

Virtues

of pleasing others

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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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وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا حَيِّبَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ 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 Duood

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated:

وَقَالَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: خَلَقَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فِي الْجَنَّةِ شَجَرَةً تَسْرُّهَا أَكْبَرُ مِنَ الثَّقَابِ، وَأَصْغَرُ مِنَ الرُّمَّانِ، أَلْيَنُ مِنَ الزُّبْدِ، وَأَحْلَى مِنَ الْعَسَلِ، وَأَطْيَبُ مِنَ الْبُسْكِ، وَأَغْضَانُهَا مِنَ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الرَّطْبِ، وَجُدُّوعُهَا مِنَ الدَّهَبِ، وَوَرَقُهَا مِنَ الزُّبُرِّ جَدِّ لَا يَأْكُلُ مِنْهَا إِلَّا مَنْ أَكْتَرُ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna 'Ali رضي الله عنه has stated: 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has created a tree in Paradise whose fruit is bigger than an apple, smaller than a pomegranate, softer than butter, sweeter than honey and more fragrant than musk. The branches of the tree are made of pearls, its trunk made of gold and leaves made of gemstone. The person who recites Duood upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ abundantly will be the only one able to eat fruit from that tree.' (Al Haawi-lil-Fatawa, vol. 2, pp. 48)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Before listening to the speech let's, first of all, make good intentions to please Allah Almighty and earn reward. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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.

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

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
3. I will make room for other Islamic sisters by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear تُؤَيُّوْا 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.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Islam is a peace-loving, truthful, beautiful and complete religion. Islam has always been dominant in every era due to its unparalleled qualities and will remain dominant. Islam has also guided its followers in many matters such as Islamic affairs, worldly affairs, matters concerning the hereafter, matters regarding character, external and internal affairs, household affairs, familial affairs and social affairs, for example treating Muslims well, sharing their troubles and pain, being their well-wisher and trying to please them. In today's bayan, we will listen to the excellence of pleasing others. Blessed Ahadees and narrations of pious predecessors about pleasing others will also be mentioned. We will also listen to a few narrations of how Pious Predecessors **رضيهم الله** would please other people. We will then listen to the different ways that can be used to try and please other Islamic sisters. If only we can gain the opportunity to listen to the complete speech with good intentions. Let's first of all listen to a parable:

Ability to recite Kalimah due to pleasing someone

It is written on page 455 of '*Hikayatayn aur Naseehatayn*': A poor person kept a fast with his family. He had nothing to eat in his house. So, he left his house to look for food so they could do Iftari but he found nothing. He then entered a market of goldsmiths. He saw that a shopkeeper had spread pieces of expensive leather in his shop and was dropping a pile of gold and silver upon it. This poor person approached the shopkeeper, gave Salaam and said: 'Sir! I am in need. If possible, could you give me 1 dirham as loan. I need to buy food for my family so they can do Iftari. I will make Du'a for you.'

Hearing this, the shopkeeper turned his face away and did not give anything to the poor person. The poor person's heart broke. His tears began to flow. He was returning from the shop when a non-Muslim neighbour saw him. He came out from his shop, approached the poor person and said: 'I was watching you speak about something to my neighbour goldsmith.'

The poor person replied: 'Yes! I asked for a loan of 1 dirham so that I could arrange Iftari for my family but he sent me back empty-handed. I said to him that I will make Du'a for you in your favour.'

Hearing this, the non-Muslim gave 10 dirhams to the poor person and said: 'Spend upon your family.' The poor person left and was very happy.

Upon nightfall, the Muslim goldsmith saw a dream that Judgement Day has been established. There was a severe level of thirst and calamities. Then, he suddenly saw a white palace made of pearls whose doors were made of ruby. He raised his head and asked: 'O owner of this palace! Please give me some water to drink.'

He then heard a voice: 'Until yesterday evening, this palace was yours. But, when you broke the heart of that poor person and gave him nothing, your name was erased and this palace was transferred to your non-Muslim neighbour, who fulfilled the need of the poor person and gave him 10 dirhams.

After waking up, the goldsmith approached his non-Muslim neighbour and said: 'You are my neighbour. You have a right upon me and I need a very important thing from you.'

The non-Muslim neighbour asked: 'Tell me! What do you need?'

He replied: 'Give me the reward of the 10 dirhams you gave yesterday evening to the poor person and in return, I will give you 100 dirhams.'

The non-Muslim neighbour said: 'By Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! I will not give you the reward in return for 1 hundred thousand dinars. Rather, even if you desire to enter the door of the palace, which you saw in your dream last night, I will not even give you permission for that as well.'

The Muslim goldsmith asked: 'How did you find out about this secret?'

The non-Muslim replied: 'I was informed of this by that Being who says **'Be'** to anything and it is, and I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and I also bear witness that Muhammad **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** is His bondsman and messenger.' (*Haashiya l'ana-tut-Talibeen, vol. 2, pp. 445*)

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Dear Islamic sisters! That non-Muslim made a Muslim person happy. As a result, Allah ﷻ, from His grace, blessed him with a great bounty in the form of faith in return for pleasing another person. Just ponder! When such a great and priceless blessing like faith can be attained by pleasing others, then how can other blessings of this world and hereafter not be attained. Therefore, we should also make it a habit of pleasing others. Let's listen to the definition of pleasing others:

Definition of pleasing others and its virtues

Pleasing others, being kind and loving, consoling, comforting; all of these words have the same meaning. They all mean to sympathise with others, to make others happy, to make happiness enter into their hearts, etc. الْخَيْرُ لِلَّهِ pleasing others holds great importance in our religion. Whilst refraining from places of tribulation (fitnah), a Muslim man pleasing other Muslim men, his Maharim (who he cannot marry) and his children's mother, and similarly a Muslim woman pleasing other Muslim women, her Maharim and her children's father, is a means of great reward. Where doing this will make the hereafter better, it will also establish an excellent environment of love and devotion in society. Let's listen to some blessed Ahadees with regards to how much reward one can gain through pleasing others:

1. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'In the sight of Allah ﷻ, the best action after performing Faraid [obligatory] acts is to make happiness enter the heart of a Muslim.' (*Mu'jam Kabeer, vol. 11, pp. 59, Hadees 11079*)
2. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'No doubt, pleasing your own Muslim brother is from those acts that makes forgiveness compulsory.' (*Mu'jam Awsat, vol. 6, pp. 129, Hadees 8245*)
3. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'مَنْ مَرَّ مُؤْمِنًا فَقَدْ سَرَّ اللَّهَ' i.e. whoever has made a Muslim happy, he has pleased Allah ﷻ.' (*Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, pp. 66, Hadees 3188; Kitab-ul-Mujruheen La Ibn-e-Habbaan, vol. 2, pp. 297, Raqm 977*)
4. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'Whoever makes a Muslim happy, Allah ﷻ creates an angel from that happiness who worships

Him and speaks of His Oneness. When that person reaches his grave after dying, that angel comes to him and says: 'Do you recognise me?'

He replies: 'Who are you?'

The angel then says: 'I am that happiness, which you put into the heart of such and such a person and today, I am going to get rid of your troubles by pleasing your heart. I am going to help you in remembering your proof. I am going to ensure you remain steadfast on the truth whilst answering the questions of the angels of the grave. On the Day of Judgement, I will be with you. I will intercede for you in the court of Allah ﷺ and will show you your abode in Paradise.'*(Mawsu'ah Ibn-e-Abi Dunya, vol. 4, pp. 213, Hadees 115)*

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Dear Islamic sisters! We learn that pleasing others and making happiness enter their heart is such an action due to which Allah ﷺ creates means to save His bondsman from difficulties. Let's listen to some sayings of pious predecessors with regards to pleasing others:

1. Sayyiduna Bishr Haafi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: 'Pleasing a Muslim's heart is better than 100 Nafil Hajj.'*(Kimiya-e-Sa'adat, vol. 2, pp. 751)*
2. Sayyiduna Khawaja Nizamuddin Awliya رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: 'On Judgement Day, there will be no action as valuable as looking after another person and pleasing others.'*(Mahboob-e-Ilahi, pp. 237)*
3. Sayyiduna Makhool Dimishqi [مَكْحُولُ دِمِشْقِي] رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: 'Whoever dies whilst pleasing another person, is a martyr.'*(Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 5, pp. 238)*

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Parables of pleasing others

Dear Islamic sisters! There are great blessings of pleasing others. This is the very reason as to why our pious predecessors were filled with the passion to

please others and console them. Those blessed personalities would please others and receive comfort in their own hearts. Let's listen to some parables of pious people of Allah ﷺ pleasing others and Madani pearls gained from them:

Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ helping a family

One night, Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ saw a tent whilst walking through the streets of Madina-tul-Munawwarah. When he got closer, he heard the voice of someone suffering a difficulty. There was a person sat outside the tent. He gave Salaam to him and asked him about what happened, and found out that he wanted to meet the Khalifah of the time. However, he did not know that the Khalifah of the time was in front of him. Nevertheless, he told him that his wife was in labour and was close to giving birth.

Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ came back home and asked his honourable wife, Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Kulsoom bint-e-'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا: 'Do you want to earn reward? Allah ﷻ has Himself brought it to you.'

She replied: 'Huzoor! What is it?'

He answered: 'A woman is close to giving birth and there is no one with her.'

She said: 'If you are happy then I'll go.'

He replied: 'Okay. You gather the important supplies, etc.'

When they reached the tent, Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ sent his wife inside and sat outside with the person. He said to him: 'light the fire.' The person lit the fire and so Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ put a pot over it.

When the food inside the pot was cooked, on the other side, the child was also born. His wife called out from inside: 'O Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen! Inform your companion that he has a son.'

As soon as that person heard the word ‘Ameer-ul-Mu’mineen’, he got scared and took some steps backwards with humility and sat down. Sayyiduna ‘Umar Farooq-e-A’zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said to him: ‘Sit as you were sat before.’

He then picked up the pot, gave it to his wife and said: ‘Feed the woman to her stomach full.’

He then gave food to the person also and said: ‘Come to me tomorrow morning. I shall fulfil your needs.’ When that person came to him in the morning, Sayyiduna ‘Umar Farooq-e-A’zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ fixed an amount for the child and also gave the person some money, etc. (Al-Tabsirah, vol. 1, pp. 420)

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Status of Farooq-e-A’zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

Dear Islamic sisters! You heard how Sayyiduna ‘Umar Farooq-e-A’zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ helped a distressed person and looked to please him. Under his supervision, he had fire ignited, put the pot over the fire with his own hands and prepared the food. He then took the food out himself and sent it to the woman through his wife. Just ponder! This is that very Farooq-e-A’zam from whose shadow Satan runs. (Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 526, Hadees 3683)

- who was given the glad tidings of Paradise by the blessed tongue of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 525, Hadees 3679)
- for whom the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ prayed: ‘O Allah! Honour Islam through ‘Umar bin Khattab.’ (Ibn-e-Majah, vol. 1, pp. 77, Hadees 105)
- who would stay awake during the night and walk through the streets for the wellbeing of orphans and the helpless
- according to whose opinion, many verses of the Holy Quran were revealed. (Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, pp. 96)
- who stated: كَوْ مَاتَتْ شَاةٌ عَلَى شَؤِ الْفُرَاتِ صَائِعَةً If a goat died hungry at the bank of river Euphrates, لَكَئِنْتُ أَنَّ اللهُ تَعَالَى سَأَلَنِي عَنْهَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ then I fear that I will be questioned about it on the Day of Judgement by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 1, pp. 89,

Hadees 141)

- who alone was the ruler of a kingdom that was thousands of miles long.
- whose name would cause the likes of Qayser and Kisra (Kings of Rome and Persia) to tremble.

Act upon the character of Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

اَسْبِخْنَ اللّٰهَ In spite of having such a lofty and exalted status, reflect on how Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would please others and look after them. In this account there is a lesson for us also that if any of our Muslim sister is in difficulty or is in need of us in any matter and we have the power to remove her difficulty, then we should also act upon the way of Sayyiduna Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ by trying to please that Islamic sister. Let's listen to another narration to gain encouragement to please others:

Imam Hasan رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ **and pleasing poor people**

Once, Imam Hasan رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was passing by such poor people who were sat begging in the middle of the path and eating leftover pieces of uncooked roti that were scattered on the floor. He gave Salaam to them. They replied and requested: 'O grandson of the Holy Prophet! Eat with us!' When they invited him, he said: 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not like those who desire greatness.' He then ate a few pieces with them. Whilst leaving, he gave Salaam and said: 'I accepted your invitation. You also accept my invitation.' They replied: 'Huzoor! As you say.' He then asked them to come with him. When they came to his house, he fed them excellent food and also ate with them. *(Ihya-ul-Uloom, vol. 2, pp. 45, bitaghiyur)*

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Dear Islamic sisters! Just ponder! What excellent character the grandson of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Sayyiduna Imam Hasan رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ had. In spite of having a high status, he pleased the poor people by sitting with them and in return, he invited them to his house. From this parable, we learn that not

only rich people, but we must also behave with love and affection with poor people also.

The status of **Imam Hasan** رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ is such that he is the leader of the youth of Paradise.

he is a high-ranking companion.

he is included in the Ahl-e-Bayt.

he is the son of Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna Maula 'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.

he is the beloved son of Sayyidatuna Bibi Fatimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا.

The status of Imam Hasan رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ is such that he is the grandson of the leader of both worlds صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

But, in spite of this, he accepted the invitation of the poor people whereas the condition of our society is becoming very strange. If an unambitious Islamic sister attains a worldly post, she becomes very arrogant. After attaining a temporary position in this lowly world, some people begin to feel superior. Some people begin to take pride in themselves. Islamic sisters living in the same household are forgotten as if they were not even related. Relatives are ignored as if they were not ever known. Alas! Some foolish people even begin to look rudely towards those who have done them favours. We should think that after attaining a position, the stairs of pride could potentially drop us into Hell.

Therefore, be wise by adopting **humility and humbleness. Remember!** If an Islamic sister starts wearing **expensive clothes** or decreases **friendly relations** with Islamic sisters due to being busy, even then we should think good of her. We cannot say that so and so Islamic sister has become proud or does not talk to me with a straight face, etc.

Remember! We are not allowed to have **evil presumption** about any Islamic sister. **Evil presumption is a major sin, Haram** and an act that leads to **Hell**. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to refrain from evil presumption and to always be humble. Let's listen to 2 blessed sayings of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with regards to **virtues of humility**, for persuasion:

1. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'Whoever adopts humility for his Muslim brother, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ elevates his ranks and whosoever desires to be above his Muslim brother, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ makes him inferior.' (*Mu'jam Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 390, Hadees 7711*)
2. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ loves those who are humble and dislikes those who are proud.' (*Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 2, pp. 50, Hadees 5731*)

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صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! We were listening to narrations of pleasing others. Let's listen to some more:

'Allamah Sayyid Ahmad Sa'eed Kaazimi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ also had a habit of pleasing others. He was an excellent scholar of Islam and a Wali of Allah Almighty. He was a prime example of someone who practically followed the character of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The qualities he possessed such as looking after poor people, softness, sympathy, being a well-wisher and kindness were second to none.

Beautiful way of pleasing!

It is narrated that once a person invited Kaazimi Shah Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ to the wedding of his nephew and requested him to perform the Nikah. He accepted. It was decided that Nikah would be performed between 'Asr and Maghrib. The marriage procession was delayed. The person went to collect Kaazimi Shah Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, who told him: 'Haji Sahib! You had said: Nikah will be performed after 'Asr. Now Maghrib has even passed. It is now my grandsons 'Aqeeqah and guests have arrived.'

The person narrates that I said: 'Huzoor! It got delayed a bit. (Please be kind enough to come with me).'

He replied: 'Okay then.'

He had not even changed his clothes. His sons requested: 'Father! Change your clothes.'

He replied: 'I'll be right back.' He then performed Nikah very peacefully and made a lengthy Du'a. The person says that Kaazimi Shah Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ had to return home quickly as guests had arrived. But, in spite of that, he gave so much time that we all became very happy. (*Hayat-e-Ghazali-e-Zama, pp. 244, summarised*)

Ghazali-e-Zaman and pleasing poor people

Similarly, an Islamic scholar narrates: Once, a poor person came from an area within the city of Multan Shareef and requested: 'I have arranged a Mahfil of Milad at my house to attain blessings. I'd like you to come and deliver a bayan.'

'Allamah Kaazimi Shah Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ promised to come after 'Isha. I also accompanied him. After 'Isha, we reached the person's house who then took us to the second storey of his house. At that time, there were only 4 or 5 people present. This was that gathering in which Ghazali-e-Zaman had to deliver a bayan. Hazrat Ghazali-e-Zaman رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ showed no signs of displeasure and delivered a bayan for approximately 1 hour. The person could not give anything due to poverty. Kaazimi Shah Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ returned in an utterly calm and peaceful manner, and on the way back, he said to me: 'If I did not deliver bayan at that time, the person's heart would have broken and now he is very happy.' (*Hayat-e-Ghazali-e-Zama, pp. 396, summarised*)

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Methods of pleasing others

Dear Islamic sisters! Ghazali-e-Zaman, 'Allamah Sayyid Ahmad Sa'eed Kaazimi's رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ passion to please others was amazing. Even today, if we want to adopt the passion to please others, many methods come to mind. For example:

- Visiting a sick Islamic sister
- Offering condolence
- Sympathising with an Islamic sister who has suffered loss

- Contacting relatives and friend Islamic sisters from time to time for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ and to invite them towards righteousness
- Treating Islamic sisters with softness and goodness
- Financially helping needy Islamic sisters
- Removing difficulties of distressed Islamic sisters

In short! Treating Islamic sisters with goodness using any method, which is permissible and is according to the rulings of Shari'ah, falls under the category of pleasing others.

Alas! Alas! In this era, we are only worried about solving our own problems.

- We don't realise the fact that there are many distressed Islamic sisters around us who are stuck in difficulties.
- Many Islamic sisters we know, get ill and then get well, and we are even unaware of this.
- Those Islamic sisters who we see every day; how many from them look at us with a happy face and how many from them look at us with a distraught face. Have we ever pondered about this?
- How many Islamic sisters do we know who need to repay a loan. Rather, how many of our relative Islamic sisters are living in poverty. Do we even know?
- We are not even concerned about whether our Muslim neighbours have the opportunity to eat food at least twice a day or not.
- Do they have decent clothes to wear or not? We have no interest.
- Many ill Islamic sisters are unable to sleep during the night and find peace during the day due to poverty but we do not pay attention towards this.

Remember! A good Islamic sister is the one who likes the same for her sister whatever she likes for herself. Let's listen to 2 blessed sayings of the Holy

Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for persuasion to adopt the passion of pleasing the grief stricken Ummah of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and being a well-wisher for them:

Virtues of well wishing

1. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'Love for other people whatever you would love for yourself and whatever you do not like, do not like for others either. When you speak, speak good, otherwise remain silent.' (*Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, vol. 8, pp. 266, Hadees 22193*)
2. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'A believer remains in his religion until he wishes well for his Muslim brother and when his well-wishing leaves him, then he is deprived of the blessing of taufeeq.' (*Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 2, pp. 429, Hadees 7722*)

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Methods and virtues of pleasing others

Dear Islamic sisters! There are many actions that could be deemed as pleasing others when performed with good intentions. Let's listen to the virtues of some of these actions in light of blessed Ahadees:

- **Visiting the sick** is such an action that is an excellent way of pleasing others. Let's listen to 2 virtues of visiting the sick:
 1. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'Whoever visits a sick person, an announcer addresses him and says: 'Rejoice because this walk of yours is blessed and you have made your abode in Paradise.' (*Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 406, Hadees 2015*)
 2. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'Whoever visited a sick person, until he does not sit down, he is diving in the river of mercy and when he sits down, he submerges in the mercy.' (*Musnad Ahmad, vol. 5, pp. 30, Hadees 14264*)

- **Condolence** is also an act of pleasing others. If someone passes away or suffers loss, offering condolences to him is a means of great reward. Let's listen to 2 virtues of this:
 1. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'Whoever offers condolences to an afflicted person, he will be rewarded equivalent to the afflicted person.' (*Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 338, Hadees 1075*)
 2. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'Whichever believer offers condolences to an afflicted person, Allah عزوجل will make him wear clothes of nobility on the Day of Judgement.' (*Ibn-e-Majah, vol. 2, pp. 268, Hadees 1601*)
- **Meeting whilst smiling** is also an act of pleasing others. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'You cannot please people through your wealth but your meeting them with good character can make them happy.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, pp. 254, Hadees 8054*)
- **Removing troubles of others** is also an act of pleasing others. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'Whoever removes a single worry of a Muslim, Allah عزوجل will remove one worry of his from the worries of Judgement Day.' (*Muslim, pp. 1049, Hadees 2580*)
- **Giving loan to the needy** is also an act of pleasing others. It is stated in a blessed Hadees: 'Every loan is a charity.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 284, Hadees 3563*)
- **Giving more time to struggling debtors** is a good deed, as well as an act of pleasing others. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'Whoever likes that Allah عزوجل grants him a place in the shade of His throne on the Day when there will be no shade other than it (i.e. Throne), he should give respite to a debtor or forgive his debt.' (*Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 24, Hadees 18*)
- **Fulfilling needs** is also a means of pleasing others. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: 'As long as a bondman continues to fulfil the needs of his brother, Allah عزوجل will continue to fulfil his needs.' (*Mu'jam-uz-Zawa'id, vol. 8, pp. 353, Hadees 13823*)

May Allah ﷺ grant us the taufeeq to continuously please Muslims whilst remaining within the boundaries of Shari'ah.

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Dear Islamic sisters! It is important to have one thing within you to please the Islamic sisters, and that is **'softness'**. The importance of softness when wanting to please others can be realised from the fact that pleasing others without softness could result in **'hurting one's feelings'**. Therefore, it is very important for the Islamic sister pleasing others to be soft-natured, to have a soft tongue, to be soft-mannered and use soft methods. The fundamental aim of pleasing others is so that people could become happy, whereas methods that are not soft could make people angry and unhappy. Remember! Having a soft tongue does not cost anything but the benefit of this is great, whereas using harsh and severe words is very damaging.

Know this that if an Islamic sister adopts softness, she becomes the apple of everyone's eyes. Pious people of Allah Almighty are also loved for the fact that their blessed character, habits and methods were moulded in softness. Therefore, if we want to carry out and increase Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of the Holy Prophet, if we want to increase attendance of Islamic sisters in Sunnah inspiring Ijtimas then we should adopt softness in our nature and firmly hold on to the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami to develop a habit of being soft.

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Sunnahs and rulings of Salaam

1. When meeting Islamic sisters or Mahrams, it is Sunnah to say Salaam to them.
2. Here is a summary of a passage from page 102, volume 16 of Bahar-e-Shari'at, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah: 'The intention in the heart

when saying Salaam should be that the wealth, honour and dignity of the one I am saying Salam to are all are under my protection, and I consider it Haraam [unlawful] to interfere with any of these things.'

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 16, pp. 102)

3. It is rewardable to say Salaam to Islamic sisters or Mahrams no matter how many times you meet in a day, even if one leaves and enters a room frequently.
4. It is Sunnah to be the first in saying Salaam.
5. The one who says Salaam first, is closer to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
6. The one who says Salaam first is free from pride, as the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'The one who says Salaam first is free from pride.'
7. Ninety mercies descend upon the one who says Salaam first and ten mercies descend upon the one who replies.

(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, pp. 433)

(Kimiya-e-Sa'adat)

8. One gets 10 virtues for saying ﴿السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ﴾, 20 virtues if ﴿وَرَحْمَةً﴾ is further added, 30 if ﴿وَبَرَكَاتُهُ﴾ is also added. Some people add ﴿جَنَّتِ الْمَقَامُ﴾ and ﴿دَوْرُخُ الْحَرَامِ﴾ which is wrong.
9. It is Wajib [obligatory] to reply to Salam immediately in a voice audible to the one who says Salaam.

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