

Striving

is the key to **Success**

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

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وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكِ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكِ 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 صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

مَا مِنْ عَبْدٍ مِمَّنْ جَاءَتْهُ فِي اللَّهِ يَسْتَقْبِلُ أَحَدَهَا صَاحِبَهُ فَيَصَافِحُهُ وَيُصَلِّيَانِ
عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَّا لَمْ يَفْتَرِقَا حَتَّى تُغْفَرَ ذُنُوبُهُمَا مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْهُمَا وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ

‘Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: When those who love each other for the sake of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ meet and shake hands and send Salat upon Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, before they depart their past and future sins are forgiven.’
(Musnad-e-Abi Ya’la, Musnad-e-Anas Bin Maalik, vol. 3, pp. 95, Hadees 2951) (Tarbiyyat-e-Awlad, pp. 105)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Whether it is for matters of this life or the plain of the hereafter, it is important to strive for something to be successful. That’s why

it is said that 'striving is the key to success.' In today's Bayan, we will listen to the importance of striving and the things we should be striving for. There can be no bigger success than to attain the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ; we will hear about what we should strive in to attain such a huge success. We will also hear about how important it is to strive to be obedient to our parents and to try and perform virtuous actions to be successful in this life and the hereafter. We will also listen to parables and many points about how continuous striving can lead to enormous successes.

Let's listen to an informative parable about the importance of striving:

The strive of an ant

It is said that a king had attacked an area more than 6 times in order to conquer it, but was unsuccessful. When his last attempt was also unsuccessful, he became tired and in a state of despair he lay down in the room with the intention to rest. Whilst thinking about his numerous unsuccessful attempts, suddenly his eyesight fell upon an ant trying to climb the wall in the room which had no intention of giving up despite falling constantly. Many times, the ant would reach very close to the top of the wall but would then fall down. The ant would then get up and try again to climb the wall. Eventually, after many attempts, the ant became successful in its mission. Seeing this struggle of the ant, the king gained motivation. He fought off his despair, strived again with a new passion and enthusiasm to attack that area and became successful in his mission.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Learn a lesson from the striving of the ant

Dear Islamic sisters! We learn from this parable that continuous striving and effort does eventually produce a result. We are able to learn many things from the action of an ant in trying to achieve its mission. No matter how far or how difficult the destination is, an ant goes towards its purpose with much courage and only rests when it manages to attain great heights. Likewise, a few small ants work together to pick up big grains and take it inside their

burrows (i.e. hole). This is also the result of their continuous strive and struggle. We should also learn a lesson from these ants and make it a part of our life to continuously strive. Through continuous striving, difficult tasks are able to be completed whereas without striving, even easy tasks seem difficult to do.

Where should one strive?

Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! We must strive in those things which are a cause to please Allah ﷻ and the Holy Prophet ﷺ; that will benefit us in this life and the hereafter; that is a cause of prominence for the religion of Islam; that will help us fulfil our purpose of coming to this world; that will benefit our country and community; that will benefit all creation and which are not a means of causing pain unjustly to anyone. Allah ﷻ has given glad tidings of success to those who strive in His way. Therefore:

Allah ﷻ mentions in Para 21, Surah ‘Ankaboot, Ayah 69:

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا ط

And those who struggled in Our way, We shall definitely show them Our paths;.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part. 21, Surah ‘Ankaboot, Ayah 79)

The summary of the commentary of this Ayah written in Tafseer Sirat-ul-Jinaan is as follows:

1. Those who strive to be obedient to Allah ﷻ, they will definitely be shown the path of reward.
2. Those who strive to repent; they will definitely be shown the pathways to sincerity.
3. Those who strive to learn Islamic knowledge, they will definitely be shown the pathways to action.
4. Those who strive to establish the Sunnah, they will be shown the pathways to paradise. *(Sirat-ul-Jinaan, vol. 7, pp. 409; summarised)*

Dear Islamic sisters! We learn from this blessed Ayah and commentary that whoever does virtuous actions, she will be rewarded with goodness for them. We hope that through the mercy of Allah ﷺ, whoever strives to be obedient to their parents, she will be successful in this life and the hereafter; whoever strives to feed Muslims, the stages of the hereafter will continue to become easy for her; whoever continues to strive in giving charity; whoever strives to repent from her sins, she will be blessed with sincerity; the student who strives to gain Islamic knowledge, she will gain success in her actions; whoever strives to act upon the Sunnah and spreads the Sunnah, she will be eligible for a blessing like paradise.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Our fundamental purpose should be to please Allah ﷺ. Through gaining the pleasure of Allah Almighty, we will succeed in this life and the hereafter. The merciful Lord who grants success to people after their striving has mentioned in the Holy Quran:

وَرِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ^ط

And the greatest (Bounty) is the pleasure of Allah

[(Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part. 10, Surah At-Taubah, Ayah 74)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Worshipping to attain the pleasure of Allah ﷺ

Dear Islamic sisters! To attain the pleasure of Allah ﷺ, we should gain compulsory Islamic knowledge and worship Allah Almighty in accordance to it because worship is only accepted when it is performed in the correct manner, as specified by the Shari'ah. **Remember!** Worshipping Allah ﷺ after gaining Islamic knowledge is one way of escaping the grasp of Satan. It is a way of gaining the closeness of Allah ﷺ. It is a remedy to gain cure for

the disease of sins. It is a way of reforming the internal and external. It is a means of freshening up the soul. It is a means which brings one closer to Allah ﷻ. This is the very reason our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ would remain busy in worshipping Allah ﷻ according to the demands of knowledge and rulings of Shari'ah and would strive to perform optional deeds in abundance alongside acting upon the Faraid and Wajibaat. Let's listen to some stories related to the worship carried out by our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ:

The acts of worship by Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

The Ghaus of humans and Jinns, Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir Jilaani رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ consistently offered Fajr Salah for 40 years with the ablution of 'Isha Salah. He completed the recitation of the entire Holy Quran every night for 15 years. (*Bahjat-ul-Asraar*, pp. 118) He would offer 1000 Rak'aat [units] of Nafil Salah every day. (*Tafreeh-ul-Khaatir*, pp. 36)(*Mirat-ul-Manajih*, vol. 2, pp. 414)

The acts of worship by Sufyan Sawri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

When Hadrat Sufyan Sawri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ passed away, someone saw him in his dream and asked: مَا فَعَلَ اللَّهُ بِكَ i.e. how did Allah ﷻ treat you? He replied: I saw my merciful Creator and He said to me: O Ibn-e-Sa'eed! Congratulations to you. I am happy with you because when night would fall, you would worship Me with tears and softness in your heart. Paradise is in front of you. Take whichever palace you like and you continue to behold Me because I am not far from you. (*Hilyat-ul-Awliya*, vol. 7, pp. 77)

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Dear Islamic sisters! You heard how much our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ would strive to attain the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. Whether it was day or night, they would only have one aim in their life and that was to please Allah ﷻ. When these blessed people worship Allah ﷻ in such a manner that has been prescribed, then Allah ﷻ indeed grants them the glad tidings of His pleasure. **But alas!** In the current era, we strive to go ahead of one another in worldly matters. For example, we express our desire to husband, father or

brother to make a beautiful house when we see that someone else has got a beautiful house, we wish to wear expensive clothes upon seeing someone else wearing such clothes.

Have we ever developed the passion to perform virtuous actions after seeing any Islamic sister performing good deeds? Have we ever had the mind-set to offer all five Salah after seeing any Islamic sister doing so? Have we ever developed the passion to act upon the Sunnah after seeing any Islamic sister doing so? Have we ever strived to do Ghar Dars [Dars at home], participate in area visit, attend the weekly Ijtima upon seeing another Islamic sister carry out these activities? If only we also could develop the passion to strive in becoming pious upon seeing Islamic sisters engaged in virtuous actions. Let's now listen to a story of a pious person رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ with the intention of increasing our passion for worship:

Worshipping all night and fasting during the day

Sayyiduna Habeeb Najjaar رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would worship throughout the night, fast during the day, give away whatever food would be presented to him for Iftar and would himself worship all night in the state of hunger. When it would be close to morning, he would pray the following in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with humility and humbleness: I remained drowned in the oceans of negligence and lost in sins. O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! This disgraceful, sinful and ill bondsman of yours is present at the door of your generosity and is asking you for protection.

(Raud-ul-Faa'iq, pp. 246; summarised)

Dear Islamic sisters! You heard how much passion and enthusiasm our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would have for worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and even after worshipping in abundance, they would pray in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with humility and humbleness for the acceptance of their worship. We should also strive to worship in abundance to gain the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. We should strive to brighten our grave, so that we could be saved from the heat of the day of judgement, so that our scale of good deeds could be heavier, so that we could cross the bridge of Sirat, so that we could attain the high ranks in paradise.

Remember! Allah ﷺ has created us for His worship. In order to succeed in this mission, we have been sent into this world for a short period of time. During this time, we must prepare ourselves for the grave and the hereafter. Therefore, intelligent is that Islamic sister who values this short time period and remains busy in preparing herself for the grave and hereafter, and does not even waste one second in unnecessary activities because no one knows whether they will live for another second or whether death will make her enter a state of deep sleep forever.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Success in this life and the hereafter

Dear Islamic sisters! It is very important to continue performing numerous virtuous actions with consistency in order to be successful in this life and the hereafter. Alongside important knowledge and actions, fulfilling rights also holds much importance. Our parents are most deserving of good treatment from us. Striving to be obedient to parents could also be a means of attaining success in this life and the hereafter. No doubt, parents are a great blessing from Allah ﷺ. Being obedient to them and engaging in trying to meet their needs is such a virtuous action that can make a person successful in this life and the hereafter. History is witness to the fact that those people who strived to be obedient to their parents, Allah ﷺ granted them such a status and rank that some became the best of the Tabi'een and some became the leader of Awliya رَحْمَةُ اللهِ, some became the reviver of their time and some were granted the glad tidings of Allah's ﷺ pleasure. The love of these pious people will remain in the hearts of others until the day of judgement. Let's now listen to 2 stories of how our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللهِ strived to be obedient to their parents:

1. Serving the mother and status of Wilayat

Sayyiduna Ba-Yazeed Bistami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: During a very cold night, my mother asked me to bring water. I came with a glass of water but saw that my mother had fallen asleep. I did not feel it appropriate to wake her up.

Therefore, I stood next to her with the glass of water in my hand with this in mind that when she wakes up, I will present the water to her. I stood for quite a while. Meanwhile, some water spilled over my finger and froze, turning into ice. When my mother woke up, I presented her the glass of water. Due to the ice, as soon as my finger detached from the glass, some skin peeled off and blood began to flow. Seeing this, my mother asked: What is this? I told her the whole story. Hearing this, my mother raised her hands and made Du'a: O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! I am pleased with him. You also be pleased with him. *(Sumandari Gumbad, pp. 4)*

2. Thief repented

When Ghaus-e-Pak **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** was travelling with a caravan from Jilaan to Baghdad to seek Islamic knowledge, as they passed Hamdaan, 60 robbers attacked and robbed the entire caravan. Ghaus-e-Pak **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** states: No one asked me anything. One robber then approached me and asked: O boy! Do you also have anything? I answered: Yes. The robber asked me: What do you have? I replied: 40 dinars. He then asked: Where is it? I replied: Beneath my cloak. The robber thought this was as a joke and walked away. After this, another robber approached me and asked me similar questions, to which I gave the same answers. He also walked away, thinking of it as a joke. When all the robbers got together with their leader and told him about me, I was called over. They were busy distributing the wealth. The leader of the robbers asked me: What have you got? I replied: 40 dinars. He then said to the robbers whilst ordering them: Search him! After searching me, when the truth became apparent, he asked me with surprise: What made you tell the truth? I replied: My mother's advice. The leader then asked: What was the advice? I replied: My mother taught me to always tell the truth and I promised her that I would always speak the truth. Hearing this, the leader of the robbers said whilst crying: This child did not break the promise he made with his mother and on the other hand, I have been breaking the promises I made with my merciful Allah my entire life. He instantly repented alongside his companions and gave back the wealth they had robbed. *(Bahjat-ul-Asraar, pp. 168; summarised)*

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Dear Islamic sisters! You heard that when Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ acted upon his mother's advice, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ granted the robbers, who had been robbing people their entire life, the ability to repent. But alas! There are many foolish people out there who cause difficulties to their mother and father due to being away from Islamic knowledge. They fight with their parents over anything and everything. Instead of keeping their parents happy, they follow their own carnal desires and put their parents in jeopardy. They force their parents to get to do what they desire, regardless of whether it is in a permissible or impermissible manner. For example:

These types of conversations take place:

- I want to get married to so and so. What do my parents know? My choice will prevail. What I know, my parents don't know.
- My friend has an expensive mobile whereas I have a simple mobile. Do I not have the right to live in society?
- My friends from school and college travel to various amusement places for sightseeing and enjoyment. They go out and about freely. But my parents do not have any sympathy for me. Even I have emotions. Should I remain imprisoned in my four-cornered house?
- The sisters I sit with, their clothes are elegant and expensive. I feel ashamed of sitting with them as my clothes are simple.

O devotees of Ghaus-e-Pak! Did our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللهِ not serve their parents? Did Ghaus-e-Pak رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ not sacrifice his 40 dinars in return for obeying his mother? Did Ba-Yazeed Bistami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ not hold a glass of water in his hand all night in anticipation for his mother to wake up? May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grant us Taufeeq to please our parents.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! We are hearing about how successful those people are who strive. Remember! Knowledge is important for worship and striving is very necessary to gain knowledge. Let's hear about a very big scholar's story regarding how he was blessed due to his striving:

The successful student who strived

'Allamah Sa'd-ud-din Taftazaani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, whose books are taught in the curriculum of Dars-e-Nizami. He was the most unintelligent student in the study circle of Qadi 'Abdur-Rahman Sheerazi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. Rather, his example would be given when referring to a dull person. But, despite this he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ never lost his determination, rather he never paid attention to what anyone said and would always remain busy in striving to read and learn his lessons. Once, whilst he was learning his lesson, a stranger approached him and said: Sa'd-ud-din! Come, let's go sightseeing. He replied: I have not been created for sightseeing. (My situation is such that) even after studying, I am still unable to understand anything so how can I go for sightseeing? Hearing this, the stranger left but then came back again after a while and asked him again to come for sightseeing. He again replied with the same answer. The stranger left the second time but then came back again and this time said: The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is remembering you. Hearing this, his body began to tremble and bare-footed, he ran to see the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ until he reached a place outside the city, where the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was under the shade of a thick tree. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw Sa'd-ud-din Taftazaani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and smilingly said: You did not come even though I called many times. He replied with an utterly humble tone of voice: O Prophet of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)! I did not know that you were calling. You know the state of my weak memory. I seek in your court a cure for my illness. Hearing this request, the Holy Prophet's صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ mercy began to flow and he said to him: Open your mouth. He opened his mouth and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ put his blessed saliva into his mouth. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then prayed for him, gave him the glad tidings of success and ordered him to go back home. The next day, when he attended the class of Qadi 'Abdur-Rahman Sheerazi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, he asked some knowledgeable questions during the lesson. The other students in the class were unable to fully grasp the

questions, so they deemed them unnecessary and useless and did not pay attention to it. But his teacher Qadi Sahib, who was a master in the field of knowledge, began to cry upon hearing his knowledgeable conversation and said to him: O Sa'd-ud-din! Today, you are not the same person as yesterday. Sayyiduna Sa'd-ud-din Taftazani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ then narrated the whole event in the court of his teacher. (*Shazarat-uz-Zahb, vol. 7, pp. 68*)

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Dear Islamic sisters! In the above-mentioned story, where we found out how the Holy Prophet's صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ mercy, grace and bounty was bestowed upon 'Allamah Sa'd-ud-din رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, and how his request was granted, we also learn many other points. For example, striving consistently to gain the knowledge of Deen always does produce a result, just like 'Allamah Sa'd-ud-din's رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ striving and steadfastness made him successful. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ went on to become a very big scholar of his era and wrote many books.

Remember! Striving to gain knowledge of Deen is such a virtuous deed that will help a person climb the ladder of success. Along with making one successful in the field of knowledge, striving to gain knowledge is a means of success in this life and the hereafter because it is knowledge that allows a person to differentiate between Halal and Haraam. To gain Fard [obligatory] knowledge is compulsory and a means of attaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Gaining knowledge is a way of knowing the commands of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Knowledge is the inheritance of Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام. The excellence of humans over others is made apparent due to knowledge. Knowledge is light. Knowledge gets rid of ignorance. Knowledge is a means of recognising the rights of people and ending disputes. It is a way of attaining the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. It is the sign of the path of the people of paradise. Knowledge is a means of peace at the time of fear. It is a companion during travel and loneliness. It is a guide during poverty and prosperity. It is a weapon against enemies. Knowledge is the life of the heart in comparison to ignorance. It is light of the eye in comparison to darkness. Knowledge is such a light that even if an unintelligent person strives to acquire it, he too traverses the stages of success.

Striving resulted in success

Imam-e-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said to his student, Imam Abu Yusuf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ: You were very unintelligent but your striving and steadfastness enabled you to progress. Therefore, always protect yourself from laziness as laziness is a very big disaster and an unfortunate thing. (Rah-e-Ilm, pp. 53)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! You heard that the leader of millions of Hanafis, Imam-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ advised his special student, Imam Abu Yusuf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, to stay away from laziness because it is a very big disaster and an unfortunate thing due to which people remain deprived from success. Due to laziness, a person is unable to succeed in his aim. Imam Abu Yusuf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ became a very big scholar, Mufti and Qadi of his time because of continuously striving. Remember! Laziness is a very big barrier in the path of success. It is such an ill-fated habit due to which hundreds of other bad habits come into existence. Various illnesses, problems and calamities are a result of laziness. Therefore, never ever allow laziness to come near you. Rather, you should always be resolute in doing worldly and Islamic activities.

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Reforming the Ummah and Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ 'Allamah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ is from those personalities who have been granted many excellences by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. These include great attributes like a heart filled with passion for reforming the Ummah, courage that is stronger than mountains, mind-blowing ability to understand matters correctly, being able to solve problems that occur during invitation towards righteousness and the courage to face difficulties. He دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ started this journey alone. Along the way, he faced many obstacles but continued the journey whilst striving towards the destination with patience and steadfastness. In the early days of the Madani movement of the devotees of

the Prophet, the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, he would sometimes do more than one Bayan daily and would personally travel village to village and city to city on bus and train. Sometimes, on the way home, the bus would drop him off half way and because he did not have the money to travel home by rickshaw or taxi, he would walk 5-6 kilometres during the middle of the night just to get home. Alongside inviting people towards righteousness, he would visit the sick, he would please the hearts of people at the time of happiness and grief in such a manner that they would be very impressed. Due to his continuous striving and steadfastness, the Madani message of Dawat-e-Islami has spread throughout the world and is continually growing.

Ameeer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** practically strived to make people follow the direction of the correct path. He made the firm intention to save people from outer and inner diseases such as lying, backbiting, tale-telling and foul language, etc. For the continuous evaluation of deeds, he gave every individual from the Muslim Ummah the mind-set to take self-accountability by means of the Madani In'amaat.

Ameeer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** has especially paid attention towards social reform. In order to carry out this virtuous action in an excellent manner, he produced thousands of preachers who are inviting non-Muslims to embrace faith, making sinners pious, waking up the heedless people from neglect, terminating the darkness of ignorance and spreading the light of knowledge and encouraging Muslims to adopt the mission that 'I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world **إِنَّ هَذَا اللَّهُ**.' He **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** never limited the Madani movement of the devotees of the Prophet, Dawat-e-Islami to himself. Rather, those Muballigheen who had the passion to invite towards righteousness, the desire to carry out Madani activities and who were ready to sacrifice their life and wealth, he bestowed upon them such grace from his spiritual gaze that he made them members of the central advisory body of Dawat-e-Islami and place the whole system of Dawat-e-Islami under their supervision. Whichever field in society was in need of reform, such departments were produced. The following are on top of the list: Magnificent Islamic institutions by the name of Jami'a-tul-Madinah (for males and females) to spread the knowledge of Islam, Dar-ul-Madinah to

provide Islamic and worldly education, Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for males and females) to serve the Noble Quran, *Al Madina-tul-'Ilmiyyah*; a department of knowledge and research, Maktaba-tul-Madinah; a very big publishing company of Ahl-e-Sunnat, monthly magazine of Faizan-e-Madinah; an interesting and knowledgeable magazine that includes interesting and informative topics to fulfil the needs of different groups in society, Dar-ul-Iftha Ahl-e-Sunnat; a platform to provide Shar'ī solutions to problems. Whereas, in this era of media, a 100% global Islamic Channel, free from sin, 'Madani Channel' has reached so many homes and is inviting people towards righteousness in such a manner that if someone even watches it for one second, they will not be deprived of its blessings. Every single person is gaining the knowledge of Deen through the blessings of Madani Channel.

لِلْحَمْدِ لِلَّهِ the Madani movement of the devotees of the Prophet, Dawat-e-Islami has once again shown an amazing revolutionary achievement in the world of electronic media. This great achievement and good news is that from 1st Rabi'-ul-Awwal 1441, corresponding to 30th October 2019, Kids Madani Channel has commenced its special programmes on Madani Channel, which runs every day from 4 pm until 6 pm (Pakistan timing). Therefore, value this opportunity and do show your children these short episodes and gain its blessings.

Serving the Sunnah and inviting people towards righteousness in various ways through these 108+ departments is continuously ongoing. The striving of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **رَأْسُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ** for Islamic services is clear as the sun, which has been acknowledged by Sunni scholars and people throughout the world.

Through the mercy of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, the grace of the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, the sincerity of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **رَأْسُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ**, his **رَأْسُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ** striving throughout the day and night, the Du'as of the Scholars of Ahl-e-Sunnat and the blessings of Awliya, the Madani movement of the devotees of the Prophet, Dawat-e-Islami is making its way quickly towards Madinah. May Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** keep us attached to this Madani environment and grant us the

ability to give our time and wealth for the prominence of the religion of Islam.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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Sunnahs and etiquettes of wearing shoes

Dear Islamic sisters! Let's listen to some Sunnahs and etiquettes of wearing shoes mentioned in the booklet '101 Madani Pearls', written by Ameer-e-Ahli-e-Sunnat داصت بر كائنهو العالينه:

1. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: Use shoes frequently, because as long as a person is wearing shoes, it is as if he is riding (i.e. he gets less tired). *(Muslim, pp. 1161, Hadees 2096)*
2. Shake your shoes before putting them on so that if there are any insects or pebbles, they will be removed.
3. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: When anyone from you wears shoes, he should start with the right; and when taking them off, he should start with the left, so that the right foot is first when putting them on and last when taking them off. *(Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 65, Hadees 5855)*
4. It is stated in the book *Nuzha-tul-Qaari*: When entering Masjid, the ruling is, one should place the right foot in the Masjid first, and when exiting Masjid, he should step out the left foot first.
5. Men should wear masculine shoes, whereas women should wear feminine ones. Someone told Sayyidatuna 'Aishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا that there was a woman who wore (masculine) shoes. She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا replied that the Rasool of Rahmah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ cursed the women adopting masculine styles. *(Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 84, Hadees 4099)*

It is stated on page 422 of the 16th part of *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, volume 3: i.e. women should not wear masculine shoes. Both men and women are forbidden to adopt each other's styles in all such things that show a

difference between them. Neither men should adopt feminine styles nor should women adopt masculine ones.

6. When you sit down, take off shoes. This will relax your feet.
7. Not turning the shoe right side up despite seeing it lying upside down (is a cause of deprivation in sustenance). It is stated in the book *Dawlat-e-Bay-Zawaal*: If the shoe remains lying upside down for the whole night, Satan comes and sits on it and it is the throne of Satan. (*Sunni Bihishti Zaywar, part 5, pp. 601*)

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