

# Parables

of Allah-loving People

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(For Islamic Brothers)



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

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وَعَالِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

وَعَالِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

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### نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

I make intention of Sunnah i'tikaf

Dear Islamic brothers! Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafil (supererogatory) i'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafil i'tikaf.

Remember! By Shari'ah, it is not allowed to eat, drink and sleep in the Masjid, but if one makes the intention of i'tikaf he will be allowed to do these acts in Masjid. It is also important that one shouldn't make the intention of i'tikaf just to eat, drink or sleep. It should be made to earn reward. It is stated in *Fatawa Shaami*: 'If someone wants to eat, drink or sleep in a Masjid, he should make the intention of i'tikaf, make some Zikr and then do what he wants (i.e. eat, drink or sleep).'

### Excellence of reciting Durūd

The beloved and blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ كَانَتْ شَفَاعَةً لَهُ عِنْدِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

‘The one who sends Ṣalāt upon me on Friday, I will intercede for him on the Judgement Day.’<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## Speech Intentions

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: **أَفْضَلُ الْعَمَلِ الصَّادِقَةُ** – “The best of deeds is a sincere intention.”<sup>2</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! Make it a habit to form good intentions before every action, as good intentions can lead one to Paradise. Before listening to the speech, we can make the following good intentions:

- I will listen to the entire speech to gain knowledge.
- I will sit respectfully.
- I will avoid being lazy.
- I will listen with the intention of self-improvement.
- I will try to convey what I learn to others.

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! In ayah 165 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, part 2, it is stated:

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ ط

those who believe, ‘they’ love Allah the most.<sup>3</sup>

In the explanation of this blessed ayah, it is stated in *Tafsīr Shirāṭal-Jinān*, volume

<sup>1</sup> Jam’-ul-Jawami, vol. 7, pp. 199, Hadith 22352

<sup>2</sup> Al-Jāmi‘ al-Ṣaghīr: hadith 1284

<sup>3</sup> Al-Quran, Al-Baqarah, verse 165; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

1, page 264: The beloved servants of Allah love Allah more than all of creation. Living and dying for the love of Allah Almighty is the purpose of their lives.

They prefer the pleasure of Allah over their own happiness, abandon their comfortable beds to remain in prostration, weep in His remembrance, yearn to attain His pleasure, spend the long winter nights in worship, and endure the long summer days in fasting.

They love for the sake of Allah, harbour enmity for His sake, give for his sake, and withhold for His sake. They are grateful for His blessings, patient in times of hardship, and trust Allah in every circumstance. They entrust all their affairs to Allah, remain ever-ready to act upon His commands, and keep their hearts free from the love of others besides Him.

They love those whom Allah loves and hate those whom Allah hates. They obey the beloveds of Allah and love the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ wholeheartedly. They recite the Book of Allah, keep the special servants of Allah close to their hearts, love them, , seek their company to increase their love for Allah, and show reverence to them out of reverence for Allah.

All of these matters, and countless others besides them, are both signs and requisites of Divine love.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! These are the requisites of having love for Allah Almighty. If someone claims to have Divine love, how should he spend his days and nights? His head should be bowed in the court of Allah; he should weep in His remembrance; his heart restless for His pleasure, and he should spend his days in observing fasts and nights in performing worship.

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely, we must strive to nurture within ourselves the love of Allah. Allah once said to Prophet Dawūd عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام: O Dawūd! If you wish to love Me, dispel the love of the world from your heart, for My love and the love of the world cannot gather in one heart. O Dawūd! Whoever loves Me offers Tahajjud in the night for Me while people are sleeping. He remembers Me in solitude while the heedless are negligent of My remembrance , and he

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<sup>1</sup> Tafseer Siraat-al-Jinaan, p. 264

is grateful for My blessings whereas the forgetful forget Me.<sup>1</sup>

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلَّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

O lovers of the Awliyā! Now let's listen to some accounts of the pious servants who loved Allah Almighty.

## Ram hide

Sayyidunā ‘Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates: The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ once saw Sayyidunā Muṣ‘ab bin ‘Umayr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ coming with a ram hide wrapped around his back, The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Look at this person whose heart Allah Almighty has illuminated. Undoubtedly, I saw him with his parents who would feed him the best food and give him the finest drinks. He is in the condition that you see because of his love for Allah and His Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ which you can see.<sup>2</sup>

## The Lover will be with the Beloved

A Bedouin came to the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and asked: O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! When will the Judgement Day be? The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied: What preparations have you made for it? He said: I have not accumulated many [Nafl] prayers or [Nafl]fasts, however, I love Allah Almighty and His Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: ‘الْمَرْءُ مَعَ مَنْ أَحَبَّ’ A person will be with the one whom he loves.<sup>3</sup>

Sayyidunā Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, who narrated this hadith, said: Since I embraced Islam, I never saw the Muslims as happy about anything as they were upon hearing this.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hilyat-al-Awliya, vol. 8, p. 211, Number 11906

<sup>2</sup> Hilyat-al-Awliya, vol. 1, p. 153, Hadith 343

<sup>3</sup> Sunan-at-Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 172, Hadith 2392

<sup>4</sup> Musnad-e-Imam Ahmad, vol. 4, p. 398, Hadith 13066

## You are the nearest to Allah

Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام once passed by three men whose bodies were weak and whose colour was changed. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked: What has brought you to this state? They replied: Fear of the fire of Hell. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: It is the promise of Allah to grant safety from Hell to those who fear it. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام then passed by three other people who were weaker than the previous ones and their colour had changed even more. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked them: What has brought you to this state? They replied: Yearning for Paradise. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: It is the promise of Allah to grant you what you yearn for. Then he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام passed by three other people who were weaker than the previous groups, their colour had changed more but their faces were shining like mirrors of light. Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said to them: What has brought you to this state? They replied: We love Allah Almighty. Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said three times: You are the ones closest to Allah Almighty.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O lovers of the Awliyā! Reflect for a moment! This is the state of people when they are immersed in Divine love! These great personages are mindful of the rights of Allah Almighty and His servants. They have immense love for virtuous deeds and deep hatred for sins. Abundant worship of Allah weakens their bodies and changes their complexion.

On the other hand, today a large number of people have become non-practising. They neither care for the rights of people, nor feel remorse for violating the rights of Allah Almighty. Performing good deeds has become very difficult for the nafs, whereas committing sins has become all too easy. Empty Masājid and crowded entertainment venues [where men and women mix] bring grief and anguish to the hearts of sincere and devoted Muslims. The number of people misusing TV, internet and social media is not small. The excessive striving to fulfil worldly needs and acquire comforts has made the vast majority of Muslims utterly heedless of the Hereafter.

Countless sins are fearlessly committed in our society like swearing, slandering, harbouring ill opinions of others, backbiting, tale-bearing, fault-finding,

exposing people's shortcomings, lying, making false promises, usurping wealth, shedding blood, causing anyone pain without Shar'ī justification, not paying off debts, not returning borrowed items, calling Muslims bad names, using someone's possession without consent, drinking alcohol, gambling, stealing, fornicating, watching movies and dramas, listening to songs and music, engaging in interest and bribes, disobeying and harming parents, betraying trusts [Amānat], unlawful gazing, women imitating men and men imitating women, unveiling, arrogance, jealousy, showing off, harbouring enmity and hatred towards fellow Muslims, transgressing the bounds of Shari'ah in anger, lust for sins, craving fame and status, miserliness, pride, and so on.

Despite all this, we remain in the delusion that we truly love Allah and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Reflect! Is this really the speech, the lifestyle, and the character of those who truly love Allah and His Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ?

May we too, by the blessing of those who truly love Allah, be granted a share in the Divine love. May we also follow in the footsteps of these blessed personalities, and while acting upon the Pious Deeds booklet, offer all our prayers in the Masjid in congregation, and in the first row with the first Takbīr. May we also become those who observe Nafil fasts alongside the obligatory fasts of Ramadan.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَا لَا خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Du'a of Sayyidunā Dāwūd عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام for Divine love

Dear Islamic brothers! To attain the true love of Allah, one must not only follow the lives of His pious servants but also make du'a for attaining this love.

Sayyidunā Abū Dardā' رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrated that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

Sayyidunā Dāwūd عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would make this du'a: اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىْ اَسْئَلُكَ حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ

وَالْعَمَلِ الَّذِى يُبَلِّغُنِىْ حُبَّكَ O Allah Almighty! I ask You for Your love, the love of those

who You love, and the love of the deeds that will bring me closer to Your love.

‘اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حُبَّكَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ نَفْسِي وَمَالِي وَأَهْلِي وَمِنَ الْمَاءِ الْبَارِدِ’ O Allah! Make Your love dearer to me than my life, wealth, family, and cold water.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! You have heard that Prophet Dāwūd عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would make used to supplicate to Allah for His love. Therefore, we too should supplicate to Allah for His love. Indeed, Divine love is such a great blessing that when one attains it, he is granted the delight of worship and sweetness of faith.

## Sweetness of faith

Sayyidunā Anas bin Mālik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: ‘ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ بِهِنَّ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ’

The person who possesses all three of these qualities will attain the sweetness of faith: (1) He loves Allah and His Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ more than anything else. (2) If he loves someone, he loves them for the sake of Allah Almighty. (3) He detests disbelief just as he detests being thrown into a blazing fire.<sup>2</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! You must have heard that for a Muslim, loving Allah Almighty and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ more than anything else in the universe, and loving or hating someone solely for their pleasure ,are great blessings. Whoever is granted these blessings will experience the sweetness of faith. In fact, the reality is that those fortunate Muslims who, instead of seeking personal benefit or worldly gain, maintain ties with one another and love each other only for the sake of Allah, not only do they taste the sweetness of faith, but Allah Almighty is also pleased with them, loves them, and will grant them a high rank on the Day of Judgement. Here are some narrations regarding it.

Sayyidunā ‘Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrated that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

<sup>1</sup> Mishkat-al-Masabih, vol. 1, p. 465, Hadith 2496

<sup>2</sup> Shu‘ab-al-Iman, vol. 1, p. 364, Hadith 405

Undoubtedly, among the servants of Allah there are people who are neither Prophets nor martyrs, yet on the Day of Judgement, even the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ and martyrs will envy them upon seeing their status in the court of Allah Almighty. The people asked, 'O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Who will those people be?' The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ answered: They will be those who loved each other for the sake of Allah. There will be no ties of kinship between them, nor any transaction of wealth. By Allah! [On the Day of Judgement,] their faces will be radiant with light; indeed, they will be upon pulpits of light. When the people will be gripped by fear, they will be free of fear, and when the people will be overcome with grief, they will feel no grief.<sup>1</sup>

O lovers of the Awliyā! You heard that Allah will bestow great honour and glory upon those who love Him and others solely for His sake. On the Day of Judgement, when everyone will be in a state of utter selfishness and anxiety, these fortunate people will feel neither grief nor worry. Instead, they will be warmly welcomed. Allah Almighty will grant them pulpits of light and seat them in places of honour.

Therefore, we should also nurture the love for Allah and the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for the sake of Allah, and make their pleasure the principle of our friendship and enmity. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, for this purpose, the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the religious movement of the lovers of the Prophet, is an excellent means. In this religious environment, not only is love for Allah Almighty and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ developed, but a mindset of befriending the friends of Allah is instilled. By virtue of this religious environment, the passion to show love and sympathy to Muslims arises, together with the zeal of reforming oneself and Muslims across the world for the pleasure of Allah.. So, remain associated with this religious environment at all times in order to increase your love for Allah, propagate Sunnahs of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, protect yourself and other Muslims from sins, and to guide them upon the path of virtue.

<sup>1</sup> Mishkat-al-Masabih, vol. 2, p. 219, Hadith 5012

## صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! A Muslim should love Allah Almighty more than anything else, for therein lies the sign and sweetness of faith. Surely, every of us claims, 'I love my Lord very much', but unfortunately our deeds are contrary to it; our character openly denies it. From the way we live, it seems that we are not devoted to our Creator even as much as we are devoted to people.

A wise person said: "Keep yourself busy with good deeds, otherwise you will indulge in bad deeds. Sadly, nowadays many people have become so engaged in bad deeds that they no longer pay attention to good deeds. They worry about this world so much that they have stopped worrying about the Hereafter. They are so absorbed in the love of wealth that they are heedless of the accountability awaiting them on the Day of Judgement. They are so lost in the love of creation that they have forgotten the remembrance of Allah Almighty. They are immersed in sins to the extent that they have abandoned repentance. They are dedicated to constructing splendid houses that they have neglected preparing for the Hereafter.

Reflect for a moment! What were we meant to do, and what are we actually doing? Could this not be the very era which our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ warned us about centuries ago?

### Desire for five, negligence of five

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

﴿سَيَأْتِي زَمَانٌ عَلَى أُمَّتِي يُحِبُّونَ خَمْسًا وَيَنْسُونَ خَمْسًا﴾

An time will soon come upon my Ummah when they will love five and forget five:

1. ﴿يُحِبُّونَ الدُّنْيَا وَيَنْسُونَ الْآخِرَةَ﴾: They will love the world and will forget the Hereafter.
2. ﴿وَيُحِبُّونَ الْمَالَ وَيَنْسُونَ الْحِسَابَ﴾: They will love wealth and forget [the Hereafter's] accountability.

3. ﴿وَيُحِبُّونَ الْخَلْقَ وَيَنْسَوْنَ الْخَالِقَ﴾: They will love creation and forget the Creator.
4. ﴿وَيُحِبُّونَ الذُّنُوبَ وَيَنْسَوْنَ الشُّوْبَةَ﴾: They will love sins and forget repentance.
5. ﴿وَيُحِبُّونَ الْقُصُورَ وَيَنْسَوْنَ الْقُبُورَةَ﴾: They will love palaces and forget the graveyard.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## 7 Signs of Divine love

Dear Islamic brothers! To develop love for Allah, let's listen to seven signs of 'Divine love' in the light of the Quran, hadith, and sayings of the pious predecessors:

1. Reciting the Glorious Quran, reading its translation and commentary, and understanding it are signs of Divine love. When the pious servants of Allah Almighty listen to His Kalam and reflect upon it, tears begin to flow from their eyes. In verse 83 of Sūrah Al-Mā'idah, part 7, Allah Almighty has stated:

وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ تَرَى أَعْيُنَهُمْ تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ مِمَّا عَرَفُوا مِنَ الْحَقِّ

And when they hear that which was revealed to the Messenger, you will see their eyes fill with tears as they have recognised the truth.<sup>2</sup>

In the book of Maktaba-tul-Madina, *Mukāshafa-tul-Qulūb*, it is written on page 63:

True love is manifested through three things:

1. The lover regards the words of the beloved as better than the words of others.
2. He considers the company of the beloved superior to all other gatherings.
3. He gives preference to the happiness of the beloved over the

<sup>1</sup> Mukashafat-al-Quloob, p. 34

<sup>2</sup> Part 7, Surah Al-Ma'idah, Ayah 83

happiness of others.<sup>1</sup>

Sayyidunā Sahl bin ‘Abdullāh Tustarī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said: Having love for Allah is to love the Quran; the sign of love for Allah and the Quran is to love the Sunnah of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ; and the sign of love for the Sunnah is to love the Hereafter.<sup>2</sup>

2. Another sign of loving Allah is to perform voluntary act of worship along with the obligatory acts. This is the deed which makes the lover a beloved and favoured servant of Allah Almighty.

### Source of Divine closeness

Sayyidunā Abū Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrated that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Allah Almighty stated, ‘Whoever bears enmity to a Walī [saint] of mine, I declare war against him. My servant does not attain My closeness as much he attains it through the obligatory acts. My servant continuously attains closeness through voluntary acts until I love him.’<sup>3</sup>

3. A sign of Divine love is to remain engaged in the remembrance of Allah Almighty. This is also a means of attaining Divine love. Allah Almighty has stated:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا ﴿١١٠﴾ وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا ﴿١١١﴾

O you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance. And glorify Him morning and evening.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mukashafat-al-Quloob, p. 63

<sup>2</sup> Mukashafat-al-Quloob, p. 71

<sup>3</sup> Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, p. 248, Hadith 6502

<sup>4</sup> Al-Quran, Al-Ahzab, verse 41-42; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'مَنْ أَحَبَّ شَيْئاً أَكْثَرَ ذَكَرَهُ' Whoever loves something, mentions it most often.<sup>1</sup>

Sayyidunā Abū al-Ḥassan Zanjānī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said: Worship is based on 3 things: the eyes, heart and tongue. The eyes should be for reflection and admonition, the heart for contemplation, and the tongue should be the centre of truth and for the remembrance of Allah and Tasbīḥ.<sup>2</sup>

Sayyidunā Sarī Saqaṭī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said: I saw ground Sattu with Sayyidunā Shaykh Jurjānī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and asked: 'Why don't you eat anything except Sattu?' (a traditional food commonly used in South Asia, made from roasted and coarsely ground grains or pulses, most often barley, wheat, or chickpeas, and drunk with water and sugar). He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ replied: 'I have calculated that the time spent chewing and drinking Sattu is equivalent to reciting 70 Tasbīḥāt. In fact, I have not eaten bread for 40 years so that no time is wasted, and I can devote it to these Tasbīḥāt.'<sup>3</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

4. Another sign of Divine love is to sacrifice your personal desires for the pleasure of Allah Almighty, despite the inclinations of the Nafs.

Imām Muḥammad Ghazālī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said: The worship of Allah consists of three things: (1) Abiding by the laws of Shar'iah. (2) Being content with the decisions and allocations made by Allah Almighty (3) Sacrificing the desires of your Nafs for the pleasure of Allah.<sup>4</sup>

Sayyidunā Sarī Saqaṭī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to say: My Nafs has desired to eat honey for 40 years, but I have never fulfilled its desire.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Kanz-al-'Ummal, vol. 1, p. 217, Hadith 1825

<sup>2</sup> Mukashafat al-Quloob, p. 71

<sup>3</sup> Mukashafat al-Quloob, p. 72

<sup>4</sup> Baytay ko Naseehat, p. 37

<sup>5</sup> Tazkirat al-Awliya, p. 163

5. The fifth sign of Divine love is keeping your heart fully submitted in the court of Allah, after removing the love for the world from it.

It is narrated that Allah sent revelation to Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: O ‘Īsā! When the heart of a servant becomes purified and free from the love of the world and the Hereafter, I fill it with My love.

6. The sixth sign of Divine love is to refrain from all actions that become obstacles in attaining closeness to Allah.

Sayyidunā Dhū al-Nūn Miṣrī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said: A sign of one who loves Allah is that he abandons everything that makes him heedless of the remembrance of Allah and keeps himself engaged in actions which please Him.<sup>1</sup>

7. Another sign of Divine love is following in the footsteps of pious people who have true love for Allah – and keeping their company.

The renowned spiritual guide and leader of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlānā Ilyās ‘Aṭṭār al-Qādirī دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ said:

One should always keep the company that nurtures the love for worship and the enthusiasm to act upon the blessed Sunnah. A friend should be the one whose presence reminds you of Allah when you see him, whose words inspire you to perform virtuous deeds, reduce your love for the world, and increase your love for the Hereafter. A friend should be the one who increases your love for Allah Almighty and His Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. One should avoid the company of those engaged in frivolous activities, those overly attached to love fashion, and those who neglect Salah.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## “Dars”-one of the 12 Religious Activities

Dear Islamic brothers! To increase your love for Allah, attain His pleasure, developing fear for Him in the heart, strengthen the zeal to protect faith, instil

<sup>1</sup> Az-Zuhd al-Kabeer, p. 78

fear of the torment of the grave and Hell, giving up the habit of committing sins, act upon Sunnah regularly, develop love for the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the heart, and increase the yearning to become a neighbour of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Jannat-ul-Firdaus, it is necessary to have a good environment and the company of pious people.

In today's society, where sinful acts are spreading abundantly, the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the religious movement of the lovers of the Prophet, is a great blessing. So remain associated with this Madani environment at all times. Participate wholeheartedly in the twelve religious activities of the zehli halqa; إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ it will bring many religious and worldly blessings, and, by the will of Allah, the blessings of the Awliyā will be attained. Among the twelve religious activities of the zehli halqa is the dars.

## Teaching religious knowledge in the Masjid is a Sunnah

Our beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ taught religious knowledge in Masjid al-Nabawī, and the Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ learnt from him. The great Awliyā and scholars of the ummah also upheld this practise.

اَللّٰهُمَّ! The lovers of the Prophet from Dawat-e-Islami also attain the blessings of carrying out this noble work. Participate in the dars that takes place in the city square near you or in your local masjid. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ. This will grant you the opportunity to learn religious knowledge, reward for staying in the masjid, and the blessing of good company.

- Dars is a means of protecting Muslims from sins.
- Those who do not pray become consistent in offering the daily prayers.
- Dars brings those distant from the masjid closer to it.
- Through the blessings of dars, a passion to perform good deeds is instilled.
- Furthermore, religious activities spread throughout the neighbourhood.

So, make the intention to participate in the dars daily. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**. Along with performing the prayers consistently, you will have countless opportunities to learn and teach Islamic knowledge.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Madani Pearls regarding Bay‘ah (Spiritual Pledge of Allegiance)

Dear Islamic brothers! Here are some Madani pearls regarding bay‘ah:

- In this world, one should appoint a pious person as their imām, and follow him in matters of Shari‘ah through *taqlīd*, and in matters of *tarīqah* through bay‘ah, so that one may be raised with the righteous on the Day of Judgement.<sup>1</sup>
- Becoming a *murīd* of a spiritual guide is a means of protecting one’s faith.<sup>2</sup>
- Taking bay‘ah at the hands of a shaykh who fulfils all necessary conditions is a Sunnah passed down through generations of Muslims. It contains countless blessings and benefits for religion, worldly life, and the hereafter.<sup>3</sup>
- A spiritual guide is appointed for matters of the hereafter, so that through his guidance and spiritual attention, the disciple avoids deeds that displease Allah and His Messenger **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, and instead lives their life performing actions that earn the pleasure of Allah.<sup>4</sup>
- Whoever has already taken bay‘ah at the hands of a qualified shaykh should not take bay‘ah with another.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Adab-e-Murshid-e-Kamil, p. 13

<sup>2</sup> Adab-e-Murshid-e-Kamil, p. 12

<sup>3</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 575

<sup>4</sup> Adab-e-Murshid-e-Kamil, p. 13

<sup>5</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 579

- Becoming a murīd of Shaykh ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ contains immense blessings such as protection of faith, the ability to repent before death, salvation from Hell, and entry into Paradise.<sup>1</sup>
- One should not delay in becoming a murīd.<sup>2</sup>
- A murīd cannot have two shaykhs.<sup>3</sup>
- The devil is the guide of the one with no spiritual guide.<sup>4</sup>

## Announcement

The remaining Madani pearls regarding bay‘ah will be mentioned in the Tarbiyyati Halqahs [learning circles]. Therefore, do attend the Tarbiyyati Halqahs in order to learn them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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

<sup>1</sup> Fikr-e-Madina, p. 161

<sup>2</sup> Adab-e-Murshid-e-Kamil, p. 22

<sup>3</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 21, p. 580

<sup>4</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 575

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.<sup>1</sup>

## 2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى 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.'<sup>2</sup>

## 3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Durood, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him.<sup>3</sup>

## 4. The reward of 600,000 Duroods

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

<sup>1</sup> Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151

<sup>2</sup> Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, p. 65

<sup>3</sup> Al-Qaul al-Badi', p. 277

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.<sup>1</sup>

## 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 تَعَالَى 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.'<sup>2</sup>

## 6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَنْزِلْهُ الْبُقْعَةَ الْمُقَرَّبَةَ 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.<sup>3</sup>

### 1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

<sup>1</sup> Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 149

<sup>2</sup> Al-Qaul al-Badi', p. 125

<sup>3</sup> Attargheeb Wa al-tarheeb, vol. 2, p. 329, Hadith 31

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.’<sup>1</sup>

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

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, ‘If anyone recites the following Du‘a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.’ We should recite it every night. Here is the Du‘a:

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

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

## Jadwal for the Halqahs [learning sessions] of the weekly Ijtimā’ (overseas), 2 October 2025

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 regarding Bay‘ah

- The murīd who follows two spiritual guides does not attain success.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Majma‘-al-Zawai‘d, p. 254, vol. 10, Hadith 17305

<sup>2</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 136

- If a spiritual guide is a Sunni, of sound creed, a scholar, not openly sinful, and his spiritual chain remains connected back to its source, then to take bay‘ah at his hand does not require permission from parents, or even the husband in the case of a wife.<sup>1</sup>
- Bay‘ah can occur through a letter.<sup>2</sup>
- A person can become a murīd by means of a messenger or a letter.<sup>3</sup>
- Objecting to the words or actions of a shaykh is severely forbidden and results in the deprivation of blessings in both worlds.<sup>4</sup>
- Any spiritual blessing a murīd receives, whether outwardly through a pious elder or from the shrine of a pious person, should still be believed to be the blessing of his own shaykh.<sup>5</sup>
- A murīd must always remain cautious and respectful, for even a small degree of heedlessness or carelessness can cause religious and worldly harm which may never be compensated.<sup>6</sup>
- Sayyidunā Dhū al-Nūn Miṣrī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, “When a murīd fails to observe proper etiquette, he returns to the very state from which he began.”<sup>7</sup>

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Du’a for Protection from Scorpions and other Harmful Creatures

In the Madani Halqahs of Dawat-e-Islami’s Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’ this week, the “Du’a for protection from scorpions and other harmful creatures” will be taught as per the schedule. The Du’a is as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 584

<sup>2</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 585

<sup>3</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 585

<sup>4</sup> Fatawa Ridawiyah, vol. 26, p. 588

<sup>5</sup> Adab-e-Murshid-e-Kamil, p. 98

<sup>6</sup> Adab-e-Murshid-e-Kamil, p. 70

<sup>7</sup> Al-Risala al-Qushairiya, p. 319

## أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّةِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ - سَلَامٌ عَلَى نُوحٍ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ

**Translation:** I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from the evil of all that He has created. Peace be upon Nūḥ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام throughout the worlds.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Pious Deeds)

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.<sup>2</sup>

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 Pious deeds booklet and persuade others as well.
2. I will praise (i.e. thank) Allah for the Pious deeds which I practised.
3. I will regret the Pious deeds which I did not practise and try to act on them in the future.
4. Allah forbid, if I have not acted on any such Pious deed 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 Pious deeds).
6. I will act afterwards or tomorrow on the Pious deeds which can be practised afterwards (for example, one did not recite Durood upon the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 313 times today).

<sup>1</sup> Khazinaye Rahmat, p. 153

<sup>2</sup> Al-Jami' -us-Sagheer, pp. 365, Hadith 5897

7. I will try to achieve the actual aim of filling in the Pious deeds booklet (for example, Divine fear, piety, correcting manners, progress in the Madani activities, etc.).
8. I will fill in the Pious deeds booklet (i.e. carry out Fikr-e-Madinah) tomorrow as well.
9. I will not consider it a usual formality but fill in the Pious deeds booklet while pondering.

Mark the boxes given below with a “correct (i.e. inverted tick)” sign for the Pious deeds 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 Pious deeds booklet only.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Method of collective accountability (72 pious deeds) daily 56 pious deeds

1. Made good intentions?
2. Offered all 5 daily Salahs with Jama’at and Takbeer-e-Aula?
3. Recited Ayat-ul-Kursi, Tasbih-e-Fatimah and Surah Al-Ikhlās after every Salah?
4. Replied to Azan and Iqamat?
5. Recited Durood upon the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 313 times?
6. Paid Salam to Muslims?
7. Conversated using the words “Aap” and “Jee”?
8. Said ‘رَبِّ شَأْنِ اللهِ’ upon intending for permissible things?
9. Replied to the Hamd of the one saying Salam or who sneezed?
10. Used terminologies of Dawat-e-Islami?

11. Applied Qufi-e-Madinah of stomach while eating less than hunger?
12. Delivered or listened to two Madani Dars?
13. Studied or taught in Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighan?
14. Read or listened to a reformative book for 12 minutes and 4 consecutive pages of *Faizan-e-Sunnat*?
15. Performed Fikr-e-Madinah?
16. Offered Salat-ut-Taubah?
17. Slept on mat? Kept Sunnah box by the pillow?
18. Offered Sunnahs before Fard and Nawafil after the Faraaid?
19. Offered Tahajjud, Ishraq, Chasht and Awwabeen?
20. Offered Tahiyya-tul-Wudu and Tahiyya-tul-Masjid?
21. Recited or listened to three Ayahs from Kanz-ul-Iman with translation and commentary?
22. Performed individual efforts on two (Islamic) brothers?
23. Spent two hours in Madani activities?
24. Obeyed your Nigran?
25. Refrained from using things asking from others?
26. In case one committed a mistake, did you reform him?
27. Performed veil within veil? Moreover, faced towards the Qiblah?
28. Controlled your anger?
29. Refrained from useless questions?
30. Observed Shar'i veil from your non-Mahram relatives / neighbours?
31. Refrained from films, dramas, songs and music etc.?
32. Made efforts to establish Madani environment at home?
33. Refrained from slandering and abusing?
34. Refrained from intervening into other's conversation?

35. Called out Sada-e-Madinah?
36. Kept your gaze lowered while applying Qufl-e-Madinah of eyes?
37. Made the efforts to refrain from peeping into others' houses?
38. Refrained from lying, backbiting, tale-telling, jealousy, arrogance and breaking promises?
39. Stayed in the state of Wudu for most part of the day?
40. Refrained from staring at the face of the addressee?
41. Paid back the loan on time?
42. Concealed Muslims' faults?
43. Kept unified relations?
44. Made efforts to create humility and self-mortification during Salah and Du'a?
45. Refrained from uttering such words of humility which your heart does not approve to?
46. While applying Qufl-e-Madinah of tongue, did you converse through gestures and by writing 4 times?
47. Watched or listened to the video/audio of one Bayan or Madani Muzakarah, or watched Madani Channel for 1 hour 12 minutes?
48. Refrained from joking, taunting, hurting feelings and laughing aloud?
49. Used minimum words for necessary conversation?
50. Wore Madani attire the whole day?

### Qufl-e-Madinah performance

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

- Usage of Qufi-e-Madinah glasses – 12 minutes

## Weekly 8 Pious deeds

1. Attended the weekly Ijtima' from beginning to end?
2. Performed individual efforts on at least 4 brothers after the Ijtima'?
3. Inquired after an ill person?
4. Took part in Madani Daurah?
5. Made efforts to bring those back who were associated to the Madani environment but do not come anymore?
6. Attended the Masjid Ijtima' (weekly Madani Muzakarah)?
7. Sent a letter?
8. Kept Sawm on Monday?

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

Ya Allah! Please do not give death to the person until he recites Kalimah who acts upon the Pious deeds with the sincerity of the heart, fills in the booklet through Fikr-e-Madinah daily and submits it to his responsible Islamic person on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every Madani month.

اٰمِيْنُ بِجَا لَا خَاتِمَ النَّبِيِّنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ