

Benefits of Sadaqah (charity)

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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.

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

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الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَيِّبَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

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

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:

إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمَ الْخَبِيسِ بَعَثَ اللَّهُ مَلَائِكَةً مَعَهُمْ صُحُفٌ مِّنْ فِضَّةٍ وَأَقْلَامٌ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ يَكْتُبُونَ يَوْمَ الْخَبِيسِ وَلَيْلَةَ الْجُمُعَةِ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ عَلَى صَلَاةٍ

‘When Thursday arrives, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sends angels who have silver papers and golden pens. They write down who recites Durood the most upon me on the day of Thursday and the night of Friday.’ (Kanz-ul-Ummal, vol. 1, pp. 250, Hadees: 2174)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَيِّبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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

Important point

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

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

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

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to 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 تَتَوَبُّوا 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.

Four supplications in exchange of four dirhams

A slave went pass the gathering of Sayyiduna Mansoor Bin 'Ammar رضي الله عنه. Sayyiduna Mansoor رضي الله عنه would deliver lectures to people. The slave saw that he رضي الله عنه is asking for something for a needy person who was present next to him, and he was also saying that: 'Whoever gives this person four dirhams, I will make four supplications for him.' Listening to the blessed voice of a noble saint, the slave presented 4 Dirhams to the beggar.

Sayyiduna Mansoor رضي الله عنه asked him: 'Which four supplications do you want to be made?'

He replied: (1) I have a master. I want freedom from his slavery. (2) I want a return for these dirhams. (3) May Allah Almighty bless me and my master with the ability to repent. (4) May Allah Almighty forgive me, my master, you and all the people.

Sayyiduna Mansoor رضي الله عنه supplicated for him. The slave reached his master late. His master inquired about the reason for his delay. The slave narrated the entire incident. His master asked him: 'What did Hazrat Mansoor رضي الله عنه supplicate for?'

The slave replied: 'The first supplication he made was for you to free me.' Listening to this, the master said: '**Go, you are free for the pleasure of Allah Almighty.**'

He then asked: 'What was the second supplication you requested for?'

He replied: 'I get a good return of my Dirhams.'

The master spoke out: '**I give you four thousand dirhams in return of your four dirhams.**'

He then asked: 'What was the third supplication?'

The slave replied: 'May Allah Almighty bless you with the ability to repent.'

Listening to this, the master instantly said: '**I repent for all my sins in the merciful court of Allah عز وجل.**'

He (the master) then asked: ‘What was the fourth supplication?’

The slave replied: ‘May Allah Almighty forgive me, you, Sayyiduna Mansoor رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and all the attendees of the gathering.’

Listening to this, the master said: ‘This is out of my control.’

In the night, the master had a dream in which he heard somebody say: “Whatever was in your control, you have done it and I am the most merciful. I have forgiven you, your slave, Mansoor Bin ‘Ammar and all the attendees of the gathering.’ *(Raud-ur-Riyaheen, pp. 199, summarised)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! We learn from this narration that one should not let any opportunity of getting the Du’as of the pious people of Allah go to waste. When these pious people of Allah do Du’a in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ then accepts it.

أَمَّتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat أَلْحَقَهُ لِلَّهِ is deeply in love with good deeds and makes various Du’as in order to persuade to do good deeds. He sometimes makes Du’a for those who listen or read **the weekly booklet**. He sometimes makes Du’a for those who act upon **Madani In’amaat**. We should also not let any opportunity go to waste in trying to gain the Du’as of this chosen wali of Allah Almighty. Who knows which of his Du’a will make our life and the Hereafter better.

We also learn from the above narration that those who give charity in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sincerely, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ definitely rewards them. Therefore, we should also give charity every now and then according to our capability. إِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ we will attain many religious and worldly blessings for this.

The importance and excellence of giving Sadaqah and charity in the path of Allah Almighty can be realised from the fact that our Beloved Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Himself orders us to give charity in the Holy Quran and has praised those who give Sadaqah and charity at different places.

He mentions in Para 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 2 and 3:

هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ۗ ۝ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُعِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ۝

Guidance for those who fear (Allah). Those who believe without seeing, and keep Salah (the five daily prayers) established and spend in Our path from the sustenance We have bestowed (upon them).

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse no. 2, 3)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Truly, very fortunate are those Muslims who fulfil the rights of their wealth that are necessary to fulfil.

- Fortunate are those Muslims who wholeheartedly pay complete Zakah and Fitrah on time.
- Who spend their wealth on their parents, siblings and children.
- Who feed the poor and needy people on the occasion of Sawyam, Daswan, Chaleeswan and Barsi, etc. upon the death of their relatives to convey them reward.
- Who distribute **the booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madinah** to convey reward.
- Who arrange for Langer-e-Razawiyyah with good intentions.
- Who spend their wealth sincerely on the gatherings where the Holy Quran is recited, where Na'ts are recited and at Sunnah-inspiring Ijtimas whilst being mindful of the rights of others.
- Who participate in the construction and running of Jami'a-tul-Madinah, Madaris-ul-Madinah and other departments of Dawat-e-Islami.
- Who spend their wealth on the students gaining Islamic knowledge.

Through His grace, Allah ﷻ grants double, rather even more than double to those who spend money like this sincerely. For the pleasure of Allah ﷻ, give your charity to Dawat-e-Islami and persuade others to also do the same.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! The Holy Quran and Ahadees mention many virtues of giving Sadaqah and charity, and spending in the way of Allah ﷻ. Spending in the way of Allah ﷻ is also very beneficial for a person himself. Those who spend their money in good deeds wholeheartedly and help the poor and needy people, their wealth increases surprisingly and they receive many blessing in their money.

It is mentioned in Para 3, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 261:

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِي كُلِّ سُنْبُلَةٍ مِائَةُ حَبَّةٍ وَاللَّهُ يُضْعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦١﴾

The example of those who spend their wealth on the path of Allah is similar to a grain which has sprouted seven ears (of wheat) and each ear contains a hundred grains, and Allah may increase this many a time for whomsoever He desires, and Allah is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)]

In commentary to this verse, it is written in volume 1, page 295 of *Tafseer Siraat-ul-Jinaan*: ‘The excellence of those who give charity in the way of Allah ﷻ is being mentioned through an example that it is like a person sowing a seed (grain of wheat) in the ground which grows into 7 offshoots, and each offshoot produces 100 grains. Hence, the one sowing one seed into the ground gains 700 times more return. Similarly, the one who spends in the way of Allah ﷻ, Allah Almighty rewards him 700 times more according to his sincerity, and it is not limited to this; rather, the treasures of Allah ﷻ

are full and He is Kareem [كريم] and Jawwad [جواد]. He may grant more reward than this to whomsoever He wishes for. (*Siraat-ul-Jinaan, vol. 1, pp. 395*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! We learn that money apparently decreases when giving in charity but in reality, it is filling the book of good deeds of the donor with virtuous deeds. Just like the water in a well does not decrease when taken out, rather it increases, similarly, wealth spent in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not decrease, rather it increases and receives much blessing. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has mentioned many virtues regarding giving charity. Let's listen to 8 blessed Ahadees for persuasion:

8 Blessed sayings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in relation to the excellence of giving charity

1. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: الْصَّدَقَةُ تُسَدُّ سَبْعِينَ بَابًا مِّنَ السُّوءِ 'Sadaqah locks up 70 doors of evil'. (*Mu'jam Kabeer, vol. 4, pp. 274, Hadees 4402*)
2. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: كُلُّ امْرِئٍ فِي ظِلِّ صَدَقَتِهِ حَتَّى يُقْضَى بَيْنَ النَّاسِ 'Everybody will be under the shade of his Sadaqah (on the Day of Judgement) until decision is made between people'. (*Mu'jam Kabeer, vol. 17, pp. 280, Hadees 771*)
3. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

إِنَّ الصَّدَقَةَ لَتُظْفِرُ عَلَى أَهْلِهَا حَرَّ الْقُبُورِ وَإِنَّمَا يَسْتَنْظِلُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ فِي ظِلِّ صَدَقَتِهِ

'Verily, Sadaqah protects the contributors of Sadaqah from the heat of grave and certainly, a Muslim will be under the shade of his Sadaqah on the Day of Judgement'. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 212, Hadees 3347*)

4. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

الصَّلَاةُ بُرْهَانٌ وَالصَّوْمُ جُنَّةٌ وَالصَّدَقَةُ تُظْفِرُ الْخَطِيئَةَ كَمَا يُظْفِرُ الْمَاءُ النَّارَ

‘Salah is a proof (of Iman) and fast is a shield (from sins). Sadaqah wipes out sins as water extinguishes fire’. (Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 118, Hadees 614)

5. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: **بَاكِرُوا بِالصَّدَقَةِ فَإِنَّ الْبَلَاءَ لَا يَسْخَطِي الصَّدَقَةَ** ‘Give Sadaqah early in the morning as calamity does not precede charity’. (Shu’ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 214, Hadees 3353)
6. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

إِنَّ صَدَقَةَ الْمُسْلِمِ تَزِيدُنِي الْعُمْرَ وَتَبْنِمُ مِئْتَةَ السُّوءِ وَيُذْهِبُ اللَّهُ الْكِبْرَ وَالْفَخْرَ

‘Verily, the Sadaqah of a Muslim lengthens the lifespan and repels a bad death. By the blessing of it, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ removes the evil habit of arrogance and boasting from the one who gives Sadaqah’. (Mu’jam Kabeer, vol. 17, pp. 22, Hadees 31)

7. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

إِنَّهَا حِجَابٌ مِنَ النَّارِ لِمَنْ احْتَسَبَهَا يَبْتَغِي بِهَا وَجْهَ اللَّهِ

‘Whoever gives Sadaqah for the sake of the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, that Sadaqah becomes a shield between him and the fire’. (Majma’-uz-Zawaid, vol. 3, pp. 286, Hadees 4617)

8. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

إِنَّ الصَّدَقَةَ تُطْفِئُ غَضَبَ الرَّبِّ وَتُدْفَعُ مِئْتَةَ السُّوءِ

‘Verily, Sadaqah extinguishes the wrath of Allah Almighty and prevents a bad death’. (Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 146, Hadees 664)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! We learn from the above-mentioned Ahadees that:

- Sadaqah shuts the doors of evil.
- The person giving Sadaqah will be under the shade of his Sadaqah on the Day of Judgement.
- Sadaqah saves you from the heat of the grave.
- Wipes out sins as water extinguishes fire.
- Prevents evils.
- Is a means of lengthening lifespan.
- Prevents bad death and a bad end.
- Removes the habit of arrogance and boasting.
- Becomes a shield from fire.
- Extinguishes the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

In short, Sadaqah opens many doors of goodness and shuts many doors of evil.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Satan whispers at the time of giving Sadaqah that if I give money here, then how will I run the expenses of my house? How will I fulfil my needs? How will I pay the expenses of my household? **Remember!** These are all satanic whispers. Wealth does not decrease by giving Sadaqah. Therefore:

Sayyiduna Abu Kabshah Anmari رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrates: ‘He heard the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ state: ‘One thing upon which I take oath (and it is) that the wealth of any person does not decrease by giving Sadaqah.’ (Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, pp. 515, Hadees 1674)

Dear Islamic sisters! What blessings do offering Sadaqah with sincerity bring? Let’s listen to some narrations regarding this:

Spend, Allah ﷺ will grant

Sayyiduna Qays Bin Sal' [سَلْع] Ansari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states: 'His brothers' complained to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ about him that he spends unnecessarily and with regards to spending, his hands are very loose.

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked him: 'What is the problem with your brothers. They are complaining against you thinking that you are spending unnecessarily from your wealth and that your hands are very loose with regards to spending?'

I humbly said: 'O Prophet of Allah! I take my portion from the income and spend it in the way of Allah ﷺ and on my friends.'

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then put his blessed hand on my chest and said 3 times: 'Spend, Allah ﷺ will grant you.' (Sayyiduna Qays رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states:) After this, whenever I would go out to spend in the way of Allah ﷺ, I would have my own mode of transport and now, my state is such that I am ahead of my brothers in terms of wealth and amenities.' (*Mu'jam Awsat, vol. 6, pp. 210, Hadees 8536*)

Allah ﷺ will make my son rich

Sayyiduna 'Awn Bin 'Abdullah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ was from Tabi'een. Doing zikr of Allah ﷺ with full concentration, staying away from rich people, and showing kindness and affection towards poor and needy people were from his blessed habits. It is narrated: Once, Sayyiduna 'Awn Bin 'Abdullah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ received more than 20,000 dirhams. He gave them all away in Sadaqah. Some friends of his asked him: 'If you had utilised this money to make your son's life more prosperous then . . .?'

He replied: 'I have made myself stronger by giving the money in Sadaqah and Allah ﷺ will make my son rich.'

The result of Sayyiduna 'Awn's رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ sincerity and complete trust in Allah ﷺ was that Sayyiduna Abu Usamah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: 'From the family of Mas'ood, no one was richer than the son of Sayyiduna 'Awn رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ.' (*Allah Walon ki Baatayn, vol. 4, pp. 302*)

Blessing of giving charity revealed instantly!

The Abdaal of his time, Sayyiduna Abu Ja'far Bin Khattab رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: 'A beggar called out at my door. I asked my wife: 'Do you have anything?'

She replied: 'I have 4 eggs.'

I said: 'Give it to the beggar.'

So she gave it to him. He took the eggs and left. A short period of time had only passed when my friend sent a basket full of eggs to my home. I asked my wife: 'How many eggs are there in total?'

She replied: '30.'

I then asked: 'You gave 4 eggs to the beggar. How come we have received 30 eggs?'

She then replied: '30 eggs are unbroken and 10 eggs are broken. (The reason for this is that) the eggs that were given to the beggar, 3 of them were unbroken and 1 was broken. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has granted 10 in return for the each one. Unbroken in return for the unbroken ones and broken in return for the broken ones.' (Raud-ur-Riyaheen, pp. 151)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! The passion of pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ to have complete trust in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and their sincere generosity was amazing. If we also want to increase our passion to offer Sadaqah and charity, then remain attached with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami at all times and for those who can, do take some time out from your busy schedule to carry out Madani activities.

Due to the blessing of partaking in these Madani activities, we will refrain from sins, gather a **treasure of good deeds** for the Hereafter, be considered among those fortunate people who **invite towards righteousness** and we will also gain a **good company**.

All devotees of the Holy Prophet have opportunities to carry out Madani activities with ease. If we do not practically participate in Madani activities even now, then perhaps we will be deprived of many good deeds. To attain this great mission that **‘I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world’**, we must try our very best and help each other in carrying out good deeds.

Fast of Monday and benefits of acting upon Madani In’amaat

To reform ourselves, we should act upon the Madani In’amaat.

- **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ** Madani In’amaat is an excellent means of adopting the passion to do good deeds and refrain from bad actions.
- Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** becomes very happy with those people who act upon Madani In’amaat and blesses them with Du’as.
- Due to the blessing of acting upon Madani In’amaat, you gain the fear of Allah **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** and love of the Holy Prophet **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.
- This great gift reminds us of our pious predecessors **رَحْمَتُ اللهِ**.
- It is an excellent means of us following the footsteps of our pious predecessors **رَحْمَتُ اللهِ** and to ponder and reflect upon our own actions.

Madani In’aam no. 50 from these Madani In’amaat is:

Did you observe fast on Monday (or on any other day if could not on Monday) in this week? Did you eat bread made from barley at least once this week?

Dear Islamic sisters! Alongside obligatory fasts, it is a great blessing to keep Nafl fasts. Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** has persuaded in the Madani In’amaat booklet to keep Nafl fasts every Monday to instill the passion of Nafl worship. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ** students of Jami’a-tul-Madinah and many other Islamic brothers, likewise, students and teachers of Jami’ah-tul-Madinah (for females) and many other Islamic sisters gain the privilege to keep the Nafl fast of Monday. Let’s listen to 2 sayings of the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** with regards to the **excellence of Nafl fasts**:

Excellence of Nafl fasts

1. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'If a person fasts for one day and then he is given gold equivalent to the size of this earth, even then his reward will only be completed on the Day of Judgement.' (*Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 3, pp. 423, Hadees 5092*)
2. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'Whoever recites **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ** and dies on it, he will enter Paradise. Whoever fasts on any day for the pleasure of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and then dies on it, he will enter Paradise. Whoever gives Sadaqah for the pleasure of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and then dies on it, he will enter Paradise.' (*Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 9, pp. 90, Hadees 23374*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! The month of Rajab-ul-Murajjab is ongoing. There are many blessings of fasting in this month also. Therefore, try to spend this month by fasting for majority of its days to attain these blessings and virtues if possible. Many virtues have been mentioned in Ahadees with regards to keeping Nafl fasts of Rajab. Hence:

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'There is a lake in Paradise that is called 'Rajab', which is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey. So, whoever keeps one fast of Rajab, Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** will quench his thirst from that lake.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 3800*)

May Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** grant us the taufeeq to keep the fasts of Rajab as well alongside other Nafl fasts.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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Which wealth should be given as Sadaqah?

Dear Islamic sisters! We were listening about offering Sadaqah and charity. Verily, money spent in the way of Allah ﷻ with sincerity never goes to waste. While spending in the way of Allah ﷻ, bear in mind that whichever thing you like the most, give that in Sadaqah and charity as it bears most reward.

Unfortunately, stinginess is observed when it comes to Sadaqah and charity, or such things are given in charity that are not capable of being used. For example:

- When food (roti and curry) becomes stale or is close to becoming stale, we then send it to the poor people.
- When we are unable to utilise meat of Qurbani, we then wrap it up and give it to the servants working in our house.
- We give cheap ration (food and provisions) to those who have been affected by flood or stuck with a calamity.
- We give clothes and shoes that no one wears in the house to poor and needy people as Sadaqah and charity.

Although giving Sadaqah in this way with good intention is also correct, but just think! How strange it is that when it comes to buying food, drink and things for ourselves, we select the best quality and when it comes to spending in the way of Allah ﷻ, then we give used or leftover things as Sadaqah and charity.

We buy the best quality things for our children, but when it comes to giving to the child of a poor person, then we give the least quality thing while boasting off the favour.

We prepare and eat our favourite dishes at home but if a beggar comes in the meanwhile, we send him away or give him the leftover or stale food that no one is going to eat thinking that at least the food did not get wasted and some poor person also benefitted from it.

Whereas, it should be that whoever Allah ﷺ has granted ability to, they should try to give best of the things in the way of Allah ﷺ. Let's now listen to the manners of the pious people of Allah ﷺ that how sincere those noble personalities were when it came to spending in the way of Allah ﷺ.

Give the bunch of grapes to him

Sayyiduna Naafi' رضى الله عنه narrates: 'Once, Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin 'Umar رضى الله عنه was poorly and desired to eat grapes, so I bought one bunch of grapes for him for 1 dirham. I had just about put the bunch of grapes in his hand when a beggar came to the door and called out. Sayyiduna 'Abdullah رضى الله عنه said to give the bunch of grapes to the beggar.

I said: 'Eat some grapes at least. Taste some grapes at least.'

He said: 'No. Give it to him.' So I gave it to the beggar.

I then bought the bunch of grapes for 1 dirham from that beggar and presented it to Sayyiduna 'Abdullah رضى الله عنه. I had just put the bunch of grapes in his hand when that beggar came again. Sayyiduna 'Abdullah رضى الله عنه said: 'Give this to him.'

I said: 'Taste a few grapes at least.'

He said: 'No. Give it to him.'

I then gave that bunch of grapes to the beggar. That beggar kept coming back and Sayyiduna 'Abdullah رضى الله عنه kept ordering me to give the bunch of grapes to him. Eventually, upon the 3rd or 4th time, I said to the beggar: 'May you be ruined! Don't you have any shame?'

I then bought the bunch of grapes in return for 1 dirham and gave it to Sayyiduna 'Abdullah رضى الله عنه. Then he رضى الله عنه ate it.'

(Allah Walon ki Baatayn, vol. 1, pp. 523)

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! What can be said about the excellences and benefits of giving Sadaqah. We should also try to give Sadaqah and charity in this world and do good deeds that will enlighten our Hereafter.

How good it would be that alongside giving Sadaqah and charity to poor people, Miskeen (destitute), orphans, widows, people in need and relatives, we also give Sadaqah and charity in good actions such as constructing and running of Masajid, Madaris-ul-Madinah and Jami'a-tul-Madinah. Moreover, for the sake of hoisting the flag of Islam high and for spreading the knowledge of Islam, give donations to Dawat-e-Islami for the students that are acquiring the knowledge of Islam and make your Hereafter better.

It is narrated: 'Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Mubarak رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ (who is a special student of Imam-e-A'zam Abu Hanifah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and one of the Imams of the Hanafi Fiqh:) would especially be good to the people of knowledge.

It was said to him: 'Why don't you treat everyone the same?'

He replied: 'After the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ and the noble companions عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ, I do not deem the status of anyone high except for the noble scholars of Islam. If any scholar's focus deviates due to his own needs, then he will not be able to concentrate properly on teaching religious education. Therefore, it is superior to make them free for the service of (Islamic) knowledge.' (*Ziya-e-Sadaqat, pp. 172*)

Dear Islamic sisters! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ the Madani movement of the devotees of the Holy Prophet, Dawat-e-Islami, is busy in spreading the message of Islam and inviting people towards righteousness in more than 108 departments. In this delicate era, where evil forces are trying to destroy the faith of Muslims with full power and are busy in misguiding them, Dawat-e-Islami has shone as a ray of hope and this Madani movement has passionately assisted the Ummah, spread the knowledge of Quran and Sunnah, instilled the knowledge of the Holy Quran within the hearts and awoken the Ummah of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ from their negligent dream.

In a short space of time, they have opened up thousands of Madaris called 'Madaris-ul-Madinah' for boys and girls in various countries and cities,

whereas they have opened up Islamic universities called 'Jami'a-tul-Madinah' for Islamic brothers and sisters to train and educate them according to Shari'ah and instil good manners within them, so that when they graduate after their studies, they can truly play a major role in eradicating the evils of society and live their life according to the Madani aim given by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَاعِيَتِ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ** that **'I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world** **رَبَّنَا صَلِّ عَلَى سَائِرِ الْعَالَمِ**.'

Remember! The Madaris-ul-Madinah and Jami'a-tul-Madinah, run by Dawat-e-Islami, hold a great importance in terms of Islamic virtue. For this very reason, not millions but billions of rupees are spent annually to run these Madaris-ul-Madinah and Jami'a-tul-Madinah.

Therefore, it is a request that you also gain the Du'as of these students, enable Dawat-e-Islami to grow further and make the system of Madaris-ul-Madina and Jami'ah-tul-Madina stronger by contributing through the means of giving your Zakah, Fitrah, Sadaqah, Nafil charity and 'Ushr, etc. to Dawat-e-Islami. Not only yourself, but do individual effort on your relatives, neighbours and friends and persuade them also to contribute to Dawat-e-Islami. If someone's mind-set is made through our few words and individual effort and he gives his Zakah, Fitrah, Sadaqah, Nafil charity and 'Ushr, etc. to Dawat-e-Islami for the Madani activities, then this would become a means of Sawaab-e-Jariyah [i.e. continuous reward] for us as well.

Dear Islamic sisters! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ** thousands of devotees of the Holy Prophet contribute financially to the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami in different ways. It could be that someone has a question in his mind that how can I contribute to the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami?

Let's listen to a very easy method through which even a very poor person can also be successful in contributing his share towards Dawat-e-Islami. What is that method? It is called financial assistance through **'Gharaylu Chandah Box'**. The boxes kept in homes are called **'home Sadaqah box.'**

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Some points regarding ‘intention’

Dear Islamic sisters! Bringing the speech towards the end, let’s be privileged to listen to some Madani pearls regarding intentions. Let’s first listen to two blessed sayings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ:

1. He ﷺ has stated: **إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ** i.e. ‘Actions are dependent upon intentions.’ (*Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 5, Hadees 1*)
 2. He ﷺ has stated: **نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ** i.e. ‘Intention of a Muslim is better than his action.’ (*Mu’jam-e-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942*)
- More than one good intention can be made in every permissible action. (*Bahar-e-Niyat, pp. 10*)
 - The more righteous intentions one makes in a righteous and permissible action, higher the reward he attains.
 - A righteous intention in a righteous deed means that the heart remains attentive towards the action and the action is being performed for the pleasure of Allah Almighty. (*Bahar-e-Niyat, pp. 10*)
 - An intention signifies willingness of the heart. To verbally pronounce the intention is preferable provided it is present in the heart. (*Bahar-e-Niyat, pp. 10*)
 - The purpose of making intention is to differentiate between forms of worship or to differentiate between worship and a habit. (*Bahar-e-Niyat, pp. 11*)
 - In case of no intention present in the heart and one pronounces his intention verbally; it is not a valid intention. (*Bahar-e-Niyat, pp. 10*)
 - In order to form a habit of making good intentions, keeping their significance in view, first of all, you will have to seriously make up your mind. (*Sawab Berhanay kay Nuskhay, pp. 3*)
 - Sayyiduna Nu’aym Bin Hammad رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ has stated, ‘It is easier for us to be whipped on our back than to make a good intention.’ (*Tanbih-ul-Mughtarrin, pp. 25*)

- Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada **كَرَّمَ اللهُ وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** has stated: 'A person is given such rewards upon righteous intention that are not even given to him on virtuous action, because there is no ostentation in intention.'

(Jahannam mayn Lay Jaanay Walay A'maal, pp. 152)

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