

**THOUGHT-PROVOKING SPEECH OF
WEEKLY SUNNAH-INSPIRING IJTIMA**

**EXCELLENCE OF HALAL
AND WARNING AGAINST
HARAAM**

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

Excellence of Halal and Warning against Haraam

أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى أَلِكْ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى أَلِكْ وَأَصْحَبِكَ 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 Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever recites Salat 100 times upon me, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ writes between both of his eyes that he is free from hypocrisy and hellfire, and will keep him with the martyrs on the Day of Judgement.' (*Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 10, pp. 253, Hadees 17298*)

اپنے خطا واروں کو اپنے ہی دامن میں لو
 کون کرے یہ بہلا، تم پہ کروڑوں ڈرود

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'نِيَّةُ 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 as I sit in Tashahhud 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 and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، 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 making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

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Reaction against selling defective thing

Dear Islamic brothers! The leader of the hundreds of thousands of Hanafis, Sayyiduna Imam-e-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would do trade in order to earn Halal livelihood. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was a prominent cloth trader and would follow Islamic principles. Even as a trader, he would do the well-wishing of the Muslims and do them favours.

Sayyiduna Hafs Bin 'Abdur Rahman رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: I would participate in the trade of Sayyiduna Imam-e-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. While sending me goods, he would inform me, 'O Hafs! Such and such cloth has some defect, tell it to the buyer when you sell it.' Sayyiduna Hafs رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ once sold the goods but forgot to tell about the defect before selling. When Imam-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ came to know about this, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ gave the amount of all clothes in charity (Sadaqah). *(Tareekh-e-Baghdad, vol. 13, pp. 356)*

Dear Islamic brothers! You have just heard how careful and cautious Imam-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was about earning Halal livelihood and refraining from Haraam and doubtful things. Undoubtedly, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ knew that the unlawful and doubtful things can bring no blessing at all whereas lawful and pure sustenance is full of blessings. Perhaps, this is the reason why he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ did not like to have earnings from sold clothes and spent all of them in the way of Allah.

From this parable of Imam-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, those people should learn a lesson who obsess about accumulating wealth and increasing bank balance, assuming it to be the sole aim of their life. At times, these people driven by pure greed for wealth, commit Haraam deeds while having financial dealings, causing destructiveness not only to themselves but also to their family members. Remember! The more wealth one possesses in the world, the greater accountability he will face on the Day of Judgement.

We should always earn, eat and make others eat Halal sustenance, as Halal morsel has great virtues. Describing the excellence of Halal sustenance Hujjat-ul-Islam, Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has quoted the saying of a saint رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ in the second volume of *Ihya-ul-'Uloom*: 'When a Muslim eats the first morsel of his Halal food, his previous sins are

forgiven. And the person who goes to a place of humiliation in search of Halal sustenance, his sins fall like the leaves of a tree. (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 2, pp. 116*)

باغ فردوس مَرَحَمَتِ فرما
میری مقبول معذرت فرما
ہر قدم پر مُعَاوَنَتِ فرما

یا خُدا میری مغفرت فرما
تُو گناہوں کو مُعَا ف کر اللہ
مشکلوں میں مرے خدا میری

Dear Islamic brothers! In Islam, how important it is to earn pure and Halal sustenance can be realized by pondering over the fact that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Himself has given clear commandments in Glorious Quran about eating Halal and pure sustenance:

وَكُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ بِهِ مُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿۸۸﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Eat from the sustenance which Allah has given to you, the lawful and the pure – and fear Allah in Whom you believe.

(Part 7, Surah Al-Ma'idah, Ayah 88)

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said in Ayah 168 of Surah Al-Baqarah, part 2:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا ۗ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۗ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ﴿۱۶۸﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O mankind! Eat from what is lawful and pure in the earth; and do not follow the footsteps of the devil; undoubtedly he is your open enemy.

What is meant by Halal and pure sustenance?

It is stated in *Tafseer Siraat-ul-Jinaan* that Halal and pure means that thing which is Halal itself such as goat meat, vegetables and lentils etc., and which

is also obtained from lawful means. It must not be obtained by theft, bribery, and robbery etc. (*Siraat-ul-Jinaan, part 2, Al-Baqarah*)

رزقِ حلال دے مجھے اے میرے کبریا
دیتا ہوں واسطہ تجھے تیرے حبیب کا

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Importance of Halal livelihood

Sayyiduna Yahya Bin Mu'aaz رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: Obedience is hidden in the Divine treasure and Du'a is the key [to the door leading] to this treasure. Halal food is the teeth of the key. If the key has no tooth, the door of the treasure will not be opened. Then, how could one manage to get access to the obedience hidden into it? Therefore, protect [i.e. be careful about] the morsel you eat and purify your meal so that you will find the Noor [light] of your virtuous deeds, not the darkness of bad deeds, after you have died. Refrain from the sin of consuming Haraam so that you could gain the pleasure of never-ending blessings. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا أَسْلَفْتُمْ فِي الْأَيَّامِ الْخَالِيَةِ ﴿٢٤﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Eat and drink with pleasure – the reward of what you sent ahead, in the past days. (*Part 29, Surah Al-Haqqah, Ayah 24*)

And whoever does not refrain from consuming Haraam will eat hot and bitter 'تھوہر' [Thooher] fruit after remaining hungry for a very long time. It will be extremely bad and harmful food which will break the heart into pieces and will rip the liver and tear the body, causing unimaginably severe pain.

(*Aansu'on ka Darya, pp. 283*)

گنہگار طلبگارِ عَفْوِ و رَحْمَتِ بے
 عذابِ سہنے کا کس میں بے حوصلہ یا رب!
 کہیں کا آہ! گناہوں نے اب نہیں چھوڑا
 عذابِ نار سے عطار کو بچا یا رب!

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Dear Islamic brothers! We have learnt that Haraam causes many evils and Halal brings great blessings.

- The Muslim who feeds Halal to his family, leads a peaceful and prosperous life.
- Those who earn and eat Halal gain a special status among people.
- Those who earn and eat Halal, see blessings in their business.
- Sins of those who earn and eat Halal are forgiven and their prayers are answered.

There is so great excellence of earning and eating Halal that one likes to keep describing and listening to it. For motivation, let's listen to three blessed Ahadees and also make intention to act upon them:

1. Whoever eats Halal for 40 days, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will 'brighten' his heart and will make the springs of wisdom flow out of his tongue [i.e. he will say words of wisdom], and [Allah] will guide him in the world and Hereafter. *(Ithaf-us-Sadah, vol. 6, pp. 450)*
2. Whoever earned lawful wealth and then ate it himself or wore the clothing obtained from that earning and fed other creatures besides himself (such as his family and other people) and made them wear [clothes], then this deed of his is a blessing and purity for him.

(Ibn Habbaan, vol. 4, pp. 218, Hadees 4222)

3. Sayyiduna Sa'd رضي الله تعالى عنه humbly said to the Holy Nabi صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم: O Beloved Rasool صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم! Pray that Allah عز وجل answer my prayer. The Holy Nabi صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said: يَا سَعْدُ! أَطْبَ مَطْعَمَكَ تَكُنْ مُسْتَجَابَ الدَّعْوَةِ i.e., Purify what you eat, your prayers will be answered.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 24, Hadees 6495)

Dear Islamic brothers! You have just heard that Halal food is full of blessings. By virtue of eating Halal food, one's heart is filled with Noor [i.e. light]. By virtue of eating Halal food, one is blessed with expressing the words of wisdom by using his tongue. We also learnt that whoever goes out in search of sustenance for his wife, children and old parents is in the path of Allah عز وجل. Ponder how great excellence and blessings a person receives by earning and eating Halal. But alas! Some people, under the influence of Nafs and Satan, adopt Haraam means that lead towards Hell despite the availability of easy and Halal sources of sustenance.

Journey in search of Halal sustenance

On page 223 and 224 of 'Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat (part 1), a 410-page book published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, it is mentioned that Sayyiduna Ibraheem Bin Adham رحمته الله تعالى عليه has stated: I once travelled to a city namely 'Tarsoos' in search of Halal sustenance. When I reached there, a man approached me and said: I need a farmer to look after my fruit orchard. Are you willing to look after my garden on a wage? I responded in affirmative. So, I went with that person and began to work with great dedication and hard work.

One day, the owner of garden, along with some of his friends arrived in garden and asked me to bring some best quality sweetest kinds of grapes. Listening to this, I presented the grapes to him in a vast quantity. When the owner ate a grape it was sour. He said to me: O farmer! Pity on you! You have been working here for a long time but still you have been unable to recognise sweet and sour grapes, though, you would be eating grapes from here all day and night. I said to him: By Allah عز وجل! I have not tasted even a single grape from this garden of yours to date, because I have been here only for looking

after this garden, it is for the reason, I could not identify which are sweet and which ones are sour. Listening to this, the owner said to his friends: Could there be anything stranger than this that a person stays for a long time in this garden so honestly that he does not eat even a single piece from it? This person seems pious and abstinent like Ibraheem Bin Adham رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ.

(The owner even did not know that this person is Sayyiduna Ibraheem Bin Adham رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ). Sayyiduna Ibraheem Bin Adham رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: I got back to my work and the owner left the garden.

(‘Uyoon-ul-Hikayat, part 1, pp. 223-224)

Dear Islamic brothers! The deep eagerness of eating Halal, absolute honesty and utmost piety of Sayyiduna Ibraheem Bin Adham رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was truly commendable Marhaba! If he had willed, he would have received his desired food easily by supplicating in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, but he knew that dignity lies in hard work. His trustworthiness, piety and asceticism were truly matchless. Though Sayyiduna Ibraheem Bin Adham رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ looked after the entire orchard and if he had willed, he would have relished eating the bunch of grapes from the orchard but he was not one of those who do not care about and distinguish between Halal and Haraam, who betray the trust and whose focus of attention is the wealth of others; rather, he was well aware of the significance and excellence of eating Halal food.

50 Madani pearls of earning Halal sustenance

Dear Islamic brothers! For gaining the blessings of Halal food, refraining from Haraam sustenance and for getting to know the Halal means of earning, read a brief but important piece of writing namely ‘50 Madani Pearls of Earning Halal Sustenance’ authored by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, ‘Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyaae دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ. Studying this booklet is extremely beneficial. This booklet contains virtues of Halal sustenance, dire consequences of Haraam earning and 50 informative Madani pearls of earning Halal sustenance. Therefore, buy this priceless booklet today from the stall of Maktaba-tul-Madinah in quantity and besides reading it yourself, also present

it to other Muslims. Those Islamic brothers who are employees or employers should especially read this booklet as soon as possible. This booklet can also be read online: www.dawateislami.net, or downloaded for free.

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Dear Islamic brothers! As we are drifting away from the blessed era of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the darkness of ignorance is speedily prevailing. The mortal glittering of wealth and the abundance of riches has blinded their eyes and wisdom. In the past, people used to refrain from Haraam and impermissible food immensely. Now people have become so careless and audacious that مَعَادَ اللّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ they consume Haraam deliberately.

Remember! This is the result of not following the Islamic principles. The Revered and Renowned Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'A time will come upon people when man will not care at all about how he earned (wealth) whether it is by Haraam means or by Halal.

(Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Buyoo', vol. 2, pp. 7, Hadees 2059)

Commenting on the above Hadees, a renowned commentator, a great thinker of the Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'That is, people will get negligent in religion in the last era. They will badly get stuck in the financial worries. They will only care about accumulating and multiplying wealth without distinguishing between Halal and Haraam fearlessly; as is common these days. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 4, pp. 229)*

It is stated in another Hadees: A time will come upon people when the religion of a religious person will not remain safe except for the person who runs from one mountain to the other and from one hole (i.e. cave) to the other (in order to protect his religion). At that time, one will not be able to earn a living without displeasing Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. When faced with this situation, man will suffer destructiveness at the hands of his own wife and children. If there is no wife and children, he will suffer destructiveness at the hands of his parents. If there are no parents, he will suffer destructiveness at the

hands of his relatives and neighbours. The blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ humbly asked, 'O Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! How will it happen?' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'They will make him ashamed of poverty. At that time, he will go to the places of destructiveness.' (Az-Zuhd-ul-Kabeer lil-Bayhaqi, Al-Juz-us-Saani, pp. 183, Hadees 439)

Dire consequences of Haraam wealth

Dear Islamic brothers! On the Day of Judgement, we may fall into disgrace because of those relatives for whom we remain busy in earning sustenance day and night. In our society nowadays, people are occupied with fulfilling their family's desires and demands without even bothering if those desires are permissible or impermissible. People are so blindly driven by greed for money that they do not consider it an evil to earn sustenance by Haraam [i.e. prohibited] means.

Remember! It is indeed our responsibility to fulfil the rights of mother, father, wife, children and other relatives; however, for fulfilling their desires and escaping their blame, if we keep on accumulating wealth without distinguishing between Halal and Haraam income, if we don't make their mind to have patience, place trust in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and remain grateful to Him, feel contentment in difficult times and if we do not teach them the difference between Halal and Haraam, then it is quite probable that on the Day of Judgement, these very relatives make a complaint against us in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and we suffer punishment.

Claim in the Divine court

Sayyiduna Faqeeh Abul Lays Samarqandi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: It is narrated that amongst a man's relatives, the closest [relatives] are his wife and children. On the Day of Judgement, the wife and children of a man will make a complaint in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. They will say, 'O our Lord عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Make this person compensate for our unfulfilled right. He never taught us about religion, and he provided us with Haraam sustenance and we were unaware.' The person would be beaten so severely for earning Haraam sustenance that his flesh would come off his bones.

Then he would be brought to the Balance [i.e. Meezan] where angels would bring his good deeds equivalent to mountains. Then, one of his family members would come and say, 'I am short of good deeds' and take some of them. Then another person from his family will say, 'You made me eat [sustenance] from usury [i.e. interest]', and he will also take some of his good deeds. In this way, his family members will take all of his good deeds. Then he would say turning his face towards his wife and children in despair, 'Alas! Now I have the burden of those sins and acts of cruelty which I committed for you.' The angels will announce, 'He is (the unfortunate) person whose family has taken all of his good deeds and he entered Hell because of them.'

(*Qurra-tul-'Uyoon*, pp. 401)

گر تو ناراض ہوا میری ہلاکت ہوگی ہائے! میں نارِ جہنم میں جلوں گا یا رب!
دردِ سر ہو یا بخار آئے تڑپ جاتا ہوں میں جہنم کی سزا کیسے سپوں گا یا رب!

Dear Islamic brothers! Just think! How unfortunate the person is whose own family members will take all of his good deeds and will gain salvation, leaving him empty-handed. Our society has engulfed in evils to such an extent that people commit countless and grave sins in business dealings merely to satisfy their greed for wealth. Replicas, adulterated foods and defective goods are being sold as original, and having high standard and top quality. If the purchaser identifies a defect, the seller does not hesitate in even swearing false oaths to assure the purchaser that the product is free from defects. Likewise, some people are blindly driven by greed for becoming rich and wealthy, traveling in expensive and luxury cars, becoming famous and acquiring high status, living the life of luxury with all the modern comforts, and owning properties, mills and factories. In doing so, they remain busy in pursuing their passion for having a healthy bank balance, violating others' rights. They do not care if they need to ruin someone's family life, violate someone's rights or even kill someone to satisfy their greed.

Just ponder over the fact that we are extremely careful in our personal matters so that people do not deceive us. If we need to refuel our vehicle, receive large amount of money from someone, purchase a shop, house, piece

of land or other goods, have some documents prepared, we carry out careful analysis and do not take any step unless satisfied. On the other hand, regrettably, people become extremely careless with regard to earning and consuming Halal and Tayyib [i.e. pure] sustenance and refraining from everything that is Haraam and impermissible. Listen to four sayings of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ regarding the terrible consequences of Haraam sustenance and also make an intention to refrain from Haraam.

1. I swear by the One under Whose Power the life of Muhammad (ﷺ) is! A man puts a Haraam morsel into his stomach, so his forty days' deeds are not accepted; and fire is better for the person who has consumed Haraam and Riba [i.e. interest] to nourish his flesh. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 34, Hadees 6495)*
2. When the deceased is placed on the bier and raised, his soul writhes [anxiously] and sits on the bier, and [then] cries out: O my relatives! [Ensure that] the world does not play with you like it has played with me. I accumulated Halal and non-Halal Maal [i.e. wealth and possessions] and then I have left that Maal for others. Its benefit is for them and its harm is for me. Therefore, learn a lesson from whatever I have faced. *(At-Tazkirah lil-Qurtubi, pp. 69)*
3. The person who purchases a cloth with ten dirhams and [if] one dirham out of them is Haraam, his Salah will not be accepted until any portion of that cloth remains in his use. *(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 2, pp. 8, Hadees 9260)*
4. An angel of Allah ﷻ every day and night proclaims on the roof of Bayt-ul-Muqaddas: Whoever consumes Haraam, Allah ﷻ will neither accept any of his Fard nor any Nafil. *(Ithaf-us-Sadah, vol. 6, pp. 452)*

With heart-stirring words and making those people understand who consume Haraam, break pledge and tell a lie, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi رحمتهما العالیہ has stated in poetic form:

ان کو کس نے کہا؟ عاشقان رسول
 کہائیں رزقِ حرام، ایسے ہیں بد لگام
 ان کو کس نے کہا؟ عاشقان رسول
 عہد توڑا کریں، جھوٹ بولا کریں

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ

Advice of Sayyiduna Imam Ibn Jawzi

Sayyiduna ‘Abdur Rahman Bin ‘Ali Jawzi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ has stated: Haraam food is such type of fire which melts the fat of contemplation and eliminates the pleasure of Zikr, burns the attire of true intentions and it is Haraam which breeds the blindness of insight. Therefore, accumulate the Halal wealth and spend it moderately. Save yourself from Haraam and save your family from Haraam too. Do not join the company of the people consuming Haraam and keep refraining from eating their food and whoever has income from Haraam source, do not adopt his company. If you are true to your piety then neither do you guide anybody towards Haraam as when he will consumes it then you will be accountable of it and nor do you help anybody in the acquisition of Haraam because an accomplice knowingly involves in committing wrongdoing.

Remember! It is the Halal food makes deeds acceptable, and hiding starvation, poverty and weeping in seclusion play the important role in the acceptance of deeds and have significant part in earning Halal sustenance.

(Aansu`on ka Darya, pp. 284)

Instruction of Sayyiduna Bahauddin Zakariyya Multani

Sayyiduna Bahauddin Zakariyya Multani رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ, frequently advised his disciples: Feed your family with Halal sustenance, if even a particle from Haraam and impermissible source of income involved in your sustenance, it will produce its effect and there will be an impact on the wife and children. One does not just get indulge in Haraam acts due to being an illegitimate offspring rather he commits most of the Haraam acts due to consuming Haraam. Therefore, one should keep struggling to earn pure sustenance.

(Faizan Bahauddin Zakariyya Multani, pp. 52)

نارِ دوزخ میں نہ لے جائے کہیں مال حرام
 کر لو توبہ چھوڑ دو اے بھائیو! سب بیر پھیر

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلٰى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Some people generally complain that they have been suffering from such-and-such trouble or disease since a long time. Seeking relief from it, they make Du'a in tears, recite Awraad and Wazaaf, offer Salah and observe Sawm punctually, give charity, visit the shrines of the blessed saints for making Du'a, feed the poor, attend Sunnah-inspiring congregations, have travelled with Madani Qafilahs several times, have approached almost all spiritual guides, and have tried their best but instead of coming to an end, the problems are keeping on increasing. Some naïve and foolish people go onto say: 'We don't know what sin we have committed for which we are suffering this punishment.'

Instead of complaining and criticising, such people should ponder over the causes of Du'a not being answered. It is highly probable that they themselves are the cause of their unanswered Du'a. For example, consuming Haraam sometimes becomes the cause of Du'a not being answered, as the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'Tayyib' [i.e. Pure] and accepts only what is pure. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has indeed commanded the Mu'mineen [believers] what He has commanded the Rasools. He (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) has stated to Rasools:

يَا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُوا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا ط

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O Noble Rusul, eat good clean things, and do good deeds. (Part 18, Surah Al-Mu'minoon, Ayah 51)

And (has stated to Mu'mineen):

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُلُوا مِن طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who Believe! Eat of the good things We have provided you. *(Part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 172)*

Then (the Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) mentioned a person who goes on a long journey with untidy hair and dusty body. The person invokes 'O Lord! O Lord!' with his hands raised towards the sky, but his food is Haraam, his drink is Haraam, his clothing is Haraam and his nourishment is Haraam. How can his prayer be answered! *(Sahih Muslim, pp. 506, Hadees 65 - 1015)*

'Allamah Maulana Naqi 'Ali Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, the respected father of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: One should refrain from Haraam in eating, drinking, dressing and earning, as Du'a of those people is mostly unanswered who eat Haraam and commit Haraam [act]. *(Fadaail-e-Du'a, pp. 60)*

Let's now listen to an admonitory parable in this regard and obtain Madani pearls of admonition.

Cause of unanswered Du'a

Sayyiduna 'Ubbaad Khawwaas رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has narrated: Once Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ passed by a place and saw that a person was busy making heartfelt Du'a in tears, having raised his hands [towards the sky]. Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ kept on seeing him and then humbly asked in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ: 'O my Raheem and Kareem Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Why are You not answering Du'a of Your servant?' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent down Wahee [revelation] towards Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ: 'O Musa! I will not answer this person's Du'a even if he cries to death and raises his hands to the extent that they touch the sky.' Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ humbly asked: 'My Maula! What is the reason behind it?' He was responded: 'He eats Haraam and wears Haraam and there is Haraam wealth and possessions in his house.'

('Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat, part 2, pp. 96)

دھوکہ بازی میں نُحوست بے بڑی
یاد رکھ اس کی سزا ہوگی کڑی

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! You have just heard that a person, who eats Haraam, wears Haraam and keeps Haraam wealth and possessions in his house; he himself becomes the cause of unanswered Du'a and incurs Divine wrath and displeasure, and thus becomes deserving of the torment of hellfire. Therefore, if we wish our Du'as to be answered and to remain safe from the displeasure of Allah ﷻ, then we should only eat Halal food and should keep on refraining from everything that is Haraam and impermissible. If someone is unable to meet his living expenses due to low salary, he should get rid of unnecessary expenses rather than using Haraam means for satisfying his greed for wealth.

At times, the household, in-laws or relatives blame and taunt about the low salary. In such circumstances, wisdom lies in making up your mind to place your trust in Allah ﷻ, feel contented, have patience and be grateful to Allah ﷻ even on a low income. Feeling distress in such circumstances, some naïve and foolish people lose hope and plunge into gambling, extortion, Riba [interest], bribery and other Haraam activities. They consume Haraam wealth themselves and also make their household consume it. In this way, they incur their own as well as their household's destruction. Let's make a request in the blessed court of Rasoolullah ﷺ:

رہیں سب شاد گھر والے شہا تھوڑی سی روزی پر
عطا ہو دولتِ صبر و قناعت یا رسولَ اللہ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard that sometimes these are the family members and relatives who become the cause of destruction for humans! Therefore, we should not engross ourselves in earning a livelihood and hoarding wealth to such an extent that we become heedless of Islamic upbringing of our family. So, as per need, earn a Halal livelihood and earn for sure, but bear it in mind that it is incumbent upon the guardians to provide Madani Tarbiyyat to the family according to Sunnah but for this thing, the most crucial thing is that one should engage himself in any good environment and he should have his Madani mind otherwise pinning hope for success is of no use.

It has generally been observed that the parents' plea for Du'a for their children with sad and sympathising manner saying '*Hadrat make Du'a for my children that they become Salah-offering-person*' irrespective of this fact that he [father] himself misses his Jumu'ah Salah. '*Hazrat make Du'a for my children that they start reciting the Holy Quran*', irrespective of this fact that he [father] himself hardly opens Quran in the blessed month of Ramadan. '*Hazrat make Du'a for my children that they come to the right path and stop watching films, dramas and having bad friendships*', irrespective of this fact that he [father] himself does not feel any shame while watching movies, dramas and the channels showing immoral and sinful programs with sons and daughters. '*Hazrat make Du'a for my son that he abandons bad friendships*', irrespective of this fact that he [father] himself indulges in the company of bad people and wastes his time unhesitatingly at those points and places where immoral and indecent activities are rampant.

Dear Islamic brothers! Aspiration of children being virtuous is very good but firstly we have to assess our own character, we have to acquire Islamic knowledge and act upon it as well. We have to avoid all sources of Haraam livelihood which may be possible in Halal livelihood. We have to keep ourselves in touch with Sunni scholars. Sometimes when any unlawful thing occurs, Shar'i guidance is acquired for it in order to know if it is permissible or impermissible. May we have a mind to seek Shar'i guidance before starting a new business, job etc.! In this way, I want to start such-and-such business, how should it be according to the requirements of Shari'ah? Is this job Halal and permissible for me?

There are many types of business or trades in partnership which can be initiated by two or more than two partners. Extra care is required for such type of situations.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

One of the 12 Madani activities is ‘Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults’!

Dear Islamic brother! In order to know the method of reforming and giving Madani Tarbiyyat to family members and to achieve the success in creating Madani environment at home associate yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and participate in 12 Madani activities actively. One of the 12 Madani activities is Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults. The Holy Quran is taught **فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ** daily to adult Islamic brothers in every Zayli Halqah [Masjid, market, office, etc.) with correct pronunciation approximately for 63 minutes in the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. It is called Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults. How great and excellent is to recite the Holy Quran and gain its knowledge that the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said: Make it compulsory for you to learn the Holy Quran, to recite it abundantly, and to ponder over its wonders; you will attain [high] ranks in Paradise through it.

(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 1, pp. 266, Hadees 2365)

إِنَّمَا كُنَّا نَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ عَدْوَجًا! By virtue of the blessing of studying at Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults, until now, many Islamic brothers have learnt to recite the Holy Quran with correct pronunciation and Madani revolution has taken place in their life. Let's listen to a faith-refreshing Madani parable for persuasion and rejoice.

Inferior was made superior by Madani environment

Here is a summary of what an Islamic brother stated: I had committed too many sins such as providing VCR-cable, hanging around with loafers at night, watching two to three movies every single day and attending concerts all night.

Luckily, the star of my fortune shone. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** By the blessing of the constant individual effort made by an Islamic brother from the Nayabad area of Bab-ul-Madinah Karachi, I attended the Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults where I was blessed with the companionship of devotees of Rasool and was inspired to join the Madani environment of the global and non-political movement for the preaching of Quran and Sunnah – Dawat-e-Islami. I am now busy taking part in Madani activities.

گنہگارو آؤ، سِیہ کارو آؤ
گُنابوں کو دیگا چُھڑا مَدَنی ماحول

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard that the Islamic brother who was committing sins abundantly started presenting call towards righteousness to others by virtue of the blessing of Madrasa-tul-Madinah [for adults]. Surely, great blessings are received by attending Madrasa-tul-Madinah. Therefore, not only you attend it yourself but also present call to other Islamic brothers to attend it. If you are not able to attend Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adults) due to your business activities so the best solution for it is to get Madrasa-tul-Madinah [for adults] arranged where you work such as your office, shop, factory, bazar, market, etc. Of course, contact any nearby Zayli Halqah of Dawat-e-Islami or Madani Tarbiyyat centre. Arrange Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adults) by their support and guidance in your own area. Similarly, where you attain the blessings of learning the Holy Quran and righteous company, many other Islamic brothers will also be privileged to attain them with your cooperation. Therefore, try your best to set up Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adults) at your place of work.

یہی ہے آرزو تعلیم قرآن عام ہو جائے
تلاوت کرنا صبح و شام میرا کام ہو جائے

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! As Shari'ah has strongly forbidden us to eat Haraam in normal circumstances, similarly, in the state of illness, consuming Haraam in the form of medicine has also been declared Haraam, but still people seek cure in Haraam things, abandoning the Halal and pure things.

Remember! No cure lies in the thing which is made Haraam by Allah ﷻ and His Beloved Rasool ﷺ. Likewise, if we consume it in medicine form, it is not Halal and permissible for us either.

The mother of believers, Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Salamah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has said: Once my daughter fell ill so I prepared Nabeez (drink that is made after putting dates into water) for her in an earthen vessel. When the Beloved Rasool ﷺ came to me, that Nabeez was foaming (meaning, froth had developed in it). He ﷺ asked, '(O Umm-e-Salamah), what is this?' I told Rasoolullah ﷺ that my daughter was ill and I needed to prepare this Nabeez for her. He ﷺ said, 'Allah ﷻ has kept no cure for you in the things which He has declared Haraam for you.'

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 23, pp. 326, Hadees 749)

Sayyiduna Ibn-ul-Haaj Maliki رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: The blessing of benefit remains no more in Haraam thing. *(Al-Madkhal, vol. 2, pp. 307)*

'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated in *Bahar-e-Shari'at*: Using Haraam things in the form of medicine is also impermissible as it is stated in the blessed Hadees: Allah ﷻ has not placed a cure in things which are Haraam. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 23, pp. 326, Hadees 749)*

No one can believe in anything with assurance that it will cure the illness. The greatest possibility can be one's presumption not certainty at all, because medical science itself is based on uncertainty. Therefore, there is no sureness in any form. *(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 3, pp. 505)*

The consequence of consuming Haraam things in the form of medicine can be very dreadful. Regarding this, let's listen to an admonitory parable mentioned on page 174 in the remarkable book '*Gheebat ki Tabah Kariyan*'

[Backbiting – A Cancer in our Society] authored by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **وَأَمَّا بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ**:

Sayyiduna Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad [**فُضَيْلُ بْنُ عِيَاضَ رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ**] went to visit one of his students, who was on his deathbed. The Shaykh sat down close to him and started reciting Surah Yaseen. The student uttered, 'Stop reciting Surah Yaseen!' Then the Shaykh **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** reminded him to proclaim the Kalimah (the declaration of faith). That student then said, 'I will never recite the Kalimah, and I am tired of it.' He died after uttering these words.

Sayyiduna Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** was greatly saddened by his student's awful demise and kept weeping for forty days. After forty days, he dreamt that his student was being dragged by the angels towards Hell. The Shaykh inquired, 'You had a very high status amongst my students. Why did Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** withdraw His mercy from you?' He replied, 'Because of three bad habits of mine:

1. Tale telling – I used to tell you one thing and tell my fellow students something else.
2. Jealousy – I used to envy my fellow students; and
3. drinking alcohol – upon the doctor's advice I would drink a glass of alcohol once a year as medicine due to an illness.'

(Minhaj-ul-'Aabideen, pp. 410; summarized)

ڈر لگتا ہے ایمان کہیں ہو جائے نہ برباد

سرکار بُرے خاتمے سے مجھ کو بچانا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Tremble with the fear of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**; bow down in His court and strive to please Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. Ah! Because of tale-telling, jealousy and for seeking cure drinking a glass of alcohol every year, even the student of a perfect saint like Sayyiduna Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad died after uttering a statement

of Kufr and became deserving of Hellfire. Ponder over it when such a terrible consequence is for drinking a glass of Haraam thing like medicine then how severe wrath and displeasure will be for those who indulge in such Haraam acts and consume alcohol secretly or openly? Therefore, every Muslim should always fear Hidden Plan of Allah ﷻ and contemplate about protecting his Iman, and should never depend on his position, status and virtues.

خوف سے تیرے آنسو بہاؤں تیرے ڈر سے سدا تھر تھراؤں
میرے مولیٰ تو خیرات دیدے کیف ایسا دے، ایسی ادا کی

Majlis-e-Rabitah bil-'Ulama wal-Mashaaikh

As a result of the devotion and strong feelings of affection of Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyae داعية بركاتهم العالیہ with the Sunni scholars and Shuyookh, a global, non-political movement for the propagation of Quran and Sunnah, Dawat-e-Islami has formed a committee named 'Majlis-e-Rabitah bil-'Ulama wal-Mashaaikh' in order to seek the Du'as of honourable Sunni scholars, and they are kept updated with the Deeni services being rendered by Dawat-e-Islami, enhance relations with them as well as they are associated with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami so that they assist in Madani activities in Sunni Madaris and Jami'aat.

اللہ کرم ایسا کرے تجھ پہ جہاں میں
اے دعوتِ اسلامی تری ڈھوم مچی ہو

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلٰى الْحَبِيبِ

Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! In today's Bayan, we had privilege to listen to the excellence of Halal food and the disadvantages of Haraam food:

- Consuming Halal is the source of forgiveness of sins.

- In Glorious Quran, at many places, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ commands people to consume Halal.
- Du'as are also answered by virtue of Halal food.
- Consuming Halal food is the source of gaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.
- Consuming Halal food is the biggest blessing.
- Consuming Halal food is the source of the pleasure of the acts of worship whereas consuming Haraam even in medicine form is not permissible as per Shari'ah.
- No cure lies in Haraam and nor is there any blessing in its benefit.
- Hardness of Heart is due to Haraam food.
- Due to Haraam food, the greed of wealth, intensifies to such an extent that sometimes he even falls into killing others.
- Eating Haraam brings the destruction of Hereafter.
- Whoever consumes Haraam, after all, falls prey to severe calamities, worries and trials.
- Whoever consumes Haraam, his supplications are not answered.
- Most importantly, whoever consumes Haraam becomes the deserving of hellfire.

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, by virtue of His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, protect every Muslim from Haraam and doubtful things.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I would like to take the opportunity to mention the excellence of Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Rasool 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.' (Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

سینہ تری سُنَّت کا مدینہ بنے آقا
جَنَّت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنا نا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Madani pearls about sleeping and waking up

1. Dust the bed off properly before sleeping, so that poisonous insects etc. if any, are removed.
2. Recite this Du'a before sleeping:

اَللّٰهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ اَمُوْتُ وَاَحْيٰ

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I die and live (sleep and wake up) by Your name.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 196, Hadees 6325)

3. Do not sleep after 'Asr, as there is a fear of losing the intellect. The Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever sleeps after 'Asr and loses his intellect, should blame only himself.'

(Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 4, pp. 678, Hadees 4897)

4. It is Mustahab [preferable] to nap for a while in the afternoon.

(Fatawa 'Aalamgiri, vol. 5, pp. 376)

A legendary and leading scholar of Shari'ah and Tareeqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ says, 'This is probably for those who remain awake at night offering Salah, doing Zikr

of Allah ﷻ, or reading and studying religious books, so that the tiredness caused by staying awake at night can be removed by the midday nap.’
(*Bahar-e-Shari’at*, vol. 16, pp. 79)

5. It is Makruh [disliked] to sleep in the beginning of the day or between Maghrib and ‘Isha. (*Fatawa ‘Aalamgiri*, vol. 5, pp. 376)
6. To sleep in the state of purity is Mustahab.
7. First sleep on your right side facing Qiblah with your right hand under the right cheek for some duration, and then on your left side.
(*Fatawa ‘Aalamgiri*, vol. 5, pp. 376)
8. Remember the grave as you go to sleep, as in the grave we will be alone and there will be no one but our deeds.
9. When going to sleep, busy yourself with the remembrance of Allah ﷻ. Keep reciting Tahleel, Tasbih and Tahmeed (i.e. keep reciting ﴿لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ﴾, ﴿سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ﴾ and ﴿الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ﴾) until you fall asleep because a person wakes up in the same state that he falls asleep in, and on the Day of Judgement a person will rise in the same state that he dies in.
(*Fatawa ‘Aalamgiri*, vol. 5, pp. 376)
10. Recite this Du’a upon waking up:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

All praise is to Allah ﷻ who gave us life after death and to Him we will return. (*Sahih Bukhari*, vol. 4, pp. 196, Hadees 6325)

11. Make a firm intention upon waking up that you will adopt piety and will not cause distress to others. (*Fatawa ‘Aalamgiri*, vol. 5, pp. 376)
12. When boys and girls are ten years old, they should be made to sleep separately. Even a boy of this age should not sleep with the boys of the same age or with men older than him.

(*Durr-e-Mukhtar*, *Rad-dul-Muhtar*, vol. 9, pp. 629)

13. When the husband and wife sleep on the same bed, they should not have a child of ten years old sleep with them. When a boy reaches an age where he can feel lust, the rulings for men will apply to him.

(Durr-e-Mukhtar, vol. 9, pp. 630)

14. Perform Miswak upon waking up.

15. Offer Tahajjud after waking up in the night as it is a great blessing to do so. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'The best Salah after the Fard [Salah], is Salah performed in the night.'

(Sahih Muslim, pp. 591, Hadees 1163)

To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'ah* 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 Rasool.

عاشقانِ رسول، آئیں سنت کے پھول

دینے لینے چلیں، قافلے میں چلو

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The 6 Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and 2 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 الْقُدْرِ 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 Rasool 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 Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afdal-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 Rasool 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 بِدَوَامِ 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. (*Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Rasool ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Noble Rasool 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 Beloved Rasool 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. Duood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

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

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

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool 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 اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ 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 Rab of the magnificent 'Arsh.