

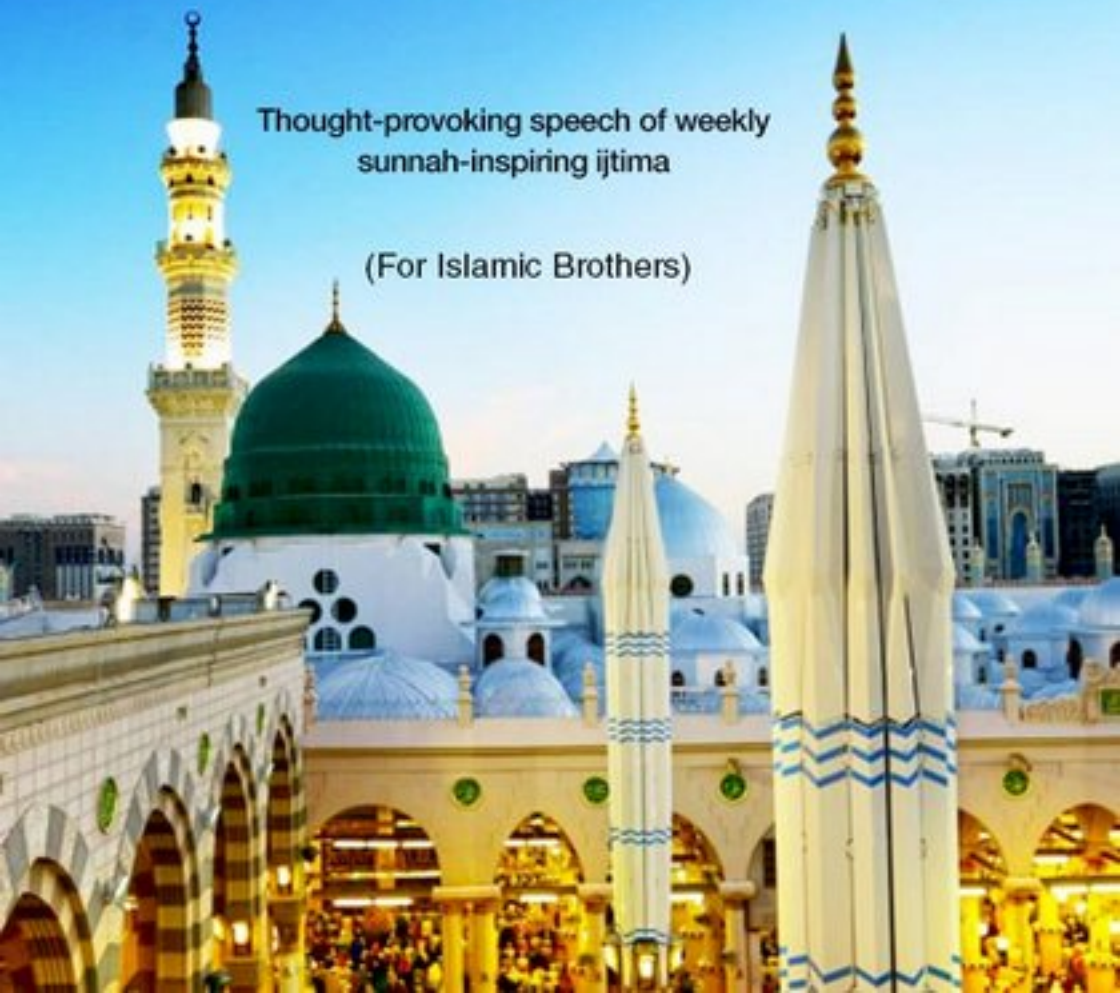
صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Milad-e-Mustafa

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(For Islamic Brothers)



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

Milad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَالِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَعَالِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نَوْرَ 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 the intention to observe I'tikaf and 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.).

The excellence of Salat upon the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The final Prophet of Allah Almighty صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

”إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَكُلَّ بَقْبَرِي مَلَكًا أَعْطَاهُ اسْمَاءَ الْخَلْقِ فَلَا يُصَلِّي عَلَيَّ أَحَدٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ إِلَّا أَبْلَغَنِي

بِاسْمِهِ وَاسْمِ أَبِيهِ هَذَا فَلَانُ بْنُ فُلَانٍ قَدْ صَلَّى عَلَيْكَ

Translation: Indeed, Allah Almighty has appointed an angel at my grave, whom He has given the power to hear the voice of all creation. Thus, whoever sends Salat upon me till the Day of Judgement, he presents his name and the name of his father to me (and says): So-and-so, son of so-and-so has sent this Salat upon you. (*Majma' al-Zawaid, vol. 10, p. 251, Hadith: 17291*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's first of all make good intentions to please Allah Almighty and to earn reward. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a Muslim is better than his action.* (*Mu'jam al-Kabeer, vol. 6, p. 185, Hadith 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 the knowledge of Deen, lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. I will sit in the Attahiyyaat position for as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ, أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ, تُؤَيُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ, 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 اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers, today, the topic of our speech is the blessed birth of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, in which we will hear the following: A milk-less goat gave milk, a description of the prestige of Mustafa, the glad tidings of Sayyiduna Eisa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, supplication is accepted at the house of his birth, the reward of rejoicing over the blessed birth, a unique way of celebrating Milad and a letter of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat. Besides this, we will get the honour to hear many useful things إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ.

A milk-less goat gave milk

The final Prophet of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Muhammad's honourable mother, Sayyidatuna Bibi Aaminah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا said: When the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born, I saw that a cloud came which contained light as well as the sounds of the neighing of horses and the flying of birds, and some languages of humans could also be heard. Then suddenly, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ disappeared from my presence and I heard that an announcer was announcing: Give Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ a tour of the east and the west, and also take him to the oceans so that the entire universe may become aware of his name, his blessed appearance and his attributes. And present him before all the living creations i.e. the jinns and humans, angels, animals and birds, and give him the appearance of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the recognition of Sayyiduna Shees عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the valour of Sayyiduna Nuh عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the friendship of Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the language of Sayyiduna Ismail 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 Yaqoob عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the enthusiasm of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the patience of Sayyiduna Ayyub عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the obedience of Sayyiduna

Younus عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the Jihad of Sayyiduna Yusha' عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the voice of Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the love of Sayyiduna Daniyal عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the grace of Sayyiduna Ilyas عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the chastity of Sayyiduna Yahya عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and the asceticism of Sayyiduna Eisa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and beautify him further through all Prophets' attributes of perfection and excellent morals. *(Al-Mawahib al-Ladunniyyah with Sharh Al-Zurqaani, Wiladatuh... till the end, p. 212)*

After that, that cloud dissipated. Then, I saw that he was swaddled in a green silk cloth and water was dripping from that cloth and some announcer was announcing: Wow, wow! Bravo! Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been given dominion over the entire world and nothing in the entire universe remains that is not under his kingship and obedience. Now, when I looked at the luminous face, it was shining like the full moon and the fragrance of pure musk was emanating from his body. Then, I saw three people; the first had a silver ewer in his hand, the second had in his hand a dish made of green emerald and the third had a sparkling ring in his hand. After washing the ring seven times, he stamped the seal of prophethood between both shoulders of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Then, he wrapped the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in a silk cloth and after a moment, handed him over to me. *(Al-Mawahib al-Ladunniyyah with Sharh Al-Zurqaani, Wiladatuh, vol. 1, p. 215; Seerat-e-Mustafa, p. 68)*

Sarkar Ki Aamad Marhaba

Rasool Ki Aamad Marhaba

Sardar Ki Aamad Marhaba

Achay Ki Aamad Marhaba

Salaar Ki Aamad Marhaba

Sacchay Ki Aamad Marhaba

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Dear Islamic brothers, how uniquely glorious our beloved Makki Madani Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is, that his fame preceded his arrival in the world, and the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام were being asked to testify to his prophethood.

Allah Almighty states in part 3 of the Holy Quran, Surah Aal-e-Imran, verse number 81:

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ النَّبِيِّينَ لَمَا آتَيْتُكُمْ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَحِكْمَةٍ ثُمَّ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مُصَدِّقٌ لِمَا مَعَكُمْ لَتُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهِ وَتَنْصُرُنَّهُ^ط

And remember when Allah took a promise from the Prophets, 'Whatever I give you of the Book and wisdom, then the magnificent Messenger (i.e. the Prophet Muhammad) comes to you; confirming the Books you have, so you should certainly, definitely believe in him and you should certainly, definitely help him.'

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 03, Surah Aal-e-Imraan, Verse 81)

Maula Mushkil Kusha, the lion of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Ali al-Murtaza رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ said: Allah Almighty had Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and everyone after him whom He granted prophethood, take a pledge regarding the leader of the Prophets, Sayyiduna Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ, and these Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام had their nations take a pledge that if the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ arrives during their lifetime, they would embrace faith in him and would most definitely help him. (Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, p. 80)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

A description of the prestige of Mustafa صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ

It is stated in *Tafseer Siraat-ul-Jinan*: This proves that our master, the beloved of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ is the most superior among all the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام. In this blessed verse, some amazing virtues of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ have been described. The honourable Islamic scholars have authored entire books in the commentary of this verse and have extracted countless points regarding the prestige of Mustafa صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ from it.

This proves that Allah Almighty established a gathering praising the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, He Himself described the prestige of Mustafa صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and for the listeners of this description, He chose the holiest people of the universe, the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام and this mention, too, was made before his arrival in the world, in which his prestige was described and the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام in particular were ordered to embrace faith in him and help him. He did not end the statement there, rather, after commanding the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام, He had them make a proper acknowledgment even though the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام do not refuse any command of the Lord. The honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام officially announced this acknowledgement, and after the acknowledgement, He made the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام witnesses upon each other. Then, Allah Almighty said: I Myself am witness to this acknowledgement of yours. It is not imaginable from the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام to go back after making the acknowledgement, but still, He said: Whoever turns away after this acknowledgement, will be considered amongst the disobedient.

(Tafseer Siraat-ul-Jinan, vol. 1, p. 504)

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Sayyiduna Eisa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام giving the glad tidings of the arrival of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to his Ummah, has also been mentioned in the Holy Quran. Hence, Allah Almighty states:

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَحْيَىٰ اسْرَأْءِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ
التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا

سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ

And remember when 'Eisa; the son of Maryam, said, 'O Children of Israel! I am Allah's Messenger towards you, confirming the Book; the

Tawrah which was before me, and giving glad tidings of a (great) Messenger who will come after me; his name is Ahmad.' Then, when Ahmad came to them with clear proofs, they (i.e. the disbelievers) said, 'This is clear magic.'

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 28, Surah Al-Saff, Verse 06)

Sayyiduna Eisa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام gave this glad tidings and the news of the Holy Prophet's arrival 570 years before, and also stated his name that his name is Ahmad. This is also the Milad of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The only difference is that the honourable Prophets used to mention in the gatherings of their nations that he would arrive and we say in our congregations that he has arrived. The difference is of the past and the future. This proves that Milad is the Sunnah of the Prophets.

Tajdar Ki Amad Marhaba

Shandar Ki Amad Marhaba

Shehryar Ki Amad Marhaba

Shah-e-Abrar Ki Amad Marhaba

Glad Tidings of Sayyiduna Eisa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Sayyiduna Abu Musa Ash'ari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ commanded us to go to the country of King Najashi. (When we went to him,) King Najashi said: I testify that Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the Prophet of Allah Almighty and he is the same Prophet whose glad tidings were given by Sayyiduna Eisa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. If I did not have the constraints of government affairs, I would pay a visit to his court and present the service of carrying his shoes. *(Abu Dawood, Hadith: 3205)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Gratitude cannot be paid even for the 10th part

Sayyiduna Imam Ibrahim Ibn Ahmad رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: On the night of the birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, even if the

entire creation stand on their head and keep paying gratitude to Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, who is a great bounty from Allah Almighty, they cannot pay gratitude for even its 10th part. (*Subul al-Huda wa al-Rashad, vol. 1, p. 361*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The doors of goodness and blessings have been opened

Sayyiduna Imam Zakariyya Ibn Muhammad Ibn Mahmood رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: (The holy Rabi'-ul-Awwal) is that blessed month in which, by virtue of the blessed being of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Allah Almighty has opened the doors of goodness and blessings for the dwellers of the world. (*Ajaib al-Makluqaat wa al-Haywanaat fi Shuhur al-Arab, p. 68*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born on a Monday and his Prophethood was also made apparent on a Monday. The migration from Makkah Mukarramah took place on a Monday. He entered Madinah Munawwarah on a Monday. His apparent demise occurred on a Monday. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ installed Hajar-e-Aswad on a Monday, too. According to a narration, victory in the Battle of Badr was granted on a Monday and Surah Maaidah was revealed on a Monday. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad, Musnad Abdullah Ibn Abbas, vol. 1, p. 594, Hadith: 2506*)

Monday is quite a blessed day. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, in the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami, motivation is given to fast on every Monday. Sahari Ijtima is held so that it gets easier to fast collectively. The students of Dawat-e-Islami's Jami'a-tul-Madinah and hundreds of other devotees

of the Prophet have the honour to observe a fast on the blessed Monday.

Supplication is accepted at the house of his birth

The blessed house in which the beloved final Prophet of Allah Almighty was born, in the history of Islam, that place is known as ‘Mawlid al-Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ’ (i.e. birthplace of the Prophet). It is quite a blessed place. ‘Allamah Qutbuddeen رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: Supplication is accepted at the birthplace of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Balad al-Ameen, p. 201*)

The beloved mother of the caliph, Haroon Rasheed had had a Masjid built there. This Masjid was reconstructed many times. It was quite a beautiful building, on the majority of whose parts, gold work was used.

(*Jami' al-Aasaar, Matlab fi Makan Mawlid al-Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, vol. 2, p. 751 to 752, Excerpted*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The place of his birth was plated with silver

‘Allamah Abu al-Husain Muhammad Ibn Ahmad Jubair Andalusi writes while mentioning this splendid house (according to his time): That sacred place where the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born, that blessed place was plated with silver. (This place seems) like a small water pond whose surface is made of silver. This blessed house is opened on Monday during Rabi’-ul-Awwal, because Rabi’-ul-Awwal is the month of the birth of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Monday is the day of his birth. People enter this house to reap blessings. In Makkah Mukarramah, this day has always been ‘Yaum-e-Mash’hood’ i.e. a day on which people gather.

(*Tazkirah bi al-Akhbar ‘an Ittifaqat al-Asfar, pp. 87-127, Excerpted*)

Monumental Milad Congregation in Madinah

Sayyiduna Shaykh Ali Ibn Musa Madini Maliki رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: For a long period of time, a monumental Milad congregation used to be held at Masjid-e-Nabawi Sharif on the day of 12th Rabi'-ul-Awwal, during which many prominent and leading scholars of religion used to deliver speeches. As soon as the sun rose on the morning of 12th Rabi'-ul-Awwal, the gathering of the blessed Milad would commence, and four Aimmah (i.e. four leading Islamic scholars) were appointed to conduct the Milad. The blessed gathering would be held in the courtyard of the sacred sanctuary. First, an Imam would sit on a chair reserved for the blessed Milad and would recite Ahadith. Then, another Imam would take the chair and deliver a lecture on the blessed birth of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Then, a third Imam would deliver a lecture on the Holy Prophet's age of Rada'at (i.e. the period in which he was breastfed). Then, a fourth Imam would arrive and he would deliver a lecture on migration. At the end, people would drink a sweet beverage and return with almond sweetmeat. *(Rasaail fi Tareekh al-Madinah, p. 77, Summarised)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Reward for celebrating Mawlid:

Sayyiduna Imam Abdul Rahman Ibn Jawzi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: For the one who rejoices over the blessed birth anniversary, this joy will become a barrier from Hell. The one who spends one dirham in the celebration of Mawlid, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will intercede for him. The Merciful Lord will grant him 10 dirhams in return for one dirham. O Ummah of the beloved! Glad tidings to you! You have been entitled to immense goodness in the world and the hereafter.

Blessings, honour, goodness and pride will be granted to those who celebrate the blessed birth anniversary of Sayyiduna Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He will enter Paradise while wearing an

Imamah of pearls and a green robe. (*Majmu' Lateef al-Unsi, Mawlid al-Urus, p. 281*)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, we also celebrate Mawlid. We hope our efforts are also accepted by virtue of the pious ones!

In the statement of Sayyiduna Imam Abdul Rahman Jawzi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, there is motivation to spend from one's own pocket that if a devotee of the Prophet spends one dirham in the celebrations of Mawlid, Allah Almighty's final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will intercede for him. It means, even if he spends very little, it will not go in vain, and whoever spends more, then it is obvious that the more the sweat, the more the reward.

Fulfil the needs of Sayyids in the happiness of the celebrations of Mawlid

In the celebrations of Mawlid, look for the poor. In fact, there will be poor people among your own neighbours and relatives. They should be helped, or those poor fellows who are unemployed, help them start a small business and stand on their feet. They will pray for you throughout their life. The reward of this good deed may also be presented to the court of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. On the occasion of Mawlid, the Niyaz food that is served to the devotees of the Prophet in the gathering of Mawlid or the procession of Mawlid, that is certainly a good thing to do, and the illuminations we do and the flags we hoist are also correct. In the celebrations of Mawlid, resolve the problem of some honourable Sayyid or if an honourable Sayyid is unwell, take the responsibility of their treatment upon yourself and make the intention that you will get him his treatment even if you have to spend hundreds of thousands of rupees. Or if the adult daughter of an honourable Sayyid is unmarried, but due to financial worries, the marriage is being delayed, then you should give as much as you can for the expenses of the marriage, so that the problem of this female descendant of the Holy Prophet is resolved.

Piyaray Ki Aamad Marhaba

Maula Ki Aamad Marhaba

Awla Ki Aamad Marhaba

A'la Ki Aamad Marhaba

Zahir Ki Aamad Marhaba

Baatin Ki Aamad Marhaba

O devotees of the Prophet! How great is the excellence of removing the difficulty of a distressed Ummati of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ? When you hear it, your faith will be refreshed. Hence, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

Shade of 'Arsh on the Day of Judgement:

There will be no shade except that of Allah Almighty's 'Arsh on the Day of Judgement. Three people will be under the shade of Allah Almighty's 'Arsh. It was humbly asked: Ya Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, who will be those people? He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied:

1. The one who relieves the difficulty of my Ummati.
2. The one who revives my Sunnah.
3. The one who recites Salawaat upon me in abundance.

(Al-Budur al-Safirah, li al-Suyuti, p. 131, Hadith: 366)

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Keep in mind that if you want to provide some help to a grief-stricken person, then do not do it to show off publicly and to let others know, instead, with the intention of attaining the pleasure of Allah Almighty and earning reward, you should help secretly in such a way that when you give from one hand, even the other hand should not come to know. If, after helping a poor person, we give him an earful and boast about our favour, then it is obvious that it will cause him anguish, and our entire good deed may go in vain, lest we fall into the sin of causing anguish to a Muslim.

Allah Almighty declares in part 3, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse number 264:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَبْطُلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَىٰ

O believers! Do not invalidate your charity by boasting of favours and by causing anguish,

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 03, Surah Al-Baqarah, Verse 264)

Unique way of celebrating Mawlid:

O devotees of Mawlid! الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ, the religious movement of the devotees of Rasool, Dawat-e-Islami also has a unique way of celebrating Mawlid, and how wonderful the Milad congregations of Dawat-e-Islami are! Hence, a devotee of Rasool states as follows: A few of us, Islamic brothers attended the grand Mawlid congregation held under Dawat-e-Islami on the night of the birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the 12th night of Rabi'-ul-Awwal Sharif at Kakri Ground, Karachi. During the conversation, an Islamic brother said: Before, the Mawlid congregation of Dawat-e-Islami used to be quite emotional, but it is not the same anymore. Hearing this, another one said: Brother, you are mistaken here. The condition of the Mawlid congregation is the same, but the condition of our hearts has changed. How can the remembrance of the Prophet change? Our mentality has changed. Even today, if, instead of wandering in the barren valleys of criticism, we listen to the blessed Na't while being engrossed in the beautiful imagination of the Holy Prophet إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ, صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, we will be immensely blessed.

Even though the irresponsible objection based on satanic whispers raised by the first Islamic brother was something that could make one's feet stumble, cause boredom, deprive him of the Mawlid congregation and have him return home, but how amazingly wonderful the reply of the second Islamic brother was, that woke up

Nafs-e-Lawwamah and caused Satan to flee. Hence, the efficacy of that answer inspired me deeply in the heart. I plucked up the courage, took some steps, went into the middle of the Milad congregation and sat firmly among the devotees of the Prophet, and lost myself in the cathartic melodies of Na'ts. The lovely time of dawn approached. All the devotees of the Prophet stood up to welcome the dawn of blessings. The entire congregation was in a state of spiritual ecstasy. The chants of Marhaba Ya Mustafa were resonating everywhere. The bouquets of Salawaat and Salam were being presented in the court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The eyes of the devotees of Rasool were shedding tears. The sounds of weeping and sobbing could be heard from everywhere. I was also overtaken by a strange state of ecstasy. My sinful eyes saw light droplets and a pleasant drizzle showering. It was as though the entire congregation was being showered with the rain of mercy. With my physical eyes closed, I was engaged in reciting Salawaat and Salam while being engrossed in the beautiful imagination of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, when all of a sudden, my spiritual eyes opened up. I am stating the truth. The same luminous master صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ whose Mawlid was being celebrated blessed me immensely and allowed me to behold him. My heart found solace upon seeing him. Indeed, that Islamic brother had told the truth that the Mawlid congregation of Dawat-e-Islami contains the same emotions as before, but our own condition has changed, if we remain attentive, then even today, his blessings are quite widespread.

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Ya Shafi' al-Wara Marhaba Marhaba
Ya Rasool-e-Khuda Marhaba Marhaba*

*Ahmad-e-Mujtaba Marhaba Marhaba
Khatam-ul-Anbiya Marhaba Marhaba
Jan Tum Par Fida Marhaba Marhaba*

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

In his booklet, 'The Dawn of Blessings', Shaykh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat says while stating the precautions and virtues of the Mawlid procession:

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to celebrate his day of birth by fasting every Monday. In the remembrance of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, you should also observe a fast on the 12th of Rabi'-ul-Awwal Sharif and participate in the Mawlid procession while raising the Madani flag.

Remain in the state of Wudu as much as possible. Walk in a graceful manner while keeping your lips moist with Na'ts, reciting Salawaat and Salam and keeping your gaze lowered. Do not give anyone a chance for criticism by causing a commotion.

In the Milad procession, try to remain in the state of Wudu as long as possible. Offer Salah with Jama'at. The devotees of the Prophet do not miss Jama'at.

Avoid bringing horse-drawn carts and camel-drawn carts etc. in the procession as the urine or dung of horses and camels may cause the clothes of the devotees of the Prophet to become impure.

During the procession, distribute as many booklets, pamphlets and VCDs etc. of Sunnah-inspired speeches released by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, as you can. Further, while distributing fruits, grains, etc. give them in the hands of the people instead of throwing them to the people. Fruits and other things are disrespected if they fall and scatter on the ground and then they are trampled underfoot.

Every Islamic brother should distribute as many religious booklets and different pamphlets of Madani pearls published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, as he can or at least twelve rupees worth, in the Milad procession, and Islamic sisters should also have them distributed.

(Subeh Baharan, p. 23 to 29)

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ