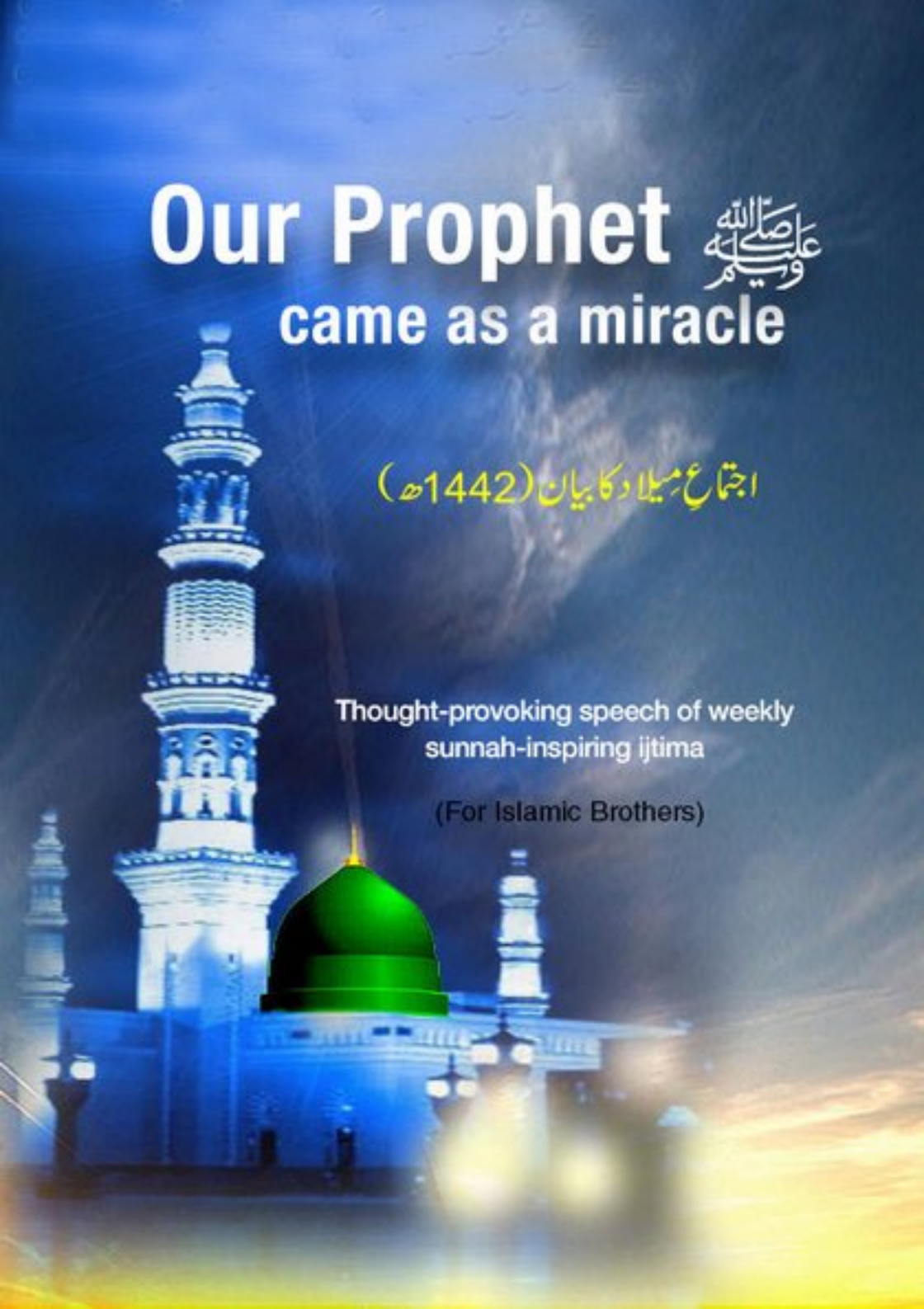


Our Prophet ﷺ came as a miracle

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Thought-provoking speech of weekly
sunnah-inspiring ijtima

(For Islamic Brothers)



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

Our Prophet ﷺ came as a miracle

أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

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

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

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

Virtue of Salat upon the Holy Prophet

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ said:

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

Whosoever sends Salat upon me one thousand times in a day, he will not die until he sees his place in Paradise.

(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, p. 328, Hadees 2591)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's first of all make good intentions to please Allah and to earn reward. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a Muslim is better than his action.* (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, p. 185, Hadees 5942)

An important point

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

Intentions of listening to Bayan

1. In order to gain knowledge of Deen, lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. I will sit in the Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ, اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ, اذْكُرُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ, تُؤَبُّوا, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward.

4. After the Ijtima', I will approach people to say Salaam, shake hands and make individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! We ought to thank Allah Almighty a million times, for He has once again granted us the honour of witnessing the blessed and sacred night of the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal. Tonight is an extremely important, eminent, virtuous, blessed and sacred night.

- This is that tremendous night which has a link to the greatest and most eminent personality of the entire universe, i.e. the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.
- A night which is more superior than the Night of Qadr. (*Ma Sabata bis-Sunnah, p. 153*).
- The night in which such a light shone forth from the blessed home of Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا that it illuminated the entire cosmos.
- In which, joy spread in every direction.
- Melodies of delight began to echo.
- The illumination of the light spread.
- The darkness of Kufr and Shirk came to an end.
- Allah Almighty favoured the believers greatly.
- Satan and his minions were disgraced.
- The stars of the sky began to incline towards the Earth.
- The chief of all nights;

- In which, a light so bright shone from the home of Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا that the East and West were illuminated.
- The night in which, the leader of the angels, Sayyiduna Jibraeel Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, was commanded by Allah Almighty to plant a flag in the East, the West and on the Ka'bah. *(Khasaais-e-Kubra, vol. 1, p. 82 summarised)*
- Upon the arrival of the Beloved of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the palace of Kisra – the king of Iran – began to shake and cracks were formed in it.
- The fire in Iran that was burning for one thousand years went out by itself.
- With the command of Allah Almighty, the doors of the skies and Paradise were opened. Showers of light began to fall from the sky.
- The angels also celebrated the coming of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.
- The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived in this world as a mercy, and the darkness of Kufr and Shirk was dispelled.
- The luminous Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived into this universe to distribute his light and to illuminate the entire world with his radiance.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! The topic of today's Bayan is 'Our Prophet came as a miracle.' In which, we will hear about various miracles of various blessed body parts of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

No doubt, the Beloved Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the Prophet of all prophets. His blessed life is a summary of the other prophets' lives, and He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was sent as a prophet to all previous and forthcoming nations. It is for

this reason that Allah Almighty granted him the miracles of all previous prophets, and also granted him countless such miracles that were necessary for the temperaments of every faction, every group, every nation and all religions. *(Seerat-e-Mustafa, pp. 712 to 714, summarised and selective)*

Alongside this, Allah Almighty granted His Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ countless such miracles that are known as his Khasaais, i.e. those qualities and miracles that were not granted to any other prophet or messenger. *(Seerat-e-Mustafa, pp. 820, summarised)* The scholars of Islam have mentioned numerous miracles that were manifested from his blessed limbs. All of the other prophets came with miracles, but our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came as a miracle.

Dear Islamic brothers! The miracles of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are innumerable. Allah Almighty granted him such authority and power that it is beyond estimation. With the will of Allah Almighty, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ split the moon into two with the indication of his finger. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made Du'a and the sun that had set, rose once again. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made a stone float in water. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made sticks glow like light bulbs. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ transformed the bitter well into a sweet-tasting one with his blessed saliva. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ caused water to gush forth from his fingers. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ conversed with the trees and stones. A tree presented itself in his court. A small quantity of milk sufficed 70 people. A small amount of food sufficed a large group. Animals began to speak in the tongue of humans. In short, Allah Almighty sent His Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as a miracle from head to toe! Hence, it is stated in part 4, Surah Al-Nisa, verse 174:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بُرْهَانٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ نُورًا مُبِينًا ﴿١٧٤﴾

O people! Indeed, there has come to you clear proof (i.e. the Prophet Muhammad) from Allah, and We have sent down to you a shining light (the Qur'aan). [Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 6, Surah Al-Nisa, Verse 174)

O devotees of the Prophet! Allah Almighty has mentioned many blessed limbs of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the Qur'an, which express the absolute love and favour of Allah Almighty:

It is stated in part 27, Surah Al-Najm, verse 11:

مَا كَذَبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَى ﴿١١﴾

(The Holy Prophet's) heart did not lie regarding what he saw.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 27, Surah Al-Najm, Verse 11)

It is in part 19, Surah Al-Shu'ara, verses 193 and 194:

نَزَلَ بِهِ الرُّوحُ الْأَمِينُ ﴿١٩٣﴾ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ

The Trustworthy Spirit (the angel Jibra'eel) brought it down. Upon your heart

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 19, Surah Ash-Shu'ra, Verse 192-194)

In part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 144, the blessed face is described thus:

قَدْ نَرَى تَقَلُّبَ وَجْهِكَ فِي السَّمَاءِ ۗ

We are observing the turning of your face repeatedly towards the sky

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 144)

And in the initial verses of part 30, Surah Alam Nashrah, the blessed chest and blessed back are mentioned in the following manner:

الْمُتَشَرِّحُ لَكَ صَدْرُكَ ۗ وَوَضَعْنَا عَنْكَ وِزْرَكَ ۗ الَّذِي أَنقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ ۗ

Did We not expand your chest for you (O Beloved)? And (We) removed that burden from you (O Beloved). Which had broken your back (an expression of extreme worry).

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 30, Surah Alam Nashrah, verses 1 to 3)

O devotees of the Prophet! Let us listen to some Qur'anic verses that make mention of our Beloved Prophet's blessed limbs, and the miracles that were manifested through these blessed limbs:

It is stated in part 27, Surah Al-Najm, verse 3:

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۗ

And he does not say anything of his own desire.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 27, Surah Al-Najm, Verse 3)

And it is mentioned in part 25, Surah Al-Dukhan, verse 58:

فَأَنمَأَيْسَّرْنَاهُ بِلِسَانِكَ

So We have made this Qur'aan easy in your language

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 25, Surah Dakhaan, Verse. 58)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

His blessed tongue and sacred saliva

Dear Islamic brothers! Let us listen to the various miracles that were manifested through the blessed tongue of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his blessed saliva:

1. The child was cured with the command of that blessed tongue

Sayyiduna Usamah Bin Zayd رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates: We set out with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for the Hajj and when we arrived at the valley of Rauha, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw a woman coming towards him, so he stopped his ride. When the woman came close, she said, ‘Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Since this child of mine has been born, he has continuously been ill.’ After hearing this, the Beloved Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ took the child, placed him before himself, and then placed his blessed saliva in the child’s mouth, and said, ‘أَحْزَبُكَ عَدُوَّ اللهِ فَإِنِّي رَسُولُ اللهِ’, meaning, ‘Leave, o enemy of Allah! For indeed, I am the Messenger of Allah.’ After saying this, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ handed the child back to the mother and said, ‘Take him! He will not feel any pain now.’

Sayyiduna Usamah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ further states, ‘When we had completed the Hajj and arrived at the valley of Rauha, the very same woman came with a roasted lamb, so the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘O Woman! Hand me a shoulder of this lamb.’ So, she gave it. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ again said, ‘Give me its other shoulder too.’ So, she handed it over. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ again said, ‘Hand me another shoulder.’ So, she said, ‘Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! A lamb only has two shoulders and I have presented both of them.’ After hearing this, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘O woman! If you had remained silent, i.e. if you had not said that there are only two shoulders, then you would have continued to hand me shoulders for as long as I asked.’

(Al-Khasaais-ul-Kubra, vol. 2, p. 60)

2. The child's burnt hand was cured

Dear Islamic brothers! Let us listen to another account:

Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Haatib narrates that his mother, Umm-e-Jameel, informed him of the following account: When I was coming from Habshah with you and one day's distance remained till Madinah Munawwarah, I began to cook at a place and the fuel finished. So, I went to get some wood and you pulled the pot, and that pot fell on you and burned your arm. I took you to the court of the Most Compassionate Prophet ﷺ, and after seeing me, the Beloved Prophet ﷺ placed his blessed saliva on your arm and then recited something and blew. When I picked you up, your hand was completely sound. (*Ibn-e-Hibbaan, vol. 4, p. 273, Hadees 2966*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Miracles of the blessed hand

Dear Islamic brothers! We just heard about some miracles of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ. Let us now listen to a Quranic verse that mentions the blessed hand of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ, and then we will listen to the miracles of those blessed hands:

It is stated in part 8, Surah Al-Anfaal, verse 17:

وَمَا رَمَيْتَ إِذْ رَمَيْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ رَمَىٰ

And, O Beloved, that sand which you threw, you did not throw; rather, it was Allah Who threw

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 9, Surah Al-Anfaal, Verse 17)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

1. The blessings of that majestic hand

Sayyidatuna Umm-e-'Aasim رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, the wife of Sayyiduna 'Utbah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ – the Sahabi of the Prophet who conquered the city of Mosul during the caliphate of Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ – narrates that: Sayyiduna 'Utbah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ had four wives, and each of us would compete in applying the best perfume so that we would smell more fragrant than the other. Sayyiduna 'Utbah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would apply oil to his beard but did not make use of perfume, yet a very fragrant and exquisite perfume could always be smelt from the body of Sayyiduna 'Utbah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. When Sayyiduna 'Utbah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would go out, the people would say that they had never smelt a fragrance finer than the perfume of Sayyiduna 'Utbah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.

So, one day, I asked him, 'We try our utmost to apply the best perfume, but you are more fragrant than us. What is the reason for this?' He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, 'During the lifetime of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, some blisters appeared on my body, so I presented myself in his blessed court and complained of my ailment to him. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to me, 'Remove your garments.' Thus, I removed all of my clothes except from my Satr (i.e. the area that must be concealed) and I sat before him. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then blew onto his blessed palms and rubbed them over my body, thus, a fragrance has been emanating from my body since then.' (*Mu'jam-e-Sagheer, vol. 1, p. 39*)

2. The house would become illuminated

Sayyiduna Aseed Bin Abi Unaas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states that, 'The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ once passed his blessed hand over my face and chest. By the blessings of this, whenever I would enter a dark house, it would become full of light.' (*Khasaais-ul-Kubra, vol. 2, p. 142 – Tareekh-e-Dimashq, vol. 20, p. 21*)

3. A blessing of that noble hand

Sayyiduna 'Aaiz bin Sa'eed Jasri رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ came to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and said, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, pass your blessed hand over my face and make a Du'a of blessings.' So, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ did this (i.e. passed his hand over his face and made a Du'a of blessings), and from that point, the face of Sayyiduna 'Aaiz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would always remain fresh and glowing. *(Al-Isaabah, vol. 3, p. 493, Raqm 4462)*

4. His face would glow

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed his blessed hand over the face of Sayyiduna Abu Sinan 'Abdi Sabaahi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, and even though he reached the age of 90, his face would shine like lightning. *(Al-Isaabah, vol. 7, p. 164, Raqm 10066)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Miracles of those splendid eyes

Dear Islamic brothers! We have just heard some miracles of the Beloved Prophet's صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ blessed hands. Let us now hear a Qur'anic verse regarding the splendid eyes of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and some miracles of those blessed eyes:

It is mentioned in part 27, Surah Al-Najm, verse 17:

مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَى ﴿١٧﴾

The eyes (of the Holy Prophet) did not turn aside, nor exceed the limit.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 27, Surah Al-Najm, Verse 17)

It is narrated that the blessed eyes of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ were large and were pencilled with Kohl, by Divine Power. His blessed eyelashes were long, and fine lines of red would always be present in the whites of his eyes, which further added to his beauty. (*Seerat-e-Rasool-e-'Arabi*, p. 251) Whenever he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would glance upon an individual with his splendid eyes, his destiny would be transformed.

1. When his eyes have surged forth with mercy

In mentioning the account regarding his acceptance of Islam, Sayyiduna Shaybah Bin 'Usman رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states: When the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ joined the Battle of Hunayn, I thought to myself that Sayyiduna Ali and Sayyiduna Hamzah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا had killed my father and uncle, and I will take revenge from them today by martyring their Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! With this wicked intention in mind, I came closer to the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and I was about to attack, when all of a sudden, a flame of fire came towards me like lightning, thus, I became frightened and ran backwards. During this time, the merciful gaze of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ fell upon me and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'O Shaybah!' And then the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ placed his majestic hand on my chest and Allah Almighty took Satan out of my heart. I then looked towards the blessed face of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ became more beloved to me than my seeing and my hearing. (*Dalaail-un-Nubuwwah li Abi Nu'aym*, vol. 1, p. 112, Raqm 144)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Our eyes are restricted to only being able to see those things that are in front of them, whereas, the blessed eyes of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ were such that they could even see those things that were hidden from others. To such an extent, that the thoughts of hearts, which none can reach, were not hidden from his blessed gaze.

2. The secrets of the chest and the gaze of the Prophet

Sayyiduna Ibn-e-'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states that: An Ansari Sahabi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ once came to the court of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and said, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! I wish to ask you regarding some matters.' So, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Sit!' Then a man from the tribe of Saqeef came and said, 'Respected one! I wish to ask you about some matters.' The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'The Ansari came before you.' The Ansari Sahabi said, 'O Prophet! He is a traveller, and the traveller has a greater right, so answer his questions first.'

Thus, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ turned towards that Saqafi and said, 'If you wish then I can inform you of what you have come to ask me about, or if you wish, you can ask me and I will give you the answers?' He said, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Give me the answers to the questions that I have come with.' The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'You have come to ask me about Ruku', Sujood, Salah and fasting.' He said, 'By the One who has sent you with the truth! You have not erred even slightly in telling me the thoughts of my heart.' The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then gave him the answers. The Saqafi Sahabi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ then stood up and left.

After that, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ turned to the Ansari Sahabi and said, 'If you wish then I can inform you of what you have come to ask me about also, or if you wish, you can ask me and I will give you the answers?' He said, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! No, inform me of what I came to ask you about.' He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'You came to ask me about the reward for the Hajj when he leaves his home, his reward when he stands at 'Arafat, his reward when he pelts the Jimaar with stones, his reward when he shaves his head, and his reward when he completes the final Tawaf of Hajj.' After hearing this, the Ansari Sahabi said, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! 'By the One who has sent you with the truth! You have not erred in telling me the

thoughts of my heart.’ The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then informed him of the answers to those queries. *(Ibn-e-Hibbaan, vol. 3, p. 181, Hadees 1884)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Motivation for Salah

Dear Islamic brothers! Tonight is the 12th night, and it is the night in which the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived into this world. Therefore, we ought to be observant of Salah. But alas! There are a great number of us who do not offer Salah in congregation, and similarly, there is another group of people, مَعَادُ اللهِ, who have abandoned Salah and are making themselves worthy of Hell. Alas! Our Generous Lord is showering His bounties upon us, day and night, yet we do not even have the ability to prostrate in his court only five times in a day.

Remember! The five daily Salah are Fard upon every sane, mature (Baaligh), Muslim man and woman. The one who does not consider the Salah to be Fard is out of the folds of Islam, even if his name and his other actions are that of a Muslim’s. The one who regards Salah as Fard but intentionally misses even one of them, he is a major sinner and is worthy of the punishment of Hell.

A’la Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: The one who intentionally omitted one Salah, he has become worthy of remaining in Hell for thousands of years, until he repents and makes them up. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 9, p. 158)*

From this, we come to realise that if intentionally missing one Salah results in one remaining in Hell for thousands of years, then how severely will the one who intentionally misses all of the Salah in the day be punished, or one who

has not even prayed at all. Even Satan seeks refuge from the one who intentionally leaves the Salah!

It is narrated that a man was once travelling in the jungle and Satan also joined him. That man did not pray even one Salah during the day, and when night arrived, Satan began to flee from him. The man was surprised at this and asked the reason for his fleeing, thus, Satan said, 'I refused to prostrate to Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام only once and I became cursed, but you left all five prayers today; I fear that wrath will descend upon you and I will be struck by it also.'

(Durra-tun-Nasiheen, p. 144, summarised)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Due to its link to this blessed night, let us now remember the arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. We will firstly listen to an astounding and amazing account of the arrival of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

The dream of Kisra

The father of Makhzoom Bin Haani Makhzoomi, who lived for 150 years, narrates the following account: On the night of the Beloved Prophet's صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ birth, the palace of the well-known Sasanian king, Kisra, began to shake violently and fourteen of its pillars collapsed and fell to the ground. The fire of the Persians that was burning for a thousand years was extinguished at once. Lake Saawah dried up, and Kisra saw a frightening dream which he mentioned to his judge. He saw a powerful camel that is at the head of fast riding Arabian horses and they have crossed the Tigris river and spread across his empire. This dream greatly troubled Kisra and many others, consequently, the deputy of Kisra, Nu'man Bin Munzir sent Abdul Maseeh Ghasqaani to Sateeh, the soothsayer, so that he could acquire some information about this great event.

Sateeh the soothsayer lived in Shaam, and was renowned for fortune-telling. Abdul Maseeh Ghasqaani arrived there and had not yet entered his house, when Sateeh called out, and through his soothsaying, he informed him of everything which he had not even mentioned to him yet. Sateeh the soothsayer said, 'O Abdul Maseeh! You came to me while riding on a camel and no doubt, you have travelled a long distance. The Sasanian king, Kisra, has sent you to me, so that you can ask me regarding the shaking of the palace, the extinguishing of the fire and the dream in which he saw a powerful camel that is at the head of fast riding Arabian horses and they have crossed the Tigris river and spread across his empire.'

He then said, 'O Abdul Maseeh! When recitation (Tilawat) increases, the possessor of the staff (i.e. Sayyiduna Muhammad ﷺ) emerges, the valley of Samawah flows, Lake Saawa dries up, and the Persian fire goes out, then Shaam will no longer remain Shaam for Sateeh. The number of pillars that have fallen from the palace of Kisra represents the number of kings that will come and rule one after the other, then their rule will come to an end. The dream of Kisra is an indication of his rule coming to an end, and it becoming the empire of Islam and the people of Islam, and it is a sign that Arabs will enter his lands.' *(Mawlid-e-Rasoolullah, p. 22 Summarised)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Various eras before the arrival of Beloved Mustafa ﷺ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before The Sun rises, the stars disappear, the whiteness of the morning begins to spread and a faint red glow can be seen in the east and immediately after this, The Sun rises and spreads its light across the entire world. In reality, the disappearing of the stars, the whiteness of the morning appearing and the emergence of the red glow are all signs that the sun has started to rise. Similarly, when the time for the

rising of the Sun of Prophethood صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ approached, many remarkable and unique events took place, which all indicated to the fact that the darkness of Kufr was about to be dispelled. The days of helplessness were about to end. The helplessness of those without support was to end. The age of injustice and oppression was coming to an end. The days of the needy were about to be transformed, for the guardian of the helpless, the supporter of the powerless, the aider of the destitute, the vanquisher of injustice and oppression, i.e. the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was to arrive.

The people of the world received various tidings and indications regarding his arrival. Sometimes they would contain manifest signs of his arrival and sometimes they would be implicit, and this series of glad tidings continued until his blessed birth.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Visions of the previous prophets before the Beloved's birth

Dear Islamic brothers! When Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا fell pregnant, she رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was blessed with the vision of nine Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ in various months, and each of them gave her some news regarding the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

Allamah Maulana Abdur Rahman Ibn-e-Jawzi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: When the birth of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ approached,

1. Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ came into the dream of Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا and gave her news of the Beloved Prophet's arrival.
2. Then Sayyiduna Idrees عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ came and informed her of the Beloved Prophet's munificence and generosity, and of his elevated rank.
3. Then Sayyiduna Nooh عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ appeared and said, 'Your son is the owner of success and help.'

4. Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام then appeared and informed her of his honour and distinction.
5. Then Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came to her and said, 'The one who is to arrive possesses great character and is highly honoured.'
6. Then Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام appeared and informed her of his esteem and high rank.
7. Then Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام appeared in the dream of Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا and said, 'The one who is to arrive soon, he possesses the praiseworthy station (Maqaam-e-Mahmood), the pond of Kawsar, the flag of praise and the greatest intercession.'
8. Then Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came and said, 'The Final Prophet will soon arrive.'
9. Then Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام appeared in her dream and said, 'Your son will speak the truth and he is the possessor of the true religion, which will dominate all other religions.' In short, each Prophet عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام gave Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا the glad tidings of bearing the leader of the world and hereafter, and that he should be named Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ when he arrives into the world. (*Rasaail-e-Meelad, p. 225, Summarised*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Accounts and blessings of the last 12 days

Dear Islamic brothers! Each night before the noble birth of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was more blessed for Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا than the preceding one and brought glad tidings for her. Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا attained great joy during these nights:

- She رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was given glad tidings of her wish and desire being fulfilled.

- She رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was informed that she will give birth to that blessed personality who will praise Allah Almighty and thank Him.
- She رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا heard the pure speech of the angels from the skies.
- She رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا heard Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ saying, 'O Aminah! Be joyful at the possessor of praise and honour!'
- Joy and blessings attained completion, and a light shone forth that never diminished again.
- The angels surrounded Sayyidatuna Aminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا and circled her like in Tawaf.
- The beginning of her honours and richness commenced.
- The angels made the invocation of 'لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ'
- The weariness of Sayyidatuna Aminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was removed, and the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born! *(Rasaail-e-Meelad, p. 227, Summarised)*

Sayyidatuna Aminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا mentions the noble birth of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ like this: When the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived, I saw that he was prostrating and his finger was raised with great humility. Then I saw a white cloud descend from the sky and it hid the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ from me, and then I heard a caller saying, 'Take him to the East and West, take him to every place on the Earth, and take him past the creatures of the sea, the souls of all humans and Jinns, the angels, the birds and the animals. Present him to every living thing, so that they may recognise him by his name and his traits. And take him by the birthplaces of all of the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ also.' *(Khasaais-ul-Kubra, vol. 1, p. 82)*

Sayyidatuna Aminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا further states: Then that cloud moved away from him and I saw that he was wrapped in a cloth of white wool, and green silk was placed beneath him. *(Mawlid-un-Nabi li-Ibn-e-Hajar, p. 22, summarised)*

A caller then said, ‘Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has taken hold of the entire world, and there is not a creature on this Earth save that it has come into his grasp willingly.’ After this, three angels came towards him – one had a silver bowl, another had a plate of emeralds, and the third had a white silken cloth, upon which was a glimmering ring. They bathed him with the water from the bowl and then took the seal of Prophethood from the cloth and stamped it between his shoulders. (*Mawlid-un-Nabi li-Ibn-e-Hajar, p. 22, summarised*)

And then a voice was heard, saying, ‘Grant him the character of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the discernment of Sayyiduna Shees عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the bravery of Sayyiduna Nooh عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the deep friendship of Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the tongue of Sayyiduna Isma’eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the contentment of Sayyiduna Ishaq عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the eloquence of Sayyiduna Saalih عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the wisdom of Sayyiduna Lut عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the glad tidings of Sayyiduna Ya’qoob عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the firmness of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the patience of Sayyiduna Ayyub عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the obedience of Sayyiduna Yunus عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, Sayyiduna Yusha’s عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام fighting in the way of Allah Almighty, the beautiful voice of Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the love of Sayyiduna Danyaal عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the awe of Sayyiduna Ilyas عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the innocence of Sayyiduna Yahya عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the asceticism of Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and the beauty of Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, in fact, make him an exemplar of the noble character of all the prophets and messengers عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام.’ (*Khasaais-ul-Kubra, vol. 1, p. 82*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The blessings of the noble birth

Dear Islamic brothers! No doubt, it is the bounty of Allah Almighty that many unique occurrences and blessings materialised upon the arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

- The entire world blossomed upon his blessed arrival
- The garden of Sayyidatuna Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا flourished
- Light began to spread in the city of Makkah
- The deserts of Arabia began to shine like stars
- The Ka'bah began to sway in ecstasy
- The lifeless buds began to blossom
- Darkness was dispelled
- The centres of Kufr and Shirk began to quake
- Those without support attained support
- The restless were granted ease
- The destitute and the orphans were granted assistance
- Satan was disgraced and humiliated, and is continuing to be till today
- The mindset of ignorance was brought to an end
- Impermissible and non-Shar'i customs were ended
- Every member of society received their rights
- The era became light upon light
- The flag of Islam was waved the world over
- The world was illuminated
- In short, the entire world began to rejoice at the blessings of the Beloved Prophet's arrival

O devotees of the Prophet! The Noble Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived in the world as an embodiment of mercy and grace, and the day in which the mercy of Allah Almighty is attained is indeed a day of happiness.

Believers, rejoice, for the king has arrived

Allah Almighty states in part 11, Surah Yunus, verse 58:

قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

Say you (O Beloved), 'Only Allah's Bounty and His Mercy; and only upon it they should rejoice.' That is better than all of their (accumulated) wealth.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 11, Surah Yunus, Verse 58)

The renowned commentator of the Qur'an, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ writes the following under this verse: O Beloved! Give the people glad tidings and also command them to rejoice jubilantly upon receiving the bounty and mercy of Allah Almighty. Show general happiness at all times, but show special joy on those days in which this favour came, i.e. in Ramadan, and particularly on Layla-tul-Qadr, for the bounty of Allah arrived in the form of the Qur'an, and in Rabi-ul-Awwal, and particularly on the 12th, for the mercy to the worlds, Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born.

This bounty and mercy or celebrating them is better than the worldly wealth, goods, money, properties, land, animals, fields, and even your children, because this joy is not personal, rather it is universal. It is not temporary, it is continuous. It is not only restricted to the world, rather it is for both the world and the religion. It is not physical, rather it is for the heart and spirit. It does not result in loss, rather it brings reward. *(Tafseer-e-Na'eemi, vol. 11, p. 377)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah Almighty has mentioned the arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in many other places of the Qur'an also. Let us hear some of these verses:

It is stated in part 6, Surah Al-Maa'idah, verse 15:

قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٥﴾

Indeed, towards you has come a light from Allah (i.e. the Prophet Muhammad), and a Clear Book (i.e. the Qur'aan).

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 6, Surah Al-Ma'idah, Verse 15)

It is stated in part 11, Surah Al-Taubah, verse 128:

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ

عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٢٨﴾

Indeed, there has come to you that Messenger from amongst yourselves; heavy upon him is your suffering, he immensely desires your wellbeing; utmost kind, merciful for the Muslims.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 11, Surah At-Taubah, Verse 128)

It is stated in part 17, Surah Al-Ambiya, verse 107:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾

And We did not send you (O Beloved) but as a mercy for all the worlds.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 17, Surah Al-Ambiya, Verse 107)

And it is stated in part 22, Surah Al-Ahzaab, verses 45 and 46:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٤٥﴾ وَذَاعِبًا

إِلَى اللَّهِ بِأَذْنِهِ وَبِرَاجٍ مُنِيرًا ﴿٤٦﴾

O Conveyor of the unseen news (Prophet), We have indeed sent you the Present Eye Witness, and the Conveyor of glad tidings and warning. And as a caller towards Allah by His command, and an illuminating sun.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)](Part. 22, Surah Al-Ahzaab, Verse 45-46)

Dear Islamic brothers! Celebrating the arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, i.e. to commemorate the Mawlid, is to act upon the command of the Qur'an, and is a means of attaining the pleasure of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Undoubtedly, celebrating the Mawlid, and decorating one's home, neighbourhood and cars with flags and with colourful and shining lights, to make repentance especially upon the arrival of this month, to attain steadfastness upon the Sunnah and performing good deeds by making a firm intention to live one's life in doing virtuous deeds, to travel in the Qafilahs with the Islamic brothers in order to spread the echoes of 'Marhaba Ya Mustafa', to spread the call to righteousness by distributing the booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madina in Mawlid gatherings and Mawlid processions, to organise various gatherings in various Masajid of the locality for the 12 days of Rabi-ul-Awwal, to attend the weekly Sunnah-inspired Ijtimas from start to end with flags in hand, to watch/listen to the Madani Muzakarah, to perform Ghusl out respect for the 12th night, to wear new clothes, to purchase new items that you make use of, to act upon the Sunnah of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ by fasting on the day of the blessed birth (12th Rabi-ul-Awwal), to spend the 12th night in the Ijtima of Mawlid and at the time of dawn, take

flags in your hand and recite Salat and Salam and welcome the resplendent dawn with tears in the eyes.

After Fajr Salah, greet each other warmly with Salam and Eid Mubarak, give congratulations of Mawlid throughout the day, express joy, make arrangements to feed the devotees of the Prophet at the Mawlid Ijtima and procession, raise the Madani flags in the Mawlid procession, recite Salat and Salam and Na'ts while in a state of Wudu, lower the head out of respect for the Blessed Prophet ﷺ, chant slogans of 'Marhaba Ya Mustafa', and give plenty of charity; all of this is a means of attaining reward.

Sayyiduna Imam Abdul Rahman Ibn al-Jawzi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: The happiness which a person shows on the celebration of the blessed birth will act as an obstacle from (going to) hell. O Ummah of the beloved! Glad tidings to you that you have been declared as worthy of immense goodness in the world and the hereafter. The one celebrating the birth of the Noble Prophet (Arabic) will attain blessing, honour, goodness and pride. He will wear a crown of pearls and green heavenly attire and enter Paradise. He will be granted countless palaces and in every palace there will be a Hoor. Recite Salat upon the Prophet abundantly and whilst celebrating the blessed birth, spread it profusely. (*Majmu' Lateef al-Nabi, Mawlood-ul-'Uroos, p. 281*)

How did the Honourable Sahaba celebrate the Mawlid?

Just as how Allah Almighty has mentioned the blessed arrival of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, He mentioned the excellences of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ and the Noble Prophet ﷺ himself also mentioned his blessed birth, likewise, the Honourable Sahaba رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ also mentioned the remembrance of the Holy Prophet ﷺ abundantly in their gatherings.

Sayyiduna Abu Saeed رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates: Sayyiduna Mu'awiyah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said: Once, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came towards a circle of the Honourable Sahaba رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and asked: 'What has made you sit here?' The Honourable Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ replied: 'We have sat to remember Allah Almighty, we are showing gratefulness to Him as He bestowed us with the guidance of Islam and He granted us a huge favour through you.' So, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'By Allah Almighty! Has only this thing made you sit here?' They replied: 'By Allah Almighty! Nothing besides this has made us sit here.' So, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came to me and he informed me: 'Allah Almighty is showing pride before the angels because of you.'" (Nasai, p. 861, Hadees: 5436)

Under this Blessed Hadees, Hakeem-ul-Ummah Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: 'We learn that holding gatherings to show gratefulness for Islam and the noble arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and sitting in circles is a sunnah of the Sahaba. This Hadees is the basis for gatherings of the Mawlid. (Mirat-ul-Manajeer, vol. 3, p. 321)

Dear Islamic brothers. In the Milad Ijtima, mentioning incidents of the birth of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the period of suckling and noble childhood, arranging a Na't Mehfil for this and gathering people, feeding people in happiness of the birth of the Prophet, this is all permissible. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, in this blessed month, Muslims celebrate the blessed birth. They place Madani flags and lighting on Masajid, houses, shops, factories, buildings and cars, and even in their neighbourhoods. On the 12th night of Rabi'-ul-Awwal Shareef, they participate in Mehfil-e-Na't with the intention of gaining reward. They welcome the dawn of blessings at the time of Subh Saadiq whilst holding Madani flags, reciting Salat upon the Prophet and with tears flowing from their eyes. They fast on the day of 12th Rabi'-ul-Awwal and participate in the

Milad procession. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is pleased with such devotees who celebrate the Milad shareef.

I am pleased with him too

A pious predecessor رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: اَلْحَفِظُ لِلَّهِ، I beheld the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in my dream, so I asked the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ‘O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Are you pleased with Muslims celebrating your birth every year?’ The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied: ‘Whoever celebrates my birth and is pleased with me, I too am pleased with him.’
(*Tazkira-tul-Wa’izeen*, p. 600)

Dear Islamic brothers. The blessed and luminous month of Rabi’-ul-Awwal is distributing its blessings. In this sacred month, the birth of Aalim-e-Madinah Imam Malik رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ took place and so did his demise. Come, with this connection in mind, let us hear briefly about him.

Birth of Imam Malik رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ and lineage

According to the most correct opinion, Sayyiduna Imam Malik’s رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ birth took place in (the month of Rabi’ al-Awwal) 93 A.H in Madina-ul-Munawwarah. (*Tazkira-tul-Huffaz, Al-juzz awwal*, vol. 1, p. 157) His name is Malik and his patronymic is Abu Abdullah. His lineage is as follows: Malik Bin Anas Bin Malik Bin Abu Aamir. His great grandfather Abu Aamir moved from Yemen to Madina Munawwarah and was privileged with the blessing of Islam and gained the honour of being a companion. (*Tarteeb-ul-Madarik*, vol. 1, p. 47) The renowned book of Hadith, ‘Muwatta Imam Malik’ was written by Imam Malik. (*Tarteeb-ul-Madarki*, vol. 1, p. 100, 101) Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ passed away in Madina al-Munawwarah in 179 A.H in the month of Rabi’ al-Awwal. He was buried in Jannat-ul-Baqee’ in the proximity of the noble son of the Beloved

Prophet ﷺ, Sayyiduna Ibraheem رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. (*Tazkira-tul-Huffaz, vol. 1, p. 157*) and his blessed shrine is also found here.

Blessed appearance of Alim-e-Madinah

Alim-e-Madinah Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ was tall and stocky and his complexion was yellowish with a tinge of white. His head and beard hair were white. He wore exquisite attire. He would wear excellent and expensive clothes made in the city of Adan. Besides this, he would wear high quality clothing from Khorasan and Egypt. His clothing was often white, and he would wear fragrance. (*Bustan-ul-Muhadiseen, p. 13*)

Titles of Alim-e-Madinah

He is also referred to with the titles Imam-ul-Aimma, Alim-e-Madinah and Imam Dar-ul-Hijrah.

Number of teachers of Alim-e-Madinah

Allama Zurqani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ acquired knowledge from more than 900 Scholars. (*Sharh al-Zurqani alal Muwatta, vol. 1, p. 35*)

Teaching and issuing Fatwa

Imam Malik رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ began teaching knowledge at the age of seventeen. His own teachers would come to him to gain solutions for their issues. He wrote Fatawa until the age of approximately 70 and continued to teach people sacred knowledge. Senior Tabi'een رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ would acquire Fiqh and Hadith knowledge from him. (*Siyar a'laam an-Nubala, vol. 7, p. 287*)