



Imam Malik's Devotion to Rasool



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Thought-provoking speech of weekly
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

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أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى أَلِكْ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى أَلِكْ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ 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 Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ فِي يَوْمٍ أَلْفَ مَرَّةٍ لَمْ يَمُتْ حَتَّى يَرَى مَقْعَدَهُ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ

Whoever recites blessed Durood one thousand times on me in one day will not die until he sees his abode in Paradise. (*Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 326, Hadees 2590*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ 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 مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.* (*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 *تَوْبُوا 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! **إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ!** In today's speech, we are going to listen to a few faith-refreshing events relating to 'Imam Malik's **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** devotion to Rasool'. Besides this, we are going to listen to the sayings of blessed Islamic scholars regarding his acts of worship, recitation of the Holy Quran and manner of performing worship. Let's, first of all, listen to a parable in relation to his devotion to Rasool and refresh our faith.

Imam Malik **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** and reverence for Masjid Nabawi

Once Caliph Abu Ja'far Mansoor raised his voice while having conversation with Sayyiduna Imam Malik **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** in blessed Masjid Nabawi, Sayyiduna Imam Malik **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** said to him [presenting him the call towards righteousness]: O Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen! Do not raise your voice in this Masjid, because teaching respect to a group Allah Almighty has stated:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ

O believers! Do not raise your voices higher than the voice of this Conveyor of the unseen (Prophet Muhammad)

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 26, Surah Al-Hujurat, Ayah 2)

Praising the other group Allah Almighty has stated:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَغْضُّونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

Indeed those who lower their voices in the august court of Allah's Messenger,

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 26, Surah Al-Hujurat, Ayah 3)

And condemning a nation Allah Almighty has stated:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَادُونَكَ مِنْ وَرَاءِ الْحُجُرَاتِ

Indeed those who call you from outside (your) private rooms,

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 26, Surah Al-Hujurat, Ayah 4)

Sayyiduna Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ then said: The respect and reverence for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is absolutely the same as was in his apparent life. Having heard this Abu Ja'far kept quiet.

Do not stand with your back facing luminous Rauda

Caliph Abu Ja'far then asked Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ: O Abu Abdullah! Should I make Du'a facing Qiblah or facing the blessed Rauda of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ? Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, 'Why do you turn your face away from the blessed shrine of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ? On the Judgement Day, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the Wasilah for you and your father Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in the court of Allah Almighty. Therefore, turning your face towards the blessed shrine of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ you beg for intercession from him, then Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will accept his intercession. (Shifa, pp. 41)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Sayyiduna Imam Malik, a great leader of millions of Malikis, was a great devotee of Rasool. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would tolerate everything relating to himself, but whenever he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would find anyone committing disrespect by raising his voice in blessed Masjid Nabawi he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would become angry out of faith and would not keep quiet on that person's terrible deed. Presenting him the call towards righteousness immediately he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would remind him of the manners of the blessed court of Risalat as it is the sacred place whose manners Allah Almighty has stated in His Holy Book.

From this parable not only have we understood Sayyiduna Imam Malik's رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ devotion to Rasool, but we also have learnt that Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ never missed any opportunity to present the call towards righteousness. But Alas! Now the passion for presenting the call towards righteousness is decreasing. What kind of Muslims are we! Evils are being committed in our homes but we remain busy reforming only ourselves despite having power to stop [them] and do not present them the call towards righteousness.

Since we get more reward for presenting the call towards righteousness, Satan by creating evil thoughts in our minds about it tries to deprive us of this great deed, though it is beneficial to make Islamic sisters understand. Of course! In verse 55 of Surah-tuz-Zariyat, Part 27 Allah Almighty has stated:

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

And remind, that reminding benefits the Muslims.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran) (Part 27, Surah-tuz-Zariyat, Ayah 55)]

Similarly, there are many places in blessed Ahadees in which we have been persuaded to present the call towards righteousness and prevent from evil.

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever amongst you sees any evil, should change it with his hand; and the one who does not have the power to change it with his hand should change it with his tongue; and the one who does not even have the power to change it with his tongue, should consider it to be bad in his heart and it is the sign of the weakest faith.'

(Sahih Muslim, pp. 48, Hadees 177)

Do we regard as bad in the heart?

Dear Islamic sisters! We should ask question from our conscience: Have we ever regarded the sin as bad in the heart which is being committed by any Islamic sister and we have no power to stop it with hand or tongue?

Alas! If our son takes a day off from School, we definitely dislike it, but if our family members miss all five Salah daily, we have no worry at all, even we do not make any effort to make them understand. Just ponder! If music is playing and we have no power to stop it, does it prick our conscience? Do we regard it as bad? Perhaps not because we have مَعَاذَ اللهِ a musical tune in our mobile phone too. If an Islamic sister tells a lie, do we dislike it? Of course, we don't, but why? Because we also مَعَاذَ اللهِ tell lies. These examples are only for giving advice, otherwise there are many Islamic sisters who have no musical tunes in their mobile phones, who do not have the habit of abusing verbally and telling lies, even then they do not have the mindset of regarding it as bad.

If we make up our mind properly to regard evil as bad and feel sad for it to please Allah Almighty, we will start making other Islamic sisters understand it. In this way, Sunnah will be spread and the call towards righteousness will be presented everywhere. May Allah Almighty have mercy on our state and bless us with good sense so that we can also become the ones who spread the call towards righteousness and propagate the Sunnah of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ!

It is absolutely permissible to make Du'a while facing the blessed Raudah

From the above-mentioned parable it has become obvious that Aalim-e-Madinah Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ not only would regard making Du'a facing the blessed Raudah as permissible, but he would also emphasize on it. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was the "Aalim-e-Madinah". If making Du'a in the direction of blessed Rauda had been impermissible or Shirk, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would surely have stopped us from this deed and would not have granted permission at all for it. His devotion would show that there is no refusal from the importance and dignity of Ka'bah, but remember, whatever someone has got and even is getting in the universe, they are getting by virtue of the Sadaqah of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Let's now listen to the brief biography of Sayyiduna Imam Malik [Aalim-e-Madinah].

Sayyiduna Imam Malik's birth and lineage

According to a correct saying, Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was born in 93 AH (in the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal) in Madinah Munawwarah. (*Tazkirah Al-Huffaz, vol. 1, pp. 157*) His رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ name is Malik and Kuniyyat Abu Abdullah. His رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ lineage is Malik Bin Anas Bin Malik Bin Abu Amir. His رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ great grandfather Abu Amir moved from Yemen to Madinah Munawwarah and embraced Islam and became a blessed companion. (*Tarteeb-ul-Madarik, vol. 1, pp. 47*) A famous book of blessed Hadees named 'Muwatta Imam Malik' is written

by Sayyiduna Imam Malik. (*Tarteeb-ul-Madarik, vol. 1, pp. 100, 101*) Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ passed away in 179 AH in the month of Rabi'-ul-Awwal in Madinah Munawwarah. He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was laid to rest close to Sayyiduna Ibrahim رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, the blessed son of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, in Jannat-ul-Baqi'. (*Tazkira Al-Huffaz, vol. 1, pp. 157*)

Blessed appearance of Aalim-e-Madinah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

Aalim-e-Madinah Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was tall and healthy. He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ had wheatish complexion. The hair of his head and beard was white. He would wear very nice clothes. He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ would wear very elegant and expensive clothes made in the city 'Adan. Besides this, he would also wear excellent kind of clothes made in Khorasan and Egypt. He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ would quite often wear white dress and would also apply perfume.

(*Bistan-ul-Muhaddiseen, pp. 13, summarised*)

Titles of Aalim-e-Madinah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ is also remembered by the titles – Imam-ul-A'immah (the Imam of Imams), Aalim-e-Madinah and Imam-e-Dar-il-Hijrat.

Number of Aalim-e-Madinah's teachers

'Allamah Zurqaani رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ gained knowledge from more than 900 Islamic scholars. (*Sharh-ul-Zurqaani, vol. 1, pp. 35*)

Dars and teaching and Fatwa writing

Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ started imparting Islamic knowledge when he was 17. His teachers would also come to him to get the solutions of their problems. He wrote Fatawa for more or less 70 years and imparted Islamic knowledge to people. Renowned blessed Taba'een رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ would gain the knowledge of Fiqh and Hadees from him. (*Siyar 'Alam-un-Nubala, vol. 7, pp. 287*)

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Aalim-e-Madinah Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ is the great Muhaddis [a scholar of Hadees] and Faqih [jurist] who has a special status amongst blessed Muhaddiseen and Fuqaha رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ. Let's listen to two blessed Ahadees in praise of him.

Two narrations in the glory of Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

10. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: [When] knowledge will end so no one will be left having more knowledge than Aalim-e-Madinah. (Tirmizi, vol. 1, pp. 311, Hadees 2689)
11. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: Soon people will travel [for knowledge] so they will not find anyone having more knowledge than Aalim-e-Madinah. (Mustadrak, vol. 1, pp. 280, Hadees 314)

Sayyiduna Ibn-e-'Uyaynah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: In blessed Muhaddiseen's sight, 'Aalim-e-Madinah' means Sayyiduna Imam Malik Bin Anas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ (Al-Tamheed-ul-Ibn-e-Abdul Barr, 674/2) Sayyiduna Abdur Razzaq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: In our opinion, no one is noted by the name of 'Aalim-e-Madinah' except for Sayyiduna Imam Malik bin Anas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ. People did not travel so much to anyone else than to him to gain knowledge. (Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 311, Summarised)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O devotees of Rasool! It is a natural phenomenon that when we fall in love with someone, we love everything that is connected to him. We love the home of our beloved, his doors and walls and even his streets. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ, Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ had been lost in the love for Allah Almighty and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was not only a true devotee of Rasool, but devotion to Rasool was found in every drop of his blood. Due to having relation to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he had deep devotion to his blessed sayings, city 'Madinah' and the dust of Madinah, or rather he

رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ had extreme reverence and respect for them. Let's listen to a few faith-refreshing parables for persuasion.

Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ and respect for blessed Hadees

When Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ (started giving the Dars of Hadees at the age of 17) had to read out blessed Ahadees, (he would perform Ghusl), his Masnad [throne] was arranged and he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ after wearing an excellent dress and applying fragrance would humbly come out of his blessed Hujrah [room] and sit respectfully on it [throne] (he would never change his posture while giving Dars of Hadees). Aloe wood and frankincense would continue to burn with flame in a brazier until blessed Ahadees were read in that gathering. *(Bustan-ul-Muhaddiseen, pp. 19, 20)*

Scorpion stung 16 times but he continued to give Dars of Hadees

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Mubarak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: A scorpion stung Sayyiduna Abu 'Abdullah Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ 16 times while he was giving a Dars of Hadees. Due to the severity of the pain, his blessed face turned pale, but he continued to give the Dars of Hadees (and did not even change his posture). When the Dars finished and the people left, I humbly said, 'O Abu 'Abdullah! Today, I have seen a strange thing in you; a scorpion stung you sixteen times, but you did not change your posture. What was the wisdom behind it? He replied, 'I had patience due to the reverence for the Hadees of Rasool'. *(Ash-Shifa, vol. 2, pp. 46)*

Complexion would change

Sayyiduna Mus'ab Bin 'Abdullah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: Whenever someone would talk about the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in front of Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, his complexion would change and his blessed back would bend. One day, attendees asked Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ about this state of his, he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ replied, 'If you had seen whatever I have seen, you would not have objected to me.' Whenever I asked any Hadees from the leader of Qaris Muhammad Bin Munkadir رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ so he would start weeping

due to the reverence of Hadees and remembrance of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to the extent that I used to feel pity on his condition. (*Ash-Shifa*, vol. 2, pp. 42) If only we may have the privilege of weeping in the devotion and remembrance of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Reverence for the blessed soil of Madinah by Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

Sayyiduna Imam Shafi'i رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: In Madinah, I saw some Khurasanian or Egyptian horses tethered [i.e. tied] to the door of the house of Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. I had never seen such magnificent horses before. Hence I said, 'How magnificent these horses are!' He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, 'I have given all of them to you as a gift.' I said, '[At least] keep a horse for yourself.' He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ replied, 'I feel shy from Allah Almighty to ride a horse on the ground under which the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ rests [in his blessed shrine].' (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom*, vol. 1, pp. 48)

Great respect for Madinah

Showing reverence for the soil of Madinah, Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ never defecated¹ in Madinah. He would always go out of the Haram of Madinah for this purpose. However, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was unable to do that during illness. (*Bustan-ul-Muhaddiseen*, pp. 19)

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

O devotees of Rasool! Remember! As the Scholar of Madinah Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was bestowed with the treasure of devotion to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, as the Scholar of Madinah Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was a true devotee of Rasool, as the Scholar of Madinah Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was

¹ Passed stool

engrossed with the love of the blessed city of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, as the Scholar of Madinah Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was fully aware of the importance and excellence of the blessed relation to the Last Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, as the Scholar of Madinah Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to respect the blessed Ahadees of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ immensely, as the Scholar of Madinah Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was well known to common and noble people for his services regarding Ahadees of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, similarly, one beautiful aspect of the blessed Seerah of the Scholar of Madinah was that he was also very fond of worship, ascetic practices and recitation of the Holy Quran. Let's listen to the parable of his love towards worship, ascetic practices and recitation of the Holy Quran, narrated by the Islamic Scholars and get ready for worship and ascetic practices. May Allah Almighty bestow upon us the sweetness of Sajdah [prostration] and eagerness to the recitation of the Holy Quran.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Sayings regarding worship and ascetic practices of Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

Allamah Qadi 'Iyad Maliki رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has written: Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Habib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: Whenever any (Islamic) month approached, Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to worship in the first night while remaining awake the whole night. (He further stated:) I think he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to engage in this worship to welcome the [Islamic] month. The daughter of Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, Sayyidatuna Fatima Bint-e-Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا has stated: Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to complete his Wazifah [Islamic invocation] every night and when Friday night would approach, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ used to remain engaged in the worship of Allah Almighty the whole night. Sayyiduna Mugheerah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهَا has stated: I once passed by Sayyiduna Imam Maalik Bin Anas رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ at night when all people were asleep, I saw him standing and offering Salah, when he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ after reciting Surah Fatihah started Surah "الْهَيْكُمُ الشَّكَاوَةُ" and when he reached this verse:

ثُمَّ لَتَسْأَلَنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿١٠﴾

Then indeed, on that Day, you will surely be questioned regarding the bounties (of Allah)

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 30, Surah At-Takasur, Ayah 8)

He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ kept weeping for a long time. I kept standing there and was engaged in listening to his recitation. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ kept on weeping and repeating this verse to the extent that morning light appeared then he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ performed Ruku'. I headed towards my home. When I came in the Masjid after doing Wudu, I saw a Majlis (of Religious knowledge) is in progress. People were sitting around him in circles and he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ had beautiful radiance on his blessed face. ❖ Muhammad Bin Khalid رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: Whenever I see the blessed face of Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, I observe the signs of Hereafter on his face (i.e. engrossed in the fear of Hereafter). When he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to say something, I understand that the truth comes out of his mouth. ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Mus'ab رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to perform long Ruku' and Sajdah in one part of the night. When he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to stand in Salah, it would feel like dry wood. When he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was inflicted the punishment of lashes, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was asked: Offer short Salahs. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ replied: The act which a bondman performs for Allah Almighty, he should perform it with perfection. (In Part 29, Surah Al-Mulk, verse no. 2) Allah Almighty has said:

يَبْلُوكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ط

...In order that you may be tested, (as to) whose deed is best amongst you,...

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 29, Surah Al-Mulk, Ayah 2)

Sayyiduna Ibn-e-Wahb رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: I have not seen more Allah-fearing and pious person than Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. ❖ Ibn-e-Qasim رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: The servant of Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ told me that Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has mostly offered Fajr Salah from the Wudu of Isha Salah for 40 years. ❖ Sayyiduna Ibn-e-Wahb رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to perform Nafl acts of worship day and night mostly in solitude so that

nobody could see him. *(Taqreeb-ul-Madarik wa-Taqreeb-ul-Masalik, vol. 1, pp. 92) ❖*
 Allamah Shu'ab Harifeesh رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to offer Salah, do Zikr of Allah Almighty and recite Islamic invocations in abundance at the time of Sahari then he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to get engaged in teaching. *(Hikayatayn aur Naseehatayn, pp. 421)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O devotees of Awliya [Islamic Saints]! You heard that Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was such a great worshipper, who used to remain busy in the recitation of the Holy Quran and Nafl acts of worship. His way of performing worship was so good that he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ always used to perform Nafl worship in solitude so that people would not form an opinion that he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is an ardent worshipper. Alas! Our condition regarding worship is very deteriorating. We note the shortcomings of others but do not carry out self-accountability. For example, let's think, do we offer Fard Salahs 5 times daily? In case we offer, do we offer them regularly? Do we also try to learn Salah and Fard knowledge? Parallel to these, do we try to rectify the recitation [of Holy Quran] and Islamic invocations recited in Salah? Do we offer Salah calmly or in haste? Do we try to demonstrate sincerity in the acts of worship? Do we waste our virtuous deeds after performing them, by revealing to others without any [valid] reason? Do we have a routine of performing Nafl acts of worship? How much do we recite [the Holy Quran] daily? In case we do, do we recite correctly keeping in view the rules of articulation? Reciting or listening to the Holy Quran, did we ever move to tears due to the Divine fear? Do we recite blessed Duood in abundance? Do we keep our lips busy in the Zikr of Allah Almighty? Does the Divine fear also bring tears to our eyes? Can we keep Nafl fasts? Do we spend more time in worship? Do we use mobile, internet and social media correctly 100%? Do we learn or teach in Madrasa-tul-Madinah Balighaat [for Islamic sisters]? Do we avail the privilege of attending Weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima and other Madani Activities?

However! Right now we are alive! We are breathing. The Angel of Death is yet to come; therefore, we should wake-up from heedlessness and should prepare ourselves to act upon Nafl acts of worship along with Fard and Wajib

acts. To develop this Madani mindset, get associated with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a movement of devotees of Rasool and partake actively in spreading the call to righteousness.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

What does the devotion to the Beloved Rasool ﷺ require us to do?

O devotees of Rasool! We are listening to the devotion of Sayyiduna Imam Maalik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ towards the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Undoubtedly, most Muslims nowadays claim that they devotedly love the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ but be mindful that this claim can only be considered rightful if we act upon those things which the devotion to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ requires us to do. What does the devotion to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ demand from us? Let's listen to it.

1) Obedience

The first thing devotion requires us to do is obedience to beloved. Therefore, those things which the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has commanded us to do, should be acted upon. Those things which he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has forbidden us from, should be avoided. Those things which he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has liked, should be included in our list of likings and those things which he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ hated and disliked, should be hated and disliked too. Remember! It is Wajib [compulsory] for Muslims to obey the commands of Allah Almighty and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Allah Almighty has stated in Part 9, first verse of Surah Al-Anfaal:

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٦﴾

and obey Allah and the Messenger; if you believe

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 9, Surah Al-Anfaal, Ayah 1)

2) Honour and reverence

The devotion to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also requires that the Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah, the Distributor of Na'mah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ should be immensely revered and honoured. Allah Almighty has commanded to honour and revere His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the Holy Quran. Part 26, Surah Al-Fath, Verse No.9 Allah Almighty has stated:

وَتَعَزُّوهُ وَتُقَدِّرُوهُ ط

and honour and revere the Messenger (Prophet Muhammad)

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 26, Surah Al-Fatah, Ayah 9)

3) Zikr in abundance

Those who claim to be devotees of their beloved also do his zikr [remembrance] in abundance because true devotees derive pleasure from the zikr of their beloved. The centre of our devotion and love is the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ so we should do his zikr in abundance, ecstatically recite and listen to Naats [Praise of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], deliver and listen to the speeches consisting of the grandeur and glory of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and keep on reciting blessed Durood in abundance. اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ we will get enormous blessings.

4) Befriending the friends of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ and bearing enmity towards his enemies

As true devotees love everything related to their beloved, one of the prerequisites of devotion is, to have veneration in their hearts for the friends and relatives. Likewise they should hold enmity towards the enemies of the beloved and not having a relationship with them is also a prerequisite of devotion. Therefore, we should also love the blessed things related to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, have affection and devotion towards his friends i.e. the blessed Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and Ahl-e-Bayt [blessed family of the

Beloved Rasool ﷺ], avoid those who commit blasphemy against the Beloved Rasool ﷺ and the blessed personalities related to him. We should also save others from these blasphemers.

If we remain associated with Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of the devotees of Rasool, we will not only be blessed with devotion to the Holy Prophet ﷺ but will develop the mindset of fulfilling its demands also. May Allah Almighty five us Taufeeq to remain associated with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ