

Unique Son

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(For Islamic Brothers)



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

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

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

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

Dear Islamic brothers! Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafil (supererogatory) I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafil I'tikaf.

Remember! By Shari'ah, it is not allowed to eat, drink and sleep in the Masjid, but if one makes the intention of I'tikaf he will be allowed to do these acts in Masjid. It is also important that one shouldn't make the intention of I'tikaf just to eat, drink or sleep. It should be made to earn reward. It is stated in *Rad-dul-Muhtar (Shaami)*: 'If someone wants to eat, drink or sleep in a Masjid, he should make the intention of I'tikaf, make some Zikr and then do what he wants (i.e. eat, drink or sleep).'

Excellence of reciting Salat- 'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Amr Bin 'Aas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا said, 'Whoever recites Salat upon the Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

one time, Allah ﷺ and His [blessed] angels will send mercies upon him seventy times.’ (Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 2, pp. 614, Hadees 6766)

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 مِنْ عَمَلِهِ’ *The intention of a believer is better than his action.* (Al-Mu’jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Two Madani pearls

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

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، تُؤَيَّبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
4. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

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Dear Islamic brothers! Allah Almighty has bestowed countless blessings upon us. The more we thank for these blessings, the less it is. One great blessing out of these blessings is 'children'. It is the responsibility of parents to provide education and upbringing in a proper manner to their children. How should parents provide their children education and upbringing so that they have good attributes?

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ is the blessed and chosen Nabi of Allah Almighty. Allah Almighty has blessed him with special favours and honours, and that is why he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ always remained steadfast by Divine blessing in the Divine trials he faced. Let's listen to a famous parable of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ about his remaining pleased with the Will of Allah Almighty [the parable for commemorating which أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ Muslims carry out Qurbani every year at Eid-ul-Adha (10, 11, 12 Zul-Hijjah) all over the world].

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Same dream during three nights

On the eighth night of Zul-Hajj, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ dreamt that someone said, 'Indeed Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has ordered you to slaughter your son.' From dawn to dusk, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ continued to contemplate whether the dream was from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ or from Satan. This is the reason why the eighth of Zul-Hajj was named 'يَوْمُ التَّرْوِيهِ', i.e. the day of contemplation. On the ninth night of Zul-Hajj, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ had the same dream and was convinced that the dream was from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, which is why the ninth of Zul-Hajj is referred to as 'يَوْمُ عَرَفَةَ', i.e. the day of recognition. After he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ had the same dream once again on the tenth of Zul-Hajj, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ made a firm intention of sacrificing his son, which is why the tenth of Zul-Hajj is called 'يَوْمُ النَّحْرِ', i.e. the day of slaughter. (*Tafseer-e-Kabeer, vol. 9, pp. 346*)

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Unique manner of complying with Divine commandment

Dear Islamic brothers! The status of the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ is higher and more exalted than the rest of the Creation, therefore the trials they face are also very severe, but may I be sacrificed on the patience and steadfastness of these blessed personalities who not only attain higher ranks in the blessed court of Allah Almighty by bearing these troubles and trials cheerfully, but they also keep themselves and their family members prepared all the time for the trials to come in the future. Such sacrifices of these people become guiding principles for the people until the world exists. Since the dreams of the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ are Divine revelations, *(Al-Mustadrak, vol. 3, pp. 214, Tafseer Surah As-Saffaat, Hadees 3665)*

Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ realized that Allah Almighty was commanding him to slaughter his son. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ got immediately ready to sacrifice his beloved son on the Divine command and related the whole story to his young son, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and said: 'It is the command of Allah Almighty that I should slaughter you. Now you tell me what your opinion is?' It is stated in *Tafseer-e-Khaazin* that Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ did not consult Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ because he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ would act upon Sayyiduna Isma'eel's decision if he did not give his consent, but rather it was aimed at testing Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ as to what his feelings were about the trial. It was also aimed to know about the patience and steadfastness of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ in this trial and his obedience to the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ so that he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ could succeed in attaining the reward for obeying Divine commandments. *(Tafseer-e-Khaazin, vol. 4, pp. 22)* When Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ related this dream to Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, the reply he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ gave has been mentioned in Ayah 102 of Surah Al-Saffaat, Part 23 in the following words:

قَالَ يَا أَبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: He said, 'O my father! Do what you are commanded to do! Allah willing, you will soon find me patiently enduring!'

(Part 23, Surah As-Saffaat, Ayah 102)

Tie me tightly with ropes

It is stated in *Tafseer-e-Khaazin* that Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said to his respected father: Dear father! Tie me tightly with ropes before you slaughter me so that I do not move lest my reward should get reduced. Also please protect your clothes from the splashes of my blood because my mother will get grieved if she sees it. Sharpen the knife so that it runs properly over my throat (i.e. my throat gets cut immediately) because death is extremely painful. Make me lie on my front placing my forehead over the ground so that you cannot see my face while slaughtering me. And when you go to my mother, please convey my Salam to her. And if you consider it appropriate, so please give my Qamees [i.e. a long loose and full-sleeved shirt] to her. This will comfort her and help her have patience. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام said, 'O my son! How helpful you are to me in carrying out the order of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ!'

Thereafter, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام tied his son as suggested by him, made him lie on his front with his forehead placed over the ground, sharpened his knife, averted his eyes from his face and ran the knife over his throat but the knife did not cut, i.e. his throat was not slit.

(Tafseer Khaazin, vol. 4, pp. 22)

Heavenly ram and collection of blessed words

When Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام made Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام lie on the ground for slaughtering him, Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came with a ram from Paradise as Fidyah by the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and said loudly from a distance 'اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ'. Having heard this voice, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام raised his eyes towards the sky and realized that the time of the trial from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has been over and a ram has been sent as Fidyah in place of [his] son. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, therefore, said delightedly 'لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ'. When Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام heard this he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ'. Since then the Sunnah of reciting these blessed words by these three blessed

personalities عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has been going on and it will go on until the Day of Judgement. *(Binayah Sharh Hidayah, vol. 3, pp. 130)*

Dear Islamic brothers! The abovementioned blessed parable also contains Madani pearls for us. As you have heard when Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام related his dream to Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام instead of being sad and frightened, rejoiced, considering himself to be fortunate because Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ asked for his sacrifice and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام got ready cheerfully to be sacrificed in the path of Allah Almighty. On the contrary, if somebody experiences a little difficulty or trouble in his life, he begins to complain. Being impatient he even مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ sometimes utters words of disbelief and displeases Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. On such an occasion, one should exercise great patience as this trial is also mercy from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, 'Undoubtedly, more reward lies in a tough trial and when Allah Almighty loves any nation, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ makes them suffer a trial. So the one who is pleased with His Qaza, for him there is pleasure and the one who is displeased, for him there is displeasure.' *(Sunan Ibn Majah, Kitab-ul-Fitan, vol. 4, pp. 374, Raqm 4031)*

This blessed event also gives us the lesson of giving upbringing to children. Our children are the apple of our eyes and peace of our hearts, but before this they are the bondmen of Allah Almighty, the Ummati of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the important members of the Islamic society. If our upbringing does not make them worship Allah Almighty, obey the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and love Sunnahs and hate sins, so we should not dream to make them our obedient because it is Islam that teaches a Muslim to become submissive and obedient to his parents. Therefore, we should always be ready to give our children moral and spiritual upbringing along with looking after their physical appearance, good food, nice clothing and other necessities.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

How people started living in Makka-tul-Mukarramah

Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام brought him [Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام] and his mother, Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا to Makkah and left them there. A long time passed and the Jurham tribe set up camp in Makkah Mukarramah; they also started living there. (During the same period of time, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had also grown into a young man.) Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام married one of the women belonging to that tribe; his mother, Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا passed away during this period of time. After a long time, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام visited his son's house and asked his wife, 'Where is your husband?' She humbly replied, 'He has gone hunting; may Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy on you! Please have a seat, إِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ he is about to come.' Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked, 'Do you have anything to eat?' She replied in the affirmative and served him with milk and meat.' When Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked her about their living, the wife of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said: 'We are well and أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ prosperous.' Thereafter, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام made Du'a of blessing for both of them and told her to convey his Salam when her husband would come, and asked her to tell him to continue to have his door frame.'

When Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام felt the fragrance of his respected father and said to his wife: 'Did anybody come here today?' She replied, 'Yes! A beautiful-faced and fragrant pious person came and then she related the whole event. She also said: 'I washed his blessed head and these are his footsteps.' Having heard the whole event, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'He (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) was my father, Sayyiduna Ibraheem and my door frame means you and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام ordered me not to leave you.'

(Rooh-ul-Bayan, vol. 1, pp. 225)

Dear Islamic brothers! From this event, we have learnt the lesson that whenever a guest comes to us we should offer him hospitality as per our capacity. Instead of talking about our poverty, we should always thank Allah

Almighty in every state. Giving upbringing to children, in particular, to daughters, parents should give them the Dars of fulfilling the rights of their husbands and avoiding ungratefulness. They should also give their daughters the Dars not to forget the favours they receive besides teaching them other manners because words of ungratefulness not only destroy worldly life of a woman, but they can also destroy her Hereafter.

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has stated, 'I saw women in majority in Hell.' The blessed Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ humbly asked: 'Ya Rasool Allah ﷺ! What is the reason for this?' He ﷺ replied, 'Because they are ungrateful.' It was humbly asked: 'Are they ungrateful to Allah Almighty?' He ﷺ replied: 'They are ungrateful to their husbands and the favours they receive from their husbands. So if you treat a woman well throughout your life, but she sees something that is to be disliked from you, she will say: *I have never seen goodness from you.*'

(Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-un-Nikah, vol. 3, pp. 463, Hadees 5197)

There is good news of Paradise for the Islamic sisters who wisely play the role of being obedient and grateful to their husbands. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has stated: 'The woman who offers all five Salahs, observes Siyam of Ramadan, protects her honour and chastity and obeys her husband, it will be said to her: 'Enter Paradise through whichever door of Paradise you wish.'

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, pp. 406, Hadees 1661)

Remember! A wife should also avoid being ungrateful to her husband because such type of thing if continues, it brings about hatred and hostility in the heart of her husband. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid, if their relations break up due to this, there will be nothing left, but regret throughout her life. Anyhow, a successful wife is she who never utters words of ungratefulness and who always gives her husband pleasure by being grateful to him. This beautiful and lovely relationship of love and affection between wife and husband may continue in a proper manner only when they both fulfil the rights of each other in a right way.

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Attributes of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has blessed Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام with countless attributes, and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has been mentioned at many places in the Holy Quran. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is the one who built Ka'bah Mu'azzamah and the founder of Makkah tul Mukarramah. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is 'جَدُّ الْعَرَبِ' (the grandfather of the Arab) and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is 'أَبُو الْعَرَبِ' (the father of the Arab). Aab-e-Zamzam is his Mu'jizah-e-Irhaas [a miracle that he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام performed before the declaration of Nubuwwat]. It will continue until the Judgement Day. Only two miracles will remain until the Judgement Day: (1) Spring of the Zamzam Water which has sprung out by virtue of the heel of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام (2) The religion of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ i.e., the Holy Quran, blessed Hadees and their laws and acts of worship.

(Tafseer-e-Na'eemi, vol. 16, pp. 285)

Remembrance of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Dear Islamic brothers! The miracle of Zamzam Water that will continue to exist until the Judgement Day, is superior and preferable to all types of water in the world by virtue of its relation to Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.

Many years have passed, but still this water is benefiting the creation of Allah Almighty and also distributing the blessings of the cure of apparent and spiritual diseases. Ala Hadrat عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ has stated: Another miracle of the Zamzam Water is that its taste keeps changing all the time—sometimes it is salty to some extent and sometimes it is extremely sweet. If it is drunk at 2 am at night, it gives the taste of pure fresh milk that has just been taken from a cow. (He عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has further said:) Whoever has plenty of blessed Zamzam needs neither any food nor medicine. (Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat, pp. 435) It is stated in a blessed Hadees: Zamzam is food in place of food and medicine in place of medicine. (Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 4, pp. 358, Hadees 2)

Let's listen to three blessed sayings of The Beloved Rasool ﷺ about the virtues of Zamzam Water:

1. Zamzam water is sufficient for whatever purpose of the world and the Hereafter it is drunk. *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 3, pp. 490, Hadees 3062)*
2. Drinking Zamzam water to one's fill makes [him] get rid of hypocrisy. *(Al-Firdaus-ul-Akhbaar, vol. 1, pp. 309, Hadees 2255)*
3. Zamzam water is better than every water [that is] present on the surface of the earth. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 11, pp. 80, Hadees 11167)*

Zamzam water is a sign of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard how Allah Almighty has blessed this sacred water with great glory and blessings! It will not only refresh our memory about the Nabi of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Isma'eel Zabihullah ﷺ and his love, but it will also cure the bodily and spiritual diseases of the sick, the distressed, the grieved and the sad until the Judgement Day. Surely, the thing that bears its relation to the blessed body of Allah-loving people, its glory and dignity increase, or rather it becomes 'شَعَائِرُ اللَّهِ' [the signs of Allah Almighty]. The renowned commentator of Glorious Quran, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الْوَاحِدَان has stated: Safa and Marwah are the hills which Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا climbed up and down seven times in search of water. By virtue of the blessing of the touch of an Allah-loving blessed woman's feet on the hills both these hills have become 'شَعَائِرُ اللَّهِ' signs of Allah Almighty. Now, in imitation of Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, climbing up and down these both hills seven times have become compulsory for Hajj pilgrims until the Day of Judgement.

The thing which the feet of pious people touch becomes 'شَعَائِرُ اللَّهِ' the signs of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (He has further stated:) Toor-e-Seena (Mount Sinai) and Makkah

Mu'azzamah have become great because Toor bears relation to Kaleemullah (Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) and Makkah Mu'azzamah bears relation to Habibullah (i.e. our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). In short, the things that belong to the beloveds of Allah Almighty become the signs of Allah Almighty such as the Holy Quran, Khana Ka'bah, Mount Safa and Mount Marwa, Makkah Mu'azzamah, Bait-ul-Muqaddas, Toor-e-Seena, shrines of blessed Ambiya and pious saints, the Zamzam Water, etc. (*'Ilm-ul-Quran, pp. 48-50*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

In the Holy Quran, the blessed name of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ has been mentioned at many places and the Zikr of his glory and eminence has been stated everywhere. At one place Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated his (Sayyiduna Isma'eel's عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) attributes in the following words, in Ayah 54, 55 of Surah Maryam, Part 16:

وَإِذْ كُنَّا فِي الْكِتَابِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا ﴿٥٤﴾ وَكَانَ
يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا ﴿٥٥﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And remember Isma'eel in the Book; he was indeed true to his promise and was a Noble Messenger, a Prophet. He used to command his people to offer prayer and give charity, and was liked by his Lord. (*Part 16, Surah Maryam, Ayah 54-55*)

Dear Islamic brothers! In the above-mentioned blessed Ayah, four great attributes of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ have been mentioned: (1) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was true to his promise (2) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was the one who would give news of Ghayb (3) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was the one who would enjoin his family members to

offer Salah and give Zakah (4) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was the favourite bondman of Allah Almighty.

True to promise!

Dear Islamic brothers! Here learn it by heart that all the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام are true to promise, but Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has an excellent reputation for this attribute. In his childhood, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام fulfilled the promise very well that he made to his respected father, Sayyiduna Ibraheem Khaleelullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام with patience and pleasure at the time of being slaughtered. *(Tafseer-e-Khaazin, vol. 4, pp. 22)*

Once, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام made a promise to a person that he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would meet him at a place. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام reached the place, but that person who was supposed to come, forgot and even evening started. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام spent the whole night at that place. In the morning, when that person came he was astonished to see Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام there. He humbly said, 'Did you not leave?' Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, 'No, how could I leave before you came?' *(Tafseer Tabari, vol. 4, pp. 351)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard how excellent attribute Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام possessed! Despite even being a Nabi he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام stayed the whole night at that place in order to fulfil the promise he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام made to one of his Ummatis [followers].

Therefore, if we do not have any Shari compulsion, so adopting this very beautiful habit we should definitely fulfil the promise we make to someone. Alas! Today breach of promise is becoming widespread in our society. It is not regarded as bad though breach of promise is Haraam and a grave sin because fulfilling a promise is Wajib and compulsory for a Muslim as per Shari'ah. In Ayah 1 of Surah Al-Ma'idah, Part 6, Allah Almighty has said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ ط

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who believe! Fulfil your words (agreements). (Part 6, Surah Al-Ma'idah, Ayah 1)

Similarly, in Ayah 34 of Surah Bani Israeel, Part 15, Allah Almighty has stated:

إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ كَانَ مَسْئُولًا

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed the promise will be asked about.

(Part 15, Surah Bani Israeel, Ayah 34)

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has said that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated: 'The Muslim who breaks an agreement and a promise incurs the curse of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the angels and all humans and neither any of his Fard [obligatory] nor Nafl act will be accepted. (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 370, Hadees 3179)

It is stated in another blessed Hadees: People will not be destroyed until they break agreement with their people. (Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 166, Hadees 4347)

What is breach of promise?

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard how severe punishments there are for those who break promises! The one who breaks promises incurs the curse of Allah Almighty, His angels and all human beings. Neither any of his Fard act nor Nafl act is accepted. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: Breach of promise does not mean that a person makes a promise [to someone] and he also intends to fulfil it, but rather breach of promise is that a person makes a promise, but he intends not to fulfil it. (Al-Jami'-ul-Akhlaq Ar-Rawi Al-Khateeb-ul-Baghdad, pp. 315, Hadees 1168)

In another blessed Hadees, it is stated: When a person makes a promise to his brother with the intention to fulfil it, but could not do so, and does not

come at the appointed time, so there is no sin for him. (*Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 388, Hadees 4995*)

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Madani Qafilah—one of the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! We are listening to the pure attributes of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ. We should associate ourselves with Dawat-e-Islami in order to have such beautiful attributes. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, by virtue of its blessing, our character will improve. *أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, by virtue of the blessing of the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami many spoilt people have repented of their sins and started offering Salah regularly and acting upon Sunnahs. You also associate yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and take part actively in the 12 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah. One of the 12 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah is to make Sunnah-inspiring travel in the company of devotees of Rasool with the Madani Qafilahs that travel in the path of Allah Almighty. Virtues of travelling in the path of Allah Almighty have been mentioned at many places in blessed Ahadees. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The person whose heart starts palpitating out of fear in the path of Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty makes Hell Haraam for him. (*Musnad-e-Imam Ahmad, vol. 9, pp. 369, Hadees 2460*) It is stated at another place: The bondman whose feet are covered with dust in the path of Allah Almighty, the fire of Hell will not touch them. (*Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 257, Hadees 2811*)

We, therefore, should also propagate the message of Islam as much as possible after associating ourselves with Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool. Let's listen to a Madani parable of a Madani Qafilah:

Blessing of Madani Qafilah

An Islamic brother from Punjab, Pakistan came to Faizan-e-Madinah, the global Madani Markaz of Dawat-e-Islami, Babul Madinah, Karachi for a Tarbiyyati Course. During this course, suddenly he had a pain on the left side of his belly. The pain was so severe that he was given seven injections then the pain subsided. As the day began, his ultrasound was carried out, but doctors could not understand the cause of the pain. That Islamic brother was admitted in a hospital. He learnt there that the Islamic brothers next to him who also came for Tarbiyyati Course were getting ready to travel with a Madani Qafilah for 12 days for learning Sunnah. Doctor prevented him a lot from travelling, but he could not stop himself and started travelling with a Madani Qafilah to Dera Bugti, Baluchistan. On the way to Dera Bugti, he felt a slight pain, but by virtue of the blessing of the Du'a made in the Madani Qafilah, the pain disappeared in a way as if it had never occurred.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! One of the blessed attributes of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام mentioned in the Holy Quran is that:

وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ ۝

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And he [Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام] used to command his people to offer prayer and give charity.

(Part 16, Surah Maryam, Ayah 55)

It has been learnt that persuading family members to perform righteous deeds and make them habitual of offering Salah are Sunnahs of the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام. Therefore, realizing the importance of Salah we should not only offer all five Salahs ourselves regularly in the first row of the Masjid with the first Takbeer with Jama'at, but we should also take our sensible children with us to the Masjid.

Remember! If we take our sensible children with us to the Masjid for Salah along with offering Salah regularly, their little minds will turn to Salah from their childhood because the habit that sticks in children's minds from their childhood, becomes naturally deep-seated in their minds even when they grow up. Keep telling children the virtues of Salah from time to time to make them habitual of offering Salah. **إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, by virtue of its blessings, our children will become regular in offering Salah from a very young age.

At present, it is very necessary to give good upbringing to children and make them habitual of offering Salah, observing Siyam and performing all acts of worship from their childhood. For giving correct upbringing to children as per Sunnah, study the 188-page book 'Tarbiyyat-e-Awlad, published by Maktaba tul Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami.' **إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** this book will prove to be helpful in giving excellent upbringing to children as per Islamic teachings.

Remember! Before persuading children to perform any righteous deed, we have to get into the habit of performing that deed ourselves! Otherwise, whatever we say will not be effective and it will become difficult to get the intended results. Therefore, we have to get into the regular habit of offering Salah ourselves before we persuade our children to offer Salah, etc.

Many good pieces of news for those who offer Salah and countless virtues of Salah have been mentioned in the Holy Quran and blessed Ahadees. Let's listen to a blessed saying of Allah Almighty in order to gain Islamic knowledge and make up our minds to offer Salah regularly. In Ayah 12 of Surah Al-Ma'idah, Part 6, Allah Almighty has stated:

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ ط لَئِنِ أَقَمْتُمُ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَيْتُمُ الزَّكَاةَ وَآمَنْتُمْ بِرُسُلِي وَعَزَّرْتُمُوهُمْ
وَأَقْرَضْتُمُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا لَأُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَلَأُدْخِلَنَّكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي
مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ؕ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And Allah said, 'Indeed I am with you; surely, if you establish the prayer and pay the charity, and believe in My Noble Messengers and respect them, and lend an excellent loan to Allah, I will surely forgive your sins, and I will surely admit you into Gardens beneath which rivers flow. (Part 6, Surah Al-Ma'idah, Ayah 12)

عَزَّوَجَلَّ! شُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! There are great blessings for Salah-offering people in the blessed court of Allah Almighty, such as they are being given good pieces of news of Paradise and forgiveness. They are being given good pieces of news of great reward too. Great importance and persuasion have also been made for Salah in blessed Ahadees. For persuasion, let's listen to two blessed sayings of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

- 1) Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made five Salahs Fard [obligatory]. The one who performs Wudu in a better way for them and offers them at their (right) time, and completes their Ruku and Sujood with humility, so it is upon the mercy of Allah Almighty to forgive him and the one who does not perform them, so there is nothing for him upon Allah Almighty; if He wills, He may forgive him and if He wills, He may torment him. (Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 1, pp. 186, Raqm 425)
- 2) If there were a stream in the courtyard of anyone of you, and he took bath in it five times a day, would there be any dirt left on him? People humbly said: 'No.' He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'Salah washes sins as water washes dirt.' (Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 165, Hadees 1397)

Dear Islamic brothers! Salah-offering people are so fortunate that they have such Divine mercy which removes their sins. By virtue of the blessing of Salah, previous sins are forgiven and a person begins to avoid committing sins and the indecent acts in the future. Attend the weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima of Dawat-e-Islami, take part in Madani visits and start giving Dars from Faizan-e-Sunnat in your Masajid, Mahallahs and homes in order to maintain the habit of offering Salah. **رَأَى شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, you will not only continue to have the habit of offering Salah yourself, but you will also get a great reward of presenting others the call towards righteousness.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! The sacred month of Zul-Hijjah-tul-Haraam is about to begin soon. It is the month of great blessing and mercy. Therefore, perform as much worship and spiritual exercises as possible in this month. Observe Nafil Siyam in this month as well if possible because Nafil Siyam have countless virtues and blessings. Further, the virtues of first ten days of Zul-Hijjah-tul-Haraam have also been mentioned in blessed Ahadees.

Excellence equal to night of Qadr

It is stated in a blessed Hadees: "There are no days more beloved to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** that He be worshipped in them than the ten days of Zul-Hijjah, Sawm of every day of them is the equivalent to observing Siyam of a year, and standing every night of them (in Salah) is the equivalent of standing on the Night of Qadr." (*Jami' Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 192, Hadees 758*)

Sawm of 'Arafah

Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** narrates the following blessed statement of the Holy Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, 'I have hope to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** that the Sawm of

‘Arafah (9th Zul-Hijjah) removes the sins of the previous year and the next year.’ (*Sahih Muslim, pp. 590, Hadees 196*)

One Sawm is equal to thousand Siyam

Sayyidatuna ‘Aishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘The Sawm of ‘Arafah (9th Zul-Hijjah-tul-Haraam) is equal to a thousand Siyam.’ (*Shu‘ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 357, Hadees 3764*)

However, it is Makruh to observe Sawm on the day of Arafah (i.e. on 9th Zul-Hijjah-tul-Haraam) for the one who is in Arafat to perform Hajj.

It has been narrated from Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ forbade Hujjaj (Hajj pilgrims) to observe Sawm on the day of ‘Arafah (9th Zul-Hijjah) in Arafat. (*Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah, vol. 3, pp. 292, Hadees 2101*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard how great virtues and blessings one can get if he observes Siyam in the month of Zul-Hijjah-tul-Haraam! We, therefore, should get into the habit of observing Nafil Siyam besides performing Qurbani and other acts of worship in this blessed month. رَأَى شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, by virtue of it, we will attain countless blessings and mercy.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Introduction to Majlis Madani Qafilah!

Dear Islamic brothers! أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! We are very fortunate that Allah Almighty has blessed us with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. Dawat-e-Islami is busy presenting the call towards righteousness in approximately 104 departments for preaching Islam. One of them is Majlis Madani Qafilah.

Under the supervision of Majlis Madani Qafilah, countless Madani Qafilahs of devotees of Rasool travel for 3 days, 12 days, 1 month and 12 months from country to country, city to city, village to village propagating Islamic knowledge and Sunnahs and presenting the call towards righteousness for learning Sunnahs. Under the supervision of Majlis Madani Qafilah, Madani Tarbiyati (Training) Centres have been established at many places. In these Madani Tarbiyat Centres, Islamic brothers who come from faraway and nearby areas stay and attain the Tarbiyat of Sunnahs [learn Sunnahs] in the company of devotees of Rasool and then go to nearby areas to present the call towards righteousness.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Madani pearls of treating relatives well!

At the end of the speech, let's have the privilege to listen to a few Madani pearls of treating relatives well. First, listen to two blessed sayings of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ:

- Every good treatment is Sadaqah whether it is with a rich person or a Faqeer. (*Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 3, pp. 331, Raqm 4754*)
- The one who treats his parents well, congratulations to him because Allah Almighty has increased his age. (*Al-Mustadrak, vol. 5, pp. 213, Hadees 7339*)
- Treating relatives well is Wajib and breaking ties with them is Haraam and an act leading to Hell. (*Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 3, pp. 558*)

Announcement

Remaining Madani pearls of treating relatives well will be mentioned in Tarbiyyati Halqahs, therefore, do attend Tarbiyyati Halqahs to know about these Madani pearls.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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



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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
الْعَالِي 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 اللَّهُ 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 اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afdal-us-Salawat 'A'la 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 اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ 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 بَدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْوَّاهِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-'Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afdal-us-Salawat 'A'la 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 وَآلِهِ وَأَنْزِلْهُ الْبَقْعَةَ الْمُقَرَّبَةَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

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

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

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

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

Jadwal for the Halqahs [learning sessions] of the weekly Ijtimā' (overseas), 9 August 2018

1. Short Bayan on different topics: **5 minutes**
2. Memorising Du'a: **5 minutes**
3. Fikr-e-Madinah: **5 minutes**
4. Total duration: **15 minutes**

Madani pearls of treating relatives well!

- Kind treatment does not only mean treating those relatives kindly who have treated you kindly. This would be actually an 'exchange of treatment'. For example, sending a gift to the relative who has sent you a gift or going to the house of one who comes to yours. In actual fact, kind treatment means establishing ties with one who cuts off ties with you and caring about the relative who ignores you and stays away from you.
(Rad-dul-Muhtar, vol. 9, pp. 678)
- One can treat his relatives with kindness in different ways. For example, giving them gifts, helping them if they need it, saying Salam to them, meeting them, sitting with them, talking to them and treating them gracefully and nicely. *(Kitab Ad-Durad, vol. 1, pp. 323)*
- One should meet his relatives every other day or with gaps, as appropriate, as it will develop affection. One can also meet his relatives weekly or monthly. *(Kitab Ad-Durad, vol. 1, pp. 323)*
- The whole family and community should be united. One should also help his relatives when they are in the right [i.e. justified] in any issue. All of them should favour the truth with unity. *(Kitab Ad-Durad, vol. 1, pp. 323)*
- **Not fulfilling need of relative is sin:** When any of the relatives requests help for the fulfilment of his need we must help him because turning down this request is like breaking ties with him. *(Kitab Ad-Durad, vol. 1, pp. 323)*

For further details about treating relatives well, please study the booklet 'Hatho Hath Phuphi say Sulh Ker li', written by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَشَقِيَّةَ كَاتِبُهُ الْعَالِيَّة.

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.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Du'a for refraining from malice towards believers

The Du'a for "refraining from malice towards believers" will be memorised as per the schedule in the Madani Halqahs [circles] of Dawat-e-Islami's Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima' this week:

لَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

Translation: And do not keep any malice in our hearts towards the believers. O our Lord! Indeed only You are Most Compassionate, Most Merciful.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Madani In'amaat)

Saying of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: Pondering (over the Hereafter) for a moment is better than the worship of 60 years.

(Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, pp. 365, Hadees 5897)

Let's make "good intentions" before filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet:

1. To please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I will carry out today's Fikr-e-Madinah (i.e. self-accountability) myself through the Madani In'amaat booklet and persuade others as well.
2. I will praise (i.e. thank) Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for the Madani In'amaat which I practised.
3. I will regret the Madani In'amaat which I did not practise and try to act on them in the future.
4. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid, if I have not acted on any such Madani In'aam which saves a person from the sins, I will make a firm intention of not committing sin in the future, along with making repentance and Istighfar.
5. I will not reveal my good deeds without need (for example, I act on such and such or these many Madani In'amaat).
6. I will act afterwards or tomorrow on the Madani In'amaat which can be practised afterwards (for example, one did not recite Salat-'Alan-Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 313 times today).
7. I will try to achieve the actual aim of filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet (for example, Divine fear, piety, correcting manners, progress in the Madani activities, etc.).
8. I will fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet (i.e. carry out Fikr-e-Madinah) tomorrow as well.
9. I will not consider it a usual formality but fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet while pondering.

Mark the boxes given below with a "correct (i.e. inverted tick)" sign for the Madani In'amaat you have practised today and mark them with a "(0) sign" in case you have not practised them.

Attention: Carry out Fikr-e-Madinah while keeping an eye on your own Madani In'amaat booklet only.

Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Madani In'amaat)

Daily 50 Madani In'amaat

1. Made good intentions?
2. Offered all 5 daily Salahs with Jama'at and Takbeer-e-Aula?
3. Recited Ayat-ul-Kursi, Tasbih-e-Fatimah and Surah Al-Ikhlās after every Salah?
4. Replied to Azan and Iqamat?
5. Recited Salat 'Alan Nabi 313 times?
6. Paid Salam to Muslims?
7. Conversed using the words "Aap" and "Jee"?
8. Said 'إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ' upon intending for permissible things?
9. Replied to the Hamd of the one saying Salam or who sneezed?
10. Used terminologies of Dawat-e-Islami?
11. Applied Qufl-e-Madinah of stomach while eating less than hunger?
12. Delivered or listened to two Madani Dars?
13. Studied or taught in Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighan?
14. Read or listened to a reformative book for 12 minutes and 4 consecutive pages of *Faizan-e-Sunnat*?
15. Performed Fikr-e-Madinah?
16. Offered Salat-ut-Taubah?
17. Slept on mat? Kept Sunnah box by the pillow?
18. Offered Sunnahs before Fard and Nawafil after the Faraaid?
19. Offered Tahajjud, Ishraq, Chasht and Awwabeen?
20. Offered Tahiyya-tul-Wudu and Tahiyya-tul-Masjid?

21. Recited or listened to three Ayahs from Kanz-ul-Iman with translation and commentary?
22. Performed individual efforts on two (Islamic) brothers?
23. Spent two hours in Madani activities?
24. Obeyed your Nigran?
25. Refrained from using things asking from others?
26. In case one committed a mistake, did you reform him?
27. Performed veil within veil? Moreover, faced towards the Qiblah?
28. Controlled your anger?
29. Refrained from useless questions?
30. Observed Shar'i veil from your non-Mahram relatives / neighbours?
31. Refrained from films, dramas, songs and music etc.?
32. Made efforts to establish Madani environment at home?
33. Refrained from slandering and abusing?
34. Refrained from intervening into other's conversation?
35. Called out Sada-e-Madinah?
36. Kept your gaze lowered while applying Qufl-e-Madinah of eyes?
37. Made the efforts to refrain from peeping into others' houses?
38. Refrained from lying, backbiting, tale-telling, jealousy, arrogance and breaking promises?
39. Stayed in the state of Wudu for most part of the day?
40. Refrained from staring at the face of the addressee?
41. Paid back the loan on time?
42. Concealed Muslims' faults?
43. Kept unified relations?
44. Made efforts to create humility and self-mortification during Salah and Du'a?

45. Refrained from uttering such words of humility which your heart does not approve to?
46. While applying Qufi-e-Madinah of tongue, did you converse through gestures and by writing 4 times?
47. Watched or listened to the video/audio of one Bayan or Madani Muzakarah, or watched Madani Channel for 1 hour 12 minutes?
48. Refrained from joking, taunting, hurting feelings and laughing aloud?
49. Used minimum words for necessary conversation?
50. Wore Madani attire the whole day?

Qufi-e-Madinah performance

- Conversing through writing – 12 times
- Conversing through gestures – 12 times
- Conversing without staring – 12 times
- Usage of Qufi-e-Madinah glasses – 12 minutes

Weekly 8 Madani In'amaat

1. Attended the weekly Ijtima' from beginning to end?
2. Performed individual efforts on at least 4 brothers after the Ijtima'?
3. Inquired after an ill person?
4. Took part in Madani Daurah?
5. Made efforts to bring those back who were associated to the Madani environment but do not come anymore?
6. Attended the Masjid Ijtima' (weekly Madani Muzakarah)?
7. Sent a letter?
8. Kept Sawm on Monday?

Du'a of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

Ya Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Please do not give death to the person until he recites Kalimah who acts upon the Madani In'amaat with the sincerity of the heart, fills in the booklet through Fikr-e-Madinah daily and submits it to his responsible Islamic person on the 1st of every Madani month.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ