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A'la Hadrat's Devotion

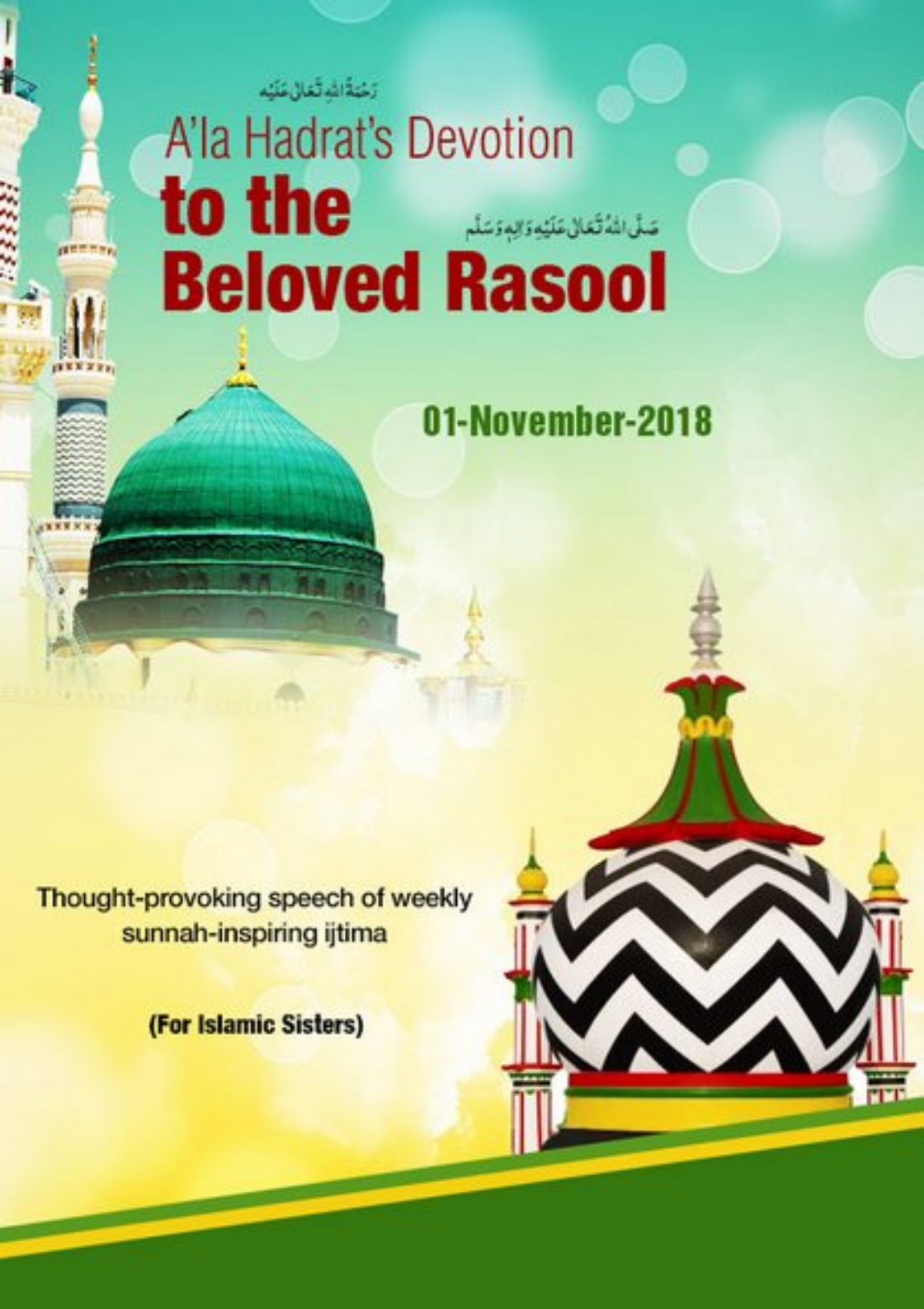
# to the Beloved Rasool

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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(For Islamic Sisters)



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

## A'la Hadrat's Devotion to the Beloved Rasool ﷺ

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا حَيِّبَ 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 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 Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

'مَا جَلَسَ قَوْمٌ مَجْلِسًا لَمْ يَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِيهِ، وَلَمْ يُصَلُّوا عَلَيَّ نَبِيِّهِمْ إِلَّا كَانَ عَلَيْهِمْ تَرَةٌ فَإِنَّ شَاءَ عَذَابُهُمْ وَإِنْ شَاءَ غَفَرَ لَهُمْ'

Those people who sit in a gathering in which they neither do the Zikr of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ nor recite Salat upon the [Beloved] Nabi (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) will feel remorse over such gathering (on the Day of Judgement). So, if Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Wills, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ will punish them and if He Wills, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ will forgive them.

*(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 5, pp. 247, Hadees 3391)*

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 صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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

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

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 the 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.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! The blessed month of Safar-ul-Muzaffar is showering its blessings upon us. This is the blessed month that has a special affiliation with the great leader of Ahl-us-Sunnah, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, revivalist of the Ummah, A'la Hadrat, Al-Haafiz, Al-Haaj, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. Allah Almighty blessed A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ with various virtues and excellence. Out of them, his most prominent attribute is his devotion towards the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. In this relation, let's listen to some faith-refreshing aspects of his Seerah and some Madani pearls.

### A'la Hadrat's Devotion to Beloved Rasool ﷺ

When A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ went to perform Hajj for the second time, he kept reciting Salat and Salam in front of the sacred shrine for a long time with the desire of beholding the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; but the first night, he was not predestined to be blessed with this great privilege. On this occasion, he wrote a famous Na'at. In the opening couplet of it, he expressed the hope of attachment to the Merciful Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

وہ سُوئے لالہ زار پھرتے ہیں  
تیرے دن اے بہار پھرتے ہیں

**Explanation of the couplet:** Get bloomed O Spring. The spring of springs is about to be bestowed on you. Look! The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is coming towards the garden.

In the closing couplet, he expressed his humbleness and humility in the blessed court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the following manner:

کوئی کیوں پوچھے تیری بات رضاً  
تجھ سے شَیْدا ہزار پھرتے ہیں

In the second line of the above couplet, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ used the word 'dog' for himself out of humility. However, out of reverence, the word 'Shayda' [i.e. one who has deep devotion] has been written here.

Explanation of the couplet: Expressing extreme humility, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ addresses himself and says in this last couplet: 'O Ahmad Raza! Who are you and what is your worth? Thousands of dogs of Madinah like you are roaming devotionally in the streets of Madinah.'

Having presented this Na'at, while he was sitting with deep reverence waiting to behold the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, his fortune smiled as he was blessed with beholding the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the state of wakefulness. (*Hayat-e-A'la Hadrat, vol. 1, pp. 92*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! We come to know that the love for Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was the most precious asset of A'la Hadrat's رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ life and his entire life revolved around the Zikr of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ kept igniting the love for Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the hearts of Muslims by writing Na'ats in the praise of his Beloved Master صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ all his life, and guarded the honour and dignity of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ through his tongue and pen. The reason because of he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was a truly devoted devotee of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, hence the yearning for going to the city of the beloved master kept increasing in his heart. And when he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was blessed with the privilege of visiting the blessed court of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, then he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ presented couplets full of devotion to the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in that blessed court. The emotional couplets full of devotion attained the rank of acceptance. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ privileged Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ to behold his blessed sight by blessing A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ with his mercy, thus accepting A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ as a true devotee.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## What is 'Ishq [passionate love] and Mahabbat [affection]?

While mentioning the definition of mahabbat [affection], Hujjat-ul-Islam, Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ states: Someone getting inclined towards something charming is called 'mahabbat [affection]'; and when this inclination grows firm, then it is referred to as 'Ishq [passionate love]'. (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, pp. 16*)

I.e. being inclined towards something you like is called affection. And when that inclination grows firm, then it is called passionate love. Whereas, having affection and passionate love for Allah Almighty and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ mean that performing those actions that would become a means of obeying them. Sayyiduna Sahl Bin Abdullah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ states: Sign of loving Allah Almighty is loving the Holy Quran, and the sign of loving the Holy Quran is loving the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and the sign of loving the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is loving his Sunnah, and the sign of loving all these things is loving the Hereafter, and the sign of loving the Hereafter is having hatred for this world except for as much as required.

(*Al-Jaami' li-Ahkam-il-Quran, vol. 2, pp. 48*)

## Advantages of devotion to Rasool ﷺ

Dear Islamic sisters! We come to know that the true devotee of Rasool ﷺ is he who spends his life by obeying Allah ﷻ and His Rasool ﷺ after getting rid of the love of this world, and does not run after this world more than needed. People who prioritize devotion to the Beloved and Blessed Rasool ﷺ over the beloved things of this world attain the following great gifts:

1. Allah ﷻ makes faith firm in the hearts of such people.
2. Their end is good.
3. Allah ﷻ helps such people through Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
4. Allah ﷻ will make them enter the Paradises which will be everlasting, beneath which streams flow.

5. Such people are called the favourite bondmen of Allah **عَدَّوَجَلَّ**.
6. Not only are their desires fulfilled, but they also get more blessings than their expectations.
7. The biggest glad tiding for them is that Allah **عَدَّوَجَلَّ** gets pleased with them. *(Tamheed-ul-Iman, pp. 61)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Introduction to A'la Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ**

My Master, A'la Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Reviver of Sunnah, Eradicator of Bid'ah, Scholar of Shari'ah, Guide of Tareeqah, 'Allamah Maulana Al-Haj Al-Haafiz Al-Qaari Ash-Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan **عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ** was born on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> Shawwal, 1272 A.H., corresponding to 14<sup>th</sup> June 1856, at the time of Zuhr Salah in Jasoli, one of the Mahallahs (areas) of Bareilly Shareef, India. *(Hayat-e-A'la Hadrat, vol. 1, pp. 58 – Maktaba-tul-Madinah, Karachi)*

A'la Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** derived his year of birth from the following blessed Ayah:

أُولَئِكَ كَتَبَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَأَيَّدَهُم بِرُوحٍ مِنْهُ

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** It is these upon whose hearts Allah has ingrained faith, and has aided them with a Spirit from His own.

*(Part 28, Surah Al-Mujadalah, Ayah 22)*

From a family background, he **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** was Pathan, carrying Hanafi beliefs and was Qadiri in Tareeqah. His father was Ustaz-ul-'Ulama [teacher of scholars], Maulana Naqi Ali Khan **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** and grandfather was Maulana Raza Ali Khan **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ**. *(Fadil-e-Baraylvi Ulama-e-Hijaz ki Nazar Mayn, pp. 67)*

Birth name of A'la Hadrat is 'Muhammad'. His blessed mother **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهَا** used to call him 'Amman Miyan' out of love. His father and other relatives

used to call him 'Ahmad Miyan'. His grandfather named him 'Ahmad Raza'. His historic name is 'Al-Mukhtar' and A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ used to write 'Abdul Mustafa' before his name himself (Faizan-e-A'la Hadrat, pp. 77) through which one can very well get a gist of his devotion to the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Therefore, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ mentions in his poetic book of Na'ats, 'Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish':

خَوْفِ نَهْ رَكْهَ رِضَا ذَرَا، تُوْ تُو بِيْ "عَبْدِ مُصْطَفَى"  
تِيْرِيْ لِيْ اَمَانِ بِيْ، تِيْرِيْ لِيْ اَمَانِ بِيْ

صَلُّوْا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! After reading or listening about the Seerah, Fatwas [Shar'i verdicts], sayings and Na'atiyyah poetry of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, every sane individual can comprehend the fact very well that the devotion to the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was embedded deeply into the heart of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ mentioned the praise of Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ all his life, strongly refuted those who rose allegations against the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and also specially adhered to the dignity and reverence to the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ while translating the Holy Quran. You can say that kindling the flame of love for Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ into the hearts of people was his main aim. Every couplet of his poetic book consisting of Na'ats, 'Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish', reveals his love for the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. You can get a gist of his devotion towards the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ not only named his both sons as 'Muhammad' but also named his nephews with the same blessed name. (Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat, pp. 73)

The blessed personality of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was a true reflection of the Sunnahs of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would sit, stand, eat, drink, walk, converse, all according to the Sunnah. The state of his love for the Sunnah was such that once, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was invited for a meal. The food was served. Everyone was waiting for Imam Ahmad Raza Khan

عليه رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمٰنِ to start eating. He رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ picked up a piece of Kakri [a kind of cucumber, usually thinner and longer than it] from the tray and ate it. Then, he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ ate the second piece and then the third. Following him, other people also stretched their hands towards the tray of Kakri, but A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ stopped everyone and said, 'I will eat all the Kakris.' Therefore, he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ ate all the Kakris.

All the people present were taken by surprise thinking that A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ normally eats very less. How come he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ ate so much Kakri today? When asked about eating all the Kakris, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ said, 'When I ate the first piece, it was bitter; and so was the second and the third. Therefore, I stopped everyone from eating it in case somebody spits it out after putting it in his mouth due to it being bitter. Since eating Kakri is a Sunnah of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ, that's why I could not stand the fact that anyone spits it out after eating it.' (Faizan-e-Sunnat, pp. 457)

مجھ کو میٹھے مُصطَفے کی سُنّتوں سے پیار ہے  
 اِن شَاءَ اللّٰهُ دو جہاں میں اپنا بیڑا پار ہے

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Did you hear that the devotion of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ made him eat the bitter Kakris, but could not stand the fact that anyone makes a face or expresses disliking it after eating Kakri, the beloved thing of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ. Undoubtedly, this is the apparent proof of his passionate love for the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ and his Sunnah; because the one who loves the Sunnah of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ actually loves Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ. As Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'مَنْ أَحَبَّ سُنَّتِي فَقَدْ أَحَبَّنِي وَ مَنْ أَحَبَّنِي كَانَ مَعِي فِي الْجَنَّةِ' i.e. The one who loved my Sunnah loved me, and the one who loved me will be with me in the Paradise. (Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, pp. 55, Hadees 175)

Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! Due to the blessing of acting upon the Sunnah, one attains closeness to Allah Almighty. Due to the blessing of acting upon the Sunnah, one attains success in both worlds. Due to the blessing of acting upon the Sunnah, one's devotion towards the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ increases. And due to the blessing of acting upon the Sunnah, one's ranks get elevated.

Due to having true love for the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ used to revere blessed Ahadees a lot. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would always deliver the Dars of Hadees by sitting in the reverential position. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would neither touch the blessed Ahadees nor teach it without being in the state of Wudu. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would not place any other book on top of the Hadees books. If any person tried to intervene while he was explaining a Hadees, then he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would become extremely angry; to the extent that his blessed face would turn red due to the anger. He disliked sitting placing a foot on the knee while teaching the blessed Hadees.

*(Faizan-e-A'la Hadrat, pp. 276)*

Dear Islamic sisters! Treading upon the footsteps of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, we shall also especially take care of the dignity and reverence for the Holy Quran and the blessed Hadees. We should try to pay full attention along with abiding by all the etiquettes and manners even when listening to the Holy Quran, blessed Hadees and Sunnah inspiring Bayans while refraining from the elements of disrespect, heedlessness and carelessness. Remember! Respect elevates one to the heights of success, whereas disrespect throws one into the pits of failures and deprivation. Alas! The element of disrespect is prevalent all around today. Especially, the respect and reverence for the sacred names and scripts are almost diminishing now. At times, the pages containing the blessed names of Allah Almighty and His Beloved Habib صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the Ayahs of the Holy Quran are seen lying around in the middle of a road, or even مَعَاذَ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the drains. Similarly, some people state such words for the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ deliberately or out of inattention that are not worthy of being used for the dignity of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. May Allah Almighty make us among those who are

respectful and safeguard us from the company of disrespectful people and reading their literature.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

There was a special grace of Allah ﷻ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ upon A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, and the style of his writing was so attractive and charming that even reverence itself would feel proud of him. Normally, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would respect all the great personages from the bottom of his heart, but in the matters of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he would take great care of reverence. If مَعَادَةَ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ the element of disrespect for the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is revealed from anyone's writing or conversation, or if he felt any word to be less respectful for the honour and glory of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, then he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would immediately warn them. Furthermore, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would also avoid using such words in his writings and Na'atiyyah poetry. Let's listen to two faith-refreshing events in this regard:

## Reverence for the sacred names

It is stated on page 173 of the 561-page book '*Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat*', published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami: One day, the nephew of Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, Maulana Hasanayn Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, was relating some questions to Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ asked by the people seeking Fatwa from him and was also writing the answers down. He wrote the word 'الله' [Allah] on a card. Upon this, A'la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: Remember! I never write three things on a card: (1) Ism-e-Jalalat i.e. 'الله', (2) 'محمد' and 'احمد' and (3) any blessed Ayah. For example, If I have to write 'رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ', then I do so in the following manner: 'حُضُورِ أَقْدَسٍ عَلَيْهِ أَفْضَلُ الصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ'; or if I am to write the 'Ism-e-Jalalat' i.e. 'الله', then I replace it with the word 'مَوْلَى تَعَالَى'. (*Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat*, pp. 73)

## Did not write words contrary to reverence

Once, Maulana Sayyid Shah Ismail Hasan Miyan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ requested A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ to write the blessed Salat 'Alan Nabi that also contained the words 'Husayn' and 'Zahid' as the attributes of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ did write the Salat 'Alan Nabi but did not write both these words. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ explained that the word Husayn occupies a meaning of being 'younger' and 'Zahid' is used for that who owns nothing. (Whereas the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has full authority over everything by the Divine bestowal of Allah Almighty. Therefore,) I do not feel appropriate to use these words in the praise of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Dear Islamic sisters! Did you hear that what great passion and enthusiasm of respect and reverence was possessed by the blessed personality of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. The love of Allah Almighty and His beloved Habib صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had been engraved onto his heart; as he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said himself on one occasion: If somebody cuts my heart into two pieces, he will find لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ on one and مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللهِ on the other. (*Sawanih Imam Ahmad Raza, pp.94*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Acting upon Madani In'amaat—one of the 8 Madani activities

Dear Islamic sisters! In order to devotionally love A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ and attain the priceless treasure of the devotion to Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, associate with the Madani environment of the Madani movement of the devotees of Rasool, Dawat-e-Islami and take part actively in the 8 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah; One of the 8 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah is to act upon 'Madani In'amaat'. 63 Madani In'amaat, given to us by Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat رَاعِيَتْ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةِ, are the best method to become righteous. Therefore do Fikr-e-Madinah (i.e. How many Madani In'amaat have I acted upon today?) daily on a pre-fixed time. Submit it to your responsible Islamic sister after filling out the blanks given in the booklet on the first day of every

Madani month. Further, also persuade other Islamic sisters to act upon 'Madani In'amaat' through a book, 'Jannat kay Talabgaron kay Liye Madani Guldastah' published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah. Every Islamic sister should make her effort to have the privilege of being Ajmeri, Baghdadi, Makki and Madani daughter of Attar. Acting upon the Madani In'aam of making an individual effort distribute at least 26 booklets of Madani In'amaat every month and try to get them back as well the next month. For persuasion, let's listen to a Madani parable.

### I did not offer Salah

The following is a summarised statement by an Islamic sister from Punjab (Pakistan): I already had a religious environment in my home as my father was a Muazzin<sup>1</sup> of a Masjid and my elder brother and sister were already affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami. However, my mind was filled with worldly desires and my Nafs was fearlessly fond of sins. I had a habit of missing my Salah. One day, some Islamic sisters came to my house in order to invite me to a Sunnah-inspiring Ijtimaa' of Dawat-e-Islami. Their affectionate manner melted my heart and I made an intention to attend the Ijtimaa'.

When I attended, I heard an Islamic sister delivering a heart-trembling speech about the 'punishments of missing Salah' that shook me up. I made a firm intention that 'إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ' from this day on, I would not miss any single Salah'. Then, with the arrival of Rabi'-un-Noor, the season of blessings, I attended a Milad congregation where I heard an Islamic sister deliver a Sunnah-Inspiring speech which was really an eye opener for me. My hair stood on end and tears gushed from my eyes. Since that day onwards until the present day I have been busy striving to reform myself remaining affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

<sup>1</sup> One who recites the call to prayer.

Dear Islamic sisters! A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ could tolerate everything against himself, but he could not tolerate even a minor form of disrespect and blasphemy against the blessed honour of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It is for this reason that whenever A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would come across the blasphemous statements written by the blasphemers, tears would well up in his eyes. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ strongly exposed the conspiracies of the enemies of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ regardless of criticism and condemnation from anyone. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would remain dignifying and praising his Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Furthermore, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ firmly defended the attacks made against the honour and dignity of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ by the heretics throughout his life so that those people could become angry and furious with him and direct their insulting sayings or writings against him (A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ). As is the summary of his writing: إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I will not pay any heed to the attacks and sentences full of criticism made against me. I have been assigned with the task by the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to defend the honour of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, not mine. I am happy for as long as they abuse, insult, and slander me, at least they remain heedless from speaking ill and picking out faults in the blessed Personality of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for that amount of time. The coolness of my eyes lies in the fact that the respect and honour of mine, my father's and grandfather's play the role of being a shield for the honour of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

*(Fatawa-e-Razawiyyah, 15; summarised)*

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## Majlis Madani Tarbiyyat Gah [Tarbiyyat centre] for Islamic sisters

Dear Islamic sisters! الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, is continuously making efforts to promote modesty, stop the flood of non-observance of purdah and completely destroy the evil like immodesty. For this purpose, Dawat-e-Islami has established different departments. One of them is 'Majlis Madani Tarbiyyat Gah for Islamic

Sisters'. This Majlis offers different courses of 12 days to Islamic sisters such as Madani Kaam course, Islah e A'maal course, Special Islamic Sister Course, Faizan-e-Quran Course, Faizan-e-Namaz Course. In these courses, Fiqh, Tajweed, Beliefs, Sunnahs and manners, importance and method of performing 8 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah, method of performing Madani activities amongst special Islamic sisters, Sunnahs and manners, rulings on Salah and specific Surahs are taught.

May Allah ﷺ enable 'Majlis Madani Tarbiyyat Gah for Islamic Sisters' to serve Islam with more enthusiasm and devotion.

أَمِينَ بِجَاوِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Reason behind reverence for Sadaat-e-Kiraam

Dear Islamic sisters! As in the sight of a true devotee, everything that has a relation or connection with her beloved is devotional, honourable and respectable for her, therefore, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ besides loving everything that is related to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also had special reverence for the Sayyids.

'Allamah Maulana Zafaruddin Qadiri Razavi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Sadaat-e-Kiraam, by the virtue of having a connection with the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, deserve the most respect and reverence, and I found A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ abiding by it completely. He did not view a Sayyid Sahib as his personal acquaintance or according to his competence but would see him from the point of view that he is a part of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. With such reverence and concept in mind, whatever respect and reverence of Sadaat-e-Kiraam is done is absolutely right. (Hayat-e-A'la Hadrat, vol. 1, pp. 179)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Let's listen to two faith-refreshing parables of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ filled with the love and affection of Sadaat-e-Kiraam so that we could also develop the love and reverence of the respected Sadaat-e-Kiraam in our hearts.

## Reformed the one who took a Sayyid's name

'Allamah Maulana Zafaruddin Qadiri Razavi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: Maulana Noor Muhammad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ and Maulana Sayyid Qana'at Ali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ both would gain Islamic knowledge in the blessed company of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. Once, Maulana Noor Muhammad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, by taking the name of a Sayyid Sahib, called out like this: 'Qana'at Ali, Qana'at Ali!' When the true devotee of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ heard this, he did not like the fact that the name of the son of the family of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ be called out in this manner. He immediately called Maulana Noor Muhammad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ and said by making an individual effort: 'Is this the way to call the Sayyid Sahibs? Have you ever heard me calling them out like this?' (i.e. I am the teacher, even then I have never done so in such a manner). Having heard this, Maulana Noor Muhammad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ felt deeply ashamed and lowered his eyes regretfully. A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: 'Go! Be careful in future.' (*Hayat-e-A'la Hadrat, vol. 1, pp. 183*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Wonderful respect of a Sayyid

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal, Muhammad Ilyas 'Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyae دَاعِيَتُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ writes in his booklet "A Brief Biography of Imam Ahmad Raza": Once, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was invited in some Mahallah (area) of Bareilly Sharif. The devotees arranged for a palanquin to bring him to their house. Therefore, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ got onto the palanquin. Four labourers picked it up on their shoulders and started to walk. After they had just moved a few steps, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ suddenly called out from inside the palanquin: 'Please stop the palanquin.' The palanquin was stopped. He

رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ immediately got off and asked the labourers in an emotional state: 'Tell me truthfully which one of you is a Sayyid<sup>1</sup>? Because my passion of faith is feeling the fragrance of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.' Stepping forward, one of the labourers said, Huzoor, 'I am a Sayyid.' No sooner had he completed his sentence, leader of the Muslim world, the Great revivalist of his era, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ took off his blessed turban and placed it at the feet of the Sayyid. Tears are trickling from the eyes of Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ and he is imploring with his hands joined together, 'Honourable prince! Forgive this mistake of mine. I have unintentionally made this mistake. Oh, how dreadful! I rode on the shoulders of a prince whose blessed slippers are the majestic crown of my head. If, on the Day of Judgement, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked me, 'O Ahmad Raza! Was the delicate shoulder of my son for bearing the burden of your palanquin?' then what reply would I give? How great an insult it would be to my claim of love and devotion to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ!'

After obtaining verbal forgiveness from the prince several times, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ expressed his last desire saying, 'Dear prince! The only way to compensate for what I have done unknowingly is that now you sit in the palanquin and I would carry it on my shoulder.' Upon hearing this request, people's eyes welled up with tears and some of them even screamed emotionally. Despite his repeated refusal, the Sayyid prince had to get on the palanquin. What a heart-rending scene it was! The illustrious Imam of the Ahl-us-Sunnah sacrificed the glory of his Allah-gifted knowledge and worldwide fame at the feet of an unknown labourer (prince) by including himself in the labourers, for the sake of the pleasure of the Noblest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (Anwaar-e-Raza, pp. 415)

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<sup>1</sup> A descendant of the grand family of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

شُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Did you hear that A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, by the Sadaqah of the true love and devotion to Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, came to know by a specific fragrance that there is a Sayyid among those who were carrying his palanquin on their shoulders. Moreover, many people present there were witness to the outstanding expression of devotion by A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, whose rank is so high that the renowned and prominent Islamic scholars of 'Arab and 'Ajam' would regard being his disciple to be a great honour, consider his company a great privilege for themselves, seek permission to narrate Hadees from him, testify that he was the Mujaddid of the time, a perfect blessed saint and a true devotee of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ had expertise in more or less 50 sciences and arts, who accomplished a translation of the Holy Quran comprising of the literal, intrinsic, literary and academic brilliance named Kanz-ul-Iman, and Fatawa-e-Razawiyah consisting of 21,656 pages with 30 volumes covering 206 booklets and adorned with 6847 questions and answers. These are the evidences of his scholarly status and rank, whose depth of knowledge and eloquence are openly talked about everywhere, who in the short span of 2 days and in the state of an illness, wrote a remarkable and researched booklet in Haramayn Sharifayn and produced heaps of evidence for the Beloved Rasool's صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ knowledge of Ghayb (unseen) and responded to the enemies of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Today, the same Imam, being the image of devotion and love, humbleness and humility, is openly begging for forgiveness from a Sayyid and instead of sitting himself in the palanquin, got the Sayyid Sahib to sit in the palanquin carrying its weight on his shoulder. Moreover, from this blessed practice of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, we also learnt the Madani pearl that it is contrary to the respect of Sadaat-e-Kiraam to call them out by their names. A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would also consider it to be disrespectful, to the extent that even if any of his associates made this kind of mistake, he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would get angry and instruct them to observe respect for Sadaat-e-Kiraam in future.

Just ponder; the one who has so much regard for the love, devotion, and respect of Sadaat-e-Kiraam, then what would be the status of his devotion to the Master of all Sayyids, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Dear Islamic sisters! When someone has immense devotion for someone, then the devotee often uses poetry to express her sincere feelings and to praise her beloved as one can express her hearty feelings very well through poetry. That's the reason A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ also adopted the way of Na'atiyyah poetry to express his devotion. *Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish*, a Na'atiyyah collection filled with deep love and devotion, is a great achievement of A'la Hadrat's poetry. Every couplet written by A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ is absolutely according to the Shari'ah.

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Also keep in mind that not everyone can write Na'atiyyah poetry, nor does everyone have permission for this. For Na'atiyyah poetry, in addition to the principles of the art of poetry, the wealth of Islamic knowledge and the company of righteous Islamic scholars etc., are also essential. Many poets who are matchless in the worldly poetry, when they started writing Na'atiyyah poetry, due to being deprived of the Islamic knowledge and the company of Islamic scholars, they faced such problems that 'الْأَمَانُ وَالْحَفِيفُ'! Anyways, it is safer that ordinary people should exclude the idea of writing Na'atiyyah poetry from their minds because it is not an easy task.

May I be sacrificed on the cautious approach of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ that despite being perfectly competent to write Na'at and having expertise in the principles of the art of poetry, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would still consider writing blessed Na'at to be a difficult task. He himself has stated: 'In reality, to write a blessed Na'at is an extremely difficult task which is considered easy by people. In it, one has to walk on the edge of a sword.'

*(Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat, pp. 227)*

Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ has stated regarding Na'atiyyah poetry on page number 232 of his book '*Kufriyah Kalimat kay baaray mayn Suwal Jawab*': 'It is the Sunnah of the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ, i.e. writing Na'atiyyah poetry has been proven by some companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ such as Hassaan Bin Saabit رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and Sayyiduna Zayd رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. Anyhow, keep

in mind that writing blessed Na'atiyyah poetry is an extremely difficult art for which one should be an Islamic scholar as well as having expertise in this field. Otherwise, if he is not an Islamic scholar, then he may fall into using words that are contradictory to the honour of the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in order to keep a balance of the words (repeated after rhyme), rhyming words and the meter (i.e. weight of the couplet). It is not appropriate for ordinary people to get the desire of poetry as there is more risk of Kufriyat [statements of disbelief] to occur in poetry rather than in the prose work. Even if the poetry remains safe from Shar'i mistakes, still very few people have the mindset of refraining from unnecessary things. The way unnecessary words are found abundantly in everyday conversations nowadays, similarly, they are found in Bayan and Na'atiyyah poetry as well.'

*(Kufriyah Kalimat kay baaray mayn Suwal Jawab, pp. 232)*

Therefore, respect and reverence demand that those who are unaware of the art of Na'at should not develop the interest of writing Na'at themselves as this is better for them in both the worlds.

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Dear Islamic sisters! As long as A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ remained alive, due to the Sadaqah of devotion to Rasool, he not only himself kept attaining spiritual grace and refulgence from the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ but also benefited the creation. Furthermore, the favours and bestowals from the Noblest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ were not limited to his lifetime only, rather, the blessings and favours showered upon him even after his demise.

### Waiting in the blessed court of the Holy Rasool ﷺ

On 25<sup>th</sup> Safar-ul-Muzaffar (1340 AH), a Syrian saint رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ dreamt in Baytul-Muqaddas that he was present in the glorious court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. All the blessed Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ and great Awliya were also present there, but there was complete silence in that

gathering. It seemed as if they were waiting for someone. The Syrian saint رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ humbly asked the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! May my parents be sacrificed for you! Huzoor who is being waited for?' The Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'We are waiting for Ahmad Raza.' The Syrian saint رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ asked, Huzoor 'Who is Ahmad Raza?' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'He is a native of Bareilly in India.' When the saint awoke, he immediately left for India to meet A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. But when he reached Bareilly Shareef, he found out that A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ passed away on the same day (i.e. 25<sup>th</sup> Safar, 1340 A.H.) when he heard the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying in his dream that **'We are waiting for Ahmad Raza.'** (*Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat, pp. 35 - 36*)

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## Sunan and manners of Salam

1. It is Sunnah to say Salam when meeting a Muslim.
2. Ninety mercies descend upon the one who takes the lead in Salam and ten mercies descend upon the one who replies. (*Kimiya-e-Sa'adat*)
3. One receives 10 virtues for saying ﴿السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ﴾, 20 virtues if ﴿وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ﴾ is further added, 30 if ﴿وَبَرَكَاتُهُ﴾ is also added.
4. The person who takes the lead in saying Salam is free from arrogance.
5. The person one who takes the lead in saying Salam is close to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
6. The best words of Salam are ﴿السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ﴾ i.e., may peace be upon you, and mercies and blessings descend from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (*Derived from: Fatawa Razawiyah, vol. 22, pp. 409*)
7. The best words for the reply to Salam are as follows ﴿وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ﴾ i.e., and may peace be upon you too, and

mercies and blessings descend from Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. *(Derived from: Fatawa Razawiyah, vol. 22, pp. 409)*

8. It is Wajib [obligatory] to reply to Salam immediately in a voice audible to the one who greeted you with Salam.

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