



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

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

### نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

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

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

## Excellence of Salat- 'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Holy Nabi ﷺ has said: Whoever recites Salat upon me one time, Allah ﷻ sends ten mercies upon him. And whoever recites Salat upon me ten times, Allah ﷻ sends 100 blessings upon him and whoever recites Salat upon me 100 times, Allah ﷻ will write between both of his eyes that he is free from hypocrisy and the hellfire; and Allah ﷻ will keep him with the martyrs on the Day of Judgement. (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 252, Hadees 2735)

أَنْ بِرُودِ جَنِّ كُو كَسِي بِي كَسَا كَهِي  
أَنْ بِرِ سَلَامِ جَنِّ كُو خَبَرِ بِي خَبَرِ كِي بِي

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ 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 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 *تُؤْتُونَآ إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ*, 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.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Islam is not the name of only a few beliefs and carrying out some obligatory acts, but it teaches humans the golden principles of life and blesses them with the light of knowledge provides them salvation from the darkness of ignorance. Islam guides humans in all the phases of life. Islam has not only stated the rights of others, but it has also brought salvation for women, who were the victims of the society in the pre-Islamic era. Islam has saved women from the cruelty, oppression and injustice of the society and has given them all the permissible rights from which they used to remain deprived of. In short, Islam has given women the status in the society by granting them respect which they could not even imagine in the pre-Islamic era.

### Farooq-e-A'zam made the river flow

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** has narrated a parable in his booklet '*Karamaat-e-Farooq-e-A'zam*' [Miraculous Wonders of Farooq-e-A'zam]: When Egypt was conquered, one day the people of Egypt requested Sayyiduna 'Amr Bin 'Aas **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**: O chief! Our River Nile follows a custom; it does not flow until the custom is observed. He **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** asked, 'What is that?' They replied, 'We take a virgin [girl] from her parents, adorn her with an elegant dress and beautiful jewellery and then put her into the River Nile.' Sayyiduna 'Amr Bin 'Aas **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** said, 'It is not possible at all in Islam and Islam abolishes such old illogical customs and practices.'

Thus that practice was ended. The flow of the river became slower and slower and ultimately the people decided to migrate from that place. Noticing this, Sayyiduna 'Amr Bin 'Aas **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** wrote the entire situation to the second caliph, Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin Khattab **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**. The caliph replied in writing, 'You did right. Surely, Islam eradicates these types of practices. There is a piece of paper enclosed with this letter, put it into the River Nile.'

When the letter reached Sayyiduna 'Amr Bin 'Aas **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**, he took out the piece of paper on which it was written: '(O River Nile!) Do not flow if you flow on your own and if Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** makes you flow, I make Du'a to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** to make you flow.' Sayyiduna 'Amr Bin 'Aas **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** put the piece of paper into the River Nile. Within a night the water level rose by 16 yards and the custom

was completely abolished in Egypt. (*Karamaat-e-Farooq-e-A'zam*, pp. 15; *Al-'Azamah Imam Asbahani*, pp. 318, *Hadees* 940)

چاہیں تو اشاروں سے اپنے، کایا ہی پلٹ دیں دُنیا کی  
یہ شان بے خدمت گاروں کی، سردار کا عالم کیا ہوگا

Dear Islamic brothers! It has been understood from the above-mentioned parable that Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna 'Umar 'Farooq-e-A'zam رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ was also ruling over the water of rivers and the flow of the rivers did not disobey him either. It has also been learned that before the teachings of Islam, strange customs were being observed and evils were being committed in the world such as when the River Nile was about to dry, so the people of Egypt agreed upon the solution that every year they would sacrifice an innocent virgin [girl] for the river after adorning her with jewellery and would have the thought that it was very necessary to make River Nile flow, otherwise it would get dry. But may I become sacrifice for Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin Khattab رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ! When he رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ was informed of their ignorant custom, this champion of women's rights and devotee of Islam addressed this matter seriously and using his power and authority he رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ took notice of this shameful anti-Islam custom and got it abolished immediately.

Further, by doing it he رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ raised the dignity and honour of women and played a significant role in making women get the real status for which even humanity will remain itself proud of him. Anyhow, it was the time when Islam had spread. If we analyse the status of women in the pre-Islamic era, we will realize that cruelty and injustice, which were being done to women, exceeded the limit. Let's listen to something about the huge troubles and untold miseries women had to face before Islam.

## Woman in pre-Islamic era

Women were in a very terrible condition before Islam. They had no respect and importance in the world. For men they were only a kind of toy which they used to fulfil their Nafsani [carnal] desire. Women would serve men day and night in different ways, and whatever they would earn after working

hard they would give to men, but even then the cruel men did not esteem the women, but rather they would beat them brutally. For a small reason, they used to cut the nose, ear and other body parts and sometimes even they would kill them. After the death of the father the way sons used to become the owners of his property and possessions, similarly they used to become the owners of his wives and would keep them forcefully as their female slaves. Women were not allowed to get any share from the inheritance of their parents, brothers, sisters or husband, nor could they become the owners of anything else.

This unjust custom was also being practised in some tribes of Arab that women used to be kept as prisoners for one year out of the home in a small dark hut after they became widow. They were not allowed to get out of the hut, nor were they allowed to take bath and change their dress. They had to satisfy all their needs like eating, drinking, etc., in the same hut. Many women used to die experiencing great distress in the hut and those who used to survive for one year, droppings of camels used to be put in their laps. They were forced to rub their bodies against the body of an animal. Then they had to go around the whole city in the same dirty dress and had to throw the droppings of camels here and there while walking. It was the announcement that these women had completed the time period of their 'Iddat [period during which a widow or divorced woman is forbidden to marry].

Similarly, there were many other bad customs being practised which had lots of agonies and troubles for the deprived women. They used to live with great difficulty and remained helpless and powerless for thousands of years. There was no one in the world who could console and comfort them, and nor was there anyone who could listen to their cry for help, nor could anyone show mercy to them.

## Woman after Islam

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to stop the cruelty and injustice which were being done to women before Islam, Allah ﷺ sent the Beloved Rasool ﷺ to this world with Islamic commandments. With the blessed arrival of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ a unique revolution took place in the whole world and the sorrows and difficulties of helpless and powerless

women were overcome. When our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came to this world with the religion 'Islam' from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, fortune smiled on the miserable women.

Thanks to Islam, the rank of women, who were the victim of cruel men, have been elevated so much that they have not only got great status in acts of worship and other matters, but they have also got great status in every stage of life and death and in every situation. Like the rights of men, the rights of women were also established. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent His commandments for the protection of their rights. Women got the rights of ownership; they became the owner of the money of their Mahr, trade, and their properties. They were declared the heirs in the inheritance of their parents, brothers, sisters, husband and sons. In short, the women who were extremely helpless and powerless, humiliated and disrespected and had no status in the eyes of men, became the peace of the heart of men and the queen of their homes. The Holy Quran has declared in clear words:

خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا  
لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً ط

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** He created spouses for you from yourselves for you to gain rest from them, and kept love and mercy between yourselves.

*(Part 21, Surah Ar-Room, Ayah 21)*

Now no man can neither beat women, nor drive them out of their homes, nor can snatch their possessions or properties, but it has become compulsory for every man from religious [Islamic] perspective to fulfil the rights of women.

*(Jannati Zaywar, pp. 39-42; summarized)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! Islam is the religion which for the very first time in the world has consoled and comforted miserable women. It has become affectionate to them. Instead of leaving them being oppressed Islam has made them the respectable member of the society. In short, Islam has closed the chapter of cruelties and injustice being done to women

forever and has given them all the permissible rights which they deserve. Undoubtedly, it is such a great favour of Islam for women that humanity will remain proud of it until the Judgement Day.

Remember! A woman passes through different stages in her life. For example, sometimes she is a daughter, sometimes a sister, sometimes a wife and sometimes a mother. No matter what role she plays but whenever any injustice is done to her, Islam did not hurt her feelings, but rather brought her salvation from cruelty and injustice. Indeed, Islam has given her a new life. The role of Islam, especially in giving daughters a unique status in the society and closing the chapter of unjust customs and practices which were being followed regarding them before Islam, is appreciable. Let's listen to the painful story of a terrible treatment to these little innocent baby girls.

### Status of daughter in pre-Islamic era

Before Islam, girls [daughters] were treated worse than animals; sometimes they were buried alive as soon as they were born because in that barbaric society, the birth of a daughter was considered to be a cause of embarrassment. At times, when someone would find out that a baby girl had been born at his home, he would not face people for many days contemplating what he should do in this matter. Should I bear the disgrace and bring up the daughter or should I bury her alive to save myself from the embarrassment? It is stated in the 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Ayah of Surah An-Nahl, part 14:

وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُمْ بِالْأُنثَىٰ ظَلَّ وَجْهُهُ مُسْوَدًّا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ ﴿٥٨﴾ يَتَوَارَىٰ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ مِنْ سُوءِ مَا بُشِّرَبِهِ ۗ أَيَسْئَلُهُ عَلَىٰ هَؤُلَاءِ أَمْرٌ يُدْسُهُ فِي التُّرَابِ ۗ أَلَا سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** And when one of them receives the glad tidings of a daughter, his face turns black for the day, and he remains seething. Hiding from the people because of the evil of the tidings, 'Will he keep her with disgrace, or bury her beneath the earth?'; Very evil is the judgement they impose!

But in this stone-hearted society there were such kind-hearted people who used to be grieved at the powerlessness of these baby girls and would try as

much as possible to save them from being buried alive. For example, when the cousin of Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and the father of Sayyiduna Sa'eed Bin Zayd رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ Zayd Bin 'Amr Bin Nufayl would know that a baby girl had been born at the home of such and such a person and he wanted to bury her alive so he immediately would go to him and took the responsibility of bringing her up and the expenses of her marriage. In this way, he would save the little bud from being trampled before it blossomed. Same was the practice of Sayyiduna Sa'sa'ah Bin Naajiyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ.

Sayyiduna Sa'sa'ah Bin Naajiyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ humbly said: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! I saved 360 baby girls from being buried alive in the pre-Islamic era and gave each father two 10-month pregnant she-camels along with one he-camel. Will I get any reward for this deed? The Beloved Rasool عَزَّوَجَلَّ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied: You have been rewarded for this deed. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has enabled you to embrace Islam and given you the blessing of faith. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 8, pp. 77, Hadees 7412)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! Before the arrival of Islam these delicate beautiful little baby girls were killed brutally; they had no right to live in this world. Their stone-hearted fathers used to kill them with their own hands due to the fear of being reproached by the people. In short, in the pre-Islamic era, daughters were not the sign of family honour, but rather the sign of bad omen.

Alas! In this advance age, there are also people who remind us of the painful memories of the pre-Islamic era. There are some so-called Muslims who instead of loving their daughters and being affectionate and kind to them, hate them and get these innocent babies killed in the womb of their mothers before their birth. Some daughters (baby girls) are killed with their mothers just after their birth or these daughters are thrown in the junk yard where these delicate little girls (baby girls) become the food of dogs, cats, eagles and crows or they are handed over to different social welfare organizations. Surely all these happen due to a lack of Islamic knowledge. If we analyse the teachings of Islam, we will know that Islam has forbidden us from treating them badly and unjustly. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has given us

good news of entering Paradise for bringing them up and treating them well. Let's listen to four sayings of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ about it.

## Daughters' status and rank in Islam

1. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: The one who has a daughter and he does not bury her alive, and nor does he consider her to be disgraceful, nor prefer his son to her, Allah ﷻ will make him enter Paradise. (*Sunan Abu Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 435, Hadees 5146*)
2. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: Do not call daughters bad, I have daughters too. Undoubtedly, daughters are very loving, sympathetic and very affectionate. (*Al-Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 2, pp. 415, Hadees 7556*)
3. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: The one who brings up three daughters or sisters in a way that he teaches them manners and treats them with kindness until Allah ﷻ makes them independent (e.g., they get married), Allah ﷻ makes Paradise Wajib for him. Upon hearing this, a blessed companion asked, 'Ya Rasoolallah ﷺ! ﷺ! If someone brings up two girls?' The Beloved Rasool ﷺ replied, 'Same is the reward for him. (The narrator has said) Even if people had asked about one girl, the Beloved Rasool ﷺ would have said the same about it. (*Sharh-us-Sunnah lil-Baghawi, vol. 6, pp. 452, Hadees 3351*)
4. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: When a girl is born at someone's home, Allah ﷻ sends angels to his home. They say, 'O people of the home, may peace be upon you.' Then the angels cover the baby girl with their wings and moving their hand over her head say, 'It is a weak being that has been born from a weak being. Whoever takes the responsibility of bringing up this weak being, the help of Allah ﷻ will be with him until the Day of Judgement.'

(*Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 8, pp. 285 Hadees 13484*)

Dear Islamic brothers! The Beloved Rasool ﷺ not only has highlighted the real status of a daughter through his blessed sayings, but he ﷺ has also taught us the same through his character that how a

wise father should treat his daughter. For persuasion, let's listen to a faith-refreshing example of our Beloved Rasool's affection and kindness to his beloved daughter and refresh the faith.

When Sayyidatuna Fatimah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا would come to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would stand up and taking her hand in his own blessed hand, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would kiss it and would seat her on his blessed seat. Likewise, when he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ went to Sayyidatuna Fatimah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, seeing him, she would stand up and taking his blessed hand in her own hand she would kiss it, and request him to sit on her seat.

*(Sunan Abu Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 454, Hadees 5217)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Madani Qafilah—One of the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! From the above-mentioned blessed Hadees it has been understood that being affectionate and kind to daughters and keeping them happy are the beautiful blessed Sunnahs of our Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Therefore, instead of being sad at the birth of daughters, considering them to be the cause of embarrassment, feeling downhearted or caring for the taunts of relatives, parents should treat them well and affectionately; they should have respect for their permissible desires and try to keep them happy as much as possible. Parents should keep in mind the reward of the Hereafter which they can get after bringing them up sincerely, providing them with good education and giving them good upbringing.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! In order to give the mind-set of highlighting the importance of daughters and fulfilling their rights, Dawat-e-Islami is making its efforts. You also associate yourself with the Madani environment and take part in the 12 Madani activities of Zayli Halqahs. One of the 12 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah is 'travelling with Madani Qafilah'.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! One of the aims of Madani Qafilah is to fill Masajid with Salah-offering Muslims. It is stated in a blessed Hadees about those who go to the

Masjid regularly for Salah: Undoubtedly, those who regularly go to the homes of Allah ﷺ [Masajid] for Salah are Allah-loving people. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 2, pp. 58, Hadees 2502*) Let's listen to a Madani parable for persuasion.

## Chest pain stopped

An Islamic brother from Pakka Qila, Hyderabad (Bab-ul-Islam, Sindh) has stated: All of a sudden, I started having a chest pain. The medicines I took did not work; therefore I went to Jinnah Hospital in Karachi for the heart surgery. I underwent the surgery, but my condition got worse even after the surgery. I took countless painkillers, but the pain was still persistent. Then, upon the individual efforts of an Islamic brother, I travelled with Dawat-e-Islami's Madani Qafilah of teaching Sunnah in the company of the devotees of Rasool. During the Madani Qafilah, I did not take any medicine, and nor did I have a restricted-diet. ﷺ, by virtue of the blessings of this Madani Qafilah, Allah ﷺ cured me of this disease.

بے شفا ہی شفا، مرحبا! مرحبا!  
 آ کے خود دیکھ لیں، قافلے میں چلو  
 دل میں گر درد ہو ڈر سے زُخ زرد ہو  
 پاؤ گے فرحتیں قافلے میں چلو

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ

## Status of mother in Islam

Dear Islamic brothers! Woman in the form of mother is the great personage whose presence brings about blessing, who is the beauty of home and peace of the home is established because of her. If she is seen with love, the reward of one accepted Hajj is obtained. Serving her, brings about the pleasure of Allah ﷺ. Without her, the home seems deserted. She has given birth to the great personages like blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُمْ, and pious predecessors رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُمْ. There is no limit of the favours of mother;

mother remains patient on difficulties; mother sacrifices her desires for the sake of her children's desires; mother undergoes the hardship of giving upbringing to children, pregnancy, delivery, childbirth, breastfeeding and waking up at nights. Mother herself sleeps hungry, but does not let her children sleep hungry.

In short, a mother bears everything for the sake of her child, but unfortunately in return she only gets pain and troubles. The rights of mother have been violated and injustice has been done to her in every phase of life especially in the old age. The kind of treatment she receives in the old age cannot even be imagined and makes our hair stand on end. So it is Islam which first of all talked about woman and told the whole world that mother is the respectable personage whose rights have to be fulfilled. The pleasure of Allah ﷺ is concealed in the pleasure of mother. No matter how high the post or status a person attains, he is not free from the obedience to mother. Let's listen to a blessed Hadees about the glory and greatness of mother.

### Who deserves more good treatment?

A person came in the blessed court of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ and humbly said: Ya Rasoolallah ﷺ! Who deserves more good treatment from me? The Beloved Rasool ﷺ replied: Your mother. He again humbly asked: Who is after her? It was replied: Your mother. He humbly asked third time: Who is after her? This time the Beloved Rasool ﷺ also replied the same: Your mother. He again humbly asked: Who is after her? Then the Beloved Rasool ﷺ replied: Your father. (*Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Adab, vol. 4, pp. 93, Hadees 5971*)

### Injured finger

Sayyiduna Ba-Yazeed Bistami رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said: During a very cold night, my mother asked me to fetch water. I went and fetched a glass of water but she had fallen asleep when I came. I did not feel it appropriate to wake her up. Therefore, I stood near her holding the glass of water and waiting for her to wake up so that I could present water to her. I stood for quite a while. Meantime, some water spilled over my finger and froze, turning into ice.

When my mother woke up, I presented her the glass of water. My finger had stuck to the glass because of the ice. As I detached my finger from the glass, its skin came off, causing bleeding. Seeing it, my mother asked, 'What is this?' I told her the whole story. Listening to it, she raised her hands and made Du'a, 'O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! I am pleased with him. You **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** also get pleased with him.' (*Samundari Gumbad*, pp. 4)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Introduction to booklet 'Samundari Gumbad'

**إِشْبَحْنَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ!** Have you noticed! How high is the glory and greatness of mother in Islam that no matter how hard a person tries even then he cannot fulfil the rights of this great personage. Surely, it is one of the extreme great favours of Islam and something to be proud of, for mothers. May I become sacrifice to Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** who has written a booklet named, 'Samundari Gumbad' [Oceanic Dome] in order to highlight the importance of mother in the hearts of Muslims.

**أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, in this booklet, he has compiled the rights of parents, especially mothers, their importance and the events of those who obeyed or disobeyed them and the blessed Ayahs and blessed Ahadees about parents. Therefore, buy it today from the stalls of Maktaba-tul-Madinah. Read it yourself and also distribute it in a large quantity after buying. It can be read, downloaded and printed from the website of Dawat-e-Islami [www.dawateislami.net](http://www.dawateislami.net).

## Sister's status in Islam

The way Islam has mentioned the rights of mothers, similarly Islam has also highlighted the rights of real sister and has given the Dars to treat real sister and foster sister well because sisters tolerate the pretensions of their brothers, fulfil their demands and help them in pains and happiness. They take on the responsibility for the whole household chores after the death of their mother and do not make brothers feel that they have lost their mother.

On the other hand, in the pre-Islamic era, they were given extremely harsh and poor treatment. For example, before Islam, the social evil of marrying real sister was widespread. Allah ﷺ made it Haraam forever in a way: 'Forbidden for you are your mothers, and your daughters, and your sisters'. (Part 4, Surah An-Nisa, Ayah 23)

Making brothers the protector of the honour of their sisters the Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: The one, who has three daughters or three sisters or two daughters or two sisters and he treats them well and keeps fearing Allah ﷺ regarding them, will attain Paradise. (Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 367, Hadees 1923) Or rather at another place by bringing together the blessed four fingers, this glad tiding has been given: Such a person will be with me in Paradise like this. (Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 4, pp. 313, Hadees 12594)

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ treated his foster sister Sayyidatuna Sheema رضى الله تعالى عنها in a way that he ﷺ stood for her<sup>1</sup>, spread his blessed chador and then said: Ask for! You will be bestowed; make intercession! Your intercession will be accepted. (Dalaail-un-Nubuwwah, vol. 5, pp. 200)

During this unique act of kindness tears were flowing from his blessed eyes. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ also said: If you want you can live with us with respect. When she was about to return, the Beloved Rasool ﷺ gave her three slaves and one female slave and either one or two camels also. When he ﷺ met her again at Maqaam-e-Ji'irraanah, he ﷺ gave her sheep and goats. (Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 5, pp. 333)

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said to Sayyidatuna Maymunah رضى الله تعالى عنها: Maintain ties with your sister by giving your female slave to her; it is better for you. (Muwatta Imam Maalik, vol. 2, pp. 449, Hadees 1855)

Sayyiduna Jabir Bin 'Abdullah رضى الله تعالى عنه married a widow only for the sake of looking after his seven or nine sisters, for their care and good upbringing. (Sahih Muslim, pp. 593-594, Hadees 3641/3638)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! The Beloved Rasool ﷺ was very affectionate and kind to his foster sister. The way he ﷺ

<sup>1</sup> Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 5, pp. 333

used to treat well his blessed wives, Sahabiyyat and other female servants رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُنَّ and keep them happy, similarly, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to do with his foster sister as well. When his foster sister Sayyidatuna Sheema رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا would come to him, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would stand up upon her arrival with pleasure, treat her well and would give her a lot. This beautiful deed of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ contains the Madani pearls of advice for us because nowadays most of us have sisters but do we lovingly treat them? Are they pleased with us or not? Have we deprived them of the inheritance? Do we scold, beat or abuse our sisters? Do we make them happy? Do we invite them at the parties we arrange or not? Don't we violate their rights? Anyway, acting upon the teachings of Islam we should play a role of affectionate and kind-hearted brother and should associate ourselves with the environment in which we can get the great mind-set of fulfilling the rights of sisters.

## Introduction to Majlis Madani In'amaat

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami gives us the mind-set of treating sisters well and fulfilling their rights along with other relatives. So you also associate yourself with this Madani environment and participate actively in religious [Islamic] activities. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Dawat-e-Islami is serving Islam in more than 103 departments. One of the departments is 'Majlis Madani In'amaat. The main aim of this Majlis is to make Islamic brothers, Islamic sisters and the male and female students of Jami'a-tul-Madinah and Madaris-ul-Madinah practicing and to persuade them to act upon the Madani In'amaat. 72 Madani In'amaat are for Islamic brothers and 63 Madani In'amaat are for Islamic sisters.

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has stated: I wish, all the Islamic brothers and sisters could act upon these Madani In'amaat along with acting upon Fard (obligatory) and Sunan acts and all the responsible Islamic brothers of Dawat-e-Islami could propagate these Madani In'amaat in their Halqah [area] so that every Muslim practises them sincerely for the betterment of their grave and the Hereafter and attains the great gift of being the neighbour of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in

Jannat-ul-Firdaus by the grace of Allah Almighty! Let's make intention that not only do we act upon the Madani In'amaat ourselves, but we will also persuade others to do so.

## Status of wife in Islam

Dear Islamic brothers! Before Islam wife was also kept as mortgage for money/possessions like animals and other goods.

*(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 148, Hadees 2510)*

These unfortunate women were in great trouble due to their powerlessness and no society and civilization solved their problems. But then the religion Islam came with the arrival of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ which not only has brought salvation to them from the cruelty and injustice, but it has also established their rights upon men. It is Islam that has declared the relationship, which is established between man and woman through Nikah, the protector of the half faith of man. It is Islam that has given the ownership of the Haq-Mahr given to them by their husbands and the inheritance of their husband in case of being a widow.

Islam has not only discouraged the thought 'for husband, wife is a disrespectful being', but rather Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said that *wives are the source of husbands' comfort and peace.* (Part 21, Surah Ar-Room, Ayah 21)

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has commanded husbands about wives:

وَعَايِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** And deal with them kindly.

*(Part 4, Surah An-Nisa, Ayah 19)*

Islam has declared the person best who treats his wife well. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The best is he who is better for his wife and I am better than all of you for my wife. (Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 5, pp. 475, Hadees 3921)

Sayyiduna Hakeem Bin Mu'awiyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated from his father that a person asked the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: What is the right of a wife upon her husband? The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied: When he eats he should give her to eat; when he wears a dress, he should give her to wear a dress; he should not beat her on the face, and nor should he call her ugly and (for making her understand) if he has to separate from her, so he should do it [separate] in the home. (*Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 409, Hadees 1850*)

It also used to happen in the pre-Islamic era that husbands used to ask for money from their wives. If they refused to give, they would take an oath 'not go closer to them' for many years. Islam has eradicated this injustice and fixed the duration of only four months instead of years for the one who takes such an oath. In short, Islam has given a unique status and rank to wives in the society; fixed their rights and advised husbands to treat them well. Therefore, if someone's wife is ill-tempered, rude, or makes mistakes while making food, so instead of losing temper, abusing her, forcing her to leave home, sending her to her father's home or threatening to divorce her, the husband should become sensible and forgive her mistakes and should remember her favours. Remember, these are the teachings of Islam.

## Islamic teachings about wives

It is stated in *Tanbih-ul-Ghafilien* that a person came to Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ to make a complaint against his wife. When he reached the door of Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ he heard his wife Umm-e-Kulsoom رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا talking to him angrily. The person returned while saying: I came to him with the intention to make a complaint against my wife but the same is the case with him (therefore how can he solve my problem?)

Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ called for him and asked him why he came. He humbly said: I came to you with the intention to make a complaint against my wife, but when I heard the conversation of your wife (about you), so (disappointed) I went back. Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said to him: My wife has a few rights upon me (i.e. I get some benefits from her) due to which I overlook her mistakes. (1) She is prevention

for me from Hell; due to her, my heart stays safe from Haraam (i.e. I satisfy the desire of my Nafs through her and thus protect myself from the Haraam act.) (2) When I leave my home, she becomes my treasurer and guard for my wealth. (3) She is my washerwoman; she washes my clothes. (4) She brings up my child and (5) she makes Rotis [loaves of bread] and food for me. Having heard these benefits the person said: Undoubtedly, I also get the same benefits from my wife which you get, but I never overlook her mistakes, therefore now I will overlook her mistakes. *(Tanbih-ul-Ghafileen, pp. 280)*

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلُّوا عَلٰى الْحَبِيبِ

## Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! In today's speech, we have heard about the favours Islam has done to women and the status which Islam has given to them in the society.

- Before Islam, women were treated like animals. Islam has closed the chapter of the oppression and injustice done to them forever and has made them the respectable members of the society.
- Islam is the biggest champion of the protection of women rights.
- Before Islam, the presence of daughters was considered to be a curse and they were buried alive.
- It is Islam which has given daughters the right to live after eradicating the injustice done to them.
- It is Islam which has highlighted the rights of a mother and told that mother is the respectable personage whose rights have to be fulfilled at all cost.
- It is Islam which has stated the rights of sisters and advised brothers to treat them well.

- It is Islam which has declared the relationship that is established between man and woman through a marriage to be the half faith of a man.
- It is Islam which has declared the person best, who treats his wife well.

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

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 اللَّهُ 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 بنانا

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## Entering and leaving the home: 12 Madani pearls

1. When leaving the home, recite this Du'a:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

Translation: With the name of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I have put my trust in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, there is neither power nor strength without Him.

(Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 420, Hadees 5095)

إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! By the blessings of reciting this Du'a', the person who recited it, will remain on the right path and will be safe from calamities besides being blessed with Divine help.

1. Du'a before entering the home:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ الْمَوْلَجِ وَخَيْرَ الْمَخْرَجِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَ لَجْنَا وَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ  
خَرَجْنَا وَ عَلَى اللَّهِ رَبِّنَا تَوَكَّلْنَا

Translation: O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I ask You for the goodness of coming and exiting. We entered (the home) with the name of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and exited (the home) with the name of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and we put our trust in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, our Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (Ibid, Hadees 5096)

After reciting this Du'a, make Salam to the household, and present Salam to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Then recite Surah Al-Ikhlāas. There will be blessings in your sustenance and the house will be protected from disputes, إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

2. Make Salam to the Mahram and Mahrmaat (e.g. the mother, the father, the brother, the sister, children and the wife etc.)
3. If anyone enters the home without mentioning the name of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, e.g. without saying بِسْمِ اللَّهِ, Satan also enters with him.
4. If one enters a house where no one is present (even one's own home) he should say:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَ عَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ

Translation: Salam be upon us and the righteous bondmen of Allah.

The angels will reply to this Salam. (Rad-dul-Muhtar, vol. 9, pp. 682) One can also say the following:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ

Translation: O Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Salam be upon you.

The sacred and blessed soul of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is present in the homes of Muslims. (*Sharh Ash-Shifa lil-Qaari, vol. 2, pp. 118*)

5. Before you enter someone's home, say 'اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ' May I come in?'
6. If permission for entry is not given, return happily without getting annoyed. Perhaps they may not have given permission due to some compulsion.
7. When someone knocks on your door, it is a Sunnah to ask who it is. The person who knocked should mention his name, for example, Muhammad Ilyas. Instead of telling the name, saying such things as Madinah! 'It's me', 'open the door' etc. is not a Sunnah.
8. After you have mentioned your name, stand at a side so that you do not look inside the house as soon as the door opens.
9. It is prohibited to glance into someone's home. Some houses are higher than the other adjoining ones. Therefore, those living in higher houses should take great care when looking out from the balcony or window of their house.
10. When you go to someone's home, do not unnecessarily criticize their home arrangements, as this could be hurtful to them.
11. When leaving, make Du'a for the household, thank them, make Salam, and gift them with a Sunnah-Inspiring booklet, if possible.

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 اللهُ 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 الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed 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 بَدْوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عليه رحمه الله الهادي 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. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَنْزِلْهُ الْبَقْعَدَ 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 اللهُ 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 اللهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ  
سُبْحَانَ اللهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

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