



Virtues and Remembrance of  
**Madinah**

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sunnah-inspiring ijtima

(For Islamic Sisters)

**Muballighah must read the Bayan at least 3 times before delivering speech**

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

## Virtues and remembrance of Madinah

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

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

## Excellence of reciting Durood

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated:

رَبُّنَا مَجَالِسَكُمْ بِالصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ فَإِنَّ صَلَاتِكُمْ عَلَيَّ تُوْرُكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

i.e. 'Adorn your gatherings by reciting Salat upon me, because your recitation of Salat upon me will be Noor for you on the Day of Judgement.'

*(Jami' Sagheer, pp. 280, Hadees 4580)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Before listening to the Bayan, let's first of all make good intentions for attaining the Divine pleasure and earning rewards. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'رَبِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a Muslim is better than his deed.* (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

## Madani pearl

The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward she will attain.

**Note:** *The intentions mentioned below can be modified as per situation*

### Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
3. I will make room for 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 **رُؤِبُوا 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 remembrance of Madinah brings about a smile on the faces of the Devotees of Rasool, the hearts get excited out of happiness,

the environment turns blissful, tears of joy fall from the eyes of some people, the words ‘Madinah Madinah’ come out from the lips enthusiastically in a state of eagerness. The extent of the glory and virtue of Madinah can be understood from the fact that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, whom we love deeply, himself greatly loved the city of Madinah. Therefore, the prerequisite of the love of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is this that we should not only love the city of Madinah, rather, our hearts should be embedded with the love of every corner and market of Madinah, gardens and deserts of Madinah, doors and walls of Madinah, flowers of Madinah and even the thorns of Madinah.

We should be restless in longing for it and not only wish for respectful visit to Madinah but pray to Allah Almighty for it as well. Let’s hear about the virtues, specialities and some sacred places of Madinah. But first, let’s hear a faith enlightening parable:

### Visitor of the Prophet’s ﷺ court was forgiven

Hadrat Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Harb Hilaali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: ‘Once, I was present in the Court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ when an Arab villager also came and requested in the following manner: “O Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! The true Book which Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has revealed upon you has the following verses from Surah Nisa, Para 5 within it:

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمْ

الرَّسُولُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٦٤﴾

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** *And if when they do injustice to their own souls (by committing sins), then O Beloved, they should come to your august court, and then seek forgiveness from Allah, and the Messenger intercedes for them, so they would definitely find Allah The Greatest Acceptor of repentance, The Most Merciful. (Part 5, Surah An-Nisa, Ayah 64)*

O my Master! By asking for forgiveness of my sins from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ I present myself in your Court, and I make you my intercessor in the Court of Allah

عَدَّوَجَلَّ. Saying this, the person started to cry and recited the following couplets:

يَا خَيْرَ مَنْ دُفِنَتْ بِالنَّعَاءِ أَعْظَمُهُ  
رُوحِي الْفِدَاءِ لِقَبْرِ أَنْتَ سَاكِنُهُ  
فَطَابَ مِنْ طَيِّبِهِنَّ النَّعَاءُ وَالْأَكْرَمُ  
فِيهِ الْعِفَافُ وَفِيهِ الْجُودُ وَالْكَرَمُ

**Translation:** O the best of the beings whose blessed body was buried in that ground, due to its elegance and purity, fields and mounds became fragrant. May my life be sacrificed upon the blessed grave in which you are resting; that contains a very big treasure of chastity, generosity, forgiveness and grace.

That person kept on reciting these couplets and after asking for forgiveness with tearful eyes, he left. Hadrat Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Harb Hilaali رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ says: When I slept, I saw the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in my dream. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to me: Go meet that Arab villager and give him the good news that Allah عَدَّوَجَلَّ has accepted his forgiveness due to my intercession.' (Mu'jam Ibn Asakir, pp. 600, 601; summarised)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! From this parable, it is made apparent to us that the crying of the Arab villager, his craving and pleading in the Court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, his act of shedding tears in the Blessed Court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ helped him, and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ gave the good news of his forgiveness. Hence, we know that even today, the treasure of forgiveness is distributed from the Court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Even today, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ takes sinners under his merciful refuge. Even today, the fortune of the helpless is shone there. Even today, the difficulties of those who are struggling with difficulties are removed and even today, people's desires are fulfilled.

In today's age, there will be many people in the world that have a lot of money and have travelled the world, but alas, they have been deprived from

visiting the Holy City of blessed Madinah. Whereas on the other hand, there may have been people who did not have any money or means for travelling to Madinah, but their crying, their true yearning, their continuous praying and their sincere efforts for the Holy visit to Madinah bore fruit. Circumstances changed for the better and eventually, they were also blessed with the vision of the Green Dome and the Holy City of Madinah.

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ

**O Devotees of Rasool!** The City of Madinah is such a blessed, sacred and glorious place that one does not feel like leaving because the blessed shrine of our Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and many blessed monuments linked to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are there. One attains such peace and tranquillity in Madinah that is not found anywhere else. Therefore, if any difficulty arises whilst you are travelling to Madinah or you face any problem whilst in Madinah, you should remain patient and accept it as a blessing, as the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has given the glad tidings of intercession for those who remain patient upon the difficulties in the city of Madinah.

### Virtue of remaining patient upon the difficulties in Madinah

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: “Whomsoever comes to Madinah with the intention of visiting me shall be under my safety on the Day of Judgement. Whomsoever makes Madinah his living place and remains patient upon the difficulties in Madinah, on the Day of Judgement, I shall be his witness and will intercede for him. Whomsoever dies in either Makkah or Madinah, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will raise that person from the grave in such a manner that he will be in peace from the fear of the Day of Judgement.”

*(Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, pp. 512, Hadees 2755)*

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Dear Islamic sisters! The thorns on the path of Madinah are like flowers to the devotees of Rasool. Therefore, whilst travelling to Madinah, if any difficulties arise, someone troubles you, someone pushes you, speaks against you or any kind of disaster strikes, you should remain patient. Being impatient, crying, shouting, seeking revenge and complaining could result in you being deprived of various blessings. Therefore, the time you spend in the blessed city of Madinah, try to be an embodiment of respect and dignity.

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, our pious predecessors would respect the city of Madinah very much. Let's listen to parable of the great love and respect of an exalted saint, a devotee of Rasool had for the blessed city of Madinah:

### Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ and the respect of the blessed sand of Madinah

Sayyiduna Imam Shaafi'i رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: 'I once saw some Egyptian or Persian horses tied at the door of Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ. Before this, I had never seen such excellent horses. I said: 'How excellent these horses are.' Imam Maalik then said: 'I give you all of the horses as a gift.' When I requested him to keep one horse for himself, he replied: 'I feel shy from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that the blessed ground of Madinah should be stamped upon by my horses' hooves where the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is resting.' (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom*, vol. 1, pp. 114; summarised)

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! Did you hear how excellent devotee of Rasool, Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was, how much he loved blessed Madinah and how much he respected it. As he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was also the scholar of Madinah, respect was embedded in his nature, whereas, knowledge and respect are both a great necessity in our society today. If you have the wealth of knowledge, you will have the ability to respect as well and if you are empty of knowledge, there is a chance of you falling into the pits of disrespect. Especially if you are travelling to Madinah, it is very important for you to take each and every step with caution ensuring that immense respect is observed. Remember! This is that sacred place whose respect Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has taught us. Therefore, showing even slight

laziness in this matter could result in a major calamity. Let's listen to a cautionary parable and learn a lesson from this:

## The harm of disrespecting the yoghurt of Madinah

A person would always cry and ask for forgiveness in Madinah. When he was asked regarding this, he replied: 'Once I said that the yoghurt of Madinah is sour and defective. As soon as I said this, my sainthood disappeared and I faced the consequences that, 'O you, who called the yoghurt of city of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ sour and defective! Look with the eyes of love! Each and every thing in the blessed streets of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is excellent.' (Derived from: Bahar-e-Masnawi, 128)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! May we be sacrificed upon the fate of those who go to Madinah! Their destiny is at their peak, their fortunes are shining, they are at the peak of attaining blessings, their happiness is worth watching, and the blessings of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ are raining upon them continuously. And why not, as the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has himself, from his own truthful blessed tongue, given glad tidings of intercession to those who visit the blessed shrine of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

## Intercession becomes Wajib

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

مَنْ زَارَ قَبْرِي وَجَبَتْ لَهُ شَفَاعَتِي

i.e. 'Whoever beheld my grave, my intercession has become Wajib for him.' (Dar Qutni, Kitab-ul-Hajj, vol. 2, pp. 351, Hadees 2669)

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Just imagine how sacred and blessed that place is by the virtue of beholding which, one gets bestowed with intercession. She will be blessed

with blessings and if she passes away there, then she will become deserving of intercession.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O devotees of the Prophet! Allah Almighty blessed the city of Madinah with countless specialities. To gain blessings, let's listen to some specialities of blessed Madinah and create the means to increase the dignity of this sacred city further in our hearts.

### Specialities of Madinah-e-Munawwarah

1. There is no city on earth that has as many names as Madinah. To the extent that some scholars have written 100 names for it.
2. Madinah-e-Munawwarah is such sanctified city that has most Qasidahs (Odes) written in its love and remembrance and in most languages of the world. This practice is ongoing and will continue.
3. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ migrated towards it and resided there.
4. Allah Almighty kept its name **Tabah** [طابه]
5. When he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would come back from a journey and as he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would reach near Madinah, he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would speed up his journey out of the love and passion for Madinah.
6. The blessed heart of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would feel solace in Madinah.
7. He صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would not wipe off the dust of Madinah from his blessed face and would also forbid the blessed companions عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَان from doing so, and would say: 'There is cure in the soil of Madinah.' (*Jazb-ul-Quloob*, pp. 22)

8. When any Muslim visits Madinah with the intention of beholding it, then angels welcome him with the gifts of mercy. (*Jazb-ul-Quloob*, pp. 211)
9. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ persuaded to meet death in Madinah.
10. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will intercede for the Muslim who passes away in Madinah.
11. The area between the blessed chamber and the blessed pulpit is a garden (i.e. flower-bed of Paradise) among the gardens of Paradise.
12. The blessed shrine of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is situated on the plains of Madinah-e-Munawwarah where 70,000 angels descend in the morning and 70,000 in the evening. (*'Aashiqaan-e-Rasool ki 130 Hikayatayn ma' Makkay Madinay ki Ziyaratayn*, pp. 259 to 262)

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### Holy Prophet ﷺ fed

Sayyiduna Imam Yusuf Bin Isma'eel Nabhaani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ narrates: Sayyiduna Shaykh Abul 'Abbas Ahmad Bin Nafees Tunisi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: 'Once, I visited the blessed shrine of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the state of extreme hunger and said: 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! I am hungry.'

All of a sudden, I dozed off. Someone woke me up and invited me to go with him. Therefore, I came to his house with him. The host presented dates, ghee and loaf of wheat and said: 'Eat to your fill; because my great grandfather, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, has commanded me to host you. Come to us in future too whenever you are hungry.' (*Hujjatullahi 'alal 'Aalameen*, pp. 573)

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**O devotees of the Prophet!** Let's listen to a faith-enlightening parable regarding visiting Madinah.

## O visitor of the blessed shrine! Return forgiven

Sayyiduna Haatim Asam رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ visited the blessed shrine of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and made the following Du'a: 'O Allah Almighty! I beheld the blessed grave of Your beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Do not return me empty handed.'

A voice was heard: 'O bondman! We granted you the permission of visiting the blessed grave of Our Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ only when We intended to purify you. Now, you and those who beheld the blessed grave with you should return, being forgiven. Allah Almighty has indeed become pleased with you and those who beheld the blessed shrine of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (Ar-Raud-ul-Faa'iq, pp. 306)

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**O devotees of the Prophet!** Did you hear that what a great privilege and blessing it is to behold the blessed shrine of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ? As the beholders of the blessed shrine of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are given the glad-tidings of forgiveness from the court of Allah Almighty.

So, how fortunate are those devotees of the Prophet who have been blessed with visiting Madinah-e-Munawwarah, who have soothed their eyes by beholding the green dome, who have beheld the attractive and beautiful minarets of Masjid-e-Nabawi and who have beheld the blessed pulpit and Mihrab of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with their own eyes.

No doubt, they would even still remain restless out of the love of Madinah. Their eyes would well up when they would see those scenes in pictures. Their hearts would get restless.

If only Allah Almighty also blesses us sinners with the privilege of visiting Madinah-e-Munawwarah for the sake of those devotees of the Prophet.

If only Holy Prophet ﷺ also calls us in his blessed feet too.

If only we could also be blessed with beholding the beautiful green dome.

If only we could also be blessed with the privilege of reciting Durood and Salaam while standing in front of the blessed golden grills.

If only we could also meet our death with Iman and wellbeing in Madinah and get buried in Jannat-ul-Baqi'.

Remember! Dying in Madinah and being buried in Jannat-ul-Baqi' is a very big privilege.

## Excellence of dying in Madinah

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated:

مَنْ اسْتَطَاعَ أَنْ يَمُوتَ بِالْمَدِينَةِ فَلَيْسَتْ بِهَا

Whoever among you can die in Madinah should die in Madinah, (فَأَنِّي أَشْفَعُ لِمَنْ يَمُوتُ بِهَا) because I will intercede for the one who dies in Madinah.

*(Tirmizi, vol. 5, pp. 483, Hadees 3943)*

At another place, he ﷺ stated: (On the Day of Judgement, when everyone will be resurrected from graves), then first my and then Abu Bakr's and Umar's (رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا) graves will open. Then I will go to those buried in Jannat-ul-Baqi' and they will gather with me. Then I will wait for the people of Makkah, to the extent that I will get them along with me in between Makkah and Madinah. *(Tirmizi, vol. 5, pp. 388, Hadees 3712)*

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## Remembrance of Madinah

Dear Islamic sisters! We are listening to the virtues and specialities of Madinah-e-Munawwarah and the sacred places it contains. Remember that talking about Madinah soothes the souls and hearts of the devotees of Prophet. The amount of Kalams (poems) that are written in different languages of the world about separation from Madinah and yearning to behold it, are not written for any other city or land of the world. Whoever beholds Madinah even once considers herself to be fortunate and remembers the beautiful moments spent in Madinah-e-Munawwarah forever.

Devotees of Madinah remain restless due to being separated from it and remain extremely desirous of beholding it. What is Madinah and how shall we love Madinah? How shall our feelings be while departing from Madinah? For this, the Seerah and character of our righteous predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى is a great example for us.

### I won't return leaving Madinah

The caliph Haroon-ur-Rasheed asked Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ: 'Do you have a house?' He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ replied: 'No'. Upon this, he presented him with 3,000 dinars and said: 'Buy a house with this money.'

He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ kept the dinars and did not spend them. When caliph Haroon-ur-Rasheed was leaving Madinah-e-Munawwarah, he humbly said in the court of Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ: 'You will have to come with me because I have made the intention of gathering people over the famous book of Hadees, *Mu'atta*, the way Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen Sayyiduna Usman Bin Affaan رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ gathered people over one Quran.'

He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ replied: "There is no justification for gathering people over only '*Mu'atta*' because after the apparent demise of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the blessed companions رَضُوا أَنْ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ went to different cities. They relayed Ahadees due to which, everyone in Egypt now has the knowledge of Hadees. Moreover, Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also stated:

‘Difference (of opinion) of my Ummah is mercy.’<sup>1</sup> And as far as leaving Madinah and going with you is concerned, then there is no way for this either because the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: ‘Madinah is better for them if they understand.’<sup>2</sup> In one narration, it is stated: “Madinah removes the dirt (of sins) like a furnace removes the rust of iron.”<sup>3</sup> Then, he رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ said to caliph Haroon-ur-Rasheed: “Here are your Dinars. If you want, you may take them and if you want, you may leave them.” I.e. you bound me to leave Madinah because you treated me nicely, then (listen!) I do not prioritise this world over Madinah. (*Ihya-ul-Uloom, vol. 1, pp. 113; summarised*)

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Dear Islamic sisters! Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, ‘Allamah, Maulana, Muhammad Ilyas ‘Attar Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has attained the privilege of travelling for Hajj and visiting Madinah many times. His entire feelings during this journey cannot be depicted. However, let’s listen to the brief account of one of the journeys of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ to Madinah-e-Munawwarah.

## Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat’s journey to Madinah-e-Munawwarah

When the blessed moments of him leaving for Madinah-e-Munawwarah approached, then the devotees of Prophet were present at the airport to see him off. The devotees of Madinah encircled him and started reciting Na’ats. Na’ats filled with the love of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ignited the flame of devotion of the devotees of Madinah further. The sighs and sobbing in the love of Madinah were making the entire environment emotional. The state of the devotee of Madinah, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ, was also very devoting one. Tears were flowing from his eyes. Finally, in the same state, the journey towards Madinah commenced. As the destination was approaching,

<sup>1</sup> (*Jami’-ul-Usool, vol. 1, pp. 121*)

<sup>2</sup> (*Muslim, Hadees 1363, pp. 710*)

<sup>3</sup> (*Muslim, Hadees. 1381, pp. 716; Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 6, pp. 361, Hadees 8942*)

the intensity of his devotion was also increasing. As soon as he **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** reached Madinah-e-Munawwarah, he **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** took off his shoes.

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** would especially look after the etiquette of Madinah-e-Munawwarah to such an extent that in 1406 A.H., he **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** was ill during the journey of Hajj. He **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** had a very strong flu and a runny nose. Despite this, he **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** never blew his nose in Madinah-e-Munawwarah. In fact, every action of his reflected respect. As long as he **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** stayed in Madinah-e-Munawwarah, he did not turn his back towards Gumbad-e-Khazra as much as possible. *(Ta'aruf-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, pp. 32 - 34)*

## Sacred places of Madinah-e-Munawwarah

Dear Islamic sisters! The focal point of Prophet's devotees, i.e. sweet Madinah, is all full of Noor. Attractive Masajid and sacred places are showering their blessings even today.

Being drenched in love and devotion, what a beautiful statement the famous Muhaddis Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhaddis-e-Dehilvi **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** made that 'those possessing spiritual insight know that how much Nooraniyyat [luminescence] is revealed from the mountains and valleys of Makkah and Madinah. Undoubtedly! The reason behind this is that there is not even a single particle in all those places upon which the blessed gaze was not cast and that was not blessed with beholding the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.'

*(Jazb-ul-Quloob, pp. 148)*

In order to gain blessings, let's briefly listen about **some Masajid and honourable sacred places** of Madinah-e-Munawwarah.

### 1. Masjid-e-Quba

An ancient village called 'Quba' is situated around 3 km away in the south west of Madinah-e-Munawwarah where this sacred Masjid (i.e. Masjid-e-Quba) is built. Virtues of this Masjid have been mentioned in the Holy Quran and blessed Ahadees with a great emphasis. Walking at a moderate speed,

devotees of the Prophet can get to Masjid-e-Quba from Masjid-e-Nabawi in around 40 mins. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would go to Masjid-e-Quba every Saturday, sometimes walking and sometimes riding.

*(Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 402, Hadees 1193)*

## 2. Masjid-e-Ghamamah

When we come to Madinah-e-Munawwarah from Makkah-e-Mukarramah or Jeddah, then before reaching Masjid-e-Nabawi, another beautiful Masjid with tall domes comes on the way. This very Masjid is ‘**Masjid-e-Ghamamah**’.

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ offered the Salah of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha for the first time in 2 A.H., there in an open field. This is the very place where the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ prayed for rain. As soon as the Du‘a was made, clouds emerged and it started to rain.

‘Cloud’ in the ‘Arabic language is called Ghamamah. Due to this association, it is now called ‘**Masjid-e-Ghamamah**’. There was an open field over there. Mujaddid of the first century, Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna ‘Umar Bin Abdul ‘Azeez رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ built a Masjid there.

Let’s now hear about some more sacred places.

## 3. Flower-bed of Paradise

The area between the blessed chamber (where the blessed shrine of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ exists) and the blessed pulpit (where the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to deliver sermon from) is ‘**the flower-bed of Paradise**’. It is 22 meters in length and 15 meters in width.

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

مَا بَيْنَ بَيْتِي وَمَنْبَرِي رَوْضَةٌ مِنْ رِيَاضِ الْجَنَّةِ

i.e. ‘The area between my house and pulpit is a garden among the gardens of Paradise.’ *(Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 402, Hadees 1195)*

In general conversation, people call it ‘**Riyad-ul-Jannah**’ but the actual word is ‘**Rauda-tul-Jannah**’.

*Is taraf raузay ka noor us samt mimbar ki bahar  
Beech mayn jannat ki piyari piyari kiyārī wah wah*

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## Sunan and manners of Miswak

Let’s listen to Sunnahs and manners of Miswak from ‘163 Madani Pearls’ a booklet written by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ

1. Offering 2 Rak’aat having performed Miswak are better than 70 Rak’aat without Miswak. (*Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 1, pp. 102, Hadees 18*)
2. Make the use of Miswak necessary upon yourself because in it is the cleanliness of the mouth and it is a means of attaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 2, pp. 437, Hadees 5869*)
  - Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has narrated that Miswak has ten qualities: It cleans the mouth, strengthens the gums, improves the eyesight, eliminates phlegm, eliminates bad breath, it is the observance of the Sunnah, angels become happy, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is pleased.
  - Miswak should be of Peelu or bitter wood such as olive etc. The thickness of a Miswak should be equal to that of the small finger.
  - When a Miswak becomes unusable, one shouldn’t throw it away as this is a tool for acting upon a Sunnah. It should be placed somewhere with care

To learn various Sunnah, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari’at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Adaab*, comprising of 120 pages and 2 booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, ‘Allamah, Maulana, Muhammad Ilyas ‘Attar Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ “101 Madani Pearls” and “163 Madani Pearls” and study them.