

Satan Mankind's  
**Enemy**

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ،  
 أَمَا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ط بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ط

## Satan - mankind's enemy

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

### نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

I make intention of sunnah i'tikāf.

Dear Islamic brothers! Whenever you enter a masjid, make the intention of i'tikāf, for you shall continuously gain the reward of i'tikāf for as long as you stay inside. Normally, when we are in a masjid, Islamic law does not give permission for us to eat, drink, sleep, have suḥūr or ifṭār, and not even to drink Zamzam water or the water on which dam has been made. Yet, if the intention of i'tikāf is made, all these actions will become permissible. One should not make this intention only to eat, drink or sleep. This intention should instead be made to please Allah.

In *Fatāwā Shāmī*:

If someone wants to eat, drink or sleep in a masjid, he should make the intention to observe i'tikāf and perform the dhikr of Allah for some time. Then he may proceed as he wishes (i.e. now if he wants to eat, drink or sleep, he can do so).

## The excellences of sending ṣalāt upon the Greatest Prophet ﷺ

The mercy to the worlds, the final Prophet ﷺ has said:

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ فِي يَوْمٍ مِائَةً مَرَّةً قَضَى اللَّهُ لَهُ مِائَةَ حَاجَةٍ سَبْعِينَ مِنْهَا لِآخِرَتِهِ وَثَلَاثِينَ مِنْهَا لِدُنْيَاهُ

Allah will fulfil a hundred needs of whoever sends ṣalāt upon me a hundred times. Seventy of these needs are of the Hereafter, whilst thirty are of the world.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## Speech-related intentions

The final Prophet ﷺ has stated, *أَفْضَلُ الْعَمَلِ النَّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ* – “A truthful intention is the best action.”<sup>2</sup> O those who love Allah’s Messenger! Make good intentions before every action, as this can be a means of entering Paradise. Before listening to this speech, make good intentions. For example:

- I will listen to the entire speech to gain knowledge of Islam.
- I will sit in a respectful manner.
- I will not be lazy or inattentive during the speech.
- I will listen to the speech to reform and better myself.
- Whatever I hear and learn, I will try to convey to others.

<sup>1</sup> *Kanz al-‘Ummāl, Kitāb al-Adhkār, Al-bāb al-sādis fī al-ṣalāt ‘alayh wa alā ālih, vol. 1, p. 255, part 1, hadith 2229*

<sup>2</sup> *Al-Jāmi‘ al-Ṣaghīr, p. 81, hadith 1284*

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Everyone dislikes their enemies and protects themselves from their evil. If the enemy is powerful, greater forms of preservation and caution are required to stay safe, and the biggest and most dangerous enemy to mankind is Satan.

From the saints of Islam رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ to normal humans, Satan is an enemy to everybody. He tries to lead us astray with all sorts of traps and tricks. Across various verses in the noble Quran, Allah Almighty has taught us about Satan and how to recognise him.

Today, we shall discuss the hatred Satan has for mankind and how he is our enemy. We will listen to Quranic verses, Prophetic hadith, and stories of the righteous regarding this. May Allah Almighty grant us ability to listen to this speech with good intentions and complete focus.

## Staying away from Satan's evil

One day, the Crown of the Saints, Shaykh ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ was traveling on a journey. He then took up stay at a place which had no water. When he felt extremely thirsty, it started raining and the Shaykh drank to his fill.

He then saw a bright light in the sky, after which a face appeared in the sky itself. It claimed, “O ‘Abd al- Qādir! I am your lord and I have made haram things halal for you.” The Shaykh then said, اَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ and exclaimed, “O Satan! Get away from me!” The light disappeared and the face turned to smoke. Satan then said, “O ‘Abd al-Qādir! You were saved from me by your knowledge, the command of Allah, and your understanding of your high rank. With this trick, I have misguided 70 righteous people.”

The Shaykh saw through these Satanic tricks and replied, “This is only the mercy and bounty of Allah Almighty.”

When he was later asked how he knew it was Satan attempting to trick him, he explained, “When he said, ‘I have made haram things halal for you’, I knew this was Satan.”

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

This story shows how Satan is an enemy to normal humans, but especially an enemy to Allah’s friends. He tries to trick them with all kinds of traps and deceptions. Even when his tricks are thwarted, he does not become discouraged, as described by the incident we just heard. He tried to trick Shaykh ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ by saying haram things had been made halal for the Shaykh; a trick which fell flat on its face.

This also teaches us another lesson. No matter who somebody is; whether pious, poor, rich, a scholar, or even a saint, they must perform the acts of worship Allah Almighty has made obligatory upon them.

Now, who is the highest ranked personality in all of creation? Without doubt, this is our Greatest Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He offered salah in a way nobody else can match. He worshipped Allah Almighty the way nobody else can. Offering tahajjud salah was obligatory upon him; despite the fact Islamic law was subject to his will, he still fulfilled the obligations placed upon him by Allah Almighty.

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Satan is the clear enemy of mankind, as mentioned in the noble Quran:

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا ﴿٣٦﴾

Indeed, the Devil is an open enemy of mankind.

Satan is the open enemy of mankind, and he utilises many weapons to misguide them. Sometimes, he makes people destroy their own deeds through showing off. Other times, he gives them Satanic whispers to place obstacles in their path to goodness. He makes Muslims become enemies of fellow Muslims, opening doors of backbiting and slander in the process.

He makes people lie, which leads to their ruin in the Hereafter. He plants seeds of jealousy in their hearts and tries to take them to Hellfire. He makes them become arrogant, or seek praise from others, both of which ruin their good deeds.

On other occasions, he works by making Muslims have hidden hatred for one another. He makes children suffer disgrace in both worlds by being disobedient to their parents. He urges the ill to be impatient, depriving them of endless reward. He distances people from their Islamic obligations and keeps them away from learning Islamic knowledge. He stops them reciting the noble Quran and makes them lazy in performing good deeds.

Satan uses a huge host of traps to misguide mankind, so we should be conscious of them and avoid them at all costs.

## Showing off - a Satanic trap

O those who love Allah's Messenger! There is no doubt in the fact Satan does not want us to perform good deeds. Even if we perform good deeds, Satan tries to stop them from being accepted. He tries to make us fall into mistakes which ruin our acts of worship or plants a desire in our hearts for fame and name.

Even if nobody speaks about it, we then mention our own acts of worship publicly without a valid reason sanctioned by Islamic law. Like this, we become caught in Satan's web and suffer severe consequences.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## The definition of showing off

The Ameer of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri دامت بركاته العالمية writes in his book *Call to Righteousness*:

Worshipping Allah Almighty for a reason other than to please Him, is considered showing off. A person who does this seeks for people to know of his worship, to receive praise or money from them, or for them to think he is honourable.<sup>1</sup>

The same book also contains some examples of showing off we can learn from. Do bear in mind; showing off is an action dependant on intention. The examples we will discuss are definitely forms of showing off, but depending on intention, the rulings of these can change.

Let us all listen closely and try to better ourselves.

## 10 examples of showing off

1. Learning Quranic recitation so people call you a qari.
2. Using negative terms to describe yourself, like referring to yourself a sinner, so people praise your humility.
3. Meeting people in a good way so they complement your manners.
4. Wiping your tears when making dua in front of people, so they think you are wiping them to protect yourself from showing off.
5. Impressing people by making statements like: “I am scared of committing sins”, “I am worried about dying without faith”, “What

<sup>1</sup> Call to Righteousness, p. 38; Al-Zawājir ‘an Iqtirāf Al-Kabā’ir, vol. 1, p. 86

will happen to me in the grave?”, and “How will I be successful in the Hereafter if I am held accountable for my actions on the Day of Judgement?”, etc.

6. Showing people your disinterest in the world by saying you refrain from meeting famous and wealthy people.
7. Being compassionate and comforting people going through difficulties, so they call you kind-hearted.
8. Keeping a tasbeeh in your hand in a way which shows it to others, making them hear the beads being used, or reciting things so they think you are righteous.
9. Fulfilling the sunnah in public whilst walking, sitting, eating etc. but not doing so when alone.
10. Eating less when eating with others, so people think you are fulfilling the sunnah of eating less than one's appetite.<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty protect us from showing off!

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاذِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Dear Islamic brothers!** To protect ourselves from showing during worship, we must disregard and pay no attention to Satanic whispers. Just as it is necessary to have sincerity in the heart before performing a good deed, it is also necessary to maintain this sincerity in all our good deeds and acts of worship.

Developing this mindset can be difficult at first, but if you are determined and patient, it will become easier through the mercy and

<sup>1</sup> Neikī Kī Dawat, p. 73

bounty of Allah Almighty. Our task is to work hard, and success is from Allah Almighty.<sup>1</sup>

## A Destroyed City

A man once saw Satan walking with his finger raised and asked why he was doing so. Satan replied, "I can do a lot with this finger, like bringing discord between people, causing them fight. They are at my fingertip."

The man was surprised by this and asked how this was possible. Satan replied, "My finger will destroy this city in front of you very quickly, whilst people will fight among themselves."

Satan entered the city with the man. they saw a confectioner making syrup by heating sugar in a large vessel. Satan placed his finger in the syrup, wiped some on the wall and said, "Now look at how this city is destroyed."

A swarm of flies flew to the syrup on the wall, and upon seeing this, a lizard arrived to pounce on them. The confectioner's cat saw the lizard and prepared to attack it. At the same time, two soldiers walked through the marketplace along with their dog. The dog saw the cat and attacked it, but as the cat ran away, it fell into the cooking vessel and died. The confectioner killed the dog in retaliation, which led to the soldiers killing him in return. When the family of the confectioner learned about his death, they killed the soldiers. When the army were informed about the death of the two, they destroyed the entire city out of anger.<sup>2</sup>

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

O those who love Allah's Messenger! This incident teaches us to refrain from fighting and prevent others from this Satanic act too. Sometimes,

<sup>1</sup> Neikī Kī Dawat, p. 94

<sup>2</sup> Shayṭān Kī Hikāyāt, p. 150, summarized

a simple misunderstanding leads to violence and many families being broken apart. If someone wants to fight you, do not let him be successful in fulfilling his evil intent.

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Satan is such a severe enemy of mankind, that he uses an entire array of tricks, whispers, and plans to try and misguide us. Even when we are nearing death, he tries to rid us of our faith and take us to Hell with him for eternity.

Satan will never repent, which is why his mission is to prevent us from repenting and entering Paradise. This is why in this world, he tries to stop us from repenting, tries to steal our faith as we die, and does not stop until our final breaths. He wants to see Muslims lose their faith and end up in Hell.

As for the whispers he places in the hearts of mankind; these can sometimes be so dangerous, it can even become difficult for a person to protect their faith. These Satanic whispers can be about destiny, things which are necessary to believe in, acts of worship, or matters of purity. On some occasions, he even tries to make a Muslim doubt in Allah Almighty. Here is a story regarding this.

## When Imam Razi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ met Satan

When Imam Fakhr al-Dīn Rāzī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was close to passing away, Satan approached him and asked, “You spent your life debating, but do you know if God exists?” The imam replied, “Indeed, there is only one God.” “What is the evidence for this?”, Satan asked.

Imam Rāzī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ gave him evidence, but Satan, who was once the teacher of angels, then rejected this. The imam gave a total of 360 evidences, yet Satan rejected them all. Now, Imam Rāzī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was intensely worried and near-hopeless.

A long distance away, his Shaykh Najm al-Dīn Kubrā رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was performing ablution. From there, he called out to the imam and exclaimed, “Why do you not say you believe Allah Almighty is one, without any evidence?”<sup>1</sup>

## How to avoid a bad death

**O those who love the saints!** This shows us something very important. One way we can protect our faith and avoid a bad death, is to become the murīd of a shaykh. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ A shaykh can provide spiritual training which allow for one to avoid Satan’s tricks and pass away with faith intact. Otherwise, Satan tries his absolute hardest to rob Muslims of their belief as they pass away.

## Madani Qafilahs

**O those who love Allah’s Messenger!** Spend time with pious people, as this will save you from Satanic whispers, help protect your belief, keep you steadfast in performing good deeds, cause you to practice the sunnah, and encourage you to avoid sin. After some time with them, you will find yourself naturally inclining towards good and avoiding evil.

In today’s day and age, the Islamic environment of Dawat-e-Islami is a nothing short of an immense blessing. If you want to become pious and work towards protecting your faith, affiliate yourselves with this environment, become a murīd of the Ameer of Ahl al-Sunnah رَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالَمِيَّةُ, and take part in the 12 Islamic Activities to help spread the sunnah.

**Dear Islamic brothers!** One of these 12 Islamic Activities is the Madani Qafilah. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ The blessings of this has transformed the lives of many people.

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<sup>1</sup> Ādāb-i-Murshid, p. 88

This allows a person to find good company and provides an opportunity to perform optional i'tikāf in the masjid. Those who do not offer salah are shown its importance, essential knowledge of Islam is taught, dhikr of Allah Almighty is performed, speeches and lessons are delivered, and masjids are kept inhabited. The Ameer of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ makes special dua for those who travel with these Madani Qafilahs.

**O those who love Allah's Messenger!** Travel in Madani Qafilahs to please Allah Almighty, attain knowledge of Islam, and earn an abundance of reward. Sometimes, the Madani Qafilahs also bring worldly benefits.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Why did Satan become rejected?

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Now, let us discuss who Satan was and what led to him being rejected by Allah Almighty for eternity.

Before being ill-fated and accursed, Satan used to worship Allah Almighty in abundance and was the leader of angels, despite not being one himself. The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ explained, "Angels were created from light, whilst Iblis was created only from fire."<sup>1</sup>

When Allah Almighty commanded Satan to prostrate to Prophet Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, he instead remarked, "O Allah! You have given him virtue over me, even though I am better than him. You made me from fire and him from clay. You want me to prostrate to this creation made of clay?"

Allah Almighty declared, "I do what I will." All angels prostrated to Prophet Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, but Satan refused out of pride.

<sup>1</sup> Saḥīḥ Muslim, p. 1221, hadith 7495

The angels even performed a second prostration out of thankfulness to Allah Almighty. Yet, Satan stood away from them all with not even the slightest tinge of regret over his actions. Due to Satan's arrogance, he was rejected by Allah Almighty forever and banished from Paradise.

When this happened, his mouth hung open with teeth protruding from them like a pig, his head resembled that of a camel, his chest was shaped like a camel's hump, his face made to look like a monkey, his eyes were shrivelled, nostrils open like a jar, his lips dangled like a bull, and he had seven hairs in his beard.

He was doomed from this moment, and was no longer known as Iblīs, but as Satan.<sup>1</sup>

## Arrogance and the ruin it brings

**Dear Islamic brothers!** We just heard how Satan was once somebody who worshipped Allah Almighty profusely and had steep knowledge. Yet, one sin caused him to be rejected and accursed for all eternity, and that sin was arrogance.

This is one of Satan's weapons with which he misguides people, resulting in them displeasing Allah Almighty. Remember, arrogance leads to ruin. Those who possess this bad characteristic have a seal placed upon their hearts by Allah Almighty, and they are disliked by Him. An arrogant person remains deprived of contemplating over Quranic verses and drawing lesson from them. Eventually, this misfortunate person is shamed and ends up in Hell.

An arrogant person takes himself away from spending time with the pious and righteous.

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<sup>1</sup> Mukāshafat al-Qulūb, p. 79

## Defining arrogance

Arrogance is to consider oneself superior and others inferior.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Arrogance is to oppose the truth and consider people inferior.”<sup>1</sup>

Imam Rāghib Iṣfahānī رحمه الله عليه writes, “Arrogance is to consider yourself greater than others.”<sup>2</sup>

Whoever has arrogance in their heart is known as a **مُتَكَبِّرٌ**.

## How to avoid arrogance

To avoid arrogance, we can keep the excellences and benefits of humility in mind and think about them deeply. In other words, say to yourself:

On the Day of Judgement, everybody will have to give account of their deeds before Allah Almighty, including me. If Allah Almighty is displeased with me due to my arrogance, and I am thrown into Hellfire, what then shall I do? How will I withstand this punishment?

Taking account of yourself this way will be greatly affecting in avoiding arrogance – **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**.

Similarly, making dua is another method of protecting yourself from evils like this, because dua is the weapon of a believer.

Make dua and say:

O Allah Almighty! I want to become pious! I want to rid myself of arrogance and all over evils. My *nafs* and Satan are always

<sup>1</sup> Saḥīḥ Muslim, p. 61, hadith 91

<sup>2</sup> Al-Mufridāt, p. 697

overwhelming me. Grant us success in my battle against them! Make me pious! Make me humble!

## Doctor Contact Department

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Another brilliant way to avoid Satan's traps and stay away from sin, is to affiliate yourselves with the Islamic environment of Dawat-e-Islami and carry out work for Islam. **اللَّهُمَّ** Dawat-e-Islami is propagating the teachings of the Quran and sunnah, and calling to Islam via 80 departmental sectors.

One of these is the **Doctor Contact Department**.

Due to the varying methods of modern medical treatment, doctors are called by different titles, although the term usually refers to allopathic doctors in particular. Those involved with Unani medicine are known as ḥakīms, whilst those who treat animals are called veterinarians. Homeopathic doctors can also be found.

Unfortunately, most of them do not possess essential knowledge of Islam. This is why Dawat-e-Islami has established a separate department to cater to their religious needs. It strives to instil the importance of religious knowledge in the hearts of medical professionals, and to propagate the message of Dawat-e-Islami. They are encouraged to take benefit from this and to live their lives in accordance with the goal of rectifying themselves and the people of the world - **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Sunnahs and manners of clothing

Dear Islamic brothers! Here are some sunnahs and manners regarding clothing, taken from the book *163 Madani Pearls*, written by Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri **دَاعِيَتِنَا كَاتِبُهُ الْعَالِمِيَّة**.

Before this, let us listen to two blessed hadith of the Greatest Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ** regarding clothing:

1. The veil between the eyes of jinn and the *sitr* of people, is to say **بِسْمِ اللَّهِ** when removing clothes.<sup>1</sup>

Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ explains, “Just as a wall or veil obstructs vision, the dhikr of Allah Almighty becomes a barrier for the sight of jinn so they cannot see one’s private parts.”<sup>2</sup>

2. Whoever does not wear fine clothing out of humility, despite being able to do so; such a person will be clothed by Allah Almighty with a garment of honour.<sup>3</sup>

## Announcement

More sunnahs and manners of clothing shall be mentioned in study circles. Please do join them to learn more!

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## The 6 ṣalāt upon the Prophet and 2 duas recited in the sunnah-inspired weekly gatherings of Dawat-e-Islami



### 1. The ṣalāt for the night preceding Friday

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

<sup>1</sup> Al-Mu’jam al-Awsaṭ, vol. 2, p. 59, hadith 2504

<sup>2</sup> Mir’at, vol. 1, p. 268

<sup>3</sup> Abū Dāwūd, vol. 4, p. 326, hadith 4778

Saints of Islam have quoted, that whoever recites this ṣalāt upon the Prophet at least once on the night between Thursday and Friday on a regular basis, then as they are passing away, they will be blessed with a vision of Allah's beloved Messenger ﷺ. They will even see him when they are being buried, to the extent they will see him lowering them into the grave with his own merciful hands.<sup>1</sup>

## 2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The Companion Anas رضى الله عنه narrates, that Allah's Messenger ﷺ stated, "Whoever recites this ṣalāt upon me whilst standing, then prior to him sitting; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands, his sins will be forgiven."<sup>2</sup>

## 3. 70 doors of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

70 doors of mercy are opened for whoever recites this.<sup>3</sup>

## 4. The reward of 600,000

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

<sup>1</sup> Afḍal al- Ṣalawāt 'alā Sayyid al-Sādāt, p. 151

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, p. 65

<sup>3</sup> Al-Qawl al-Badī', p. 277

Shaykh Aḥmad Ṣāwī رحمته الله عليه reports from some saints of Islam, that by reciting this ṣalāt once, a person attains the reward of reciting ṣalāt 600,000 times.<sup>1</sup>

## 5. Being close to the Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

Once, a person came to the Prophet ﷺ. Amazingly, the Prophet ﷺ made this person sit between himself and Sayyiduna Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq رضي الله عنه.

The Companions رضي الله عنهم were surprised as to who this honoured person was. When he left, the Prophet ﷺ explained, “When he recites ṣalāt upon me, he does so in these words.”<sup>2</sup>

## 6. The ṣalāt of intercession

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The final Prophet ﷺ has stated: “My intercession becomes wājib for whoever recites ṣalāt like this.”<sup>3</sup>

## 1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

<sup>1</sup> Aḥḍal al- Ṣalawāt ‘alā Sayyid al-Sādāt, p. 149

<sup>2</sup> Al-Qawl al-Badī, p. 125

<sup>3</sup> Al-Tarḥīb wa al-Tarḥīb, vol. 2, p. 329, hadith 31

The Companion ‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Abbās رضي الله عنهما narrates; the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم stated, “Seventy angels write good deeds for a thousand days, for whoever recites this.”<sup>1</sup>

## 2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The final Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said, “Whoever recites this dua three times; it is as if he attained Laylat al-Qadr.”

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

## 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - study circle schedules

1. Learning sunnahs and manners: 5 minutes
2. Dua memorisation: 5 minutes
3. Summary: 5 minutes

Total length: 15 minutes

## More sunnahs and manners of clothing

- Clothing that is purchased through permissible income must be worn. No obligatory or optional salah is accepted when wearing clothing bought with impermissible income.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Majma‘ al-Zawā‘id, p. 254, vol. 10, hadith 17305

<sup>2</sup> Kashf al-Ittibās, p. 36

- It is a sunnah to wear items of clothing from the right side. For example, putting on the right sleeve first when wearing a shirt.<sup>1</sup>
- In the same way, first wear trousers from the right side. When removing clothing, begin from the left side instead.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Dua to remove Satanic whispers

According to the schedule of Dawat-e-Islami’s weekly gathering, we shall now learn a dua.

اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۖ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۖ لَمْ يَلِدْ ۖ وَ لَمْ يُولَدْ ۖ وَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۖ ﴿١﴾ اَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ

مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٢﴾

Allah is One. Allah is the Independent. He has no offspring, nor is He born from anyone. And there is no one equal to Him. I seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Satan.<sup>2</sup>

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Collective accountability (72 Pious Deeds)

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Reflecting for a moment (regarding matters of the Hereafter) is greater than sixty years of worship.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ibid, p. 43

<sup>2</sup> Khazīna-i-Raḥmat, p. 54

<sup>3</sup> Al-Jāmi‘ al-Ṣaghīr, p. 365, hadith 5897

Let's make good intentions before filling in the Pious Deeds booklet:

1. To please Allah, 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 for the Madani In'amaat which I practised.
3. I will regret the Madani In'amaat which I did not practise 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 the sins, I will make a firm intention 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 these many Madani In'amaat).
6. I will act afterwards or tomorrow on the Madani In'amaat which can be practised afterwards (for example, one did not recite Durood upon the Holy Nabi 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, Divine fear, 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.

## How to do collective accountability - 72 Pious Deeds

### The 56 daily 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 Qufl-i-Madinah

- Communicating through writing - 12 times
- Communicating through gestures - 12 times
- Conversing without looking into the other's eyes - 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 Muzakarah?
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. Have you read the lifetime syllabus?

72. Did you travel in an uninterrupted 12 month Madani Qafila? Did you complete various educational courses?

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## The Ameer of Ahl al-Sunnah's prayer

O Allah Almighty! Whoever sincerely acts upon Pious Deeds booklet, fills it in daily whilst taking account of themselves, and submits it to their relevant responsible Islamic brother on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every calendar month; do not give them death until they recite the *kalima*.

اٰمِيْنُ بِجَاذِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّنَّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ