 3820*)

Reply to Salam

In reply to the Salam, Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا stated:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ السَّلَامُ وَعَلَى جِبْرِيلَ السَّلَامُ وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلَامُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

¹ Seer A'laam-un-Nubula, vol. 2, pp. 109

² Ma'rifat-us-Sahabah, vol. 5, pp. 144

i.e. Allah ﷺ is Salam and peace be upon (Sayyiduna) Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ and the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, mercy and blessings be upon them. (Sunan-ul-Kubra, vol. 5, pp. 94, Hadees 8359)

مَادَرِ اَوَّلِيْنَ اِبْلِ اِيْمَانِ كِي
 بے یہ اس کی بزرگی و پاکیزگی
 بَرَكْزِيْدَه بے رَبِّ مُحَمَّد كِي بھي
 عرش سے جس پہ تسليم نازل ہوئی
 اُس سرائے سلامت پہ لاکھوں سلام
 اُس کا جبريل ملحوظ رکھے ادب
 جنتی گوہریں گھر اُسے بخشے رَبِّ
 کوئی تکليف اس میں نہ شور و شغب
 مَنزِلٌ مِّنْ قَصَبٍ لَا نَصَبَ لَا صَحَبَ
 ایسے کوشک کی زينت پہ لاکھوں سلام

Dear Islamic brothers! The glory and dignity of Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has been mentioned in these couplets, that she received Salam from 'Arsh-e-Haq. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ offered Salam by himself to Sayyidatuna 'Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا which is a great virtue, but to Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ not only conveyed his Salam but also the Salam of Allah ﷺ, then why shouldn't we send millions of Salam to this embodiment of peace and safety.

Explanation of couplet (couplet no. 2)

In the second couplet, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has pointed towards the words of this Hadees of *Sahih Bukhari* and *Sahih Muslim* that Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ arrived and humbly said: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Convey Allah's Salam and my Salam to Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and give her the good news of a home which is made of pearls in Paradise, where there

will be neither any inconvenience nor any noise. When the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ conveyed the Salam of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ to Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, she humbly said: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Himself is ‘Salam’ [Peace] and peace is from Him and peace be also upon Jibra’eel-e-Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 565, Hadees 3820)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Glorious wisdom of Sayyidatuna Khadijah

Dear Islamic brothers! From this narration the information of Islamic rulings and educational skills of Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا have been learnt, because she did not reply to the Salam of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ like this: عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ i.e. *peace be upon Him*. Due to her unique understanding and wisdom she رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا understood that the reply to the Salam of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ cannot be given as it is given to His creation. ‘Salam’ is one of the names of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Furthermore, by these words the one we are talking to is given the Du’a for Salamtee (peace). Therefore, in reply to the Salam of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ she رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا praised Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. She then humbly replied to the Salam of Sayyiduna Jibra’eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and then the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. From this it is clearly understood that the one who conveys Salam should also be given the reply to the Salam along with the one who sends Salam.

(Fath-ul-Baari, vol. 8, pp. 117, Hadees 3820)

If someone conveys another person’s Salam, then...?

Dear Islamic brothers! (If someone conveys another person’s Salam to you), then reply in this manner: Firstly, convey the Du’a of peace to the one who is conveying the Salam and then to the one who has sent the Salam. Say it in this manner: ‘عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ’. *(Bahar-e-Shari’at, part 16, vol. 3, pp. 463)*

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to acquire and act upon Islamic knowledge.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dawat-e-Islami has created many easy facilities to acquire Islamic knowledge. We should also attend the weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima' and Madani Muzakaraha. The month of Ramadan is distributing its blessings. A large number of lovers of Ramadan have been privileged to observe the I'tikaf for the whole month of Ramadan. If only we too could be privileged to acquire Islamic knowledge in the company of these lovers of Ramadan! Otherwise, we must at least try to acquire Islamic knowledge by observing I'tikaf of the last ten days. We should make it our routine to travel with a Madani Qafilah every month for three days, we should also travel with a Madani Qafilah immediately when the moon of 'Eid is sighted. We should also have the privilege of doing the 63-day Madani training course, 41-day Madani In'amaat and Madani Qafilah course or the 12-day Madani Course in order to learn the Du'as for different occasions as well as the essential rulings of Wudu, Ghusl and Salah. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to act upon them!

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا was a great and perfect lady from every perspective, from her lineage; nobility; excellent manners; character; wealth and brilliant work for the people, she was a unique personality of her age. She رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا had the privilege of becoming the wife of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Let's listen to the glorious event of Sayyidatuna Khadija's Nikah¹ with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Reason of Nikah with the Beloved Prophet

One of the reasons for the Nikah of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا is the Beloved Prophet's journey to Syria. When Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا heard from her servant, Maysarah about the prophetic attributes of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and she saw for herself that angels were providing shelter to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, these became reasons for Nikah. Furthermore, it has also

¹ Islamic marriage

been narrated that the women of Quraysh used to have an 'Eid, in which they used to get together by the sacred Baytullah.

One day they had been there for the same reason when a person from Syria arrived called out: O women of the groups of Quraysh! Very soon a Prophet will appear amongst you, he will be called Ahmad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). If any one of you wants to have the privilege of becoming his wife, she should do it. Having heard this, the women threw pebbles and stones at him, insulted him and became very rude to him, but Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا remained quiet and committed this thing to her memory. Afterwards when Maysarah mentioned the signs which he saw and whatever she saw herself, she recalled that if that person spoke the truth, then he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ can be that honourable person. (*Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 2, pp. 164*)

جو بیاں کس سے تمہاری شان و عظمت یا رسول

جب تمہاری خود خدا کرتا ہے مدحت یا رسول

Ceremony of Nikah

Impressed by the good manners and habits of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا sent her friend (Nafeesah Bint-e-Manyah) to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to receive his consent to make Nikah with her. After receiving the Beloved Prophet's consent, Nafeesah Bint-e-Manyah approached Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and said: Congratulations! Muhammad-e-Mustafa (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) has accepted your request. Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا became overjoyed and expressed her delight. She رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا then sent someone to her uncle 'Amr Bin Asad so that he could also be present at the marriage ceremony (Nikah).

On the other hand, our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also went to the house of Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا with Abu Taalib, Sayyiduna Hamzah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and some other uncles, and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ as well as other wealthy people of the tribe Mudar, and had the Nikah ceremony. This blessed Nikah ceremony was arranged after 2 months 25 days of the Beloved Prophet's return from the journey of Syria.

(*Madarij-un-Nubuwwah, vol. 2, pp. 27*)

Furthermore, having become the wife of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has had the privilege of becoming the Umm-ul-Mu`mineen (mother of the believers) of all Mu`mineen [true believers] until the Day of Judgement.

Meal of Baarat

After Nikah, Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا humbly said to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: Ask your uncle to sacrifice a camel and serve food to the people. Having served food to the people, the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived and talked to Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. By this, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ granted coolness upon the eyes of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. His affectionate uncle Abu Taalib expressed great joy over this marriage and said: 'الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَذْهَبَ عَنَّا الْكَرْبَ وَ رَفَعَ عَنَّا الْهُمُومَ', *All the qualities are for the One Who has removed troubles from us and lifted sorrow from us.* (Sharh-uz-Zurqaani, vol. 1, pp. 379) This is how this blessed wedding ceremony concluded.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Indecent customs practised in wedding ceremonies

O those who claim to have deep love for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! This great blessed Nikah ceremony of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was arranged with great simplicity. But Alas! Currently, in our society on the occasions of engagements and weddings, some impermissible and indecent customs are being practised to such an extent that the wedding ceremonies are considered incomplete without them.

In his booklet 'Horrors of Songs and Music' pointing towards the sins which are committed in wedding ceremonies, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat وَاِمْتِ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has mentioned: Alas! Alas! Nowadays a very beautiful Sunnah like marriage is being surrounded by lots of sins. Indecent customs have become part and parcel of it. مَعَاذَ اللّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, circumstances have become so bad that the Sunnah of marriage cannot be performed unless many Haraam acts are performed.

For example, in the engagement ceremony a boy makes a girl wear a ring with his own hands, and that is Haraam and an act leading to Hell. In a wedding ceremony, a man colours his hands with henna, and this is also Haraam. Mixed parties of men and women are arranged or sometimes a so-called purdah (tent) is erected between them, even then non-Mahram men enter the women's section freely to serve food, take pictures and recording clips; women wear western fashion; young girls of the family dance, sing songs and entertain themselves. Similarly, the men also enter freely into these immoral acts; men and women commit the sin of misusing their eyes a lot. They do not have the fear of Allah ﷺ nor shyness from Beloved Mustafa ﷺ!

Remember! If a non-Mahram man sees a non-Mahram woman or vice-versa with lust, both are Haraam acts that will lead them to Hell. Therefore, we must abandon these immoral and wrong customs and host our wedding ceremonies according to the Sunnah, with simplicity, as it has goodness and blessings for us.

Blessed Nikah

The Mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna 'Aishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا narrated that the Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'A greatly blessed Nikah is one in which there is less burden.'

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 9, pp. 365, Hadees 24583)

Commenting on the abovementioned blessed Hadees, a great thinker of the Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْوَاحِدَان has stated: If a marriage is not extravagant from any side and the Mahr (i.e. the money paid by the husband to the wife) and dowry are less, then neither the family of the bride nor of the bride-groom fall into debt, no strict condition is set, and the bride is given away in the trust of Allah ﷺ, such a Nikah will be highly blessed and successful. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 5, pp. 11)*

خانہ بربادی کا مَت سامان کر شادیوں میں مَت گُنے نادان کر
جیسا بی بی فاطمہ کا تھا جہیز سادگی شادی میں ہو سادہ جہیز
سُنّتوں پہ چلنے کا کر عہد آج چھوڑ دے سارے غلط رَسَم و رواج

صَلِّ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Always accompanied the Beloved Prophet

Dear Islamic brothers! The Mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا was a very wealthy lady. If she رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا had wanted, she could have lived the days of her life with plenty of comforts and peace, but she رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, for the sake of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, rejected the royal living and spent her entire life serving the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, bearing troubles and difficulties, and these are clear evidences of her sincere love for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. By the order of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ when the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared prophethood and called people to worship Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, so instead of accepting the invitation of Islam they started causing difficulties and troubles to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, thorns were spread on the way. Under such delicate and tough circumstances the personages who saying yes to the righteous call had the privilege to become the first to accept the invitation of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ a very prominent name amongst them is Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا sacrificed herself like a moth (that flies around a candle at night) for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and supported our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in every difficult situation. Sayyiduna Allamah Muhammad Bin Ishaq Madani رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said that whenever the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ felt sad after hearing anything unacceptable that was heart-breaking from the unbelievers, he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would go to Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا so Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ would dispel the Beloved Prophet's state of grief through her.

(As-Seerat-un-Nabawiyyah, vol. 1, pp. 176)

One priceless Madani pearl

Dear Islamic brothers! In such delicate circumstances, the mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra's act of bearing difficulties and problems with a firm determination elevates over the other blessed wives of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ. Furthermore, we have also received this priceless Madani pearl from her blessed life that no matter how tough the circumstances are, no matter how terrible the difficulties one faces, you should never disobey Allah ﷻ and His Prophet ﷺ and you should not keep away from any kind of sacrifice for the sake of the beautiful religion brought by the Beloved Prophet ﷺ from Allah ﷻ i.e. 'Islam'.

تیرے نام پر سر کو قربان کر کے تیرے سر سے صدقہ اُتارا کروں میں
یہ اک جان کیا ہے اگر ہوں کروڑوں تیرے نام پر سب کو وارا کروں میں

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! We have also learnt a Madani pearl that a wife must stand by her husband in times of poverty and prosperity. Instead of arguing and unnecessarily complaining, she should always remain patient and be thankful. The quality of an exemplary wife who has a good-character is that she always thanks Allah ﷻ for the blessings of her husband and is never unthankful by denying his favours. She very well understands that her husband is a strong support for her as well as blessings of Allah ﷻ for her; he fulfils her needs and because of him, she has the blessings of children.

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ has laid stress on women to not be ungrateful to their husbands. Sayyidatuna Asma Bint-e-Yazeed رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has said that once the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ passed by us, he ﷺ made Salam to us and said: Avoid being ungrateful to those who do favours. We humbly asked: What does 'being ungrateful to those who do favours' mean? He replied: It was possible that any woman amongst you could have been without a husband for a long time and she remains with her parents and becomes old, but Allah ﷻ grants her a husband and

blessees her with wealth and children through him, despite this, when she gets angry she says: I have never seen any good from him.

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 10, pp. 433, Hadees 27632)

Dear Islamic brothers! Unfortunately, in our society, the majority of women commit the sin of ungratefulness. If they see a prosperous family or woman or her expensive dresses and very expensive jewellery, they start becoming ungrateful. As the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: I have seen more women in Hell, because they are ungrateful. It was humbly asked: 'أَيُّكُفْرَانَ بِاللَّهِ', Is it because they are ungrateful to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ? He replied: 'يَكْفُرُونَ الْعَشِيرَةَ وَيَكْفُرُونَ الْإِحْسَانَ', i.e. they are ungrateful to their husbands and do not admit the favours. 'لَوْ أَحْسَنْتَ إِلَى إِحْدَاهُنَّ الدَّهْرَ', i.e. if you do any of them favours throughout your life, 'ثُمَّ رَأَتْ مِنْكَ شَيْئاً', i.e. then if she sees a little thing in you contrary to her mood or temperament, then she says 'مَا رَأَيْتُ مِنْكَ خَيْرًا قَطُّ', I have never seen anything good from you. (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 23, Raqm 29)

Therefore, we should mention the virtues of patience and thankfulness to our family members. We should fulfil each others rights in a proper way and we should try to mend our strained relations. Remember! This beautiful relationship of love and affection between husband and wife can be maintained in a beautiful manner if the husband and wife fulfil each other's rights properly. Indeed, both the husband and wife have been commanded to fulfil each other's rights, therefore, both should fulfil each other's rights in a gentle way, this is how our home can become the centre of peace and comfort.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Generosity of Sayyidatuna Khadijah!

Dear Islamic brothers! Another great attribute of Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا is that she was generous and used to spend open-heartedly. Once the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna 'Aishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا: بِرَحْمَةِ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I have not found a better wife than Khadijah. When everyone rejected me, she believed in me and when everyone denied me, she bore witness to me and when no one was ready to give me anything, Khadijah gave to me all her things, and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has granted me children from her. *(Al-Isti'ab, vol. 4, pp. 384)*

Gift to Sayyidatuna Haleemah

Similarly, once the foster mother of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Sayyidatuna Haleemah Sa'diyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, approached the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in blessed Makkah. She submitted a complaint of drought and the death of cattle. At that time, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had married Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ discussed this matter to Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, she رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا then presented 40 goats and a camel to Sayyidatuna Haleemah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. *(At-Tabqat-ul-Kubra, vol. 1, pp. 92)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed how generous she رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا was! Following her blessed example, we too should get into the habit of giving as much charity as we can. Our beautiful religion of Islam has given us the lesson of wishing good for Muslims, treating them well, helping the poor and financially supporting the orphans. Keep in mind that every year if one is a Sahib-e-Nisaab, then Zakah becomes compulsory for them to pay. Having mentioned the virtues of Nafil Sadaqat (voluntary charity), Islam has given us the lesson of being generous to people and it has condemned stinginess. Therefore, instead of being lazy and stingy in performing the important act like Zakah, one should pay it purely for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ keeping all of its Shar'i rulings in mind. Furthermore, one should also make the mind of giving Nafil Sadaqat, as Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ loves those who give Sadaqah. Sadaqah not only diverts troubles and curses, but also fulfils many needs of the poor. In order to develop the passion for generosity, let us listen to three blessed

sayings of Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ regarding the virtues of generosity.

1. **الْجَنَّةُ دَارُ الْأَسْحِيَاءِ**: Jannah is the home of those who are generous.

(Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 1, pp. 333, Hadees 2430)

2. A generous person is close to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, close to Paradise, close to people, distant from Hell. And a miser is distant from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, distant from Paradise, distant from people, close to Hell. And Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes an ignorant generous person more than a worshipper who is a miser.

(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi vol. 3, pp. 387, Hadees 1968)

3. O man! It is better for you if you spend your surplus wealth, but if you withhold it, it is evil for you. There is [however] no reproach for you if you withhold it according to your need. And begin [charity] with your family; and the upper hand is better than the lower hand.

(Sahih Muslim, pp. 516, Hadees 1036)

Brief introduction to departments of Dawat-e-Islami

Dear Islamic brothers! Those who fulfil the rights which are Wajib for their wealth are certainly very fortunate, they happily pay Zakah and Fitrah on time, they spend on their parents, siblings and children, they financially support the poor and orphans in their friends and relatives, and they actively participate in the activities of Masajid and Madaris and other acts of righteousness. One of the best means of spending money in righteous deeds is to spend money in spreading the message of Islam, this could become a permanent source of reward for us.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dawat-e-Islami is a non-political movement to fill our Masajid and to spread the call towards righteousness across the world. Its aim is to develop this mind-set that 'I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world, **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, **اِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, Dawat-e-Islami is carrying out Madani work in approximately 103 departments in order to spread the Sunnah and the call towards righteousness. In order to run all these departments, not

only millions but billions are needed. 452 Jami'at-ul-Madinah (for boys and girls) have been established in the country and across the world in which approximately 30,354 male and female students are studying the Dars-e-Nizami Course. Furthermore, 2,475 Madaris-tul-Madinah (for boys and girls) have also been established in which approximately 113,118 Madani children (boys and girls) are receiving the education of Hifz and Naazirah free of charge.

Madani Channel has become a source of reformation for countless of Muslims as well as for unbelievers who are embracing Islam. Millions of lovers of the Beloved Rasool are acquiring Islamic knowledge through it. On Madani Channel during Ramadan, the Madani Muzakarah Silsilah (program) is broadcast live twice daily after 'Asr and Taraweeh. Besides Ramadan, Madani Muzakarah is broadcast live once a week.

Currently 12 Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat offices have been established, Al-Madina-tul-'Ilmiyyah, Majlis Maktubaat and Ta'wizat-e-Attariyyah are actively assisting hundreds of thousands of Muslims who are benefiting.

In addition to this, Madani Marakiz (Faizan-e-Madinah), constructions and arrangements of other Masajid, Madani training centres, different training courses (for example, Fard 'Uloom Course, Imamat Course, Mudarris Course, Madani Training Course, Madani In'amaat and Madani Qafilah Course, Quf-e-Madinah Course, Faizan-e-Islam Course, Faizan-e-Quran and Hadees Course, 12-Day Madani Course etc.), Weekly Ijtima'at, Ijtima'at of sacred nights (for example, night of Milad, Giyarhween, night of Mi'raaj, Shab-e-Bara'at [night of Bara'at] and Shab-e-Qadr [night of Qadr] etc.), congregational I'tikaf of the whole month of Ramadan/last ten-days I'tikaf, in short in order to promote the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami in an organized manner, approximately 103 departments are currently operating, and these require huge amounts of money. You too are requested to collect as much Madani donations as you can and help Dawat-e-Islami in spreading the call towards righteousness.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I would like to seize the opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever loves my Sunnah, loves me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Jannah.' (*Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, pp. 97, Hadees 175*)

جَنَّتْ مِيں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا سینہ تری سُنَّتْ کا مدینہ بنے آقا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Madani pearls pertaining to Miswak

- On page 288 of the first volume of *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْقَوِي has stated, 'The honourable scholars say that whoever uses the Miswak regularly, will be blessed with the good fortune of reciting the Kalimah (fundamental article of faith) at the time of death, and whoever consumes opium will not be able to recite the Kalimah at the time of death.'
- It is narrated from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that there are 10 qualities in the Miswak: It cleans the mouth, strengthens the gums, strengthens the eyesight, eliminates phlegm, eliminates bad smells of the mouth, it is in accordance with the Sunnah, the angels become happy, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is pleased, it increases good deeds and cures the stomach. (*Jam'-ul-Jawami' lis-Suyuti, vol. 5, pp. 249, Hadees 14867*)
- Miswak should be from Zaytoon, or Neem, or similar trees/plants having a bitter taste.
- Thickness of the Miswak should be equal to the little finger.
- The Miswak should not be longer than one's hand span as Satan sits on it.
- The strands of the Miswak should be soft; otherwise, they might cause spaces between the teeth and gums.

- If a Miswak is fresh then it is excellent; otherwise soak it in a glass of water until it becomes soft.
- Trim the strands of the Miswak every day as they are beneficial only as long as they have some bitterness.
- Brush your teeth horizontally with the Miswak.
- Always brush your teeth with a Miswak in three cycles.
- And rinse it after each cycle.
- Hold the Miswak in the right hand in such a manner that the little finger remains beneath it and the middle three fingers remain over it while the thumb is also beneath pointing upwards (near the soft strands that are used to brush the teeth).
- First brush (with Miswak) the top right row of the teeth then top left row. Then clean the bottom right row and then the bottom left row of the teeth.
- Using the Miswak by gripping it in the form of a closed fist poses the risk of piles.
- Miswak is a pre-Wudu Sunnah but if one has foul breath, using the Miswak becomes Sunnat-ul-Muakkadah. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 1, pp. 623*)
- Do not throw away a used Miswak or its strands as it is used to act upon a Sunnah. Rather, keep it somewhere respectfully, bury it or put it into the sea.

To learn various Sunan, get the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Adaab*, comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet.

سُنَّتوں کی تَرْبِیَّت کے قافلے میں بار بار

مَجھ کو جَذْبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پَروردِگار

The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:



1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (*Afzal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151*)

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' (*Ibid, pp. 65*)

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’, pp. 277*)

4. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-‘Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بَدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْوَّاهِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afzal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 149*)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.’ (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’, pp. 125*)

6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَنْزِلْهُ الْبَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees 31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيمٌ' and 'كَرِيمٌ'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.