

# **Journey of Mi'raaj and Greatness of Mustafa ﷺ**

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أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ  
أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِلِكِ 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 and drinking will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

## Excellence of Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: (Sayyiduna) Jibra'eel (عليه السلام) came to him stating humbly that Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) said: 'O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)! Are you not pleased that when anyone from your Ummah sends Salat upon you once then I shower mercy ten times upon him, and when anyone from your Ummah sends one Salam, then I send Salams ten times upon him.' (Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, pp. 189, Hadees 928)

رَبِّ كَيْ مَحْبُوبِ اِحْمَدِ مَخْتَارِ پَر لاکھوں سلام سب پکارو سیدِ ابرار پَر لاکھوں سلام

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Du'a of Rajab

Reciting the following Du'a in the blessed month of Rajab is an act of Sunnah; the Noblest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to recite the following Du'a when the blessed month of Rajab would commence:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ

**Translation:** O Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ)! Descend Your blessing upon us in the [blessed] months of Rajab and Sha'ban, and make us reach Ramadan.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 3, pp. 85, Hadees 3939)

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ 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 عَلَيَّ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ عَلَيَّ، 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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### Great and Blessed Night:

Dear Islamic brothers! Tonight is the 27<sup>th</sup> night of Rajab-ul-Murajjab 1438 AH. Millions of thanks to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He عَزَّوَجَلَّ has, once again, blessed us with the great and sacred night that is full of Divine blessings and virtues.

Dear Islamic brothers! Tonight is the great and glorious night in which a great miracle was bestowed upon our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Tonight the chief of all the angels Sayyiduna Jibra'eel-e-Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with an extremely fastest ride 'Buraaq' [a white animal from Paradise]. The angels made the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ a bridegroom, and then he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was mounted onto the Buraaq with extreme respect and honour. He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ instantly reached Bayt-ul-Muqaddas from Makkah where all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام welcomed him. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ led the Salah of all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام. Tonight he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ toured all the skies and saw their wonders. Tonight he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ blessed the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام with his sacred sight in every sky. The Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام congratulated the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ upon his arrival. He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached Sidra-tul-Muntaha. He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached the place from where no one else can dare to move further, even Sayyiduna Jibra'eel-e-Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام also mentioned his inability to move further. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached the place beyond the boundaries of intellect and wisdom. Tonight the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was blessed with Divine gifts; special gifts were bestowed upon the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

دَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Tonight, initially the gift of 50 Salahs was first bestowed upon our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ from the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, which were reduced to 5 Salahs and these 5 Salahs were made Fard (compulsory) for us. Tonight the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ toured the Paradise and Hell. Tonight he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ attained the special closeness to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and was privileged to see the Divine vision of the Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the Owner of the whole universe with his own blessed eyes.

Who can fulfil the right of mentioning the greatness of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Anyway, listen to it with all ears and ease of mind. إِنَّ هَذَا اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ the love of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will grow further in the heart.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Parable of a disciple of Ibn-e-Sakinah:

Narrating a parable Shaykh Shahabuddin Suharwardi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ stated that a goldsmith was a disciple of Shaykh Ibn-e-Sakinah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. His task was to take the prayer mats of pious saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى to Jami' Masjid and to spread them. After the Friday Salah had been performed he would bring the prayer mats back to the monastery. One Friday, he tied the prayer mats together for taking them to the Jami' Masjid and went to the river Tigris [in Baghdad] to perform the Ghusl for Friday Salah. He took off his clothes and kept them along the side of the river and dived into the water. When he took his head out of the water, he did not find himself in the river Tigris, but somewhere else. He asked people about the place and was told that it was Egypt. He was very surprised at this [incident]; he came out of the water and went to the city; over there he stood before the shop of a goldsmith. He was wearing only one piece of cloth that was sufficient to cover his Satr [parts of body which are compulsory to be concealed]. The shopkeeper felt that this person was a goldsmith. During the conversation the shopkeeper realized that he was very expert in this art. The shopkeeper treated him with great respect and took him to his home and performed his Nikah (marriage) with his daughter. Then three children were born in seven years. One day, the disciple passed by the

same water, he dived into the water for taking bath. When he took his head out of the water he found himself at the same place of the river Tigris where he dived seven years ago. He saw his clothes lying along the side of the river in the same manner as he placed them. He wore his clothes and went to the monastery. When he reached the monastery, he found the prayer mats in the same condition. One of his fellow disciples told him: Hurry up, some people have gone to Jami' Masjid early in the morning. He then took the prayer mats to Jami' Masjid, offered Salah and returned to the monastery. Surprised and worried, he went to his home from the monastery. His wife asked: Where are the people for whom you asked me to fry the fish; the fish is ready. He brought the guests and all ate the fish.

He then went to his Shaykh, Ibn-e-Sakinah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ and related the whole story. He also talked about his offspring in Egypt. Shaykh ordered him to go to Egypt to bring his wife and children back. That person brought his wife and children back. After this the Shaykh asked: Did you have any evil-whisper in your heart? He gave a positive reply by saying that he had an illusion about Mi'raaj as to how the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ physically travelled so long distance in such a short period of time. The Shaykh replied: It is the blessing of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He has removed your doubts.

(Tuhfa-e-Mi'raaj-un-Nabi, pp. 82)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! The slave of the slaves of the slaves of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ dives into the river Tigris of Baghdad at noon in the state of wakefulness, and by the Divine bestowment of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, finds himself in Egypt when takes his head out of the water, so then what will be the height of greatness and glory of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! The caliph of A'la Hazrat 'Allamah Maulana Zafaruddin Bihari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said that the event of the minister of Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام Sayyiduna Asif bin Barkhiya رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ (who was a saint) is stated in the Holy Quran that he humbly said to Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام: I will bring the

throne of queen Bilqees to you before the blink of your eye and then he did the same. The throne of Bilqees was 80 yards long and 80 yards high and was made of gold and silver studded with extremely heavy and precious diamonds and jewels. When a pious saint by his saintly miracle brings such a large and heavy throne from Yemen to Syria before the blink of an eye, so it is certainly possible for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to visit with his body [from Masjid-e-Haram to Masjid-e-Aqsa and from there to the skies in a short part of night]. (*Tuhfa-e-Mi'raaj-un-Nabi*, pp. 131)

ممكن ہى نہیں عقلِ دَوِ عالمِ كى رسائى ايسا ديا الله نے رُتبه شبِ معراج  
تفصيل سے كى سِيَرِ مگر اس پہ يہ طُرہ اِك پل میں يہ طے ہو گيا رسته شبِ معراج

مرحبا	أَقْصَى كى شوكت	مرحبا	معراج كى عظمت	مرحبا	الله كى عنایت
مرحبا	نبیوں كى إمامت	مرحبا	بُرَاق كى سُرْعَت	مرحبا	بُرَاق كى قسمت
مرحبا	مكینِ لامكان كى عظمت	مرحبا	آسماں كى سیاحت	مرحبا	آقا كى رِفْعَت

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has bestowed many miracles upon His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ which cannot be counted. All the miracles which were bestowed upon other Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام separately were also bestowed upon him besides many other miracles.

Out of these thousands of miracles of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ the most famous miracle and the most unique event of the universe is the blessed Mi'raaj. In this event, our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ went to Masjid-e-Aqsa from Masjid-e-Haram and then from Masjid-e-Aqsa he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ went on the tour of the skies. In fact, all this journey of Mi'raaj is revealing the greatness of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. On the occasion of setting off on the journey of Mi'raaj, the blessed chest of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was cut open. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ led the Salah of all the Ambiya and Rusul عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام on this blessed journey. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

عَزَّوَجَلَّ was blessed with the Divine vision of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. In short, journey of Mi'raaj is such a great miracle of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that its example is not found in the history. It makes the glory and greatness of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his status and rank in the Divine court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ more crystal clear than the sun. Let's have the privilege of listening to the different aspects of the event of Mi'raaj and the glory and greatness of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on the journey of Mi'raaj. Mentioning the blessings of this sacred night Allama Maulana Hassan Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated:

ممکن ہی نہیں عقلِ دَوّ عَالَمِ کی رسائی ایسا دیا اللہ نے رُتَبہ شبِ معراج  
تفصیل سے کی سَیْر مگر اِس پہ یہ طُرہ اِک پل میں یہ طے ہو گیا رستہ شبِ معراج

### Brief explanation of couplets:

Today is a blissful evening and a night full of blessings because tonight the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ interceded on behalf of sinners and was blessed with the Divine vision of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Tonight abundantly praise the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in a way that every couplet of Na'at becomes pleasing to the eye like a beautiful branch of a flower and every word of the couplet wears the soothing fragrance, like flowers. May the shower of Divine mercy be upon all the people who are attending this Ijtima of Zikr and Na'at! Would that this little effort of ours be accepted in the blessed court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Mention the Mi'raaj of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ tonight in such a glorious way that even the 'Arsh holding angels may also hear it.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### How elevated Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ made the glory of His Habeeb:

An excellent aspect of the greatness of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on the journey of Mi'raaj is that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has mentioned this journey of His

Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the Holy Quran with such a glory that attributing the act of making him travel so long in a short part of night to Himself He عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا

Holy is He Who carried His bondman  
by night from the sacred Masjid to the Aqsa Masjid.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)](Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, Ayah 1)

Regarding this blessed Ayah, Maulana Mufti Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: The blessed Mi'raaj is a great miracle of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and a great blessing of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. It reveals the miraculous closeness of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ [to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ] which no other being of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ except the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has ever attained. (He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ further said) It is the belief of the glorious blessed companions of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that blessed Mi'raaj occurred in the state of wakefulness [instead of dream] with body and soul both. (*Khazain-ul-Irfan*, pp. 525)

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember, though the journey from Masjid-e-Haram to Masjid-e-Aqsa has been mentioned in this blessed Ayah, the journey of blessed Mi'raaj of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ did not end in Masjid-e-Aqsa [started from Masjid-e-Haram], but rather not only did our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ toured all the seven skies on the night of Mi'raaj, but he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also went farther ahead to the place where Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wanted him to.

In **Fatawa Razawiyyah**, A'la Hazrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has narrated: The privilege of conversation was bestowed upon Sayyiduna Musa عَلِيُّهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was blessed with the same in the Isra Night [the night of Mi'raaj]. Besides having conversation with Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, our

Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was also blessed with extreme closeness to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Divine vision with his own blessed eyes. Of course, how could one compare Koh-e-Toor, on which Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ implored to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, with the place that is even above the Arsh where a Divine conversation was held with the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ!

He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ further said: On the night of Mi'raaj, our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the state of wakefulness physically visited the skies, then Sidra-tul-Muntaha, then Maqaam-e-Mustawa, then 'Arsh and Rafraf and then had the privilege to behold the Divine vision of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 30, pp. 646)

صَلُّوْا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

### Event of cutting the blessed chest open:

Dear Islamic brothers! Another aspect of the greatness and glory of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is that prior to setting off for Bayt-ul-Muqaddas during the Journey of Mi'raaj, his blessed chest was cut open in Hateem-e-Ka'bah. As a perfect pious saint, 'Allamah Maulana Makhdoom Muhammad Hashim Thathavi عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ has said: It has been narrated that on the blessed night of Mi'raaj, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ cut open the blessed chest of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Then his blessed heart was taken out and given Ghusl with Zam Zam water by putting it in a gold salver that was full of faith and Divine knowledge. Then [as per the glory and status of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ] further Divine knowledge, faith and the luminosity of Nubuwwah were filled into it and then after putting them into the blessed chest it was sewn with a needle.

Islamic scholars عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ have said that the blessed chest of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was cut open four times in his sacred life. The event that occurred on the night of Mi'raaj was the fourth one.

(Seerat Sayyid-ul-Ambiya, pp. 127)

## Wisdom behind cutting chest open:

Explaining the reasons for cutting the blessed chest open of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Shaykh-ul-Hadees 'Allamah Maulana Abdul Mustafa A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: The blessed chest of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was cut open four times. First time, it occurred when he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was in the house of Haleemah Sadiyyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. It was aimed at protecting him from the evil thoughts that attract children to games and mischievous activities. Second time, when the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was 10 years old his blessed chest was cut open so that he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would remain unaffected and unharmed by the risks of the desires of youth. Third time, his blessed chest was cut open in the cave Hira where his blessed heart was filled with Noor and peace so that he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ could bear the great burden of the revelation from the Almighty. Fourth time, on the night of Mi'raaj, his blessed chest was cut open and filled with the treasure of Noor and Divine wisdom so that his blessed heart may have the magnitude and capability to bear the Tajalliyyaat of Divine sight and the greatness of Divine conversation. (*Seerat-e- Mustafa*, pp. 79-80)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## The blessed conveyance of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ:

Dear Islamic brothers! Another aspect of the greatness of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the event of Mi'raaj is that for this great and glorious journey, extremely great Heavenly conveyance was selected for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Buraaq [whose name was Jarood.] was brought to me which was extremely white and tall quadruped. It was bigger than a donkey and smaller than a mule. It could place its hooves at the farthest boundary of its gaze. (*Muslim*, pp. 87, *Hadees*, 411)

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Here [in Hateem-e-Ka'bah] blessed chest was cut open; Ghul was given with Kausar and Zam Zam; the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was made a bridegroom after being adorned

with a Heavenly dress and then the angels accompanied the spiritual procession with the Beloved Dignitary of Mi'raaj صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel-e-Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام helped him mount Buraaq; Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام held the stirrup and Sayyiduna Miqa'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام held the reins and the blessed conveyance of the bridegroom started moving with great glory. Remember, the act of mounting Buraaq by the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was to show the glory as a bridegroom is on the horse and Baarati [people attending marriage procession] are on foot. This Buraaq was especially for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was also riding it on the journey of Mi'raaj and will also be riding it on the Judgement Day. It grazes in Paradise. Every Nabi عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام will have a separate Buraaq for conveyance in Paradise, but the Buraaq of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be the best one and it is the same Buraaq.

(Mirat-ul-Manajeel, pp. 136-137)

جبریل امین براق لئے جنت سے زمین پر آہنچے      بارات فرشتوں کی آئی معراج کو دولہا جاتے ہیں  
بے خلد کا جوڑا زیب بدن رحمت کا سجا سہرا سر پر      کیا خوب سہانا بے منظر معراج کو دولہا جاتے ہیں

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! The grand blessed conveyance of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was so beautiful and its speed was so fast that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself stated about its amazing speed: Its step (was so wide that it) reached the farthest point within the reach of its sight. This means, covering the distance of days in moments our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ instantly reached Masjid-e-Aqsa from Masjid-e-Haram, the distance of which was more than a month's time.

Remember! only the part of the first and famous blessed verse of Surah Bani Isra'eel in which the event of Mi'raaj has been mentioned instead of Heavenly journey is itself an extremely wonderful Prophetic miracle as there was a considerable distance between Masjid-ul-Haraam and Masjid-ul-Aqsa,

therefore, for a commoner to go to Masjid-ul-Aqsa overnight and then return during the same night is something totally impossible, even it was not possible to cover the distance of one side in one night. Allamah Isma'eel Haqqi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْقَوِي has said: [Journey] To Aqsa has been mentioned because, in those days, there was no other Masjid so far away as Masjid-ul-Aqsa; it was Masjid-ul-Aqsa that was the farthest Masjid from Makkah; there was a distance of more than a month between Masjid-ul-Haraam and Masjid-ul-Aqsa. (*Ruh-ul-Bayan, part 15 Surah Bani Israel, Taht-al-Ayah 1, vol. 5, pp. 114*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### You are the Imam (Leader) of Ambiya:

Another aspect of the greatness of Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on the journey of Mi'raaj is that our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on that night, led the Salah of all the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ and blessed them to become his Muqtadi. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Riding on it [Buraaq] I reached Bayt-ul-Muqaddas and the place where the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ would tether their riding-animals. I tethered it there. Then I entered the Masjid [Aqsa] and offered two Rak'at Salah. (*Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Imaan, pp. 97, Hadees 259*)

Wali-e-Kamil, 'Allamah Maulana Makhdoom Muhammad Hashim Thathavi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى has said: The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was the Imam of all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ in this Salah<sup>1</sup> [as] all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ were gathered in Bait-ul-Muqaddas so that they could be shown the great status and glory of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (Ref)When the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came here, all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ welcomed him. Everyone at the time of Salah, requested him to lead the Salah. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ then held the blessed hand of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and requested to move forward and then the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ led the Salah of all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat lit-Tabarani, vol. 3, pp. 65, Hadees 3879*)

<sup>1</sup> Seerah Sayyid-ul-Ambiya, pp. 128

Describing the faith-refreshing and joyful scene in which the Beloved Rasool عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was leading the Salah of all the Ambiya in Masjid-e-Aqsa, Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat دَاوُدُ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has mentioned in his Na'atiya collection 'Wasail-e-Bakhshish.

اقصىٰ ميں سُواری جب پہنچی جِبْرِیل نے بڑھ کے کہی تکبیر نبیوں کی امامت اب بڑھ کر سُلطانِ جہاں فرماتے ہیں  
وہ کیسا حسین منظر ہو گا جب دولہا بنا سرور ہو گا عَشَّاقِ تَصَوُّرِ کر کے بس روتے ہی رہ جاتے ہیں

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ What a great Salah! All the Ambiya and Rusul were Muqtadi and our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was Imam and the first Qiblah was the place of Salah. Certainly, no such Salah had ever been offered in the universe before; sky had never seen such a beautiful scene. Anyway, the secret of being the first and the last of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was also discovered and the meaning has become perfectly clear because today the Greatest and Holiest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ who is also the last Rasool is leading the Salah of the previous Ambiya and Rusul عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. Telling about the same secret, A'la Hazrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عَلَيْهِ الرَّحْمَنُ has stated:

فَمَازِ اقْصَىٰ ميں تہا یہی سرّ، عیاں ہوں معنیٰ اوّلِ آخِرِ

کہ دَسْتِ بَسْتِہ میں پیچھے حَاضِرِ، جو سلطنتِ آگے کر گئے تھے

### Brief Explanation of Couplet:

On Mi'raaj night, the Salah, in which the Beloved Rasool عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ led all the Ambiya and great Rusul عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ in Masjid Aqsa, it contained a secret and the secret was to differentiate between the first and the last (so that it can become obvious that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ who came into the world as the last Nabi is not less than any other Nabi in glory

and greatness). The evidence for this is that all the Ambiya who had declared their Nubuwwah before, were standing behind the last Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with their hands tied and the last Nabi [the Beloved Rasool] صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was leading them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Sermons delivered by Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ:

Dear Islamic brothers! Another aspect of the greatness of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during the journey of Mi'raaj is that not only did our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ state the excellent glory and marvels of himself and his Ummah before the Ambiya in Bait-ul-Muqaddas, but Sayyiduna Ibrahim Khaleelullah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also mentioned the highly elevated rank of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. After the Salah that was offered in Bait-ul-Muqaddas some glorious Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ delivered sermons in which they praised Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and mentioned the blessings and mercy which Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestowed upon them.

First of all, Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ delivered the sermon, then Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ. After him Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ delivered the sermon, then Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ. After Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ delivered the sermon.

After the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ had praised Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and mentioned the Divine mercy and blessings which Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ had bestowed upon them, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ delivered the sermon: Before delivering the sermon, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ: You all have mentioned the praise of your Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ and now I will mention the praise of my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Then praising Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and mentioning his own glory the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

All the praise are due to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Who made me merciful for the whole worlds and sent me after making me the one who tells good news and fear for all the human beings and revealed the Book [Quran] to me which differentiates the right with the wrong, in which everything has been clearly

mentioned and made my Ummah the best and superior to all other Ummahs. My Ummah has been made the first and the last (there will be no other Ummah after my Ummah, it is the last Ummah and from the perspective of entering Paradise, my Ummah will be the first amongst all other Ummahs) and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ expanded my chest for me, removed burden from me, dignified my remembrance and made me victorious and Khatim (the last Nabi).

Having heard the great virtues of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ said to Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ: بِهَذَا فَضْلِكُمْ مُحَمَّدٌ: صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has excellence and superiority over all of you. (*Dalail-ul-Nubuwwah lil-Bayhaqi, vol. 2, pp. 400*)

ہر ایک نبی بلکہ سب افلاک کے ندسی پڑھتے تھے شہنشاہ کا خطبہ شبِ معراج

How elevated and high is the glory and status of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is, that even Sayyiduna Ibrahim Khaleelullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ is stating his glory and declaring his superiority to all the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ. Then why shouldn't we say that

سب سے بالا و اعلیٰ ہمارا نبی  
نورِ آول کا جلوہ ہمارا نبی  
اور رسولوں سے اعلیٰ ہمارا نبی  
تاجداروں کا آقا ہمارا نبی

سب سے اولیٰ و اعلیٰ ہمارا نبی  
بزمِ آخر کا شمعِ فروزاں ہوا  
خلق سے اولیا اولیا سے رُسل  
مُلکِ کونین میں انبیا تاجدار

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

مرحبا	أَفْصَىٰ كِي شَوَكْت	مرحبا	معراج كِي عظمت	مرحبا	الله كِي عنایت
مرحبا	نبیوں كِي اِمَامت	مرحبا	بُرَاق كِي سُرْعَت	مرحبا	بُرَاق كِي قسمت
مرحبا	مكین لامكان كِي عظمت	مرحبا	آسمان كِي سیاحت	مرحبا	آقا كِي رِفْعَت

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Special door of Sky was opened for Mi'raaj:

Dear Islamic brothers! The glory and greatness of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during the journey of Mi'raaj can also be judged by the fact that there are many doors in the sky which are opened at different times for different types of work. One of them was opened only on Mi'raaj night especially for the honour and respect of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. That door had neither been opened for anyone else before, nor will it be opened for anyone else after the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was sitting near the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ (on Mi'raaj night). The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, meanwhile, heard a voice from the sky. As he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ heard the voice he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ raised his blessed head. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said: O the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the door that has been opened is the door of the sky which had never been opened before. Then an angel came down through the door. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said: It is the angel that had never come down to the earth before. Having said Salam in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ the angel humbly said: I give you good news of two such Noors which had never been bestowed upon anyone except you before (1) Surah Fatihah (2) Last Ayahs of Surah Baqarah. You will be rewarded for every letter of these both. (Muslim, pp. 314, Hadees, 1877)

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: The sky has millions of doors through which different things come and go. Sustenance comes through some doors, torment descends through some doors, Du'as and repentance ascend through some doors, special angels come down through some doors; there is a door which was only opened for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on the night of Mi'raaj. (*Mirat-ul-Manajeeh, vol. 8, pp. 138*)

Whatever Du'a is made after reciting Surah Fatihah 100 times Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ accepts it. (*Jannati Zaywar, pp. 58*)

Satan will not come near the house for three days in which the two Ayahs [last two Ayahs of Surah Al-Baqarah] will be recited. (*Al-Mustadrak, pp. 268, vol. 2, Hadees / Raqm 2109*)

Whoever recites the last two Ayahs of Surah Al-Baqarah at night, these will be suffice him.' (*Sahih Bukhari, pp. 405, vol. 3, Hadees 5009*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Ascending towards the Sky:

Another aspect of the glory and greatness of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during the journey of Mi'raaj is that he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also toured the skies and over there angels and different blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام warmly welcomed him. After the activities in Bayt-tul-Muqaddas, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ started the journey towards the sky and continued to move swiftly towards the sky and arrived at the first sky within no time.

It is stated in a blessed Hadees that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived at one of its doors called Bab-ul-Hafazah. An angel named Ismail is appointed there. (*'Umdah-tul-Qaari. Vol. 11, pp. 603, That-al-Hadees, 3887*) Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام wanted the door to be opened. It was asked: Who is this? Sayyiduna Jibra'eel-e-Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied: I am Jibra'eel. He was asked:

Who is with you? He replied: He is Muhammad-e-Mustafa ﷺ. It was then asked: Has he (ﷺ) been called? He replied: Yes. The door was opened saying this: مَرْحَبًا بِهِ فَنِعْمَ الْمُبَشِّرُ جَاءَ i.e. Welcome! How good is the one who has arrived! (Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 584, Hadees, 3887)

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: The announcement of the arrival of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ had already been made to the angels and the skies had been decorated in every way, the news of the arrival had been spread everywhere. That night millions of angels came to take the Beloved Rasool ﷺ in Makkah Mu'azzamah and many angels were carrying out their duties to welcome. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel-e-Ameen ﷺ took the Beloved Rasool ﷺ through the door which had not been opened for anyone before [today]. It was only opened for the Beloved Rasool ﷺ (despite knowing all these things and despite the angles being aware of the blessed arrival of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ) the three questions of the sky-doorkeeper angel (Who are you? Who is with you? And has he been called?) are only for the purpose that this door is not for you, Jibra'eel. Your door is other than this. Why do you want to enter here today? He replied that today I am with the one for whom this door has been made and kept closed. Today is the day to open this door, therefore these questions were only asked to fulfil the legal and procedural measures. (Mirat-ul-Manajeeh, vol. 8, pp. 138)

When the Beloved Rasool ﷺ went above the sky after passing through the door, he saw Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام sitting. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said: He is your father Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. Please say Salaam to him. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said Salaam and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied to his Salaam and then expressed his joy upon his arrival in these words. مَرْحَبًا بِالْإِبْنِ السَّالِحِ وَالنَّبِيِّ السَّالِحِ i.e. Welcome to the righteous son and righteous Nabi. (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 584, Hadees 3887)

Similarly, questions and answers were carried out on arrival at every sky and the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ met blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام. For instance, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw Sayyiduna Yahya and Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَام in the second sky; they both are maternal cousins. In the third sky, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام; Sayyiduna Idrees عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in the fourth sky. Sayyiduna Haroon عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in the fifth sky and Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in the sixth sky and then in the seventh sky he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام who was sitting leaning against Bait-ul-Mamoor. (All these Ambiya welcomed the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.)

(Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 584, Hadees, 3887)

## Sidra-tul-Muntaha

On page 34 of 'Faizan-e-Mi'raaj' a 134-page book published by Maktaba tul Madinah it is stated: Having met Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام in the seventh sky, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached near Sidra-tul-Muntaha. (Sahih Bukhari, vol.2, pp.584, Hadees 3887)

It is a luminous jujube tree whose root is in the sixth sky and branches on the seventh sky. (Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 584, Hadees, 3887); its fruits are as large as the large earthen pots of Hajr [city of Yemen] and leaves are like the ears of the elephant. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام humbly said: It is Sidra-tul-Muntaha. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw four streams here which used to come out of the root of Sidra-tul-Muntaha; two of them were visible and two were hidden. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام: O Jibra'eel! What type of streams are these? Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام humbly said: Hidden streams are from Paradise (these are Heavenly streams—Kausar and Sal-Sabeel or Kausar and stream of Mercy Ref) and the visible streams are the Nile and Furaat.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 584, Hadis 3887)

یہ عزّ و جلال اللہ! اللہ! یہ اوج و کمال اللہ! اللہ! یہ حسن و جمال اللہ! اللہ! معراج کو دولہا جاتے

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دیوانو! تصوّر میں دیکھو! آسری کے دولہا کا جلوہ جُھرمٹ میں ملائک لیکر انہیں معراج کا دولہا

بناتے ہیں

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا
اللہ کی عنایت	معراج کی عظمت	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا
بُراق کی قسمت	بُراق کی سُرْعَت	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا
آقا کی رِفْعَت	آسمان کی سیاحت	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا
مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا
مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا	مرحبا
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## Introduction to the book “Faizan-e-Mi’raaj”

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to get more information about the faith-refreshing event of Mi’raaj [i.e. Ascension] of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and about relevant Madani pearls of respect and reverence for him, it is very useful to read the 134-page book “Faizan-e-Mi’raaj” published by Maktabatul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. By the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the following topics have been described in the book in an excellent and simple way:

- \* Details about different stages of Mi’raaj in sequence during the journey
- \* The observations made by the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during the journey from Masjid-ul-Haraam to Masjid Aqsa
- \* The observations made by the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Paradise and Hell during the journey of skies.
- \* Details of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ meeting other Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام

\* Many different Madani pearls and some couplets of Na'at about the blessed Mi'raaj etc.

Therefore, buy this book from the stall of Maktaba-tul-Madinah today. Read it yourself and motivate others also to read it. It can also be read, downloaded and printed out from the website of Dawat-e-Islami [www.dawateislami.net](http://www.dawateislami.net).

## Introduction to the book “Faizan-e-Ramadan”

Dear Islamic brothers! Ramadan is approaching [i.e. coming near]. In order to have the blessings of Ramadan, read the book “Faizan-e-Ramadan” authored by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, ‘Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziya’ee *دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ*. By the grace of Allah *عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, the excellence and rulings of Siyam, Taraweeh, Sahari, Iftar, I’tikaf, Sadaqah-e-Fitr and Eid-ul-Fitr have been stated in this book in a very easily understandable way. As it is Fard for us to observe Siyam in this month, it is also essential for us to learn Shar’i rulings regarding these Siyam. The book “Faizan-e-Ramadan” contains common rulings of Siyam. Therefore, buy it from the stall of Maktaba-tul-Madinah today. Read it yourself and motivate others also to read it. It can also be read, downloaded and printed out from the website of Dawat-e-Islami [www.dawateislami.net](http://www.dawateislami.net).

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Maqam-e-Mustawa

As the Beloved Nabi *صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* moved forward from Sidra-tul-Muntaha, Sayyiduna Jibra’eel *عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ* stayed at the same place and humbly refused to accompany him further. (*Al-Mawahib-ul-Duniya*, vol. 2, pp. 381) The Beloved Nabi *صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* has stated: I asked Jibra’eel Ameen, ‘Have you seen your Lord?’ So he replied, ‘Between me and my Lord are seventy curtains of Noor. If I even go near any of them, I will get burnt.’

(*Kanz-ul-Ummal*, vol. 14, pp. 191, Hadees 39204)

جبریل ٹھہر کر سدرہ پر بولے جو بڑھے ہم ایک قدم جل جائیں گے سارے بال و پر اب ہم تو یہیں رہ جاتے ہیں

The Beloved Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then moved forward (all alone from Sidratul-Muntaha) and, travelling upwards, reached a place called Mustawa where he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ heard the sound of [the writing of] pens. (Bukhari, pp. 161, Hadees, 349) These were the pens used by the angels to write the daily Divine commandments. These angels also copy the incidents, which will take place in a year, from Lauh-e-Mahfooz into separate Sahifahs which are then handed over to other angels, on the 15th night of Sha'ban, so that they will carry out the Divine commands. (Mirat-ul-Manajeeh, vol. 8, pp. 155)

## Special attachment to Sha'ban-ul-Mu'azzam

Dear Islamic brothers! As the "Book of deeds" is changed in the month of Shaban-ul-Mu'azzam, it is a very important month for this reason. The next Madani, i.e. lunar month is Shaban-ul-Mu'azzam. In addition to the fulfilment of Fard and Wajib acts, we should offer Nafil Salahs and observe Nafil Siyam in this month, to the best of our ability. Associating this sacred month with himself, the Nabi of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'شَعْبَانُ شَهْرِي وَرَمَضَانُ شَهْرُ اللَّهِ' i.e., Sha'ban is my month and Ramadan is the month of Allah. (Jami'-us-Sagheer, pp. 301, Hadees 4889)

## Excellence of Siyam in Sha'ban

After the Fard Siyam of Ramadan, the next most preferable Siyam declared by our Beloved and Blessed Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are those of Sha'ban. As the books of deeds of all people are conveyed to the Divine court in this month, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself observed Siyam in abundance in this month, motivating also his Ummah to observe Siyam in it. Let's now have the privilege of listening to three sayings of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ about the excellence of Siyam in Sha'ban-ul-Mu'azzam.

1. The Nabi of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was humbly asked: 'Which Sawm is preferable after [i.e. excluding] Ramadan?' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied,

'Observing Sawm in Shaban for honouring Ramadan.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 377, Hadees 3819*)

2. Sayyidatuna 'Ayesha Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has narrated, 'The Beloved and Blessed Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would keep Siyam throughout Sha'ban.' She رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا once asked, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Do you like it the most to observe Siyam in Sha'ban out of all [other] months?' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Yes, Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ records [the name of] every living being who will die this year and I like to be in the state of Sawm at the time of my demise.' (*Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 4, pp. 277, Hadees 4890*)
3. The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'This month is between Rajab and Ramadan; people are heedless of it. It is the month in which people's deeds are lifted towards Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. I wish that my deed be lifted when I am in the state of Sawm.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 377, Hadees 3820*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Just ponder! How great acts of worship were performed by our Beloved Rasul صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ who is already forgiven and will get us – the sinners – forgiven. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ performed a lot of Nafil worship in this sacred month, compared to other months. On the other hand, in our life, we have spent so many Shaban-ul-Mu'azzam in which the Muslims are privileged to be forgiven but unfortunately we failed to repent of our sins and could not yet make a firm intention of refraining from sins in future. Neither we started offering Fard Salahs regularly nor did we give Sadaqah and charity; neither we recited the Holy Quran nor Salat Alan Nabi; neither we made Zikr nor did we observe Siyam; and we failed to perform other Nafil acts of worship in abundance. We do not know whether or not we have so far succeeded in pleasing our Lord. In order to please Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ and His Rasul صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and to get success and salvation in the world as well as in the afterlife, we should perform acts of worship in abundance. We should observe Nafil Siyam in Rajab and Shaban. We should perform worship and seek forgiveness for our sins in abundance throughout Shaban, especially on

15<sup>th</sup> Shaban. We should also pray to Allah ﷺ to be blessed with goodness in our worldly life as well as in our afterlife.

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## Above even 'Arsh-e-'Ula

Dear Islamic brothers! We were listening to faith-refreshing journey of the Holy Nabi ﷺ towards the sky. He ﷺ moved forward all alone from Sidrat-ul-Muntaha and, travelling upwards, reached a place called Mustawa where he heard the sound of the writing of pens which are used by the angels to write daily commandments from Allah ﷺ. When he ﷺ moved forward from Mustawa, he ﷺ reached the Arsh. He ﷺ went even further upwards and then reached where even words like 'where' and 'when' were meaningless as these words are used for places and times; our Beloved Rasool ﷺ was present where there was neither any place nor time, hence it is called Laa-Makaan.

اللہ کی رحمت سے سرور جا پہنچے دنا کی منزل پر اللہ کا جلوہ بھی دیکھا دیدار کی لذت پاتے ہیں

Here Allah ﷺ bestowed that special closeness upon the Beloved Nabi ﷺ which was not and will not be bestowed upon anyone else. In order to express this special closeness, the words قَابِ قَوْسَيْنِ were used in the blessed Hadees. (Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 581, Hadees 7517) These are used to express the idea of being very close.

## Privilege of Seeing the Almighty and having Kalam with Him

Dear Islamic brothers! The respect and reverence for the Holy Nabi ﷺ is also shown by the well-known and important fact that he ﷺ beheld [i.e. saw] his Lord on the night of Mi'raaj in the state of wakefulness with his own blessed eyes. Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Al-Haris رضى الله

رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and Sayyiduna Ka'b-ul-Ahbar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ gathered somewhere, so Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Abbas said, 'No matter whatever anyone says, we Banu Hashim will say that Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ two (2) times during Mi'raaj.' Listening to it, Sayyiduna Kab-ul-Ahbar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ chanted the slogan so loudly that his voice echoed even in hills. He then said, 'No doubt, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had Kalam with Almighty and Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw the Almighty.' (Seerat-e-Mustafa, pp. 730) (In order to get detailed information about the Holy Nabi going above the Arsh and seeing the Lord with naked eyes, read the booklet given on page 637 of the 30<sup>th</sup> volume of Fatawa Razawiyah.)

یہ شاہ نے پائی سعادت بے خالق نے عطا کی زیارت بے جب ایک تجلی پڑتی بے موسیٰ تو غش کھا جاتے ہیں

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

مرحبا	أَقْصَى كِي شوكت	مرحبا	معراج كِي عظمت	مرحبا	الله كِي عنایت
مرحبا	نبیوں كِي إِمَامت	مرحبا	بُرَاق كِي سُرْعَت	مرحبا	بُرَاق كِي قسمت
مرحبا	مكینِ لامكان كِي عظمت	مرحبا	آسماں كِي سیاحت	مرحبا	آقا كِي رِفْعَت

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## Mi'raaj of Mu'min

Dear Islamic brothers! On this night, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ blessed His Beloved Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with Mi'raaj [i.e. Ascension] and called him to Laa-Makaan where a great gift of a great act of worship, i.e. Salah, was bestowed upon him. This gift of Salah is the Mi'raaj of the Ummah for the sake of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. A commentator of the Quran, Allamah Isma'eel Haqqi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'Without doubt, Salah is the Mi'raaj of Mu'min.' (Ruh-ul-Bayan, Part.

13, pp. 429) Therefore, we should value this Divinely-bestowed great gift and should always offer Salah regularly. This will bring countless blessings to our worldly life and afterlife. Moreover, there is also a tremendous benefit of it. By the grace and benevolence of Allah ﷺ, we will be granted reward tenfold for each of the five Salahs. Therefore, make a firm intention of offering Salah regularly from today. If a person only makes a true intention of a good deed, a virtue is recorded for him. And if he performs the good deed later on acting upon his good intention, so ten virtues are recorded for him. On this sacred night, let's now hear about Salah being declared Fard as well as about its excellence and about the blessing of good intention.

## Obligation of Salah and importance of intention

The Greatest and Noblest Nabi ﷺ said: On the night of Mi'raaj, Allah ﷻ declared 50 Salahs Fard (obligatory) for me during a day and night. When I reached Sayyiduna Musa ﷺ, he said: What has your Lord ﷻ declared Fard for your Ummah? I said: 50 Salahs were declared Fard during every day and night. Sayyiduna Musa ﷺ said: Go to your Lord ﷻ and get the number of Salahs decreased, because your Ummah will not be able to offer 50 Salahs. I have already tested Bani Isra'eel. (Only two Salahs were declared Fard for the Bani Isra'eel during the day and night but they could not offer them. So how will your Ummah be able to offer fifty Salahs? The Holy Nabi ﷺ stated, I returned to my Lord ﷻ and humbly said: O my Lord (ﷻ)! Grant some easiness to my Ummah. So Allah ﷻ decreased five Salahs. I reached (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ and informed him that Allah ﷻ had decreased five Salahs. (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ said that your Ummah would not be able to offer even these Salahs; go back and make request for further decrease.

The Beloved Nabi ﷺ said: I repeatedly came to (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ and went to the Divine court of Allah ﷻ (i.e. every time Allah ﷻ decreased some number of Salahs. Despite this, (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ kept on sending me to the Divine court of Allah ﷻ to get Salahs decreased further). When only five Salahs were left, Allah ﷻ said: 'O Muhammad (ﷺ)! These are five Salahs during a day and night and reward will be granted tenfold for each of these Salahs. Therefore,

(in terms of reward) these five Salahs are equivalent to fifty Salahs. And (further bestowment is that) the one who intends to perform a good deed and is unable to do it, so one virtue will be recorded for him (just for his good intention). And if he performs the good deed, so ten virtues will be recorded for him.' (Muslim, pp. 87, Hadees. 411)

Dear Islamic brothers! We should also make good intentions before we perform every pious and permissible deed so that we will be blessed with rich rewards even before performing that good deed. It is only by the great grace of Allah ﷻ that He ﷻ has bestowed upon us the wonderful Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and has blessed us with the great personality of Shaykh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دامت بركاتهم العالمة. For the well-wishing of his disciples and admirers as well as for all the Muslims, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat has written a very useful and unique booklet on good intentions, i.e. "Secret of Earning more Reward". With the help of this booklet, we can earn huge reward by making good intentions before performing different types of pious and permissible deeds.

Let's now make intentions: I will never miss any Salah from today! I will take great care about offering Salahs regularly! I will observe Fard Siyam of Ramadan regularly! I will neither commit backbiting nor will I listen to backbiting! I will take part in 12 Madani activities in person! I will become a part of the Masjid-filling campaign by calling out Sada-e-Madinah after Azan e Fajr! إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

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## Sada-e-Madinah

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to make the Muslims develop the mindset of reforming each other, to make them realize the importance of Salah, to refrain from the deeds leading to Hell and to perform the deeds leading to Paradise, one should take part in 12 Madani activities practically, which is one of the best means of achieving the above aims. Calling out Sada-e-Madinah is one of the 12 Madani activities. Sada-e-Madinah plays a vital role in making Muslims offer Salah regularly, especially Fajr Salah. Therefore, we should get

the privilege of calling out Sada-e-Madinah. It is also proved that our Beloved and Blessed Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has woken up the Muslims for Fajr Salah.

Sayyiduna Abu Bakrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ who was an Ansari companion, has stated, 'I once went for Salat-ul-Fajr with the Beloved and Blessed Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. When he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed by a sleeping person, he would call him for Salah or wake him up with his blessed foot.' (*Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 2, pp. 33, Hadees 1264*)

Therefore, try to settle into the routine of calling out Sada-e-Madinah every day after the Azan of Fajr Salah. Let's listen to a faith-refreshing Madani parable, full of the blessings of calling out Sada-e-Madinah, so that we will also get motivated.

## Drinker became Mu'azzin

Here is a summary of a wonderful parable narrated by an Islamic brother from Maharashtra, India. He has stated: Before I associated myself with Dawat-e-Islami, I was a very big sinner. I would work the whole day but would waste my hard-earned money in drinking. I would enjoy different evils, call people names, and even upset my parents and neighbours. I was also a heavy gambler and would not offer any Salah. I was heedlessly wasting the precious moments of my life.

Luckily, I once happened to meet a responsible Islamic brother of Dawat-e-Islami. Making individual efforts, he invited me to travel with a Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilah. His sweet and sincere words touched my heart, and I accepted his invitation. I travelled with a 3-day Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilah on the spot. In the company of the devotees of Rasool, I listened to speeches from the booklets published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. By the blessings of the Madani Qafilah, a heavy gambler and drinker like me who did not use to offer any Salah not only started offering Salah but was also inspired to call out Sada-e-Madinah (i.e. to wake up Muslims for Salat-ul-Fajr). I also have the privilege of inviting others to travel with Madani Qafilahs. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ As a result of my individual effort, 30 Islamic brothers have so far travelled with Madani

Qafilah. I am now a Mu'azzin in a Masjid and am busy making efforts for Madani activities.

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Dear Islamic brothers! Let's hear more about greatness of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during the journey of Mi'raaj. Another fact that shows reverence for the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during the journey of Mi'raaj is that by the sake of His beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ resolved the difficulties and issues being faced by His high-ranking angels for a long time.

It is narrated that high-ranking angels had been pondering over four issues for four thousand years but they could not find any solution to them. When the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came in the world, those angels were sure that the difficult issues could only be resolved by him. Therefore, all of those angels requested Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with extreme humility and humbleness to get their issues resolved. So Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ called His Beloved صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ towards Him, blessing him with the privilege of His closeness and of having Kalam with Him. The Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'I saw my Lord when I was in an extremely beautiful form. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said, 'O Beloved [Nabi] صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Which are the issues the highly-ranking angels are stuck on?' I humbly said, 'O my Lord! You know those issues the best.' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ placed His matchless Dast-e-Qudrat between both of my shoulders, so I felt the effect of its coolness in my chest. Then (Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said again), 'O Beloved [Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ]! Which are the issues the high-ranking angels have been pondering about (and have not resolved them)?' I humbly said, 'Angels have been pondering about four things: (1) Kaffaraat (2) Munjiyyaat (3) Darajaat (4) Muhlikaat.' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said, 'O My Beloved! You have told the truth.' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ then said to the angels, 'O My angels! You have got the opportunity to get your difficulty resolved. Put your question.' Therefore, Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly asked, 'What are Kaffaraat? (i.e. the deeds due to which Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ removes the sins of bondmen.) The Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'There are three deeds (that cause sins to be removed): (1) Making complete Wudu in extreme cold (i.e. completely washing the parts of body that are washed in Wudu so that Wudu is perfect) (2) Walking [to

Masjid] with the intention of offering Salah with congregation (3) Waiting for the other Salah after a person has offered one Salah (these 3 acts are the source of removing sins). Then, Sayyiduna Mika'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly asked, 'What are Darajaat? (i.e. the deeds that cause the ranks of a person to be raised). The Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Feeding food to the hungry for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ; promoting Salam among people and offering Nafil Salah at night when people are asleep. (These three deeds cause ranks to be raised in the Divine court.) Then, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said, 'What are Munjiyyaat? (i.e. the deeds which, if performed, protect from torment.) The Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Fearing Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ apparently as well as innerly; practicing moderation in poverty as well as in prosperity; doing justice in anger as well as in calmness (these 3 deeds bring salvation). Then Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly asked, 'What are Muhlikaat? (i.e. the deeds that cause a person to be doomed.) The Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, (1) 'Following (i.e. showing) miserliness; (2) following desire of Nafs; (3) and considering oneself to be better than others (these 3 deeds cause a person to be doomed). Then Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said, 'My Beloved has told the truth'

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Dear Islamic brothers! You have just heard how great respect and reverence was bestowed upon the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. We should always sing the praises of our Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and spend the rest of our life performing good deeds abundantly, refraining from sins and acting upon his Sunnah, showing our devotion to him. Bear in mind, on the night of Mi'raaj, our Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw the obedient people being blessed with Divine favours in Heaven but we should remember that he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also saw the disobedient ones being afflicted with Divine wrath in Hell. The sinners were being punished very severely for their sins. Let's hear about some of those punishments so that we learn some lesson.

## People eating their own flesh

On the night of Mi'raaj, the Greatest and Noblest Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed by some people. There were also some other people [who were

punishing] them. Some of the [punishing] people opened the jaws of those [who were being punished] and some others cut their flesh and pushed it into their mouth with blood. The Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked, 'O Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام! Who are these people?' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly replied, 'They indulged in backbiting of people and involved in finding their faults.' (*Musnad-ul-Haris, vol. 1, pp. 172, Hadees 27*)

## Snakes in stomach

The Beloved and Blessed Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'On the night of Mi'raaj, I came to some people whose stomachs were (big) like houses with snakes in them which were also visible from the outside of their stomachs. I asked Jibra'eel (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام), 'Who are these people?' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, 'They used to take usury [i.e. interest on money, etc.]' (*Sunan Ibn Majah, pp. 363, Hadees 2273*)

## Head-crushing punishment

On the night of Mi'raaj, the Beloved and Blessed Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came to some people whose heads were being crushed with stones. (After being crushed) their heads healed every time (and were crushed once again). No leniency was shown to them in this matter. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked Jibra'eel (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام), 'Who are these people?' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, 'These are the people who would offer Salah unwillingly.' (*Majma-us-Zawaid, vol. 1, pp. 92, Hadees, 235*)

## People hanging on the branches of fire

The Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'On the night of Mi'raaj, I saw some people who were hanging on the branches of fire. So I asked, 'O Jibra'eel, who are these people?' He replied: These are the people who would swear at their parents in the world.' (*Az-Zawajir, vol. 2, pp. 125*)

Dear Islamic brothers! You listened. On the night of Mi'raaj, the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw that those who would indulge in backbiting, take usury, miss Salah and swear at their parents were also being punished in Hell. So we

should repent of sins today from the bottom of our heart and make a firm intention of spending the rest of our life performing good deeds.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Motivation for I'tikaf

Dear Islamic brothers! Associating oneself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, travelling with a 3-day Madani Qafilah every month, acting upon Madani In'amaat and attending the 30-day or the last 10-day I'tikaf in the month of Ramadan under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami are some of the efficient ways of refraining from sins. Here is now good news for the lovers of Ramadan! You know Ramadan is approaching إِنَّ شَهْرَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Words cannot simply express its blessings. In this month of mercy, one gets many opportunities of getting the huge reward of countless good deeds recorded in his book of deeds by performing acts of worship, reciting the Holy Quran and Salat Alan Nabi and by making Zikr in abundance. In order to refrain from sins and to spend our days and nights performing good deeds, we should also make the intention of attending I'tikaf for the entire month of Ramadan under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami. Moreover, making individual effort, we should also motivate other Islamic brothers to attend it. The Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'مَنْ اعْتَكَفَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ' 'The person who observes I'tikaf with Iman and with the intention of earning reward, all of his previous sins will be forgiven. (Jami'-us-Sagheer, pp. 516, Hadees 8480)

یا خدا ماہِ رمضان کے صدقے  
سچی توبہ کی توفیق دیدے  
نیک بن جاؤں جی چاہتا ہے  
یا خدا تجھ سے میری دُعا ہے  
(وسائلِ بخشش مُرمّم، ص136)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! If possible, attend I'tikaf for the entire month of Ramadan every year or at least once in your lifetime. The Nabi of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would worship abundantly especially in Ramadan. As Layla-tul-Qadr is hidden in Ramadan, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ once observed I'tikaf for the entire month in order to search for this blessed night. Staying in the Masjid is a great blessing. A Mu'takif is so fortunate that he stays in the Masjid leaving all his activities in order to gain the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

*Fatawa 'Alamgiri* states, 'The benefits of I'tikaf are quite obvious. When a person observes I'tikaf, he completely devotes himself to worship for gaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, giving up all worldly affairs and activities that obstruct him in earning the closeness of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. All of his time is spent in Salah, either really or jurisprudentially [i.e. he is considered to be in the state of Salah because waiting for Salah also earns him the reward of Salah]. The main purpose of doing I'tikaf is to wait for Salah with Jama'at. A Mu'takif resembles those (i.e. the angels) who do not disobey the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and carry out His every command; he resembles those who glorify Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ day and night and never get tired of doing so.' (*Fatawa 'Alamgiri*, vol. 1, pp. 212)

Dear Islamic brothers! You must have realized that one gets a lot of opportunities of performing good deeds during I'tikaf. By the grace of Allah, Dawat-e-Islami establishes many Majalis and assigns many Islamic brothers with various responsibilities in order to organize I'tikaf in a proper and systematic way in Ramadan. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ Congregational I'tikaf for the entire month of Ramadan and for the last ten days is organized by Dawat-e-Islami in hundreds of Masajid not only in Pakistan but also in many other countries of the world. Thousands of Islamic brothers attend this I'tikaf in which they are privileged to offer five times Salahs with congregation and to perform many acts of Nafil worship. During I'tikaf, in addition, Wudu, Ghusl, Salah, Sawm and other Shari rulings are taught. One also gains a wealth of knowledge by attending two Madani Muzakaraha daily in which Shaykh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ answers different types of questions in an interesting way, providing the attendees with knowledge and wisdom. Moreover, many Mutakifeen travel with Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilahs

along with devotees of Rasul on the very first night of Shawwal immediately after the ending of Ramadan. Many fortunate lovers of Ramadan also get the privilege of attending various Madani courses such as Islah-e-Amaal course, 12-day Madani work course, Faizan-e-Namaz course, Imamate course, Mudarris course, etc.

رحمتِ حق سے دامن تم آکر بہرو مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف  
 سُنَّتیں سیکھنے کے لیے آؤ تم مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف  
 فضلِ رب سے گناہوں کی کالک ڈھلے مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف  
 نیکیوں کا تمہیں خوب جذبہ ملے مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف  
 بھائی گر چاہتے ہو ”ہمازیں پڑھوں“ مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف  
 نیکیوں میں تمنا ہے ”آگے بڑھوں“ مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف  
 تم کو راحت کی نعمت اگر چاہتے مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف

## Motivation for Madani donations

Dear Islamic brothers! Dawat-e-Islami is a global and non-political Quran and Sunnah preaching and Masjid-filling movement. Its Madani message has so far reached almost over 200 countries of the world. **دَاوَاتِ الْعِلْمِ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** Dawat-e-Islami is performing Madani activities for serving Islam in more than 100 different departments. Billions of rupees are annually spent on Jami'at-ul-Madinah (for boys and girls), Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for boys and girls) and Madani channel alone. Jami'at-ul-Madinah has so far produced thousands of scholars who are making efforts, promoting Islamic teachings in different departments. Similarly, more or less 69100 (sixty- nine thousand and one hundred) Madani children [boys and girls] have got the privilege of memorizing the Holy Quran and almost 195242 (one hundred ninety- five thousand and two hundred forty- two) Madani children have completed reciting the Nazirah of Holy Quran at Madaris-ul-Madinah. Every year, during the month of Ramadan, thousands of Huffaz are privileged to recite or to

listen to the Holy Quran during Taraweeh Salah. Last year too, thousands of honourable Huffaz from these two departments got the privilege of reciting or listening to the Holy Quran during Taraweeh Salah within and outside Pakistan.

Therefore, give your own Zakah, Sadaqat and Madani donations to Dawat-e-Islami and also collect these donations for the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami from neighbours and friends, making individual effort upon them and by telling them the excellence of spending money in the path of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Let's also listen to some Ahadees in excellence of Sadaqah in order to develop enthusiasm for spending money in the Divine path.

1. Sadaqah closes 70 doors of evil. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 4, pp. 274, Hadees 4402*)
2. Everybody will be under the shade of his Sadaqah (on the Day of Judgement) until decision will be made amongst people. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 17, pp. 280, Hadees 771*)
3. Verily, Sadaqah protects the Sadaqah-giving people from the heat of the grave; and certainly Muslim will be under the shade of his Sadaqah on the Day of Judgment. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 212, Hadees 3347*)
4. Verily, Sadaqah extinguishes the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and wards off bad death. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 146, Hadees 664*)
5. Give Sadaqah in the early morning as calamity does not step ahead of Sadaqah. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 214, Hadees 3353*)
6. Verily, the Sadaqah of a Muslim increases life and wards off bad death. And, by its blessing, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ removes arrogance and (bad habit of) boasting from the Sadaqah-giving person. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 17, pp. 22, Hadees 31*)
7. Whoever gives Sadaqah for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, that Sadaqah becomes a curtain between him and fire. (*Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 3, pp. 286, Hadees 4617*)

8. Salah is an evidence (of Iman) and Sawm is a shield (from sins) and Sadaqah wipes out sins as water [extinguishes] fire. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 118, Hadees 614*)

On page 152 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> volume of the book Fatawa Razawiyyah, after mentioning the blessed Ahadees that contain excellence of Sadaqaat, Imam of Ahl-e-Sunnat Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has summed up the excellence of Sadaqaat in the form of 25 Madani pearls:

These Ahadees prove that the Muslims who participate in this pious deed with good intention and pure wealth are expected to get 25 benefits; by the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and by the benevolence of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

1. By the bestowal of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, they will stay safe from bad death. Seventy doors of bad death will be closed.
2. They will live long.
3. They will increase in number.
4. They will be blessed with increased sustenance and abundance of wealth. If they make the habit of giving Sadaqah, they will never get destitute.
5. They will have goodness and blessing.
6. Troubles and disasters will be averted; they will be spared from awful fate; 70 doors of evil will be closed; 70 types of calamities will be averted.
7. Their cities will prosper.
8. Misery will be eased.
9. They will get free from fear and will be blessed with calmness.
10. They will have Divine help.
11. The mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will become Wajib for them.
12. Angels will send Salat upon them.

13. They will perform deeds for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
14. They will not suffer Divine wrath.
15. Their sins will be forgiven, forgiveness will become Wajib for them; the fire of their sins will be extinguished.
16. They will gain reward more than that of Sadaqah by serving the people who devote themselves to serving Islam.
17. They will get reward more than that of freeing a slave.
18. Their unresolved issues will be resolved.
19. Every virtue lies in mutual affection which will be developed by it.
20. Many will be satiated by spending a little amount of money. If they had eaten separately, double amount would have been spent.
21. Ranks will be raised in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
22. Angels will be made aware that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is pleased with them.
23. They will remain protected from Hell on the Day of Judgement; the fire of Hell will be Haraam for them.
24. They will be blessed with the favour of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the Hereafter, which is the deepest and greatest wish of everyone.
25. If Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills, they will be among the blessed group which will enter Heaven before everyone else for the sake of the sacred Nalain (footwear) of the Beloved Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Fatawa-e-Razawiyyah*, vol. 23, pp. 152)

## Make contribution to Langer-e-Razawiyyah

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ Every year, in the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, thousands of devotees of Rasul get the privilege of attending I'tikaf for the entire month of Ramadan and for its last ten days within and outside Pakistan. Langar-e-Razawiyyah (i.e. Sahari and Iftari) is prepared on a very large scale for these devotees of Rasul so that they can gain Islamic

knowledge by attending Madani Halqahs and Madani Muzakarahs with absolute concentration and undivided attention. Millions of rupees are spent on Langar-e-Razawiyah. Many devotees of Rasul make their contribution to this good deed as well. This year too, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Itikaf for the entire month and for the last ten days of Ramadan will take place at hundreds of venues within and outside Pakistan. Thousands of lovers of Ramadan will attend this I'tikaf, gaining the blessings of Ramadan. With other good intentions, all devotees of Rasool should intend to make their contribution to 'Langer-e-Razawiyah'.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Tonight is the 27<sup>th</sup> night of Rajab and tomorrow will be the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Rajab. The Sawm of the 27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab is of great excellence. 'The fortunate person, who observes Sawm on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab, earns the reward of the Siyam of 60 months.' (*Return of the Shroud, pp. 8*)

### Reward of Siyam of 100 years

Great excellence of the Sawm of the 27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab has been narrated. The Greatest and Noblest Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'There is a day and a night in Rajab. If a person observes Sawm during that day and stands (for worship) during the night, it is as if he has observed Siyam for one hundred years and worshipped at night for one hundred years; and that is the 27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 374, Hadees 3811*)

The month of Shaban is also approaching. There is also great excellence of Siyam in this month.

The Nabi of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, '(After Ramadan), the most preferable Siyam are those of Sha'ban; for honouring Ramadan.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 377, Hadees 3819*)

Sayyidatuna 'Ayesha Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has narrated, 'The Beloved and Blessed Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would keep Siyam throughout Sha'ban.' She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا once asked, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Do you like it to observe

Siyam in Sha'ban the most, out of all [other] months?' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Yes, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ records [the name of] every living being who will die this year and I like to be in the state of Sawm at the time of my demise.'  
(Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 4, pp. 277, Hadees 4890)

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to observe tomorrow's Nafil Sawm as well as the Siyam of Shaban and then all the Siyam of Ramadan; for the sake of Makki Madani Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! If only we would succeed in attending I'tikaf for the entire month of Ramadan or for the last ten days! If only we also have the privilege of collecting Madani donations with good intentions.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ