

Wisdoms

behind the Night Ascension

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(For Islamic Brothers)

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

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الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِلِكْ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِلِكْ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُوْرَ 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.).

Virtue of Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

The beloved Prophet of Allah Almighty صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرًا بِهَا مَلَكَ مُوَكَّلٌ بِهَا حَتَّى يُبَلِّغَنِيهَا

‘Whosoever recites Salat upon me once, Allah Almighty blesses them with ten mercies and an angel is appointed to convey that Salat to me.’¹

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 Almighty and to earn reward. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, ‘يَبْتِئَةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ’ *The intention of a Muslim is better than his action.*²

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 صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ, 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.

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¹ Mu’jam Kabeer, vol. 8, p. 134, Raqm 7611

² Mu’jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, p. 185, Hadith 5942

The Du'a of Rajab

The following Du'a is Sunnah to recite. When the blessed month of Rajab would arrive, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ would recite:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ - 'O Allah Almighty! Grant blessings for us in Rajab and Sha'ban, and allow us to reach Ramadan.'¹

The Glorious and Blessed Night

Dear Islamic brothers! الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ, the sacred month of Rajab-ul-Murajjab is on-going. It is this very month, in which Allah Almighty granted our master, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, a grand and unique Prophetic miracle, known as the Isra and Me'raj. The wisdom in this unique ascension, which passed the heavens and skies, the amazing events that took place on that luminous night, the luminous celestial lights and blessings showered like rain within it; in the end, who can truly understand and explain the Me'raj of the Holy Prophet ﷺ?

However, according to the best of our ability, some Madani pearls of knowledge will be discussed regarding this miraculous event. Please listen with full attention and focus your heart and mind. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ, the love of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ will grow further and further within our hearts as we discuss his blessed Me'raj.

My master, the Imam of the Ahl-us-Sunnah, a great devotee of the Messenger, the reviver of Islamic sciences, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ wrote a poem regarding the Me'raj of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, which is known as Qasidah Me'rajiiyyah. In the first 12 couplets of this poem, the great Imam expresses profound love for the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, and does so with the best of wording and poetic beauty. Let's listen to a summary of these 12 couplets:

1. On the night of Me'raj, the king and leader of Prophethood and Messengership, the master of the worlds ﷺ illuminated

¹ Al-Mu 'jam Al-Awsat Lil-Tabarani, vol. 3, p. 85, Hadith 3939

the 'Arsh with his presence. Every mean and medium was gathered, for the happiness and hosting of this distinguished Arabian guest.

2. On the night of Me'raj, every angel and all the heavens sang like songbirds, in their own melodies and styles, and they all said: 'Congratulations to the springtime! Congratulations to every garden! With the blessings of this night, spring will be granted its own spring, and gardens will begin to blossom.'
3. On the night of Me'raj, the earth and skies were both overjoyed, and they swayed in happiness. The atmosphere was full of commotion, delight and jubilation everywhere. What was the reason for this happiness? This is due to the Me'raj of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, and in celebration of this, light itself began to shower like rain, the way flowers are cast upon a grooms arrival.
4. On the night of Me'raj, fragrance and perfumed scent radiated from the Holy Prophet ﷺ, welcoming all of the illumination arranged for his blessed arrival. Due to his happiness, the beautiful face of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was glowing with such unparalleled brightness, that it enlightened the entirety of creation, even up to the 'Arsh.
5. On the night of Me'raj, there was so much brightness and light, it appeared as though mirrors had been placed everywhere, reflecting and shining light all over. Alongside this, the Holy Ka'bah had been decorated, making it appear even more beautiful. Hajar-ul-Aswad even began to appear as a beauty spot upon the Holy Ka'bah, and there are thousands upon thousands of colourful decorations across the universe, for the sake of that blessed night.
6. On the night of Me'raj, there was special illumination in the holy, sacred and blessed eyes of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.
7. On the night of Me'raj, sweet-smelling and perfumed clouds had come overhead, filling every heart with joy and contentment.

Praise of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was recited in such abundance from every direction, that the Haram itself was in a state of spiritual ecstasy.

8. On the night of Me'raj, Meezab-e-Zar, the golden drain affixed at the top of the Holy Ka'bah, seemed like jewellery upon the Ka'bah itself. The rain of mercy that came down at that time, would come into the golden drain and fall as pearls into the Hateem below it. The Holy Ka'bah was shining brightly, and its Ghilaf (the covering placed over it) was intensely fragranced. As it blew in the cool night winds, this fragrance spread far and wide.
9. On the night of Me'raj, the mountains were beautified and appeared majestic. The winds of blessings brought such greenery upon these mountains, that it appeared as though they were covered in luxurious green clothing.
10. On the night of Me'raj, the rivers themselves made Ghusl and presented themselves in the form of flowing, pure, shining water.
11. On the night of Me'raj, instead of moonlight upon the floor, a flooring made of silk and gold stars were laid down for the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to walk upon their faces, as a sign of utmost love, respect, and in welcome of his blessed arrival.

Dear Islamic brothers! On the night of Me'raj, our honourable master, the beloved of Allah Almighty صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was granted an unparalleled Prophetic miracle, known as the Isra and Me'raj. The leader of the angels, Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام brought an especially fast ride from Paradise, known as Buraaq, and presented it to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. With utmost etiquette, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was seated upon the Buraaq, and he journeyed from Makka-tul-Mukarramah to Bait-ul-Maqdis in an instant. All of the Prophets and Messengers were waiting for his blessed arrival, and our beloved master, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then led all of them in prayer.

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ toured all of the skies on this blessed night, seeing all their wonders and what they contained. Also, upon

each level of the sky, different Prophets had the honour of seeing and meeting with him, and they expressed utmost happiness at his arrival. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then travelled to Sidra-tul-Muntaha, a tree at the very edge of creation. Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام appealed to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, explaining that he cannot go further than this point.

Look at the status of the miraculous Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He reached and went past such places nobody else can. Where nobody dared to go, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed it by in an instant. Places nobody has the strength to reach, were all surpassed by him. In fact, his rank is so high, no intellect can ever understand or comprehend it.

So what else took place on that blessed night? We find that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ toured Paradise and the Hellfire, and observed many different events within them. He saw the blessings Allah Almighty has kept in Paradise, as reward for his nation, and he also saw the punishments some will be subjected to in the Hereafter. He was granted gifts from Allah Almighty that nobody ever received before, nor will ever receive in the future. Initially, he was granted 50 Salah from Allah Almighty, and these were eventually lowered in number, until we had the five daily Salah made obligatory upon us. But the greatest gift of all, was that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw Allah Almighty with his own blessed eyes.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

You are the Most Blessed!

Dear Islamic brothers! The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw Allah Almighty on that night. The desire to see Allah Almighty was also present in the heart of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, until this desire came upon his blessed lips, and he asked from Allah Almighty by saying:

رَبِّ أَدْنِي - 'O my Lord, Reveal Your beatific vision to me!' Allah Almighty then stated in reply: تَنْ تَرَنِي - 'You will not be able to see Me.'

But when the matter is concerning the final Prophet of Allah Almighty, the master of creation, the unmatched Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ - Allah Almighty then called His beloved and allowed him to see, without the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ even expressing this desire from his blessed lips.

Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, a great devotee of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, writes poetically about this point by saying:

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Special Bestowals upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ!

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah Almighty has mentioned some aspects of the Me'raj, in the Holy Quran. In the 15th Juz, the first verse of Surah Bani-Israel, He states:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بُرَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ
لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿١٧﴾

Glory be to Him Who took His bondsman by the night from the Sacred Mosque (the Ka'bah) to Al-Aqsa Mosque around which We have placed blessing, in order that We may show him Our great signs. Indeed, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, verse 1)

In Khazaain-ul-'Irfan, 'Allamah Sayyid Na'eemuddin Muradabadi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ writes in explanation of this verse: 'The Me'raj is a Prophetic miracle of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and a great blessing from Allah Almighty. From this event, the closeness to Allah Almighty possessed

by the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ becomes visibly apparent. Besides him, nobody else has this rank and stature. The event of Me'raj occurred in a state of complete wakefulness, with body and soul both present. This is the view of the majority of the people of Islam, the greater majority of the honourable Companions, as well as the those who are from the elite Companions.¹

Allah Almighty can do everything!

Dear Islamic brothers! When mentioning the event of Me'raj in the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty begins by saying the word: سُبْحٰن. This means, the being of Allah Almighty is free from all weaknesses and flaws. One of the countless wisdoms behind using this word first, is to denounce and reject all of those who say that this Me'raj did not occur with the physical body of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. With one word, Allah Almighty disproves all of their claims.²

Dear Islamic brothers! People objecting to the Me'raj of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is not a new thing. From 1400 years ago until today, some ignorant individuals object and deny this event. For a Muslim, it is enough for him to keep the power of Allah Almighty in mind, rather than trying to understand this event with his own intellect and mind. This is because, Allah Almighty is all-powerful, and He can cause anything to happen with His power. In order to understand this further, let's consider the miracle of Sayyiduna Asif bin Barkhiya رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, who was from the nation of Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. He brought a jewel encrusted throne from Yemen, which was 80 foot tall and 40 feet wide, all the way to Syria - faster than an eye can blink. This event is mentioned in the 19th Juz of the Holy Quran, in verse 40 of Surah Naml:

¹ *Khaza'in al-Irfan*, p. 525

² *Maqalat-e-Kaazimi, Part. 1*, p. 123

قَالَ الَّذِي عِنْدَهُ عِلْمٌ مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَرْتَدَّ إِلَيْكَ طَرْفُكَ ط

He who had knowledge of the Book submitted; that 'I will present it in your majesty's court before the blink of an eye.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 19, Surah Al Naml, verse 40)

Dear Islamic brothers! When a person from the nation of Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام can transport a gigantic throne over hundreds of miles, faster than an eye can blink, then without doubt, the master of every nation, the leader of all Prophets and Messengers, the most beloved of Allah Almighty صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ can traverse the earth and skies in an instant, as this all took place with the permission and power of Allah Almighty.

Dear Islamic brothers! Rather than weighing up the Prophetic miracles of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ according to our imperfect intellects and small understanding, we should accept them wholeheartedly. Also, in order to save our faith from being ruined, we should adamantly avoid the bad company of people who reject the perfection and miracles of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Furthermore, we should also avoid the company of people who show even the slightest disrespect towards our beloved master صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

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Dear Islamic brothers! There is a famous saying: فَعَلُ الْحَكِيمِ لَا يَخْلُوعِنَ الْحِكْمَةِ - The action of the wise is not devoid of wisdom.

Every single action of Allah Almighty contains an unlimited amount of hidden meanings and wisdom, which our minds will never be able to comprehend.

Relating to this, one of the reasons Allah Almighty ordained for the Me'raj to take place, was to bring happiness and peace to the heart of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.

From the day the Holy Prophet ﷺ stood upon Mount Safa and invited the disbelievers of Makkah to believe in Allah Almighty, some cursed people began to develop hatred against him, and they tried to harm and cause pain to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The Muslims began to be discriminated against and persecuted for their beliefs, with this increasing day by day. In this time, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was comforted by Sayyida Khadija رضى الله عنها, his first blessed wife, and by Abu Taalib, his uncle. They were a means of great peace for him, during that difficult period.

Abu Taalib then passed away, ten years after the Holy Prophet ﷺ had announced his Prophethood. Not long after this, Sayyida Khadija رضى الله عنها also passed away, and both individuals who brought comfort to the Holy Prophet ﷺ during this difficult time, were now no longer physically with him. Instead of refraining from their cursed transgressions and bad actions, the cruelty of the disbelievers of Makkah reached an even more extreme extent.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ then travelled to Taif, in order to present the message of Islam to the people there. However, the unjust and evil actions displayed by the people of Taif towards the Messenger of Allah ﷺ cannot be explained in words. Then imagine! In this situation, Allah Almighty called His beloved upon the journey of Me'raj, in order to bring peace, comfort and contentment to the heart of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. After going through so much, Allah Almighty did not want His beloved to be saddened by anymore hardship. The rank of our master ﷺ is so unimaginably high, that the whole of creation seeks the pleasure of Allah Almighty, whilst

Allah Almighty Himself wants to bring happiness and pleasure to the heart of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

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The famous commentator of the Holy Quran, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ explains some of the meanings and wisdoms behind the Mi'raaj:

- All of the individual miracles, excellences and ranks given to the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ; in fact, more than this, was granted to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. There are many examples in this regard. Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was able to go upon Mount Tur and speak with Allah Almighty. Sayyiduna 'Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was called up to the fourth sky. Sayyiduna Idrees عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was called into Paradise. Now observe, that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was granted the Me'raj, in which he spoke with Allah Almighty, travelled the skies, observed Paradise and Hellfire; In summary, all of the qualities of these previous Prophets were shown in a single Me'raj of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.¹

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- Another amazing wisdom of the Me'raj of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, was that the honourable Prophets had testified in Allah Almighty, as well as Paradise and the Hellfire. They also had أَشْهَدَانُ لِأَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ recited by members of their respective nations. One key point here, is that none of the honourable Prophets صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ gave

¹ Shan-e-Habib-ur-Rahman, p. 107, summarised

witness due to seeing or hearing. Normally, testimony is given about things someone has seen or heard, as in, he bears witness to them taking place. Testimony is based upon a person seeing what is being testified to beforehand, and someone being a witness is not normally accepted unless he saw what took place. This means, that there is one personality from amongst the honourable Prophets صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ who saw Allah Almighty, Paradise and the Hellfire, and due to his witnessing, testimony can be given on everyone's behalf because of him. The basis of the testimony of the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, is from none other than the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, because he saw Allah Almighty, Paradise and Hellfire with his own blessed eyes. Upon his witnessing, testimony reached the level of completion.¹

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4. Allah Almighty has made His beloved صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ the owner of every treasure. In the 30th Juz of the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty states in the 1st verse of Surah Al-Kawсар:

إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ۝

O Beloved, We have indeed bestowed upon you countless excellences.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 30, Surah Al Kawсар, verse 1)

From a blessed Hadith found in Bukhari Sharif, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is reported to have stated: 'I was sleeping, when the keys to all the treasures of the earth were brought forth and placed in my

¹ *Shan-e-Habib-ur-Rahman, p. 107, summarized*

two hands.’¹ Also, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated: ‘I am the treasurer.’ (meaning, I am the trustee and owner of the treasures of Allah).²

With the power of Allah Almighty, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the owner and possessor of every treasure and kingdom. For this reason, on every stone of Paradise, between the eyes of heavenly maidens; in short, in every place, **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ** is written. The meaning of this is: ‘These thing were made by Allah Almighty, and granted to **مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ**. Thus we come to know, that one of the reasons Allah Almighty had the Me’raj take place, was so the owner of every treasure, the master of creation, His most beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ could observe his kingdom, treasures and everything he owns³. For this reason, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ undertook this journey through the skies and heavens, on the night of Me’raj.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Another wisdom behind the Night Ascension

5. From the many wisdoms behind the Night of Me’raj as mentioned by the Ulama, one wisdom was to reveal the greatness of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to the whole universe. Therefore, when the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived at Masjid-ul-Aqsa, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ led all the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ in Salah, so that the superiority of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ over all the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ could become apparent⁴. Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Then I entered Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, so all the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

¹ Bukhari, vol. 2, p. 303, Hadith 2977

² Muslim, p. 514, 1037

³ Shan-e-Habib al-Rahman, p. 107, summarized

⁴ Ma’aarij Nubuwwah, Rukn Sawm, p. 85

were gathered for me, then Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام moved me forward and I led of all the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام in Salah¹

O devotees of the Prophet! On the night of Me'raj, not only did the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lead the blessed Prophets in Salah, he also led the Angels in Salah in the skies, so that the excellence of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ could be revealed to the Angels as well.²

In short, the superiority of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was revealed to all those over whom our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed.

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6. In verse 111 of Surah Al-Tawbah, part 11, Allah Almighty has stated:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةُ

Indeed, Allah has purchased from the Muslims their wealth and lives in this exchange; that, for them is Paradise.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 11, Surah Al Taubah, verse 111)

It is stated in this blessed verse that Allah Almighty is the Buyer of the lives and possessions of true believers and true believers are those who sell; the things which are sold are the lives and possessions of true believers and their price is Paradise. This trade is done through the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the representative of this transaction. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

¹ Sunan Nasai, p. 81, Hadith 448

² Ma'aarij Nubuwwah, Rukn Sawm, p. 85

saw the lives of the true believers, and on the night of Me'raj, he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ went to witness the price i.e. Paradise.

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Another wisdom behind the Night Ascension

7. Another wisdom behind the Night of Me'raj as mentioned in 'Durratun Nasiheen', is that the earth and the sky had a dialogue with each other, so showing pride the earth said: I am superior to you, as Allah Almighty has blessed me with cities, rivers, streams, trees, mountains and many other things. The sky replied: I am superior to you because within me are the sun, moon, stars, skies, constellations, the 'Arsh and Kursi, and Paradise. The earth said: I have within me the Ka'bah whose Tawaf is performed by the Prophets and Messengers, saints and common believers. The sky replied: I have Bayt-ul-Ma'moor within me whose Tawaf is performed by the angels and I have Paradise in me which is the abode of the sacred souls of all the Prophets and Messengers رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ, all the saints and true believers رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ.

The earth said to the sky: The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ resided in me and implemented Shari'ah on me.

When the sky heard this it became incapable of answering further and became quite. The sky then humbly said to Allah Almighty: 'O Allah Almighty! You are the One who helps those who are helpless when they ask You for help', then the sky humbly said: 'You are able call the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ towards me so that I can also be honoured in the way You have honoured the earth by his beauty.' Allah Almighty answered this Du'a and granted this honour to the sky on the Night of Ascension.¹

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¹ Durra-tul-Nasiheen, p. 123

Another wisdom behind the Night Ascension

8. Allah Almighty ordered Sayyiduna Musa Kaleemullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to cast down his staff on the ground. When the staff was cast down on the ground, it turned into a snake, then Allah Almighty commanded him to hold it. When it was held, it turned back into a staff. All these things were shown so that when Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام confronted the sorcerers of Pharaoh (Fir'awn), he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would not be overcome by the awe of that situation, but could instead compete with full determination.

On the Day of Judgement, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will intercede, rather, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام will start the intercession. Allah Almighty made the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ behold the wonders of the universe, levels of Paradise and Hell. In addition to this, many other great signs were shown so that the awe of the terrifying Day of Judgement does not overcome him and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ intercedes with full determination and independence.¹

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Another wisdom behind the Night Ascension

9. Another wisdom behind the Night of Me'raj was to honour the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with all types of revelations. One type of revelation entails that Allah Almighty communicates directly and this is the best type of revelation. On the night of Me'raj, Allah Almighty directly spoke to His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It is stated in verse 10 of Surah Al-Najm, part 27:

فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ

¹ Ma'aarij Nubuwwah, Rukn Sawm p. 80, summarized

Now He revealed to His bondsman whatever He revealed.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 27, Surah Al Najm, verse 10)

It is mentioned in the books of Tafaseer that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ heard the verses of اَمْسَحَ الرَّسُولُ which are the last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah directly from Allah Almighty on the Night of Me'raj; similarly he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ heard some verses from Surah Ad-Duha and some from Surah Alam Nashrah on the night of Me'raj.¹

O devotees of the Prophet! Let's listen to the excellence of the last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah, that our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ heard directly from Allah Almighty in close proximity on the Night of Me'raj. We too should recite them from time to time.

Sayyiduna Nu'man Bin Basheer رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has narrated that the Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Two thousand years before the creation of the earth and the skies, Allah Almighty wrote a book, and then from this, He Almighty revealed the last verses of Surah Al-Baqarah. Satan will not come close to the home in which these two verses will be recited for three nights.'²

Sayyiduna Abu Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whosoever recites the last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah at night, they will suffice him.'³

Dear Islamic brothers! What is meant by these two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah being sufficient is that they will become equivalent to spending the entire night in worship or they will protect him from Satan during that night. According to one opinion, they will protect him from calamities which will descend during that night.⁴

¹ Tafseer Ruh Al-Bayan, Surah Shura, vol. 7, p. 345

² Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 404, Hadith, 2891

³ Bukhari, vol. 3, p. 405, Hadith 5009

⁴ Fatah al-Bari, vol. 10 p. 48

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: (The last two verses of Surah Al-Baqarah) are sufficient in times of troubles and grief because the person who recites them at night will remain protected from troubles and if by chance troubles do come, Allah Almighty removes them; or it is sufficient to recite them in place of all other invocations or the person who recites these verses in Tahajjud Salah, for him they will be sufficient in comparison to reciting a lot of the Holy Quran.¹

Another wisdom behind the Night Ascension

10. To begin with, Allah Almighty created the Noor of His Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ from His own Noor and kept the Noor of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ His special proximity. When the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived into this world in human form, he desired that rank, therefore he attained comfort and peace from the place of دِينِ فَتَدُلُّ

Another wisdom behind the Night Ascension

11. This wisdom has also been mentioned that he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was blessed with Me'raj in order to be taught the Azaan. 'Allamah Ibn Hajar 'Asqalani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ wrote: Sayyiduna 'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, 'When Allah Almighty intended to teach the Azaan to His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام brought a mode of transport called Buraaq and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ mounted it.'²

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Madani Qafilah, amongst the 12 Madani Activities

Dear Islamic brothers! To perform good deeds, refrain from sin and invite others to goodness, participate wholeheartedly in the 12

¹ Mirat, vol. 3, p. 232

² Fath al-Bari, vol. 3, p. 68

religious works of the Zeyli Halqah. One of the 12 activities is the Madani Qafilah. **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, Ameer of Ahl-ul-Sunnah has given us a purpose; “I must strive to rectify myself and the people of the world.” **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** To rectify the people of the world, we must travel in the way of Allah with the Madani Qafilah. This is because inviting towards goodness can only be done when travelling with the Madani Qafilah. The Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** travelled in the way of Allah for this purpose and faced many difficulties; he was inflicted with many wounds, rocks were thrown at him, he was taunted and he tied a rock to his stomach due to extreme hunger. Despite all of this, he spent the nights crying and supplicating for the guidance of his people and continued to invite people towards Islam. The majority of the noble companions **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ** were like this too. They would learn about Islam from the Prophet then travel the world to spread it. Due to this, the shrines of the noble companions **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ** are not only found in Madinah, but in various places across the world. The Tabi'in [generation after the Prophet], Tab'u Tabi'in [generation after the Tabi'in], great scholars and the Awliya **رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ السَّلَام** also did this to invite others towards righteousness; this is not something new for those who know history. Thus, whilst following in the footsteps of our pious predecessors, Ameer of Ahl-ul-Sunnah has worked day and night for the rectification of Muslims. He **وَأَصَفَ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** continues to encourage Islamic brothers to travel with the Madani Qafilahs. If two Islamic brothers are invited to join the Madani Qafilah everyday, that is a total of 60 Islamic brothers. Even if only 12 brothers arrive, a Madani Qafilah from every Zeyli Halqah can be prepared. By the blessings of this religious activity, the works and success of Dawat-e-Islami will spread across the globe. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**

The Blessed Prophets are unparalleled

Dear Islamic brothers! Through this blessed event of Me'raj, along with learning some wisdoms behind it, we have also come to know that the blessed Prophets **عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام** are unparalleled and matchless. The great eminence and the glory of these blessed Prophets **عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام** can be

understood by the fact that when the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ journeyed to Bayt-ul-Muqaddas riding on the Buraaq, its speed was such that it would place its next step as far as its eyesight could see. During this journey, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed by the blessed grave of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام which was situated near a red sand mound. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw that the Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was standing in his blessed grave, performing Salah.¹ Ponder over this that if we are travelling in a high speed vehicle, we are unable to figure out anything and sometimes we are even unable to recognise the faces of our acquaintances though this speed is nothing in comparison to the incredibly high speed of the Buraaq, now understand the great excellence of the blessed sight of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that despite riding on the fastest Buraaq, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw the Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and even related to the people that Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was offering Salah in his blessed grave. Keep this in mind too that at Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, where all the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام were already present to greet and receive our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was also amongst them and when the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached the Heavens riding on the Buraaq, then along with other blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was also amongst them and met with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on the sixth Heaven.

All these facts show us that Allah Almighty has granted the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام such miraculous powers and abilities that even the Noori Buraaq cannot compete with their Prophetic powers and excellences; furthermore, we have also learnt that all the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام have such authority and power granted by Allah Almighty that they can go wherever they desire whenever they want; when this is the incredible state of the power and authority of the other blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام then who can understand the

¹ Sahih Muslim, p. 927, Hadith 2375

matchless power and authority granted to the Holy Prophet ﷺ who is the leader and Imam of all the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Some Observations of the Prophet ﷺ

Dear Islamic brothers! During the journey of Me'raj, the Prophet ﷺ witnessed many amazing things. He saw the homes and palaces of his people in Paradise and he also saw the disobedient in despair being relentlessly punished for their sins. To gain admonition, let us listen to some accounts of Hell:

It is mentioned that the Prophet ﷺ saw some people in Hell who were eating corpses. The Prophet ﷺ said: O Jibraeel! Who are these people? He replied: These are the people who would eat the flesh of people [i.e. they would backbite].¹ Likewise, [he saw] a man was swallowing rocks in a river. He was told that this man would deal with usury.² The Prophet ﷺ passed by some people whose heads were being crushed by rocks. Every time their heads were crushed, they would return to a normal state [and be punished again]. There would be no expression of tiredness or laziness in punishing them. After being asked regarding them, Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: These are the people who would become lazy and cumbersome when the time of prayer was upon them.³ There were some people who were hanging from branches of fire. These were the people who would swear at and abuse their parents in the world⁴. The Prophet ﷺ also saw people whose lips were [big] like those of a camel. Individuals were stationed upon them who would grasp them by their lips and put rocks of fire into their mouths that would fall

¹ Musnad Ahmad, Musnad Abdullah bin Abbas, vol. 1, p. 553, Hadith 2322

² Shu'ab Al-Iman, vol. 4 p. 391, Hadith 5509

³ Majma Al-Zawaid, Kitab Iman, vol. 1, p. 239, Hadith 235

⁴ Al Zawajir, vol. 2, p. 139

straight through them. The Prophet ﷺ asked as to who they were to which Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied: These are the people who would usurp the wealth of orphans.¹ Likewise, the Prophet عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام saw people being punished who did not pay Zakat. There were shards dangling in front and behind them and they would graze upon thorny grass, Thuhar [a thorny poisonous plant] like cattle. They would also eat the heated rocks of Hell.²

Dear Islamic brothers! Ponder over these punishments and look towards your inabilities and weaknesses! Our weakness is such that when we suffer from a light fever or headache, we feel as if we are being tormented. So how will we bear the painful punishments of the Hereafter? Our weak and feeble bodies will never be able to bear such punishment. There is time however; come to your senses. Refrain from backbiting, slandering and revealing faults in others because on The Day of Judgement, such people will be raised as dogs.³ Similarly, refrain from earning an unlawful livelihood through usury in business. In the sight of Allah, the person who takes 1 dirham as interest is more sinful than the one who commits 33 acts of immorality as a Muslim.⁴

Therefore, earn Halal wealth; make a habit of praying 5 times a day with the congregation and you will be successful in both worlds. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**

O lovers of the Prophet! Promise that we will never engage in backbiting again. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** We will not miss any of the obligatory prayers. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** We will not upset our parents **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**. We will not usurp the wealth of another **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**. The ones who possess wealth equivalent to the threshold of Nisaab [minimum amount that a Muslim must have

¹ *Al Shar'iah Lil Ajuri, vol. 3, Hadith 1027*

² *Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 1, p. 308*

³ *Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 3, p. 325, Hadith 10*

⁴ *Majma'-ul-Zawaid, vol. 4, p. 211, Hadith 6574*

before being obligated to pay Zakat] should make the intention to pay what is due from them as Zakat **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**.

The Department of Hajj and Umrah

Sunnah inspired gatherings and other religious works take place in many countries and many Islamic brothers participate and gain blessings from this. By the blessings of these religious activities, from time to time, non-Muslims accept Islam. The Madani Qafilahs travel in the way of Allah in many countries. Some devotees of the Prophet participate in courses. For organising such gatherings or courses etc, the department of Bain-ul-Aqwami Umooor has been established.

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Madani Pearls on Offering Condolences

Dear Islamic brothers! Let us listen to some Madani Pearls about offering condolences. First, here are two sayings of the Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**:

1. Whoever consoles the one who is struck with difficulties, for him is the reward equal to the one in hardship.¹
2. The one who consoles his brother who is afflicted with hardship, Allah Almighty will clothe him with a garment of nobility on the Day of Judgement.²

❖ The meaning of **تعزيت**: To exhort the afflicted to be patient.

❖ Offering condolences is a Sunnah.³

¹ Tirmizi Kitab Al Janaaiz, vol. 2, p. 338 Hadith 1075

² Ibn Majah Kitab Al Janaaiz, p. 268, Hadith 1601

³ Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 1, p. 852

- ❖ Offering condolences before the burial is permissible. However, it is better to do so after the burial, only if the relatives do not wail and cry. Otherwise, it is better to console them beforehand.¹

Announcement

The remaining Sunnahs and etiquettes of applying oil and combing the hair will be mentioned in the study circles. Therefore, make sure to take part in the study circles to learn about them.

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¹ *Al-Jaweera Nayyirah*, , p. 141

The 6 Duroods and 2 Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami



1. The Durood for the night preceding Friday

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ الْعَالِي
الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Durood at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. ¹

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites this Durood upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.'²

¹ *Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, p. 151

² *Ibid*, p. 65

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Durood, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him.¹

4. The reward of 600,000 Duroods

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Durood once receives the reward of reciting Durood 600,000 times.²

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Rasool ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'When he recites Durood upon me, he does so in these words.'³

¹ Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', p. 277

² Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, p. 149

³ Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', p. 125

6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَنْزِلْهُ الْبُقْعَةَ الْمُبْقَرَبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Durood upon me, my intercession will become Wajib for him.¹

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'²

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah Almighty Who is 'حَلِيمٌ' and 'كَرِيمٌ'. Allah Almighty is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and Rab of the magnificent 'Arsh.

¹ Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, p. 329, Hadith 31

² Majma'-uz-Zawaid, p. 254, vol. 10, Hadith 17305

Schedule for the Halqahs [learning sessions] of the weekly Ijtima' (overseas), 24 February 2022

1. Short Bayan on different topics: **5 minutes**
2. Memorising Du'a: **5 minutes**
3. Fikr-e-Madinah: **5 minutes**
4. Total duration: **15 minutes**

Remaining Madani Pearls on Offering Condolences

- It is preferable to offer condolences to the close relatives of the deceased; old and young, men and women. However, the close relatives of a woman should only offer condolences to her. Offering condolences is like so: May Allah forgive the deceased and be Merciful towards him.¹
- For close relatives to sit in the house so others can come and offer condolences is permissible. To organise a place of sitting by the door of the house or in the pathway is a bad practice.²
- Going to the home of the deceased to offer condolences is permissible but one should not turn this into a custom. Gathering people before or after the burial is Khilaf-ul-Awla (contrary to best practice) but it is not a sin either.³
- It is disliked to go and offer condolences to someone a second time.⁴

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

¹ Bahar-e-Shari 'at, vol. 1, p. 852

² Durr al-Mukhtar, , vol. 3, p. 176

³ Bahar-e-Shari 'at, vol. 1, p. 853

⁴ Salat Janazah, vol. 3, p. 177

A Supplication to Save Oneself from the Evils of Richness and Poverty

As per the schedule of the weekly Sunnah inspired gatherings, we will learn the supplication for the deliverance from the evils of richness and poverty. This is the supplication:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ النَّارِ وَعَذَابِ النَّارِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ الْغِنَى وَالْفَقْرِ

Translation: O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the tribulation of the Fire and the torment of the Fire, and from the evils of richness and poverty.¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Madani In'amaat)

Saying of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: Pondering (over the Hereafter) for a moment is better than the worship of 60 years.²

Let's make 'good intentions' before filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet:

1. To please Allah Almighty, I will carry out today's Fikr-e-Madinah (i.e. self-accountability) myself through the Madani In'amaat booklet and persuade others as well.
2. I will praise (i.e. thank) Allah Almighty for the Madani In'amaat which I acted upon.
3. I will be regretful about the Madani In'amaat which I did not act upon and try to act on them in the future.
4. Allah Almighty forbid, if I have not acted on any such Madani In'aam which saves a person from sins, I will make a firm intention

¹ Faizan-e-Du'a, p. 319

² Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, p. 365, Hadith 5897

of not committing sin in the future, along with making repentance and Istighfar.

5. I will not reveal my good deeds without need (for example, I act on such and such or this many Madani In'amaat).
6. I will act afterwards or tomorrow on the Madani In'amaat which can be practised afterwards (for example, if one did not recite Salat upon the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 313 times today).
7. I will try to achieve the actual aim of filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet (for example, fear of Allah, piety, correcting manners, progress in the Madani activities, etc.).
8. I will fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet (i.e. carry out Fikr-e-Madinah) tomorrow as well.
9. I will not consider it a usual formality but fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet while pondering.

Mark the boxes given below with a 'correct (i.e. inverted tick)' sign for the Madani In'amaat you have practised today and mark them with a '(0) sign' in case you have not practised them.

Attention: Carry out Fikr-e-Madinah while keeping an eye on your own Madani In'amaat booklet only.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Method of collective reflection (72 Pious Deeds)

Daily 56 pious deeds

1. Made good intentions?
2. Offered all five Salahs with congregation?
3. Invited others to Salah before every Salah?
4. Recited or listened to Surah al-Mulk at night?

5. Recited Aaya-tul-Kursi, Tasbih-e-Fatimah and Surah Al-Ikhlās after every Salah?
6. Read or listened to three verses of Kanz-ul-Iman or two pages of Siraat-ul-Jinaan with translation and commentary?
7. Recited the Wazaaif of the Shajarah?
8. Recited Salat upon the Prophet 313 times?
9. Protected eyes from sins?
10. Protected ears from sins?
11. Kept gaze lowered while saving yourself from unnecessary glances?
12. Read a reforming book of Maktaba-tul-Madina for 12 minutes?
13. Replied to Azaan and Iqamah?
14. Cured your anger?
15. Reflected upon your actions?
16. Obeyed your Nigran?
17. Conversed in a respectful manner?
18. Studied or taught in Madrassa-tul-Madina Baalighan?
19. Arrived home within two hours of Isha Jumu'ah?
20. Spent two hours on religious works?
21. Awoke others for Fajr Salah?
22. Refrained from peering into others' homes?
23. Did home Dars take place?
24. Delivered or listened to Masjid Dars?

25. Wore clothes in accordance to Sunnah?
26. Are you complying with the Sunnah of keeping tresses?
27. Do you have a fist-length beard?
28. Immediately repented upon committing a sin?
29. Ate according to Sunnah?
30. Gave Salam to Muslims?
31. Acted upon some Sunnahs?
32. Offered the preceding Sunnahs of Zuhr Salah before the Faraaid?
33. Offered Tahajjud or Salah-tul-Layl?
34. Offered Awwabeen or Ishraq and Chasht?
35. Offered the preceding Sunnahs of 'Asr or 'Isha?
36. Gave encouragement for one religious work from the 12 religious works?
37. Refrained from asking others for things and using them?
38. Saved yourself from lying, backbiting and tale-telling?
39. Watched Madani Channel for at least some time?
40. Refrained from forming personal friendships?
41. Paid back debt on time?
42. Refrained from speaking such words of humility that were not in conformity with your heart?
43. Maintained cleanliness and decorum?
44. Concealed the faults of Muslims?

45. Delivered or attended the circle of Quranic commentary after Fajr Salah?
46. Recited 'بِسْمِ اللَّهِ' before some permissible works?
47. Delivered or listened to Chowk Dars?
48. Conveyed reward to your parents and spiritual guide?
49. Avoided Israaf (wastage)?
50. Abided by the laws of traffic?
51. Resolved issues in accordance to the organisational procedure?
52. Saved yourself from the sins of tongue?
53. Refrained from unnecessary speech?
54. Avoided joking, mocking, taunting, hurting others' feelings and laughing out loud?
55. Wore 'Imamah?
56. Respected your parents?

Record of Qufi-e-Madinah

- Communicating through writing - 12 times
- Communicating through gestures - 12 times
- Conversing without staring - 12 times

Weekly 10 Pious Deeds

57. Sent at least one Islamic sister from your home to the Weekly Ijtima of Islamic sisters?
58. Watched or listened to the Weekly Madani Muzakah?

59. Attended the Weekly Ijtima from beginning till end?
60. Conducted the holiday I'tikaf?
61. Inquired after an ill person or sympathised with a grieved person, and offered condolences on someone's death?
62. Fasted on any day of the week?
63. Read or listened to the weekly booklet?
64. Performed area visit?
65. Persuaded an Islamic brother, who would once attend but no longer attends, to join the religious environment?
66. Took part in the weekly Madani Halqah?

Monthly 3 Pious Deeds

67. Submitted last month's booklet of Pious Deeds to your Nigran?
68. Travelled in at least a 3-day Madani Qafilah this month?
69. Rendered financial help to a Sunni scholar this month?

Yearly 1 Pious Deed

70. Travelled in a 1-month Qafilah this year according to the schedule?

Lifelong 2 Pious Deeds

71. Read the lifelong syllabus?
72. Travelled for 12 months (together) and completed different courses (12 religious works course, 7-day Islah-e-A'maal [i.e. reformation of deeds] course, 7-day Faizan-e-Namaz course)

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Du'a of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

Ya Allah Almighty! The one who sincerely acts upon Madani In'amaat, fills in the booklet by performing Fikr-e-Madinah daily and submits it to his relevant responsible Islamic brother on the 1st of every Madani [Islamic] month, do not give him death until he recites the Kalimah.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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