Pious Predecessors' Sacrifices for the Pleasure of Allah

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(For Islamic Brothers)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ وَ الصَّلٰوةُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ
اَمَّا بَعْدُ فَاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْمِ ؕ بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ؕ

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اَلصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُوْلَ الله وَعَلٰى اٰلِكَ وَاَصْحٰبِكَ يَا حَبِيْبَ الله
اَلصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ الله وَعَلٰى اٰلِكَ وَاَصْحٰبِكَ يَا نُوْرَ الله

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْاِعْتِكَافِ

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

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafl (supererogatory) I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafl 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 Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: The one who recites Salat upon me one hundred times on Friday and the night of Friday, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will fulfil one hundred of his needs. *(Jami'-ul-Ahadees lis-Suyuti, vol. 3, pp. 75, Hadees 7377)*

خوب بھیجو مل کے دیوانو! ادب سے جھوم کر
تم مدینے کے حسین گلزار پر لاکھوں سلام

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

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Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهٖ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action*.

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

Two Madani pearls

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

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
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 صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب, اُذْكُرُوا اللّٰه, تُوْبُوْا اِلَى اللّٰه, 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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Why sacrificed ministry?

It has been narrated that one day the minister of caliph Haroon-ur-Rasheed Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Musharraf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه was sitting before Haroon-ur-Rasheed. He asked: O the caliph of Muslims! If someone requests you to return him his slave who has come to you after running away from him, so will you return him his slave? The caliph replied in the positive. So Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Musharraf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه humbly said: Sir! I am also the slave of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, who has come after running away from his real Master. Please leave me so that I can go back to Him again. Having heard this, caliph Haroon-ur-Rasheed and all the people present there wept and then the caliph said: He has achieved salvation amongst us, whereas we are sitting here only looking at him. Having said this, caliph Haroon-ur-Rasheed gave him permission to leave. After listening to the permission, Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Musharraf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه stood up, tied Ihram reciting 'لَبَّيْكَ اَللّٰهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ' went towards blessed Haram. On the way, Sayyiduna Sufyan Sawri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه met him and saw that he was sleeping on the floor; dust was settling on his face. Sayyiduna Sufyan Sawri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه greeted him [said Salam to him] and asked: O 'Abdullah! What has Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ given you for giving up everything?

He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه replied: O Sufyan! In return for sacrificing the ministry and other possessions, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has blessed me with His pleasure which I am experiencing now. When the great Islamic scholars of the sacred Haram learnt that pious minister had arrived, they came and greeted him. After seeing his weakness and dust-covered body they asked: How did you endure the troubles of the journey in the plain which has no shade and no water?

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Musharraf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه replied: How does the criminal slave, whose heart is taking him to the door of his Master, come to the court of his Master? If I had had the power I would have come headlong. Saying this he started weeping. When he was asked as to why he was weeping. He replied: I have sent my helper before me; perhaps his intercession will be accepted. When he saw blessed Baytullah, he raised a loud cry and departed this life. *(Hikayatayn aur Naseehatayn, pp. 269)*

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بے سبب اے خدا کردے بخشش حشر میں مجھ سے کرنا نہ پُرسِش
نام غفّار مولٰی تِرا ہے یا خدا تجھ سے میری دعا ہے

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely our pious predecessors made many sacrifices in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ; sometimes they sacrificed wealth, and sometimes their lives; sometimes their kingship, and sometimes their ministries. In short, whenever, wherever and whatever sacrifice was needed, they made it in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ as can be seen in the above-mentioned parable in which a minister sacrificed his ministry, his wealth, his worldly luxury and pleasure, all only for the sake of the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. He spent his days and nights worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and then departed this life. Centuries have passed even then the fame of his great sacrifices is still being heard. Therefore instead of only talking deceptively, sitting idle, spending time uselessly and offering excuses, we should obtain Madani pearls from the life of these Allah-loving people. Obtaining Madani pearls from the life of these Allah-fearing and Allah-loving people and trusting in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ we should try to develop the passion for making sacrifices for the sake of Islam.

Remember! Blessed Ambiya, blessed companions and later on pious saints all made sacrifices as per their ranks and status and this act of making sacrifices is still going on.

In the age of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام, his son Sayyiduna Haabeel رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ adopting piety for the sake of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ first presented his possession (goat) for sacrifice and then he sacrificed his own life. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated it in Surah Al-Ma`idah, part 6. Commentators have narrated this event in detail.

Haabeel's sacrifice

Haabeel and Qaabeel both are the sons of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام. It is said that the first person who committed murder on the earth is Qaabeel and the first person who was murdered was Haabeel. It happened like this that

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Sayyiduna Hawwa رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہَا would give birth to twins every time, one baby boy and the other one baby girl. The boy of one pregnancy was married to the girl of the other pregnancy. Following this tradition, Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام wanted to marry Qaabeel with Liyuza who was born with Haabeel. But Qaabeel expressed his discontent over the decision because Aqleema was more beautiful, that's why he desired to get her.

Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام tried to explain Qaabeel that Aqleema was born with him, therefore, she was his sister and he cannot marry her, but Qaabeel remained disobedient. Finally, Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام ordered them to make their sacrifices in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The one whose sacrifice is accepted will deserve Aqleema.

In those days, the sign of the acceptance of sacrifice was that a fire from the sky would come down and engulf the sacrifice. Therefore, Qaabeel offered some grains of wheat and Haabeel رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ a goat for sacrifice. The heavenly fire engulfed the sacrifice of Haabeel رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ and left the wheat grains of Qaabeel. At this, Qaabeel bore malice and felt jealousy of Haabeel رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ and intended to murder Sayyiduna Haabeel رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ. He threatened Haabeel that he would kill him. Sayyiduna Haabeel رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ said to Qaabeel: Acceptance of sacrifice is from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and He accepts the sacrifice of only pious and sincere people. He رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ further said: If you had been pious, your sacrifice must have been accepted.

(Ajaaib-ul-Quran, pp. 85-86; Siraat-ul-Jinaan, vol. 2, pp. 416, Taht-al-Ayah: 27)

Dear Islamic brothers! From the above-mentioned Quranic event it has been understood that offering sacrifices in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ initiated in the blessed age of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام and it remained the blessed method of blessed Ambiya عَلَیْہِمُ السَّلَام. Blessed Ambiya عَلَیْہِمُ السَّلَام travelled through rugged lands, suffered great problems, faced evil forces courageously, migrated from their cities and countries, devoted their lives, and made the sacrifice of their sacred lives where necessary, only for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

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Sacrifices of Ambiya

Sayyiduna Abu 'Ubaydah Bin Jarrah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ has stated that I humbly asked: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم! Who will be tormented the most on the Judgement Day? The Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم replied: The one who murdered a Nabi or murdered the one who enjoined to do good and prevented from evil. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم then recited the following Ayah:

اِنَّ الَّذِیْنَ یَكْفُرُوْنَ بِاٰیٰتِ اللّٰهِ وَ یَقْتُلُوْنَ النَّبِیّٖنَ بِغَیْرِ حَقٍّۙ وَّ یَقْتُلُوْنَ الَّذِیْنَ یَاْمُرُوْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ مِنَ النَّاسِۙ فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ اَلِیْمٍ ﴿۲۱﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Those who disbelieve in the signs of Allah, and unjustly assassinate the Ambiya, and slay people who order justice, so give them the tiding of a painful punishment.

(Part 3, Surah Aal-e-'Imran, Ayah 21)

He صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم then said: O Abu 'Ubaydah! Bani Israel martyred 43 Ambiya in the initial time of the morning. 112 worshipping scholars of Bani Israel stood up and enjoined them to do good and prevented [them] from evil so Bani Israel martyred all of them too in the last part of the day. *(Jami'-ul-Bayan, vol. 3, pp. 216, Raqm 6777)*

ٹُوٹے گو سر پہ کوہِ بلا صبر کر اے مبلغ نہ تُو ڈگمگا صبر کر
لَب پہ حرفِ شکایت نہ لا صبر کر ہاں یہی سُنّتِ شاہِ ابرار ہے

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Dear Islamic brothers! It has been understood from the above-mentioned blessed Hadees that many blessed Ambiya sacrificed their lives in the right

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path. Let's have the privilege to hear about the sacrifices of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. Not only did he attain the privilege of making a great sacrifice leaving his child and family alone in the deserted jungle for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, but he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام also even did not hesitate to sacrifice his child in the path of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Tests of devotion

After the birth of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام his father Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام received a Divine revelation to take Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا and Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to the land where Makkah Mukarramah is situated now. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام took both of them to the land of Haram from Syria on a Buraaq and left them near sacred Ka'bah. At that time, there was neither any population nor any spring nor any sign of water.

Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام placed some dates in a travelling bag and gave water in a pot and then returned without looking back to them again. The mother of Sayyidatuna Isma'eel Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا humbly asked, 'Where are you going leaving us helpless in this lonely and desolate desert without anyone knowing us?' But Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not give any reply to it and nor did he pay any attention to her.

Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا humbly said the same a few times. When she did not get any reply she said: Has Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ commanded you to do it? Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied in the positive. Having heard this, Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا felt satisfied. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام went back.

Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا started breastfeeding her son, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. When she ran out of the water she had, and felt very thirsty even her son also started feeling thirsty, she ran between Safa and Marwah seven times in search for water or populated area until a spring (Zamzam) emerged from this dry land after either an angel hit its wing or with the blessed foot of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. *(Siraat-ul-Jinaan, vol. 5, pp. 183)*

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Same dream during three nights

In the childhood of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, on the eighth night of Zul-Hajj, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام dreamt that someone was saying, 'Undoubtedly Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has commanded you to slaughter your son.' From morning to evening, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام kept on contemplating whether the dream was from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ or from Satan. That's why the eighth of Zul-Hajj was named 'يَوْمُ التَّرْوِيَه', i.e. the day of contemplation. On the ninth night of Zul-Hajj, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had the same dream and believed that the command was from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, that's why the ninth of Zul-Hajj is referred to as 'يَوْم عَرَفَه', i.e. the day of recognition. After he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had the same dream once again on the tenth of Zul-Hajj, acting upon the dream he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام made a firm intention to sacrifice his son, that's why the tenth of Zul-Hajj is called 'يَوْمُ النَّحْر', i.e. the day of sacrifice. *(Tafseer Kabeer, vol. 9, pp. 346)*

Obedient should be like him!

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely the status and rank of the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام are exalted and higher than the entire creation, therefore the hardships they endured were also greater, but look at the patience and steadfastness of these blessed personalities! They endured the hardships and difficulties happily and succeeded in attaining the higher status in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. These are the great sacrifices of these personages which have become leading rules for people forever.

It has been understood from the abovementioned parable that Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was very dear and obedient Nabi of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has blessed him with special favours and honours. That's why he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام remained steadfast on whatever hardships he faced from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and got ready wholeheartedly for the sacrifice Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ commanded his father to make. It has also been understood from the event that Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was a very submissive and obedient bondman of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The child he was blessed with in the old age after making lots of Du'a was the apple of his eyes and peace of his heart; he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام could not separate

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himself from him but for the sake of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام left him and his wife at that deserted and isolated place of valley Batha [بَطحا] where there was neither a single leaf of any tree for covering the head nor a single drop of water for quenching the thirst, neither any helper or friend nor any sympathiser or consoler. If any of us had been there, just the idea of doing something like this would have made our heart palpitate; or rather it would have failed due to the immense sorrow. But, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام neither grew anxious, nor suffered distress and nor started contemplating deeply after listening to the Divine command, but rather fulfilling the command of his Lord and for Divine pleasure he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام along with his family immediately went to Makkah from Syria. And then after leaving his family in Makkah, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام returned to Syria.

Sacrifices of Blessed Rasool ﷺ

Dear Islamic brothers! Like other blessed Ambiya, our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم also made countless sacrifices. Everyone knows about the sacrifices he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has made. After the declaration of Prophethood, the unbelievers inflicted great oppression and cruelty upon the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم and levelled different types of allegations against him. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم was called a liar, fortune-teller and a magician مَعَاذَ اللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ; thorns were placed on his way; stones were thrown at him. Attempts were made on him and on those who believed in him and finally he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم migrated from Makkah Mukarramah to Madinah Munawwarah. The unbelievers kept causing troubles to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم even in Madinah Munawwarah. They became so much furious that they not only became the enemy of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم but they also became the enemy of the inhabitants of Madinah and started fighting battle against them. *(Seerat-e-Mustafa, pp. 114 to 116)*

وہ دینِ حق کے واسِطے طائف میں زخم کھائیں — افسوس ہم پھنسے رہیں بس کاروبار میں
گم ہو کے عشقِ مصطفٰے میں اے خدائے پاک — کرتا رہوں بیان سَدا اَشکبار میں
تبلیغِ دین کے لئے دَر دَر پھروں اے کاش! — طالِب ہوں ایسے وَلوَلے کا کِردِگار میں

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Dear Islamic brothers! Following the life of blessed Ambiya we should also travel with a Madani Qafilah only for 3 days if not for years or months after separating ourselves from our dear and beloved ones, in the company of devotees of Rasool for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in order to propagate Islam, learn Sunnahs and to spread the call towards righteousness to people. We should attend the weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima' along with our sane, sensible and mature children regularly. We should grow beard, wear blessed 'Imamah and act upon other Sunnahs. We should also persuade our children to act upon Sunnahs.

At times, it is observed that people request to make Du'a for the guidance of their children and for them to become righteous. They say: *Hadrat please make Du'a for my son to become Salah-offering. We are very worried due to the friendship of his bad friends. He does not listen to us. Please make Du'a for him so that he becomes righteous*. We should also ponder over it: Don't we have to become righteous? Don't we have to offer Salah regularly? Won't we recite the Holy Quran? Won't we practise Sunnah regularly? Let's make a firm intention from today that we will also spend our lives as per the commandments of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

سُنّتوں کی کروں خُوب خِدمت ہر کسی کو دُوں نیکی کی دعوت
نیک میں بھی بنوں اِلتِجا ہے یا خُدا تجھ سے میری دُعا ہے

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Sacrifices of blessed companions

Dear Islamic brothers! The way blessed Ambiya عَلَیْہِمُ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام have made sacrifices everywhere for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, similarly blessed

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companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم also made many sacrifices in their age. Some blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم migrated to Madinah from Makkah abandoning their homes and household goods and earned the title of Muhajir (migrants). Blessed companions living in Madinah Munawwarah also made great sacrifices. They set the example of being Ansaar (helpers) after sacrificing their houses, lands, property and other necessary things for their migrant brothers. A large number of blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم sacrificed their lives for the propagation of Islam and attained the status of martyrdom. Some sacrificed their wealth and possessions. Let's have the privilege of listening to some parables of blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم who for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for the sake of Islam made sacrifices of their wealth and lives.

Financial sacrifices of a blessed companion

All the blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم offered sacrifices in different ways but a glorious companion Sayyiduna 'Abdur Rahman Bin 'Awf رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ had a unique manner.

1. He رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ once gave 4 thousand dinars in charity.
2. Once he gave 40,000 dinars (dinar is a gold coin) in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
3. Once he gave 500 horses to Mujahideen.
4. Once he gave 1500 camels in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
5. He made a will to give 50,000 dinars in charity at the time of his demise.
6. Once when he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ fell ill he made a will to give one third of his wealth in charity but later on when he recovered, he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ himself gave the wealth in charity.
7. Once he said to blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم: I will give 400 dinars to each person who took part in the Battle of Badr.
8. Once he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ gave 150,000 dinars in charity only in one day; at night when he calculated he said that all of my wealth is Sadaqah on

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Muhajireen and Ansaar even he said: Give my Qamees to such-and-such a person and my 'Imamah to such-and-such a person.

Sayyiduna Jibra`eel Ameen came to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم and humbly said: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم! The Sadaqat of 'Abdur Rahman have been accepted; give him the news of being Jannati without any accountability.

9. He freed 30,000 slaves.

10. He presented a garden to the blessed wives of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم (which was sold for 40,000). *(Mirat-ul-Manajeeh, vol. 8, pp. 445)*

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12 Madani activities – Madani In'amaat

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! On different occasions, Sayyiduna 'Abdur Rahman Bin 'Awf رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ sacrificed his enormous wealth in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for the propagation of Islam. Surely when these achievements of pious people are mentioned, we also develop the passion for doing such acts. These parables of the blessed personages are leading rules for us even today. So we should also develop the passion for sacrificing our all resources and time for propagating Islam and spreading the call towards righteousness. The best source to attain this Madani passion is to associate yourself with the Madani environment and take part practically in 12 Madani activities.

One of the 12 Madani activities is to practise Madani In'amaat by making self-accountability, do Fikr-e-Madinah daily and then submit the booklet of Madani In'amaat to the responsible Islamic brother of your area when the month ends. Every devotee of Dawat-e-Islami should not only act upon the Madani In'amaat and then submit the booklet of Madani In'amaat, but they should also distribute some booklets, for example 26 booklets to other Islamic brothers every month. They should have the names, contact numbers/WhatsApp numbers of the Islamic brothers they have given the booklet to. Carry on making individual efforts to persuade them from time to

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time to practise the Madani In'amaat and try to get the booklets of Madani In'amaat back as well. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, our pious predecessors رَحِمَهُمُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی did not only make self-accountability, but they would also persuade others to do so.

Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ has stated, 'O people, make accountability of your deeds before the Day of Judgement comes and you are held accountable for them.'

(Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 1, pp. 56)

The guidance which Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه has given us about observing Fikr-e-Madinah in a better and easy way is definitely noteworthy and appreciable. In this sinful era, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه has given us 72 Madani In'amaat, a comprehensive collection of Shari'ah and Tareeqah consisting of the ways to perform good deeds easily and abstain from sins in the form of a questionnaire. He has offered 72 Madani In'amaat for Islamic brothers, 63 for Islamic sisters, 92 for male Islamic students, 83 for female Islamic students, 40 for Madani children (male and female) and for special Islamic brothers (deaf and dumb) 27 Madani In'amaat. Let's listen to a Madani parable of a Madani In'amaat booklet.

Blessing of Madani In'amaat booklet

An Islamic brother of New Karachi has stated: The Masjid Imam of my area who is associated with Dawat-e-Islami, made individual efforts upon my brother and gave him a Madani In'amaat booklet as a gift. My brother brought the booklet home and was amazed to read it since the brief booklet contained an excellent formula for a Muslim to live his life as per Islamic principles. Through the blessings of receiving and studying a Madani In'amaat booklet, اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he drew inspiration to perform Salah and went to the Masjid to offer Salah with Jama'at (congregation). Now, he regularly offers all five Salahs, has grown a beard and also fills in the Madani In'amaat booklet.

مَدنی انعامات کے عامل پہ ہر دم ہر گھڑی
یا الٰہی! خوب برسا رحمتوں کی تُو جھڑی

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Sacrifices of pious saints

Dear Islamic brothers! Pious saints and pious bondmen of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ also made many sacrifices in order to enlighten the whole world with the light of Islamic teachings only for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Sayyiduna Shaykh 'Abdul Qaadir Jeelani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه took permission from his mother at the age of 17 only (according to another saying, 18 years) and travelled to Baghdad Mu'alla from sacred Jeelan. He faced hunger, thirst, starvation and seclusion with patience and steadfastness during his student life and attained a great status. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه devoted his entire life to propagate Islam and present the call towards righteousness.

واہ کیا مرتبہ اے غوث ہے بالا تیرا

اُونچے اُونچوں کے سروں سے قدم اعلٰی تیرا

Sacrifice of Khuwajah Ghareeb Nawaz!

Khuwajah Ghareeb Nawaz Mu'eenuddin Chishti Ajmayri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه travelled to Bukhara, Samarqand, Nayshapur at the age of 15 approximately. When he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه paid a visit to the sacred court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم in Madinah, the title of 'Mu'eenuddin' (helper of Deen) was bestowed upon him and he was ordered to go to the city of India, Ajmer for calling people towards righteousness. By virtue of the blessing of his calling people towards righteousness, countless non-Muslims embraced Islam. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه devoted his entire life to propagate the blessed sayings of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. *(Allah kay Khaas Banday, pp. 508, 513)*

یا خواجہ کرم کیجئے ہوں ظُلمتیں کافُور

باطِل نے بڑے زور سے سر اپنا اُٹھایا

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Sacrifice of Daata Sahib!

Dear Islamic brothers! Daata Ganj Bakhsh Ali Hajwayri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه also sacrificed by leaving his home just for propagating the teachings of Islam. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه travelled from the Mahallah Hajwayr of Ghazni, a city of Afghanistan and chose Markaz-ul-Awliya (Lahore) to reside forever. Similarly, countless pious saints of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ abandoned luxury and comfort, their houses and household goods, endured great hardships, devoted and sacrificed their lives.

Sacrifices of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه has also devoted his blessed life to revive Sunnah and reform the beloved Ummah of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. He initiated the global non-political movement of preaching Quran and Sunnah, Dawat-e-Islami from Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi and today اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ the Madani message of Dawat-e-Islami has spread across the globe. He wrote many books and booklets on different topics including the famous, great and voluminous masterpiece which is the most published book in Pakistan, '*Faizan-e-Sunnat*' (Blessings of Sunnah) a collection of countless Sunnahs. He has been delivering Sunnah-inspiring Bayans (speeches) on hundreds of topics for the reformation of beliefs and deeds and also conducting live on Madani Channel, Madani Muzakarahs consisting of invaluable information on Shari'ah, organizational issues, history and health.

شہا عطارؔ پر ہر آن رحمت کی نظر رکھنا

کرے دن رات یہ سنّت کی خدمت یا رسول اللہ

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Sacrifice of Nafs

On the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, in 1424 AH, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه was out of the country [Pakistan]. At some responsible Islamic brothers of Dawat-e-Islami's insistence, he intended to

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celebrate Eid-ul-Adha in Pakistan, but a few days before Eid, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه sent this message via email: I had a flight confirmed for Friday night (8th Zul-Hijjah 1424 AH). On Wednesday, I felt panic rising within me. I thought long and hard that if I come to Bab-ul-Madinah [Karachi, Pakistan] I will be able to celebrate Eid with my family and children and with a large number of Islamic brothers with great fervour. But, coming to Bab-ul-Madinah means I have to obey my Nafs, whereas focusing on written work while staying out of the country will be beneficial for my Hereafter.

On the one hand, in Bab-ul-Madinah, surrounded by people, there is a great chance of falling into sins, on the other hand, staying here by myself means I will have less opportunities to commit sins. Protecting the eyes and the tongue [from sins] is extremely difficult among the crowds whereas here at my residence, it is اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ relatively easy to observe Qufl-e-Madinah of the eyes and the tongue [i.e. protecting them from sins]. Therefore I thought that visiting Bab-ul-Madinah now will not result in any important activity of religion, but rather it will only please my Nafs. The true sacrifice is the one that is very difficult for Nafs and as this is the season of sacrifice, therefore it seems appropriate for me to sacrifice my own desires. Thus, keeping in mind the tremendous benefits of the Hereafter, I have decided to postpone my return to Bab-ul-Madinah. *(Ta'aruf Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, pp. 65)*

Introduction to booklets

Dear Islamic brothers! After listening to the abovementioned thought-provoking parables of pious predecessors' great sacrifices we may also develop the mind to make sacrifices. In order to know more about the sacrifices of pious predecessors study 3 booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat named *'Josh-e-Imani', 'Husayni Dulha',* and *'Abu Jahl ki Maut'*. Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه has written highly emotive and tear-jerking parables of the bravery and the unique sacrifices blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم and other pious predecessors gave for Islam in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in an extremely beautiful and easy way in these unique booklets. Therefore buy these 3 booklets today from the stalls of Maktaba-tul-Madinah and study them not only yourself but also present them to other Islamic brothers as a

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gift. These booklets can be read, downloaded and printed from the website of Dawat-e-Islami: www.dawateislami.net.

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Importance of sacrifice in Islam

Dear Islamic brothers! From the above-mentioned parables of sacrifices we have obtained the Madani pearls that we should try to form the habits of being patient and thankful. We should have the mind-set of making sacrifices in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ so that we can make sacrifices in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ without any hesitation when the time of sacrifice comes.

One of the best sources of implementing these praiseworthy qualities on ourselves is to study the life and character of pious predecessors. When we read the parables of blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام and pious saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ for their sake we will also develop the mind of making sacrifices and remaining patient upon troubles. Today, we have heard about Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. He spent his entire life in absolute obedience and submission to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام practically demonstrated true sacrifice of all of his resources such as life, health and possessions with full devotion in order to fulfil Divine commands, even he did not refrain from sacrificing his beloved son. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ liked his beautiful act of sacrifice so much that He عَزَّوَجَلَّ commanded the whole Muslim Ummah to sacrifice animals following the act of His Khaleel.

One virtue for every hair

Sayyiduna Zayd Bin Arqam رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ has stated: The blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُم said: O Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, what are these sacrifices? He صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied, 'The Sunnah of your father Ibraheem (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام).' Blessed companions humbly asked, 'What is the reward for us in them, O Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم?' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied, 'For every hair there is one virtue.' They humbly asked, 'What about wool?' He صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied, 'For every hair of it, there is also one virtue.'

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(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 3, pp. 531, Raqm 3127)

Sacrifice is safe

It is stated in another blessed Hadees: O people! Perform sacrifice happily and hope for Divine pleasure and reward in its blood though it has fallen on the ground because it falls under the protection of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 6, pp. 148, Hadees 8319)

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember! It is obligatory for the person for whom Qurbani is Wajib as per Shar'i rules, to learn the basic rulings on Qurbani (sacrifice). At present! Due to the lack of Islamic knowledge, Muslims do not fulfil the rights of this important obligatory act. There are a large number of Muslims in our society who, being ignorant of Islamic knowledge, sacrifice only one goat on behalf of all family members who individually own sufficient wealth/possessions. Of course, 2 or sometimes 3 brothers have their shares in the sacrifice of one goat or fat-tailed sheep. How should a sacrificial animal be? What are the defects which invalidate the Qurbani? Such ignorant people remain unaware of them and after performing the sacrifice they are in the vain hope that they have acted upon Sunnat-e-Ibraheemi and hence performed the Wajib act though Wajib is still due upon them to perform. Therefore, it is essential to have the knowledge of the rulings on Qurbani.

Study the 48-page booklet '*Ablaq Ghoray Suwar*' [Piebald Horse Rider] authored by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziyaee or *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, volume 3, part 15 published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah about the rulings on sacrifice (Qurbani) or contact Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat.

Donate animal skins to Dawat-e-Islami

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Dawat-e-Islami, the global non-political movement of preaching the Holy Quran and Sunnah, is serving Sunnah in approximately 104 departments of Islam. In order to run these departments, millions of rupees are required every month. We should also try hard to collect animal skins from our house, relatives and from various areas visiting

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them along with the people of the locality, introducing Dawat-e-Islami to them in order to promote and propagate the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami. We should also persuade our relatives to take part in the Madani activities by donating their animal skins to Dawat-e-Islami.

Majlis Rabitah bil-'Ulama wal-Mashaaikh

With the intention of increasing the affection in ourselves for performing Madani activities and gaining information, let's listen to the brief introduction of a very important department of Dawat-e-Islami named, 'Majlis Rabitah bil-'Ulama wal-Mashaaikh'.

Remember! The main aim of 'Majlis Rabitah bil-'Ulama wal-Mashaaikh' is to make Sunni Islamic scholars and Mashaaikh such as Aimmah of Masajid, Khutaba and Peeraan-e-Tareeqat, etc. aware of Dawat-e-Islami's services and to seek help from them in Madani activities, seek their Du'as, make arrangements of Madani activities in Sunni Jami'aat and Madaris, invite the students of Sunni Jami'aat and Madaris to attend weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima', Madani Muzakarahs and different Tarbiyyati Ijtima'aat and have appropriate arrangements for their refreshments so that they may form good impression of Dawat-e-Islami. By virtue of the blessings of their Du'as and guidance Dawat-e-Islami will continue to progress further.

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestow more progress and success upon Dawat-e-Islami and 'Majlis Rabitah bil-'Ulama wal-Mashaaikh'!

اٰمِیْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِیِّ الْاَمِیْن صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

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Introduction to 'Abu Attar'

Dear Islamic brothers! The father of Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Haji 'Abdur Rahman Qaadiri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه also passed away in the sacred month of Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam. With reference to it, let's listen to something about his blessed life. He was a good-natured and a pious man and an embodiment of the Shari'ah and Sunnah. Very often, he would walk with his gaze lowered. He had no greed for accumulating worldly wealth.

He would love Masajid and take part actively in looking after them. In 1979, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه went to Colombo (C-Lanka), the people over there were very impressed by his father, because his father took the responsibility of the management of the grand Hanafi Memon Masjid and served it a lot. He pledged a spiritual allegiance in the order of Aaliyyah Qadiriyyah and would do the Wird of Qasidah Ghausiyyah. While staying in Colombo, the uncle (husband of the mother's sister) of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat told him during a conversation: I saw it myself that whenever your father recited Qasidah Ghausiyyah sitting on a Charpa`ee (bedstead), his Charpa`ee rose from the floor.

Death during pilgrimage for Hajj

When Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat was an infant, his father went on the pilgrimage for Hajj in 1951 (1370 AH). During the days of Hajj in Mina many Hujjaj died due to a heatstroke. Abu Attar Haji 'Abdur Rahman also departed this life after suffering from an illness for a short period of time on 14th Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam 1370 AH.

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! We have been privileged to hear about the sacrifices of pious predecessors for the sake of the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ!

- The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم made countless sacrifices. Everybody knows about his blessed sacrifices. After declaring Prophethood, the

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unbelievers inflicted great oppression and cruelty on him and levelled different types of allegations. He صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم was called a liar, soothsayer and a magician مَعَاذَ اللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ; thorns were placed on his way; stones were thrown at him. Attempts were made on him and on those who believed in him.

- Blessed Ambiya, companions and later on pious people offered sacrifices in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ according to their ranks and the act of making sacrifices is still going on.
- Sacrifices in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ began in the age of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام and it has been the blessed way of blessed Ambiya عَلَیْہِمُ السَّلَام.
- Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام not only attained the privilege of offering a great sacrifice by leaving his wife and child in a deserted jungle alone for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, but he عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام also attained the privilege to get ready to sacrifice his child in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
- Blessed Ambiya عَلَیْہِمُ السَّلَام were troubled a lot in the path to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, even in only a single day, 43 Ambiya were martyred.
- Blessed Ambiya had absolute trust in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Therefore Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام immediately got ready to sacrifice his beloved son Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَیْہِ السَّلَام in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
- Blessed Ambiya عَلَیْہِمُ السَّلَام endured happily the troubles and afflictions in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
- For the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ pious predecessors would happily sacrifice their worldly ministry and post.
- Pious predecessors did not hesitate to sacrifice their lives, houses, household goods and even their families.
- Pious predecessors would spend every moment in the activities which were performed for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ also bless us with the passion for making sacrifices for the sake of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by the Sadaqah of pious predecessors!

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اٰمِیْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِیِّ الْاَمِیْن صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

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 صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم 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
جنَّت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Sunnah and manners of travelling

Dear Islamic brothers! Most of the time, we travel from place to place. We should try to learn all of the Sunan and etiquettes of travelling in order to act upon them and earn rewards:

1. If possible start your journey on Thursday because it is a Sunnah to start a journey on Thursday. *(Ashi'a-tul-Lam'aat, vol. 5, pp. 161)*
2. If it is possible then one should travel at night because the journey is completed faster.
3. If there are many Islamic brothers travelling together, then make one the leader (Ameer).
4. Upon leaving for the journey, seek pardon of any faults from friends, family; and whoever asks to be forgiven, should be forgiven.

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, pp. 19, vol. 6)

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5. Whenever we leave on a journey, we should entrust the family and wealth to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Without doubt Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the best Protector. If possible one should say the following words to the family:

اَسْتَوْدِعُكَ اللّٰهَ الَّذِیْ لَا یُضِیْعُ وَ دَائِعَهٗ

Translation: I put you in Allah's protection who doesn't waste given debts. *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 3, pp. 372, Hadees 2825)*

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 سنّت کے پھول
دینے لینے چلیں، قافلے میں چلو

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The 6 Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and 2 Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

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

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيْبِ
الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَصَحْبِهٖ 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 تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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 تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)*

2. All sins forgiven

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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)*

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3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى 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

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِيْ عِلْمِ اللّٰهِ صَلَاةً دَآئِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللّٰهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ الْهَادِى 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

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَ تَرْضٰى لَهٗ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم], and the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُم were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, 'When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.' *(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 125)*

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6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ اَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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 اللّٰهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ اَهْلُهٗ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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:

لَآ اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ الْحَلِيْمُ الْكَرِيْمُ

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰهِ رَبِّ السَّمٰوٰتِ السَّبْعِ وَ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيْمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيْم' and 'كَرِيْم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَان', Rab of the seven skies and Rab of the magnificent 'Arsh.

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