

# Satan's

enmity with humans

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

## Satan's enmity with humans

أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ      وَعَلَى أَلِكْ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ  
 أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ      وَعَلَى أَلِكْ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

### نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

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

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep getting the reward of I'tikaf. Remember! There is no Shar'i permission to eat and drink, sleep or do Sahari and Iftari even to drink Zamzam water and the water on which *Dam* has been made in a Masjid. However, if the intention of I'tikaf is made, all these acts will become permissible. One should not make intention to observe I'tikaf only to eat, drink or sleep, but rather he should do it for pleasing Allah Almighty.

It is stated in *Fatawa Shaami*: If someone wants to eat, drink, sleep in a Masjid, he should make intention to observe I'tikaf, do Zikr of Allah Almighty for some time, then whatever he wants he can do (i.e. now if he wants to eat, drink or sleep, he can do so.).

## Excellence of reciting Durood

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated:

مَا جَلَسَ قَوْمٌ مَجْلِسًا يَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِيهِ وَلَمْ يُصَلُّوا عَلَيَّ نَبِيِّهِمْ إِلَّا كَانَ عَلَيْهِمْ تِرَةٌ فَإِنْ شَاءَ عَذَّبَهُمْ وَإِنْ شَاءَ غَفَرَ لَهُمْ

‘Those people who sit in such a gathering, in which they neither do the zikr of Allah (ﷺ) nor send Durood Shareef upon the Holy Prophet (ﷺ), then (on the Day of Judgement) such a gathering will be a means of remorse for them. So, if Allah (ﷺ) wills, He will punish them or He will forgive them.’

(Tirmizi, vol. 5, pp. 247, Hadees 3391)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Dear Islamic brothers!** 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, 'نِيَّةُ 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)

## An important point

For righteous and permissible work the more we make good intentions, the more we attain reward.

## Intentions of listening to Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall, etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and pleasing those who make Sada [call out] loudly.
4. After the Bayan, I will approach people to say Salaam, shake hands and to make individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Dear Islamic brothers!** No doubt, every person dislikes his enemy and tries his best to stay away from his mischief. The stronger the enemy, the greater the precaution to stay protected from him and greater are the protective measures. **Remember!** The biggest and most dangerous enemy of humans is Satan. From the noble Awliya رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ to ordinary people, Satan has enmity towards everyone and use numerous ploys and different tricks to mislead them. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has mentioned various Ayahs in the Holy Quran of how Satan can be identified. In today's Bayan, we will listen to Ayahs, blessed Ahadees, stories of pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ and methods of making Satan's strikes unsuccessful with regards to 'Satan's enmity with humans'. If only we could gain the blessings of listening to the complete bayan with good intentions and full concentration. First of all, let's listen to one story of Satan's enmity with humans.

### Staying safe from the cursed Satan's mischief

Once, the leader of the Awliya, Sayyiduna Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was travelling. During his travel, he rested for a few days at such a place where there was no water. When Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ felt very thirsty, it began to rain due to which he quenched his thirst. He then saw a light in the sky through which one part became enlightened and a face became apparent, from which a voice was heard: 'O 'Abdul Qadir! I am your Lord and I have made Halal for you all things that are Haraam.' Hearing this, he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ recited 'أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ' and said: 'O cursed Satan! Go away.' The enlightened part turned into darkness and the face turned into smoke. Satan then struck again by saying: 'O 'Abdul Qadir! Because of your knowledge, the order of your Lord and your comprehension in relation to your ranks, you were able to save yourself. Otherwise, I have misled 70 pious people like this.' Our Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ also made this strike of Satan who is the enemy of humans unsuccessful by replying: 'This is only due to the favour and grace of my Merciful Allah.' When Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was asked: How did you know that this was Satan? He replied: By his saying this that 'verily, I have made Halal for you all things that are Haraam.'

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

**O devotees of Ghaus-e-Pak!** We find out from the above mentioned story that Satan has enmity towards ordinary people but his enmity with the pious people of Allah ﷺ is much stronger and he makes numerous attacks to mislead them. Despite being unsuccessful many times, he does not lose hope just as we heard in the story mentioned previously. Satan tried to mislead Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ by saying that he had made Halal for him all things that were Haraam, and Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ rendered this strike of his unsuccessful.

We also came to know that no matter how highly ranked and pious a person is, whether he is a peer [spiritual guide] and a faqir or a scholar and a wali, any worship that has been made obligatory by Allah ﷺ can never be excused. Just think! Who has the highest status from all creation? No doubt, the answer is the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was such a Salah offerer that no one can compare to. No one can even think of worshipping like him. Tahajjud was also obligatory [Fard] upon him. Although he is the owner of Shari'ah but he also fulfilled the commandments of Allah Almighty.

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Remember! Satan is the open enemy of mankind. Allah ﷺ has mentioned this in Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, Ayah 53:

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِإِنْسَانٍ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا ﴿٥٣﴾

**Translation:** *Indeed Shaytan is an open enemy of human beings.*

*[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 15, Surah Bani Israel, Ayah 53)*

**Dear Islamic brothers!** We learn that Satan is the open enemy of mankind. To make this enmity apparent, Satan uses many tactics. Sometimes, he makes people commit ostentation to destroy their good deeds. Sometimes, he instils evil whispers to stop them from carrying out good deeds. Sometimes, he causes quarrels and enmity between Muslims to make them backbite and slander one another. Sometimes, he makes people lie to try and destroy their hereafter. Sometimes, he makes people jealous of one another to try and send them into the hellfire. Sometimes, he makes people a target of his enmity by involving them in arrogance. Sometimes, he entraps people into

wanting others to praise them so that their good deeds are wasted. Sometimes, he fulfils his aim by creating hidden enmity in the hearts of Muslims. Sometimes, he disgraces people in this life and the hereafter by getting them to be disobedient to their parents. Sometimes, he deprives people from getting the unaccountable reward of patience by making them impatient and making them shout and scream during illness. Sometimes, he prevents people from offering Salah, performing obligatory acts and learning obligatory and necessary knowledge of Deen. Sometimes, he stops people from reciting the Holy Quran. Sometimes, he makes people lazy in performing good deeds. All in all, Satan tries to entrap people in numerous ways to make his enmity apparent. We must be wary of his strikes.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Ostentation: A tool of Satan

**O devotees of the prophet!** There is no doubt that Satan does not allow us to perform virtuous actions. If we try hard and do manage to carry out some good deeds, then Satan tries his utmost best to prevent our worship, charity and alms from being accepted. He tries to ensure that we make such a mistake in our worship that it goes to waste or he tries to put in our heart that after we worship, it must be known to other people that we have worshipped. Whether or not anyone else announces our worship, we ourselves go on to make our good deeds apparent unnecessarily without a Shar'i reason and do not refrain from praising ourself. Hence we entangle ourselves in the trap of ostentation laid out by Satan.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Definition of ostentation

Ameeer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat 'Allamah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas 'Attar Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has written in '*Call to Righteousness*', page 66: To perform worship with any intention other than to please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ (is ostentation). In other words, ostentation is to perform worship with the intention of informing

people about it so that he can gain money from people or people praise him or they consider him pious or that people treat him with respect.

*(Az-Zawajir, vol. 1, pp. 86)*

Let's now listen to some examples of ostentation from page 73 in Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's *دَاعَاتُ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةِ* book 'Call to Righteousness'. Bear in mind! Ostentation is such an action which is fully dependent upon the intention. Therefore, the examples provided are of ostentation, but in some cases where the intention differs, the ruling does change. Let's listen to these carefully with the intention of reforming ourselves:

## 10 examples of ostentation

1. To learn the art of reciting the Holy Quran so that people will call him 'Qaari Sahib'.
2. To say or write words that show humility for oneself such as faqeer, sinful, worthless, etc. so that people will consider him to be a humble person and praise his humility.
3. To meet people in a good manner so that people will consider him to be of good character.
4. To wipe tears from eyes whilst weeping during Du'a, etc. in the presence of others so that people will get the impression that he is wiping his tears quickly to avoid ostentation.
5. To say such sentences to impress others: I am very fearful of sins, I am in constant fear of losing my faith, what will happen to me in the dark grave, how will I give accountability on the day of judgement, etc.
6. To say sentences like 'I avoid meeting rich and famous people' to give the impression that he has no interest in this world and to make others acknowledge his piety.
7. To saying comforting sentences upon hearing about the troubles of someone so that people consider him a sympathetic person.

8. To hold a Tasbeeh (string of beads) in the hand in such a way that makes people see it or recite Durood Shareef and other Wazaaif whilst moving the lips or reading it loud enough for others to hear it, so that people will consider him to be a pious person.
9. To act upon Sunnah properly whilst eating, drinking, standing, sitting, etc. in front of people. Whereas, when he is alone, he does not act upon the Sunnah.
10. To eat less whilst in a gathering or in the presence of others so that people will consider him a steadfast follower of Sunnah and a person who eats less. *(Nayki ki Da'wat, pp. 73)*

May Allah ﷺ save us from ostentation.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Try to save yourself from satanic whispers even during worship to refrain from ostentation because Satan continuously tries to instil evil whispers in our heart. Therefore, just as it is important to have sincerity in the heart before carrying out a virtuous action, similarly it is very necessary to maintain this also during every good deed and worship.

Even though it is very difficult to think and ponder like this, but it is not impossible. Initially, this act seems very difficult, but when you continue trying for a long period of time and be patient, then through the favour and grace of Allah ﷺ, and through His enabling capability, it becomes easy. Our job is to try; Allah ﷺ is the One to give us success. *(Nayki ki da'wat, pp. 94)*

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

## The whole city was ruined

A person once saw Satan in such a condition that he was walking with his finger raised. The person asked Satan: Why are you walking with your finger

raised? Satan replied: I do many big tasks with this finger. People who fight, quarrel and put one another in difficulties; it is all due to this finger. The person asked in astonishment: How can this happen? Satan replied: This city you see in front of you. My finger will destroy and ruin it in a short while, and people will start fighting and quarrelling with each other themselves. Satan entered the city with the person. In a market, a confectioner was boiling water mixed with sugar to make syrup in a big pan. Satan dipped his finger in the pan, took out some syrup and applied it onto the wall. He then said: Now watch how this city is destroyed. A few moments later, flies came and sat on the syrup that was on the wall. Upon seeing a swarm of flies, a house-lizard climbed the wall to eat the flies. The confectioner had a cat. Upon seeing a house-lizard, the cat got ready to pounce upon the house-lizard. 2 soldiers were passing by the market with a dog. The dog saw the cat and instantly attacked it. The cat jumped in order to run away and fell into the pan of syrup and died. When the confectioner saw his cat die, he killed the dog. Seeing this, soldiers killed the confectioner. The relatives of the confectioner came to know about this so they killed the soldiers. When the army came to know about the deaths of their 2 soldiers, they got angry and destroyed and ruined the whole city. (*Shaytan ki Hikayat, pp. 150; summarised*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

**O devotees of the prophet!** The lesson we learn from the above-mentioned story is that we must refrain from fights and also try to stop others from this satanic work, because sometimes, many fights occur due to some misunderstanding, many homes rather many families are ruined. That's why, if someone does want to cause fights, we should not allow him to succeed in his evil intention.

### If you have to fight, do so against the Nafs and Satan

Therefore, we must make this strike of Satan unsuccessful by staying away from fights and quarrels, and treat our Muslim brothers with affection showing brotherhood, good character and softness. Remember! One cause of fights is objection. This objection is a fight in itself, as one reaches the stage of fighting and killing through raising a baseless objection initially. Therefore,

whenever we want to reform someone or bring their attention towards something, then instead of adopting an objecting approach; we should adopt a manner of making them understand. Try to make them aware of their fault with softness and do it in privacy. To reform another Muslim in front of other people is like insulting him and lowering his status. As a result, he would want to retaliate by fighting. Therefore, do not fight with anyone and be gentle, loving and patient.

- However, if you want to fight, then fight against the condemned Satan.
- If you want to fight, then fight against *Nafs-e-Ammarah*
- If you want to fight, then declare war against sins and compete against Satan.
- If you want to fight, then fight against backbiting and slandering by declaring a war against them.
- If you want to fight, then fight against watching films and dramas.
- If you want to fight, then fight against interest.
- If you want to fight, then speak against fraud and adulteration.
- If you want to fight, then show enmity towards evil assumptions and slander.
- If you want to fight, then fight against the growing inclination of bribery.

In summary, if you want to fight, then fight against all bad things and bring the society towards good.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Dear Islamic brothers!** The extent of Satan's enmity towards humans can be seen from the fact that although he is misleading people through his various tools and satanic whispers in this world, he even tries his best to make people the eternal fuel of hell along with himself by misleading them at the time of death, provoking them to commit sins and snatching the treasure of faith from them. Satan did not have the ability to repent, that's why he does not

want anyone else to repent and leave his companionship to eventually enter Heaven. For this reason, he is preventing people from repenting in this world and trying to snatch their faith at the time of death. He tries to mislead people until the very last breath so that they lose faith and become deserving of Hell. The satanic whispers that Satan continuously puts into the hearts of people, they sometimes are so dangerous that it becomes hard to save one's religion and faith. For example, satanic whispers about divine decree, satanic whispers about Imaniyaat [faith], satanic whispers about worship, satanic whispers about knowledge related to purity and sometimes this ill-fated Satan whispers evil about Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. Let's listen to a story relating to this:

### Imam Raazi **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** and Satan

When Imam Fakhruddin Raazi's **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** time of death arrived, Satan approached him and asked: You spent your lifetime in debates and discussions. Did you even recognise God? He replied: No doubt, Allah is One. Satan then asked: What is the proof for this? He **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** provided one proof and as Satan the outcast had been the teacher of angels, he refuted it. He **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** then provided another proof, which also got refuted, to the extent that Imam Fakhruddin Raazi **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** provided 360 proofs' which were all refuted. Now, he became very worried and dejected. His spiritual guide Sayyiduna Najmuddin Kubra **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** was performing ablution at that time far away. From there, he called out: Why don't you say that I believe in the Oneness of Allah without any proof. (*Adab-e-Murshid-e-Kamil, pp. 88; summarised*)

### Method of saving yourself from a bad death

**O devotees of the Awliya!** We learnt that one method of securing our faith and hoping for a good death is to become followers of a perfect spiritual guide. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** the internal concentration of a spiritual guide can also prevent the strikes of Satan, to the extent that one can safeguard their faith at the time of death. Otherwise, Satan tries his utmost best to destroy the faith of a believer at the time of death through his satanic whispers.

**O devotees of the Prophet!** Adopt the company of pious people to save yourself from satanic whispers, to safeguard your faith, to be consistent in

performing virtuous actions, to act upon the Sunnah continually, to hate sins wholeheartedly and to develop the passion of safeguarding your faith because the mind set of hating sins and performing good deeds is made by sitting in the company of pious people. In the current era, the Madani movement of the devotees of the prophet, the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami is nothing less than a blessing. Therefore, if we wish to be pious and safeguard our faith, then join the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami today, connect yourself with Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** and participate actively in the 12 Madani works.

### One Madani work from the 12 Madani works: 'Qafilah'

Dear Islamic brothers! One Madani activity from the 12 Madani activities is 'Qafilah'. **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** due to the blessing of Qafilah, there has been a Madani transformation in the lives of people. By travelling with a Qafilah, one gains the company of pious people. By the blessing of Qafilah, one gets the opportunity to do optional I'tikaf in the Masjid. By the blessing of Qafilah, those who do not offer Salah begin to realise the importance of Salah. By the blessing of Qafilah, one learns numerous Islamic rulings. By the blessing of Qafilah, one has the ability to remain in constant worship in the Masjid such as Zikr, reciting invocations, as well as listening to Dars and Bayanaat. By the blessing of Qafilah, Masajid are populated.

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** has made such beautiful Du'as for those fortunate devotees of the prophet who travel with a Qafilah. Let's also hear those Du'as:

He **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** makes the following Du'a for those people who travel with a Qafilah on the first Friday of every month for 3 days: O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Whoever travels with a Qafilah on the first Friday of every English month for 3 days, bless him with the vision of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

He **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** makes the following Du'a for those people who travel with a Qafilah on the second Friday of every month for 3 days: O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Whoever travels with a Qafilah on the second Friday of every English month for 3 days, busy his heart in virtuous actions.

He **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** makes the following Du'a for those people who travel with a Qafilah on the third Friday of every month for 3 days: O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Whoever travels with a Qafilah on the third Friday of every English month for 3 days, grant him Jannat-ul-Firdaus in the neighbourhood of the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

He **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** makes the following Du'a for those people who travel with a Qafilah on the fourth Friday of every month for 3 days: O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Whoever travels with a Qafilah on the fourth Friday of every English month for 3 days, on Judgement Day grant him the intercession of the one who will intercede (i.e. the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**).

Where there is a fifth Friday in a month, he **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** makes the following Du'a: O Allah Almighty! In the instance that there is a fifth Friday, whoever travels with a Qafilah for 3 days, make hellfire Haraam upon him.

He **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** makes the following Du'a for those people who travel with a Qafilah for 3 days every month for 12 months: O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Whoever travels with a Qafilah for 3 days for at least 12 months, do not make him needy or dependent upon anyone besides You.

**اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**

**O devotees of the prophet!** Travel with Qafilahs to please Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, to gain Islamic knowledge and for reward so that we attain reward. By travelling with a Qafilah, sometimes one attains worldly benefits as well. Let's listen to a story relating to the blessing of Qafilah to make our mind-set:

## Relieved from an chronic illness

An old Islamic brother, who was a resident of Naazim Aabad, Karachi was suffering from asthma for approximately 19 years. Sometimes, he would have to put up with great difficulty due to the severe pain and sometimes, his illness would worsen to such an extent during the night that he would have no choice but to have to go to the doctor. In short, no stones were left unturned in trying to gain cure. It was his good fortune that once, he was given the opportunity to travel with a Qafilah with devotees of the prophet for 3 days. Due to the blessing of Qafilah, his day and night was spent in Divine worship, he had the opportunity to gain Islamic knowledge and he also

gained many other blessings there. **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ** during the Qafilah, neither did he need an injection, nor did he have to go to a doctor. Rather, he gained such peace and satisfaction that he had never experienced before. **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ** due to the blessing of the Qafilah, his 19-year-chronic illness had reduced massively.

**صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ**

## Why was Satan rejected?

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Let's listen about the condemned Satan as to who he was and why he received this calamity that Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** declared him as rejected from His court forever.

**Remember!** Before being declared as unfortunate and accursed, Satan was beautiful, handsome, had a lot of knowledge, worshipped a lot and was the leader of angels. He held an esteemed position amongst the angels. The Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated: Angels were created from light. Iblees was created from pure fire. (*Muslim, pp. 1221, Hadees 7495*)

Before he became the leader of angels, Iblees, who is referred to as Satan, was in charge of looking after the treasures of heaven for 40,000 years, was with the angels for 80,000 years, would do bayan to angels for 20,000 years, was leader of the angels close to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** (i.e. Sayyiduna Jibraeel and Sayyiduna Izra'eel **عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَام** etc.) for 30,000 years, was leader of Ruhaniyeen (**رُوحَانِيَّيْنِ**) (i.e. specific angels of Allah Almighty whose faces are brighter than the sun and moon) for 1000 years and did Tawaf of the Throne of Allah for 14,000 years. In the first sky, his name was 'Aabid. In the second sky, his name was Zahid. In the third sky, his name was 'Aarif. In the fourth sky, his name was Wali. In the fifth sky, his name was Taqi. In the sixth sky, his name was Khaazin and in the seventh sky, his name was 'Azazeel. Whereas, his name was written as Iblees (i.e. hopeless of the mercy of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**) in the Lauh-e-Mahfooz (**لَوْحِ مَحْفُوظٍ**) and he was unaware of his fate. (*Ajaib-ul-Quran, pp. 253; summarised*)

When Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** ordered him to prostrate to Sayyiduna Aadam **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام**, he said: O Allah! You have granted him superiority over me, whereas I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay. How can I

prostrate towards a human made of clay when I'm made of fire? So Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ replied: I do what I wish. All of the angels prostrated towards Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ except Satan the outcast, who did not prostrate out of arrogance so the angels prostrated again out of gratitude to thank Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. But Satan remained standing independently and did not feel any remorse for his action. So due to his arrogance, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ declared him as condemned and expelled him from His court forever. His face dropped down like that of a pig, his head like that of a camel's head, his chest like that of a big camel's hump, his face like that of a monkey's face, eyes wide open, his nostrils open like that of a barber's bottle, his lips dropped down like the lips of a bull, his teeth sticking out like that of a pig and only 7 hairs in his beard; in this state, he was thrown down from heaven and has become deserving of curse until the Day of Judgement. Since then, he became famously known as Iblees, condemned and Satan. (*Mukashafa-tul-Quloob*, pp. 79)

## Harmful effects of arrogance

**Dear Islamic brothers!** We just heard that Satan was a very big worshipper and knowledgeable but due to one sin, he was expelled from the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and declared as condemned, and that sin is arrogance. Arrogance is one weapon from the weapons of Satan, through which he makes apparent his enmity for people and makes them liable to the displeasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by misleading them. **Remember!** Arrogance is such a habit that can destroy you. The people who are arrogant are disliked by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Allah stamps the hearts of those unfortunate people who are arrogant. The people who are arrogant are deprived from pondering and reflecting over the Ayahs of the Holy Quran, and are deprived from learning a lesson or gaining guidance from them. Such unfortunate people will be made to enter hell, disgraced and dishonoured. The person who is arrogant takes himself far away from the company of pious people and even the (pious) elders. Let's listen to the definition of arrogance:

## Definition of arrogance

To think of oneself as better than others, and to think of others as inferior is called arrogance. Hence:

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: Arrogance is to oppose the truth and think of others as inferior. (*Muslim, pp. 61, Hadees 91*)

Imam Raaghib Asfahani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ writes: To think of oneself as better than others is arrogance. (*Al-Mufradat, pp. 697*)

Whosoever has arrogance in his heart is called 'Mutakabbir' [مُتَكَبِّرٌ].

## Methods of saving oneself from arrogance

Keep in mind the virtues of humility to save yourself from arrogance and like this, ponder and reflect over the fact that on the day of judgement, everyone will have to give accountability for what they did and I will also have to give accountability for my actions in the court of my Creator. If my merciful Creator becomes angry with me because of my arrogance and I am thrown into hell, then how will I bear the horrific punishment of hell? Contemplating in this manner will اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ greatly help to save oneself from arrogance.

Similarly, rely upon Du'a to save yourself from arrogance and other evils as Du'a is the weapon of a believer. Therefore, do Du'a that O Allah! I want to be pious. I want to free myself from arrogance and other evils, but my Nafs and Satan have overpowered me. Please help me in overcoming them. Make me pious and humble in my actions.

## Translation Majlis

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Another excellent way of saving yourself from the deceit and deception of Satan and other sins is to associate yourself with the Madani movement of the devotees of the Prophet, the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and to remain engaged in serving the works of Islam. Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of the devotees of the Prophet ﷺ is striving throughout the world to rectify Muslims from all fields of life by means of approximately 108 departments. One of them is 'Department of translation.' Under the supervision of this department, books and booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ and Maktaba-tul-Madinah, monthly magazine of Faizan-e-Madinah, weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtimas and many organisational articles from other departments are translated. To date, over

1600 books and booklets have been translated by this department in different languages. In this way, millions of people who speak other languages are able to benefit from these books and booklets. You should read these books and booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madinah and also make the mind-set of others to read them. Distribute booklets according to your capability, **لَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ** you will gain many blessings through this. May Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** enable the department of translation to continuously carry out this great work with more passion.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## Excellences of Zikr and Duood

**O devotees of Rasool!** Let's listen to some excellences of Zikr and Duood.

First, let's listen to two blessed sayings of the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**:

1. The Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated: The example of a person remembering his Lord **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and the person not remembering his Lord **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** is like an alive and dead person. *(Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 220, Hadees 6407)*
2. The Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** stated: The person closest to me on the Day of Judgement will be the one who has recited the most Duood Shareef upon Me. *(Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 27, Hadees 484)*
  - Doing Zikr of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** is spiritual food.
  - Do Zikr of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** in abundance, you will become a special bondsman of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. *(A'raabi kay suwalaat aur 'Arabi Aaqa kay jawabaat, pp. 3)*
  - Sayyiduna Sulayman **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام** stated: A rooster says: 'اَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ يَا غَافِلِيْنَ' i.e. O heedless ones! Do the Zikr of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. *(Fayz-ul-Qadeer, vol. 1, pp. 488, Tahtal Hadees 695)*

- In reality, reciting Durood Shareef is actually an excellent means of asking from the court of Your Merciful Rabb. (*Guldastah-e-Durood-o-Salam, pp. 22 summarised*)

## Announcement

The remaining etiquette and rulings of Ta'wizaat will be mentioned in the Tarbiyyati Halqahs [learning circles]. Therefore, do attend the Tarbiyyati Halqahs in order to learn them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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



## 1. The Durood for the night preceding Friday

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ  
الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Durood at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (*Afdalus-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 151)

## 2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites this Durood upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' (*Ibid*, pp. 65)

### 3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Durood, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him.

(*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, pp. 277)

### 4. The reward of 600,000 Duroods

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ  
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بَدْوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الرَّحِيمِ reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Durood once receives the reward of reciting Durood 600,000 times. (*Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

### 5. Nearness to the Distinguished Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'When he recites Durood upon me, he does so in these words.' (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, pp. 125)

## 6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَنْزِلْهُ الْبَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

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

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

### 1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

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

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

### 2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

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

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

## Jadwal for the Halqahs [learning sessions] of the weekly Ijtima' (overseas), 26December 2019

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

### Remaining excellences of Zikr and Durood

- Reciting Durood and Salaam is a means of attaining the pleasure of Allah ﷺ and His Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Gudasta-e-Durood-o-Salaam*, pp. 12)
- There is no better way of getting close to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and attaining blessing than reciting Durood and Salaam in abundance. (*Gudasta-e-Durood-o-Salaam*, pp. 17)
- Reciting Durood Shareef is a means of getting Du'as accepted. (*Firdaus-ul-Akhbaar*, vol. 2, pp. 22, Hadees 3554)
- Reciting Durood Shareef is sufficient for removing problems and getting all needs fulfilled. (*Tafseer Durr-e-Mansoor*, Part 22, Al-Ahzaab, Taht-al-Ayah 6, vol. 56, pp. 654)
- Durood Shareef will compensate for sins (washes away sins). (*Jala-ul-Afhaam*, pp. 234)
- Durood Shareef is equivalent to charity; rather, it is better than charity. (*Jazb-ul-Quloob*, pp. 229)
- Difficulties are removed by reciting Durood Shareef.
- Illnesses are cured by reciting Durood Shareef.
- Fear is removed by reciting Durood Shareef.
- One obtains freedom from oppression by reciting Durood Shareef.
- Enemies are defeated by reciting Durood Shareef.

- One obtains freedom from the frightfulness of the Day of Judgement by reciting Durood Shareef.
- The Pain of death is made easy by reciting Durood Shareef.
- One obtains freedom from destruction in this world by reciting Durood Shareef.
- Poverty is removed by reciting Durood Shareef.
- Forgotten things are remembered by reciting Durood Shareef. (*Jazb-ul-Quloob, pp. 229*)

## Du'a for cure of diabetes

In the Madani Halqahs of the weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima' of Dawat-e-Islami today, the 'Du'a for cure of diabetes' will be taught. The Du'a is as follows:

وَقُلْ رَبِّ ادْخِلْنِيْ مُدْخَلَ صِدْقٍ وَّاَخْرِجْنِيْ مَخْرَجٍ  
صِدْقٍ وَّاَجْعَلْ لِّيْ مِنْ لَّدُنْكَ سُلْطٰنًا نَّصِيْرًا ﴿٨٠﴾

And request in this way, 'O my Lord! Make me enter (wherever) with the truth and take me out (wherever) with the truth, and give me from Yourself a supportive domination.'

*[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 15, Surah Bani Isarel, Ayah 80)*

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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

### Daily 50 Madani In'amaat

14. Made good intentions?
15. Offered all 5 daily Salahs with Jama'at and Takbeer-e-Aula?
16. Recited Ayat-ul-Kursi, Tasbih-e-Fatimah and Surah Al-Ikhlās after every Salah?
17. Replied to Azan and Iqamat?
18. Recited Durood upon the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 313 times?
19. Paid Salam to Muslims?
20. Conversated using the words "Aap" and "Jee"?
21. Said 'رَبِّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ' upon intending for permissible things?
22. Replied to the Hamd of the one saying Salam or who sneezed?
23. Used terminologies of Dawat-e-Islami?
24. Applied Qufi-e-Madinah of stomach while eating less than hunger?
25. Delivered or listened to two Madani Dars?
26. Studied or taught in Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighan?
27. Read or listened to a reformative book for 12 minutes and 4 consecutive pages of *Faizan-e-Sunnat*?
28. Performed Fikr-e-Madinah?
29. Offered Salat-ut-Taubah?
30. Slept on mat? Kept Sunnah box by the pillow?
31. Offered Sunnahs before Fard and Nawafil after the Faraaid?
32. Offered Tahajjud, Ishraq, Chashtand Awwabeen?
33. Offered Tahiyya-tul-Wudu and Tahiyya-tul-Masjid?

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

57. Made efforts to create humility and self-mortification during Salah and Du'a?
58. Refrained from uttering such words of humility which your heart does not approve to?
59. While applying Qufi-e-Madinah of tongue, did you converse through gestures and by writing 4 times?
60. Watched or listened to the video/audio of one Bayan or Madani Muzakarah, or watched Madani Channel for 1 hour 12 minutes?
61. Refrained from joking, taunting, hurting feelings and laughing aloud?
62. Used minimum words for necessary conversation?
63. Wore Madani attire the whole day?

### Qufi-e-Madinah performance

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

### Weekly 8 Madani In'amaat

64. Attended the weekly Ijtima' from beginning to end?
65. Performed individual efforts on at least 4 brothers after the Ijtima'?
66. Inquired after an ill person?
67. Took part in Madani Daurah?
68. Made efforts to bring those back who were associated to the Madani environment but do not come anymore?
69. Attended the Masjid Ijtima' (weekly Madani Muzakarah)?
70. Sent a letter?
71. Kept Sawm on Monday?

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

Ya Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! The one who sincerely acts upon Madani In'amaat, fills in the booklet by performing Fikr-e-Madinah daily and submits it to his relevant responsible Islamic brother on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every Madani [Islamic] month, do not give him death until he recites the Kalimah.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ