

Consequence of
Heedlessness



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Thought-provoking speech of weekly
sunnah-inspiring ijtima
(For Islamic Sisters)

Muballigha must read the bayan at least 3 times before delivering speech

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

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وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

Please note that this speech was originally written for Islamic brothers, we have done necessary changes for Islamic sisters. It may be possible that some words could have been remained unchanged! If so, Muballighah should change the wordings accordingly at the time of delivering this speech. (Majlis-e-Tarajim)

Excellence of Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The one who recites Salat 100 times on the night and day of Friday, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will fulfil his 100 needs; 70 of the Hereafter and 30 of this world and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will appoint an angel who will take the Salat to my grave in a way as you are presented gifts. Undoubtedly, my knowledge after my (Apparent) demise will be the same as it is in my (Apparent) life.

پڑھتا رہوں کثرت سے دُرُود ان پہ سدا میں

اور ذکر کا بھی شوق پئے غوث و رضا دے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.*

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

Two Madani pearls

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

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

NOTE:

The intentions mentioned below can be modified as per situation

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 other Islamic sisters 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 *تُؤَيَّبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ*, etc., I will reply in low voice with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After Ijtima, I will take the lead to say Salam and shake hands and make individual effort.
7. During the speech, I will avoid the unnecessary use of mobile phone.
8. Neither will I record the speech, nor any kind of voice as it is not permitted.

9. Whatever I listen I will act upon it and later on convey it to others. In this way, I will be privileged to propagate the call towards righteousness.

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Dear Islamic sisters! Muhammad Bin Ghassan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, Qazi of Kufa, has said: On the day of Eid-ul-Adha, I went to my mother where I saw an old woman, wearing old, torn and worn-out clothes. I liked her style of conversation. I asked my mother about the woman. She said: 'She is your aunt 'Aaniya, the mother of the minister of Haroon Rasheed, Jaffar Bin Yahya Barmaki'. I said Salam to her and in return she replied to my Salam. I inquired after her and asked about her present condition. She replied: O son, I spent my life heedlessly and remained busy wasting time. The time has gone far away from me. I said: Describe any event of your glorious time. She started saying: Why not. I am relating a short event by which you may judge my glory and dignity. Three years ago, on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, I had four hundred Scarves. As a part of custom, my son sent me the heads of 1400 billy goats and 300 oxen. In addition, there were also jewellery, dresses, etc. Despite this, I thought that my son was disobedient and today my state is such that I have come to you to get the skins of two billy goats so that I can prepare my dress from them. Qazi Sahib said: After hearing her story of downfall I grew very sad and started weeping. That time whatever Dinars I had, I gave her as a gift. (*Bahr-u-Dumu', pp. 105*)

نہیں درکار وہ خوشیاں، جو غفلت کا بنیں سامان

عطا کر اپنی اُلفت اپنے پیارے کا تو غم مولیٰ

(وسائلِ بخشش مُرمّم، ص 99)

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Causes of heedlessness

Dear Islamic sisters! Surely the person who loves worldly blessings, falls prey to heedlessness of the Hereafter. Heedlessness makes a person bold on committing sins. Heedlessness prevents a person from performing virtuous deeds. Heedlessness incurs the displeasure of Allah ﷻ. Allah ﷻ has bestowed countless blessings upon us in the world. Good business and job are the blessings of Allah ﷻ. Splendid house with many facilities are a blessing. A nice conveyance is also a great blessing. For parents, children are also a blessing, but remember! Becoming occupied with any worldly blessing more than the need causes heedlessness and harm.

In Ayah 9 of Surah Al-Munafiqoon, part 28 Allah ﷻ has stated:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ
وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخٰسِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

‘O people who believe! May not your wealth or your children cause you to neglect the remembrance of Allah; and whoever does this—so it is they who are in a loss.’

(Kanz-ul-Iman [Translation of Quran]) (Surah-e-Munafiqun, Ayah 9, juz 28)

In this blessed Ayah, believers [Muslims] are being advised: O believers! Like hypocrites your wealth and children might make you heedless of Zikr of Allah ﷻ and the one who does something like this, that is, forgets his religion after being occupied with the world, does not care for his present after falling in love with wealth and remains heedless of the Hereafter comfort for the happiness of his children, will suffer a loss because such people do not care for the eternal blessings of the Hereafter for the sake of the mortal world.

(Khaza'in, AL-Munafiqun, Taht-al-Ayah. 9, vol. 4, pp. 274, Madarik, pp. 1245)

Alas! Alas! Today the practical condition of Muslims is getting bad to worse. We spend much money on the decoration of our home, but avoid spending in the path of Allah ﷻ, even some people do not pay their Zakat despite it

being Fard for them. We adopt different techniques in order to increase wealth, but become lazy in the matter of blessing in virtuous deeds.

Remember! We still have time, therefore we should wake up to the fact and repent immediately lest the death carries us away from our lavishly decorated room to a dark grave infested with insects and then we will plead: O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Send me back to the world. I will worship You abundantly, spend my entire wealth in Your path. Remember! At that time, these pleadings will bring no benefit because the Holy Quran has already warned us about it. In Ayah 10 & 11 of Surah-e-Munafiqun, Part 28, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ لَّفَاصَّدَقَ وَ أَكُنْ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَلَنْ يُؤَخِّرَ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِذَا جَاءَ أَجَلُهَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ حَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١١﴾

‘And spend from what We have provided you before death approaches any one of you and he then says, ‘My Rab! Why did you not give me respite for a little while, so that I could give charity and become amongst the virtuous?’ And Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will never give respite to any soul when its promise arrives; and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is aware of your deeds.’

(Kanz-ul-Iman [Translation of Quran]) (Surah-e-Munafiqun, Ayah 10-11, juz 28)

Dear Islamic sisters! It has become obvious that a person wakes up to the fact at the time of death. At that time she feels greatly sad. She wishes she could have got some more respite (time) and performed some virtuous deeds. She wishes she had not spent her life heedlessly. She wishes she could have made her Lord happy, but she will get no benefit for her regret that time. Therefore wise is she who not being heedless performs a great many virtuous deeds in her lifetime and enters her grave with the Madani luminosity of Sunnah to brighten up her grave. Otherwise, in case of displeasing Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ she will get nothing but regret and wistfulness.

Could not get time even for distributing wealth

On page 389 of a 417-page book, 'Summary of Ihya-ul-Uloom', published by the publishing house of Dawat-e-Islami, Maktaba tul Madinah, it is stated: Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Bin Abdullah Muzni رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: A person from Bani Israel accumulated wealth. When the time of his death got near, he said to his sons: Show me my different possessions. Many horses, camels and slaves were brought to him. He looked at them and started weeping wistfully. When Malak-ul-Maut عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام saw him weeping he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: Why are you weeping? By the One Who has given you all this! I will not leave until I separate your soul from your body. He said: Give me some respite (time) so that I can distribute this wealth. The angel replied: Now you will get no respite (time). Why didn't you do this work before your death? Malak-ul-Maut عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام then seized his soul.

تُو اچانک مَوْت کا ہوگا شِکار	بے وفا دُنیا پہ مَت کر اِعتبار
جان جا کر ہی رہے گی یاد رکھ!	مَوْت آکر ہی رہے گی یاد رکھ!
کچھ نہ کام آئے گا سَرمایہ تِرا	تیری طاقت تیرا فَن عہدہ تِرا
قَبْر میں ورنہ سزا ہوگی کڑی	کرلے تَوْبہ رَبِّ کی رَحْمَت بے بڑی

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ

Strange regret:

Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said that Sayyiduna Shaykh Abu 'Ali Daqqaq عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: A great pious saint عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was very ill, so I went to inquire after him. I saw his students sitting around him. The pious saint was weeping. I humbly asked, 'O Shaykh! Are you weeping for the world?' He replied in the negative and said: I am weeping for missing Salah.' I asked, 'You used to worship abundantly then how did you miss your Salah?' He replied, 'Whenever I performed Sajdah, I was heedless and whenever I lifted my head from Sajdah, I was heedless, and now I am dying in the state of heedlessness.' (Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, pp. 22)

Merely claim is useless

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard! Pious people of Allah ﷺ did not use to give importance to their worship and spiritual exercises despite spending every moment in remembering Allah ﷺ and being busy in pondering over the Hereafter. Fearing the Self-reliance of Allah ﷺ they would shed tears but we do not perform any good deeds and if we have performed a good deed, we do not get relaxed unless we mention it to people and get their praises. Pious bondmen of Allah ﷺ always tremble with His fear and weep, but we do not have any fear despite committing sins fearlessly day and night. We talk as if there is no one like us. Making us wake up to the fact, Sayyiduna Shaqeeq Balkhi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: People say three things only verbally, but they practise against them: (1) They say that they are the bondmen of Allah ﷺ, but their deeds are not like the deeds of slaves, but rather they do like the free people as per their will. (2) They say that Allah ﷺ provides them sustenance, but their hearts are not satisfied without accumulating the world and the possessions of the world and it is totally contrary to their acknowledgement. (3) They say that finally they have to die, but they act in a way as if they would never die. (*Mukashafat-ul-Quloob*, pp. 45)

قبر میں ہوگا ٹھکانا ایک دن	بے یہاں سے تجھ کو جانا ایک دن
اب نہ غفلت میں گنونا ایک دن	منہ خدا کو بے دکھانا ایک دن
کر لے جو کرنا ہے آخر موت ہے	ایک دن مرنا ہے آخر موت ہے

صَلِّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Today we are in such a state that we make great efforts to earn the world, but we are heedless of pondering over the Hereafter. We have golden dreams to become rich day and night. We try to go around in nice cars and always follow new fashions, but we forget that one day we will have to die and we have to leave this world empty-handed. However, none of us knows when we will die; whether today will be our last day or tonight will be the last night of our life, instead we have no guarantee that whether we will be able to take another breath or not. It may be possible that the breath

we are taking is the last one and we will not be able to take the second breath. Very frequently we hear this news that so and so was absolutely alright, she had apparently no disease, but suddenly she departed this life within few moments due to a heart failure. Let's listen to two admonitory parables in order to wake up to the fact and start performing virtuous deeds after repenting of sins.

(1) Drowned in flood

It has been narrated: A person had constructed his home in an area having flood hazards. When he was asked: It is a very dangerous place; abandon it. He replied: I know it that it is a dangerous place, but the beauty and greenness of this place have greatly surprised me. He was asked: All the beauty and elegance are with the life, therefore save your life and do not put yourself in danger. He said: I will not abandon this place at all costs. Then one night while he was sleeping, a flood came and he drowned in it and died.

(‘Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat, pp. 446)

(2) Desire of marriage was ruined

An intelligent student of final year studying at a medical college of Sardarabad (Faisalabad) went on picnic with his friend. Reaching the picnic point his friend went to the stream to swim, but he started drowning. The doctor of future emotionally jumped into the water in order to save him. He did not know how to swim, and hence got into trouble. Fortunately, his friend succeeded in getting out, but the doctor of future drowned. Lamentation began; the only hope of parents' old age became a victim of water. The golden dreams of parents could not come true. The miserable intelligent student had entered his grave before the result of MBBS Final examination was announced.

ملے خاک میں اہلِ شان کیسے کیسے
 مکین ہو گئے لا مکان کیسے کیسے
 بوئے نامور بے نشان کیسے کیسے
 زمین کھا گئی نوجوان کیسے کیسے
 جگہ جی لگانے کی دنیا نہیں ہے
 یہ عبرت کی جا بے تماشا نہیں ہے

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Wake up to the fact and ponder over the Hereafter and prepare for the death before the death. If we remain busy with the elegance and beauty of the world like this and die suddenly after suffering from any deadly disease, becoming the victim of any accident or if our breaths stop all of a sudden, so there will be nothing but regret. Dispel this misconception from your heart and mind that now I am young; I still have a long life to live; I will perform virtuous deeds in the last stage of my life.

Remember! Death does not come only in the old age or during illness, but even healthy and cheerful young people also meet sudden death and are buried in the dark grave. The status of this world is like a passage that we have to travel in order to reach our destination. Now the destination will be either Paradise or Hell! It depends on how we travelled! Do we travel it by obeying or disobeying Allah ﷻ and His Beloved Rasool ﷺ? Condemnable are the acts of such a person who despite seeing the colourfulness of this world remains deceived by it and becomes totally heedless of her death.

World is mortal and Hereafter is immortal

The last sermon of Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Usman-e-Ghani رضى الله تعالى عنه also contains: Allah ﷻ has bestowed this world upon you so that you prepare only for the Hereafter through it. He has not bestowed it so that you only get busy with it. Undoubtedly, the world is mortal and the Hereafter is immortal. [I fear that] this mortal (world) might deceive you into making heedless (of the Hereafter). Do not prefer the mortal world to the immortal Hereafter because the world is going to end and undoubtedly we have to get back to Allah ﷻ. Fear Allah ﷻ because fear of Allah ﷻ is a shield against His torment and a source to reach Him.

(Musu'at Ibn Abi Dunya, vol. 5, pp. 83, Hadees 146)

دل لگا اس سے نہ غافل ذی بہار
ہوشیار اے مَحْوِ غفلت ہوشیار
کر لے جو کرنا ہے آخر مَوْتِ ہے

چند روزہ ہے یہ دُنیا کی بہار
عُمُر اپنی یوں نہ غفلت میں گُزار
ایک دِن مَرنا ہے آخر مَوْتِ ہے

Dear Islamic sisters! Every moment of our life is very precious and our life is very rapidly decreasing. Therefore instead of being deceived by this mortal world and giving no importance to the moments which are more precious than gold and jewellery, become pious by acting wisely. Do not waste your days and nights in useless activities and worldly luxuries. Do not become lazy in performing the acts for which Shari'ah has commanded us and do not delay even for a moment in refraining from the acts from which Shari'ah has prohibited us. We have been commanded in the Holy Quran and blessed Ahadees to offer Salah, but we do not offer Salah due to our heedlessness though Salah is an extremely important Fard (obligatory) act amongst the rights of Allah ﷺ. Salah is the pillar of Islam. Sins are forgiven through Salah. Salah protects us from diseases. Salah is a source through which Du'as are answered. The name of the person who deliberately misses Salah is written on the door of the Hell.

Shari'ah has commanded us to give Zakat of our wealth only once a year if we own the Nisaab. We are busy making money only, but are heedless of fulfilling its rights though blessing in wealth is attained by giving Zakat. There is peace at home by giving Zakat. The one who gives Zakat is blessed with Divine mercy. Giving Zakat removes troubles as the Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: Allah ﷻ removes evil from the person who gives Zakat of his wealth. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 1, pp. 431, Hadees 1579*)

Shari'ah has commanded us to observe Siyam of Ramadan once a year, but we act heedlessly. Remember! Observing Sawm is not only obedience to Shari'ah, but it also brings many medical benefits. For example, by observing Sawm one can recover from stomach problems and its illnesses and her digestive system gets better. Sawm moderates the level of sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure and due to it there is no risk of a heart attack. During Sawm the quantity of blood decreases and that is why heart gets extremely beneficial rest. Sawm terminates physical strain, mental stress, depression and psychological diseases. Sawm reduces obesity and burns extra fat. By observing Sawm childless women's chances of becoming mother increases manifold. (*Siraat-ul-Jinaan, vol. 1, pp. 293*)

It will be very useful to study 'Faizan-e-Ramadan' (modified), an excellent book written by Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** to get information about the detailed rulings and virtues of Sawm. Further, study 'Jannat mayn lay janay walay a'maal' (Deeds leading to Paradise) in order to know about the virtues of the acts for which Shari'ah has commanded us to perform and study 'Jahanam mayn lay janay walay a'maal' (Deeds leading to Hell) to know about the destruction of the acts for which Shari'ah has commanded us to avoid.

نیکیاں کیجئے نہ غفلت کیجئے

مُخْتَصِرُ سِی زَنْدَاقِ بے بھائیو!

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

'Madani Daurah' (Madani Visit) one of the 8 Madani Activities:

Dear Islamic sisters! Not only should we spend our life in obedience to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, but in order to develop Fikr-e-Aakhirat in other Islamic sisters we should also associate them with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. Further, we should also take part actively in the 8 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah in order to propagate the call towards righteousness. One of the daily 8 Madani activities is 'Madani Daurah', through which Islamic sisters are presented the call towards righteousness at their homes. Have the privilege of presenting the call towards righteousness through 'Madani Daurah' after fixing a day in a week and changing the areas. At least seven Islamic sisters (one should be at least an elderly woman) should make 'Madani visit' for 72 minutes by going to every home in their Zayli Halqahs or the surroundings of their Halaqas (in purdah). Stay associated with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami all the time. Presenting the call towards righteousness is such an important and obligatory act that all the blessed Ambiya **عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام** and our Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** were sent to this world for this purpose. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** this Madani activity has countless religious and worldly benefits.

By virtue of the blessing of 'Madani Daurah' the beautiful Sunnah of presenting call towards righteousness of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** is practised. By virtue of the blessing of 'Madani Daurah' the Sunnahs of meeting and

greeting Islamic sisters are propagated. By virtue of the blessing of 'Madani Daurah' precious Madani pearls, which are full of Islamic knowledge and call to righteousness, are conveyed to Islamic sisters. By virtue of the blessing of 'Madani Daurah' great help is obtained to make Islamic sisters Salah-offering, who do not offer Salah. By virtue of the blessing of 'Madani Daurah' the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami gets publicized.

I came out from a sandpit of sins

Dear Islamic sisters! By the grace of Allah ﷺ and His Blessed Prophet ﷺ, prayers made from the bottom of the heart are answered, entreaties are granted, and wishes are fulfilled. This is a summary of an Islamic sister's statement from Punjab (Pakistan): Before joining Dawat-e-Islami's fragrant Madani environment, I was very badly stuck in the sandpit of sins. Although my heart despised sins I saw no way to abstain from them. I had absolutely no religious knowledge. I would often pray, 'O my Lord ﷺ! I want to be a good person, make me a better person.' At long last, my prayers were answered and one day I heard the good news of 'a Dawat-e-Islami Sunnah-inspiring Islamic sisters' Ijtima' being held on Sunday 12th August 2001 at so-and-so place.'

I was already thirsty, so I began waiting eagerly for the announced event. Finally, the day arrived and I avidly attended the Islamic sisters' Ijtima'. Hearing the recitation of the Quran and the Na'at of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ, I felt peace and pleasure in my heart. When the female preacher of Dawat-e-Islami started the Sunnah-inspiring speech, I listened to it attentively. By the end of the speech my face was dripping with tears. Then the Islamic sisters' weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima' was announced which I made a firm intention to attend.

ﷺ! By the blessing of regularly attending the weekly Ijtima', I was rescued from the sandpit of sins. Today, I am trying to promote the call to righteousness amongst Islamic sisters as a responsible person for Madani activities in our locality.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Note: If you have also experienced any blessings or Madani parable, please submit it to the Madani Bahar Maktab in the end.

Gold Brick

It is narrated: A pious person once found a gold brick. Out of the love of wealth, he spent his entire night in making different plans, thinking of delicious foods, fine clothing, having a number of servants to serve him. In short, due to becoming rich he was lost in the fantasy of comforts and luxuries and became totally heedless of his Lord that night. The next morning driven by the same desire he left home. By chance, he passed by a grave yard. What he saw was that a man was kneading clay on a grave for making bricks. Seeing this scene immediately he woke up to the fact and started weeping by imagining, 'Perhaps people will make bricks from the earth of my grave as well after my death. Alas! My splendid houses and fine clothes etc., will become useless. So falling in love with gold brick means to spend life heedlessly! If I have to fall in love, I have to fall in love with my Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.' He left the gold brick and adopted contentment. (*Booklet Ghaflet, pp. 1*)

گو پیش نظر قبر کا پڑھول گڑھا ہے
افسوس! مگر پھر بھی یہ غفلت نہیں جاتی

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Surely wealth is such a thing that makes a person heedless of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. This parable contains admonitory lessons for those who are always greedy for wealth, forget to differentiate between Halal and Haraam wealth while satisfying the burning desire to accumulate wealth and find peace of life only in wealth.

Remember! Medicines can be bought by wealth, but not cure. With wealth, you can find friends but not loyalty. One can live a good life through wealth, but cannot avoid death. Fame can be achieved by wealth, but not respect. Good houses, vehicles and nice clothes can be bought by wealth, but one

cannot become deserving of the intercession of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by using them for the wrong purpose.

Remember! Our wealth may be useful to make every difficult work easy in the world, but will the same wealth help us if we are tormented in the grave due to our bad deeds? If we do not answer to the questions of Munkar Nakir, so will we get benefit from our wealth that time? If snakes and scorpions attack us in the grave, so will our wealth bring us salvation from them? Will our wealth bring comfort and peace for us in the terrors of the Judgement Day? Will our wealth be useful in helping us to get rid of the Hell? Of course not, not at all, but rather the virtuous deeds for which we are heedless today, will become the source of salvation from the difficult situations.

How should I be happy?

Sayyiduna 'Aun Bin Abdullah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Alas! How heedless am I though there will be no negligence at all in my accountability? How can my life be pleasant though a very tough day is ahead of me? Why don't I become active in performing deeds though I do not know when I will die? How should I be happy in the world though I do not have to live here forever? Why should I prefer it though before me the world harmed the one who preferred it? Why should I like it though it will perish? Why should I be greedy for it as my abode is somewhere else? Why should I feel sad for it (loss of this world) because by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I do not know how I will be treated due to my sins.

(Hilyat-ul-Auliya, vol. 4, pp. 285, Raqm 5593)

Ways of avoiding heedlessness

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you noticed! Our pious predecessors would always keep themselves busy pondering over the Hereafter to protect themselves from heedlessness and greed. Following in their footsteps we should also start preparing for the grave and the Judgment Day in our life. In order to get rid of the disease like heedlessness we should get it cured because a treatment method is adopted in order to stay safe from every disease and one can recover from the disease by treating it. Let's listen to a few methods

of protecting ourselves from a deadly disease like heedlessness and try to make our Hereafter better.

(1) Avoid worldly love!

At present, a very important reason for not performing virtuous deeds and becoming heedless is the love of this world, which causes a person to stop performing virtuous deeds by making her forget to differentiate between Halal and Haraam. Therefore dispel worldly love from your heart because it is the root of all evils. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The one who is made to drink the beverage of worldly love will definitely have to taste three things: (1) Such a hardness due to which his tiredness will not go away. (2) Such a greed due to which he will not be free from want. (3) Such a desire that he will not be able to fulfil. So the Hereafter will keep on looking for the one who seeks the world, until he dies. When he dies, it (Hereafter) will grasp him and the world will keep on finding the one who seeks the Hereafter, until he gets his entire sustenance from it. *(Tabarani Kabeer, Abdullah Bin Mas'ood, vol. 10, pp. 162, Raqm 10328)*

مرے دل سے دنیا کی چابت مٹا کر

کر الفت میں اپنی فنا یا الہی

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

(2) Have good company!

Have the company of pious people in order to get rid of the life of heedlessness, as by virtue of its blessing we will be able to protect ourselves from sins and perform virtuous deeds. At present, the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami is not less than a great blessing for attaining good company. *بِإِحْسَانِ رَبِّكَ وَعَدْوَجَل*, by virtue of the blessing of this Madani environment until now, hundreds of thousands of Muslims have started performing virtuous deeds after giving up their sinful lives. Do protect yourself from bad company because bad company not only may ruin our world, but it may also ruin our Hereafter. We have been commanded to avoid the company of bad

people in the blessed Ahadees. Let's listen to two sayings of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ about it and try to act upon them.

1. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: Avoid bad companion because he is a piece of Hell; his love will not benefit you and he will not keep his promise to you. (*Firdaus-ul-Akhbaar, vol. 1, pp. 224, Hadees 1573*)
2. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: Avoid bad companion because you will be recognized with him. (i.e. A man is known by the company he keeps) (*Ibn 'Asakar, vol. 14, pp. 46*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

(3) Study the life of pious predecessors!

Another way of getting rid of heedlessness and sinful life, performing virtuous deeds regularly, living life according to the Holy Quran and Sunnah is to study the blessed life of pious predecessors and to act according to their blessed life and character because our pious predecessors would remain busy all the time worshiping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and pondering over the Hereafter. Sayyiduna Imam Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ is a personage, who is a practising Islamic scholar and a Sufi. When we study regarding his knowledge, practice, character and blessed life, we attain the privilege to ponder over the Hereafter after avoiding heedlessness. Every moment of his life was spent in remembering Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and pondering over the Hereafter. He has had such great achievements through his scholarly interest and ability that even today the Islamic world is benefiting from his teachings. Through his blessed life, Muslim Ummah develops the passion for obeying Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, performing Sunnah regularly, adopting piety and many other righteous habits. For attaining blessing and mercy, let's listen to some brief spheres of his blessed life.

Name and lineage, birth and death

The Kunniyyat of Imam Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ is Abu Hamid, title Hujjat-ul-Islam (proof of Islam) and blessed name Muhammad Bin Muhammad Ghazali Shafa'i رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. He was born in Taabiran in District Tus (Iran) in 450 H.

(*Ittihaf-us-Sadaat-ul-Muttaqeen, vol. 1, pp. 9*). He received his early education in his city. He studied books of Fiqh from Sayyiduna Ahmad Raazkani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. When he was below 20, he went to Jurjaan (the eastern city of Iran) to acquire further knowledge. In 473 H, he went to Imam-ul-Haramayn, Imam Abdul Malik Juwani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ in Neeshapur (an old city of Iran) where he gained complete expertise in Usool-e-Deen (Principles of Islam), logic and wisdom etc. (*Ittihaf-us-Sadaat-ul-Muttaqeen, vol. 1, pp. 9*). Every book of Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ is a precious treasure of knowledge, but Ihya-ul-Uloom is a matchless book. This book is very helpful in making human 'a perfect human'. It has been the centre of attention of Masha'ikh and Aarifeen, Aqtaab and pious saints, Islamic scholars and Sufiya in every age. Finally, Imam Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ departed this mortal world on 14 Jumad-al-Aakhir, 505 H, Monday in Taabiran (Tus) and his blessed shrine is situated there.

Majlis Maktaba-tul-Madinah

Dear Islamic sisters! Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziya'ee دَاوَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ started Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami [a Madani Movement of devotees of Rasool], in 1986 to convey the teachings of these great personages to Muslim Ummah. First of all, audio cassettes of speeches were released by this department of Dawat-e-Islami and then by the Grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and by the blessings of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ it achieved progress by leaps and bounds. Now not only hundreds of thousands of cassettes and VCDs of Sunnah-inspiring speeches and Madani Muzakaraha are reaching all over the world through Maktaba-tul-Madinah, but at the same time a large number of the Urdu translation of the books of Imam Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, the books of A'la Hadrat, the books of Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat and Al-Madinah-tul-'Ilmiyyah are also being published and made public.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Summary of speech

Dear Islamic sisters! In today's weekly Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima, we have heard about heedlessness.

- Due to heedlessness a person does not gain Islamic knowledge.
- Due to heedlessness a person forgets her Hereafter.
- Due to heedlessness a person starts committing sins.
- Due to heedlessness a person falls into a deep pit of Hell.
- Due to heedlessness a person does not remember and obey Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
- Due to heedlessness a person becomes greedy all the time for earning money and accumulating wealth.

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to perform virtuous deeds and protect ourselves from heedlessness!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Wearing shoes: 7 Madani pearls

1. A saying of the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, 'Wear shoes sufficiently, because it is as if one is on a ride (that is, he does not tire much) as long as he is wearing shoes.' (*Sahih Muslim, pp. 1161, Hadees 2096*)
2. Clean out the shoes before wearing them so that insects or stones, if any, are removed.
3. First put on the right shoe then the left. When taking them off, take off the left one first then the right.
4. Men should wear men's shoes and women should wear women's shoes.

5. A legendary and leading scholar of Shari'ah and Tareeqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'Women should not wear men's shoes. Furthermore, all those things which differentiate the two genders are not allowed for the opposite, whether it is the action or appearance. Neither should men adopt feminine styles nor should women adopt masculine styles.' (*Bahar-e-Shari'at*, pp. 65, vol. 16)
6. When you sit down take off the shoes as this gives comfort to the feet.
7. One of the causes of poverty is to leave the shoe lying upside down when found like that. If you see a used shoe upside down, put it upright.

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.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ