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Quranic Speech:

“Manners of Hospitality”

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- ❖ Unique hospitality, amazing reward
- ❖ Angels pray for a whole year
- ❖ An important manner of hospitality



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“Manners of Hospitality”

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
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نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah *i'tikāf*.

The Virtue of Ṣalāt upon the Merciful Prophet ﷺ

It is mentioned in a narration that whoever wishes to see the Beloved Prophet ﷺ in a dream should recite the following ṣalāt:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

Whoever recites this ṣalāt will, *بِإِذْنِ شَاءِ اللَّهِ*, be blessed with the vision of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ in his dream.¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Eid Comes After Ramadan

Dear **Islamic brothers!** Today is the day of Eid. It is a blessed day to receive the mercies of Allah Almighty.

¹ Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', p. 57

Ba'd-e-Ramadan 'Eid hoti hai
Rab ki rahmat mazid hoti hai
Jis ko Aqa ki deed hoti hai
Us pay qurban 'Eid hoti hai
'Eid tujh ko mubarak ae sa'im!
Rozah-daron ki 'Eid hoti hai
Rozah-daron ke wasitay Wallah!
Maghfirat ki nawid hoti hai
'Eid ke din 'Umar ye ro ro kar
Bolay nekon ki 'Eid hoti hai
'Eid 'Attar us ki hai jis ko
Khwab mein un ki deed hoti hai¹

Eid is the Day of Forgiveness

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ! Just as the month of Ramadan is a month of forgiveness, this blessed day of Eid-ul-Fitr is also a day to gather the mercies of the Merciful Lord. In a narration from the Companion of the Prophet, Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh b. ‘Abbās رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا, it is stated:

When the morning of Eid arrives, Allah Almighty sends His sinless angels to all the cities. Those angels descend to the earth, stand at the entrances of all streets and paths, and announce: “O Ummah of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)! Move towards the court of that Merciful Lord Who grants in abundance and forgives even the greatest sins.”

Then Allah Almighty addresses His servants: “O My servants! Ask! What do you seek? By My Honour and Majesty! Whatever you ask today in this gathering (of Eid prayer) regarding your Hereafter, I will grant it. And whatever you ask regarding the world, I will look at what is best for you. By My Honour! As long as you remain mindful of Me, I

¹ Wasa'il-e-Bakhshish, p. 707 selected

will continue to hide your faults. By My Honour! I will not disgrace you among the transgressors (criminals). Now, return to your homes forgiven. You have pleased Me, and I am pleased with you.”¹

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Greet with Eid Mubarak!

Dear **Islamic brothers!** The day of Eid is a day of happiness and blessing. Therefore, meeting on this day, saying Salam, shaking hand, and congratulating one another is a very good act. Sayyidunā Jubayr b. Nufayr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states that on the day of Eid, when the blessed Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ met each other, they would offer congratulations and say: تَقَبَّلَ اللهُ مِنَّا وَمِنَكَ²

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

The Eid of a Saint

Sheikh Najīb al-Dīn رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was the brother and spiritual representative (Khalifah) of Shaykh Baba Farīd رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. His title was *Mutawakkil*, which means one who trusts in Allah Almighty. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to be so absorbed in the remembrance of Allah Almighty that (sometimes) he would not even know what day it was, what month was ongoing, or what the value of a coin was.

Once, on the day of Eid, many guests gathered at the house of Sheikh Najīb-al-Dīn رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. It so happened that there were no food items available in his house that day. (Outwardly, this was a difficult situation. Naturally, if it is Eid, a time of joy, and guests arrive while a person has nothing... it causes worry and a person feels distressed. But these were the pious servants of Allah Almighty; they were those who had trust in Him. They had complete faith in Allah Almighty. He did not complain, nor did he say anything wrong, nor did he feel bad. So, what did he do?) He went to the upper floor of the house and sat

¹ Shu'ab-al-Iman, vol. 3, p. 336, Hadith 3695

² Fath al-Bari, vol. 2, p. 575

in solitude, becoming busy in the remembrance of Allah Almighty.

On one hand, the remembrance of Allah Almighty was ongoing, and at the same time, he was making a plea in his heart: "O Allah Almighty! Today is the day of Eid and guests have come to my home." The plea presented from the heart of a servant of Truth, a perfect Saint, was accepted immediately. Suddenly, a person appeared on the roof with a dining mat full of food. This hidden person presented the dining mat to Sheikh Najīb al-Dīn رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ and went back.¹

Dear **Islamic brothers!** Indeed, those who trust in Allah Almighty, the Merciful Lord showers great grace upon them. May Allah Almighty grant us the treasure of trust and certainty.

أَمِينُ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Manners of Hospitality

Dear **Islamic brothers!** أَهْلَ الْحَدِيثِ! Today is the day of Eid. Usually, on the day of Eid and the few days that follow, there is a constant flow of guests. Sometimes we become someone's guest, and sometimes someone comes to us as a guest. This means these days of Eid are days for the coming and going of guests. Therefore, let us hear some virtues and manners of hospitality:

Hospitality is a Demand of Faith

Dear **Islamic brothers!** In the religion of Islam, hospitality has been given great importance. It is even included among the basic requirements of faith. In a blessed Hadith, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفًا meaning, "Whoever believes in Allah and the Day of Judgement should honour his guest."²

¹ Faizan-e-Ramazan, p. 309

² Bukhari, p. 1500, Hadith 6018

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! Look at what a beautiful point this is. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ linked hospitality with faith. This shows that honouring a guest and serving them well is a basic demand of faith. A Muslim who believes in Allah and the Last Day must have this quality.

Encouragement to Prepare Three Beds

Dear **Islamic brothers!** To what extent we are taught the lesson of hospitality can be understood from this blessed Hadith! The Merciful Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: (A man should prepare three beds!) (1): One for himself (2): One for his wife (3): and a third for the guest.¹

Look! In this narration, we are being taught that a Muslim should always be ready for the arrival and comfort of a guest. Even when you get beds for your home, do not just prepare them according to the number of family members! Rather, prepare for a guest in advance. Have some extra bedding so that if a guest arrives, they can be hosted well.

A Sign of a Good Person

Similarly, in another Hadith, hospitality has been linked with a person's character. The Greatest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: لَا خَيْرَ فِي مَنْ لَا يُضَيِّفُ meaning, "There is no good in that person who is not hospitable."²

Look at how much importance is being given to hospitality. It is being explained that the standard of a person's goodness or badness is hospitality. One who is hospitable, honours the guest, provides comfort and ease, and becomes happy when a guest arrives is a good person. His character and personality contain goodness. On the other hand, the person who does not honour a guest, whose face turns pale when a guest arrives, who feels worried in his heart, and does not host the guest well, has no goodness in his character or his self.

Allah Almighty Gives Good Character to whom He Wills

There is a lesson-filled account mentioned in the books of Hadith. The

¹ Makarim al-Akhlaq, vol. 2, p. 199, Hadith 372

² Makarim al-Akhlaq, vol. 2, p. 155, Hadith 329

narration states that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was once travelling somewhere. On the way, he passed by a wealthy person who had many camels and goats. Despite this, he did not show hospitality to the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Then the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed near the home of a female Companion رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا. She رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was not very rich; she only had a few small goats. When she saw the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, she became very happy and felt proud of her fate that the Master of the Universe صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had come to her home.

Consequently, that female Companion رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا quickly had a goat slaughtered and gained the privilege of hosting the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with a happy heart. When this happened, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “Look...!! On one side is that man; he has herds of camels and goats, but he did not show hospitality to us. On the other hand is this lady; she only has a few small goats (but she has a big heart) and she has hosted us well.”

Then the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: *إِنَّمَا هَذِهِ إِذَا خَلَقَ بِيَدِ اللَّهِ* “These are good characters, which are in the control of Allah Almighty; Allah Almighty grants good character to whomever He wills.”¹

Dear **Islamic brothers!** Just think about this event. This single event shows us two types of people. How many people are there whom Allah Almighty has given so much and granted a lot of wealth, but their hearts are very small? If a guest arrives, their hearts sink, their faces lose colour, they act very stingily in feeding others.

On the other hand, there are many people who might or might not have wealth, whom Allah Almighty has made rich or kept poor, but He has granted them very big hearts. There are many such people; if you visit them once, their style of hospitality, their warm welcome, and their happy way of meeting are remembered for the rest of one's life. This is a gift from Allah Almighty; the Merciful Lord grants a big heart and good character to whomever He wills.

Now we must think about which group we belong to. Am I among those whom

¹ Makarim al-Akhlaq, vol. 2, p. 158, Hadith 332

the Merciful Lord has chosen for good character? Do I have the quality of hospitality? Do I give a warm welcome to the guest coming to my house or not...? If you see yourself as a good host, you should be happy and also thank Allah Almighty. If, God forbid, it is not like this and you do not find yourself to be hospitable, then it is a matter of concern because there is no good in that person who is not a host.

May Allah Almighty grant us the ability to show hospitality in the best way with sincerity.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّنَّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Unique Hospitality, Amazing Reward

It is a very famous event; once, a hungry person came to the court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked in the homes of all the Mothers of the Believers رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُنَّ to see if any food could be found, but there was no food in anyone's house. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to the Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ: “May Allah show mercy to the person who makes him a guest.”

Sayyidunā Abū Ṭalḥa Anṣārī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ stood up and took the guest to his home. Upon reaching home, he asked his wife: “Is there any food in the house?” She said: “There is only a little I have kept for the children.” Sayyidunā Abū Ṭalḥa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said: “Put the children to sleep by distracting them. And when the guest sits to eat, get up with the excuse of fixing the lamp and blow it out, so that the guest can eat properly.”

This plan was made so that the guest would not know that the family members were not eating with him; otherwise, he would insist, and since the food was little, the guest would remain hungry. In this way, Sayyidunā Abū Ṭalḥa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ fed the guest while the family members themselves spent the night hungry.

When it was morning and they appeared in the court of the Merciful Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, who knows the unseen, saw Sayyidunā Abū Ṭalḥa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and said: “Last night, a strange thing happened in

the house of so-and-so. Allah Almighty smiled upon seeing those people (meaning, He became very pleased).” Regarding this event, this verse of Surah al-Hashr was revealed:¹

وَيُؤْتُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ ۗ وَمَنْ يُوقِ شُحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ

الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٩﴾

and they give preference over themselves even if they themselves are in need. And whosoever was saved from the greed of his soul, then it is they who are successful.²

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! What beautiful hospitality. Sayyidunā Abū Ṭalḥa Anṣārī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ put his own need aside, spent the night hungry, and fed the food that he himself was in need of to the guest. But look at he reward! What an amazing reward he received. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “A strange thing happened in Abū Ṭalḥa’s house last night and Allah Almighty smiled upon seeing them.”

What is the meaning of “Allah Almighty smiling”? Only He knows best; His smiling is not like ours. He is the Lord, the Merciful, the Independent. The scholars state: The meaning of the Merciful Lord smiling is that Allah Almighty becomes very pleased with such a servant.³ This means that Sayyidunā Abū Ṭalḥa Anṣārī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ hosted the guest in a unique way, so Allah Almighty became very pleased with him.

Blessings Rush to the Home

Sayyidunā Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Goodness and blessings rush to the house where a guest is staying faster than a stick falls from the hump of a camel—actually, even faster than that.”⁴

¹ Bukhari, p. 1253, Hadith 4889

² Al-Quran, Al-Hashr, verse 9; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

³ Sharh Mishkat li taibi, Juz 4, p. 1204, under Hadith 1228

⁴ Ibn maja, p. 545, Hadith 3356

You may have seen a camel; its hump is shaped like a small mountain. Nothing stays on top of it. If a stick is placed on it, it quickly rolls down. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ used this example to explain that just as a stick rolls down a camel's hump quickly, goodness and blessings reach the home of a fortunate person who shows hospitality even faster.

The Guest Becomes a Means of Forgiveness

The Merciful Prophet ﷺ stated, “When a guest visits someone, he brings his own sustenance (provision) with him. When he leaves, he becomes a means for the host's sins to be forgiven.”¹

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! How wonderful! Sometimes people get worried when they see a guest. Such people should remain calm, as the guest brings his own food and drink (written in his fate) when he arrives and causes the host's sins to be forgiven when he leaves.

Angels Pray for One Year

Listen to another faith-refreshing narration! Sayyidunā Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ said to his brother, Sayyidunā Barā' b. Mālik رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, “O Barā'! When a man hosts his (Muslim) brother only for the sake of Allah and does not seek any reward or thanks, Allah sends ten angels to his home. They stay in his house for an entire year, performing *Tasbiḥ* (glorifying Allah), proclaiming His purity, mentioning His greatness, and praying for the host's forgiveness. When the year come to an end, worship equal to the angels' entire year of worship is written in the host's book of deeds. Along with this, he will receive a reward in the Hereafter where Allah will grant him delicious foods of Paradise.”²

Dear Islamic brothers! Think about this! What a great virtue this is!

- When a guest comes to the house, host them well!
- What will we get in return? Our home will become a place of goodness

¹ Musnad Al-Firdaws, vol. 2, p. 432, Hadith 3896

² Mu'arifat al-sahaba li abi nu'eem, vol. 1, p. 339, Hadith 1154

and blessings.

- Angels will visit our home.
- The sinless angels of Allah will praise Allah Almighty while staying in our home.
- And they will pray for our forgiveness.

These are great virtues. It is the occasion of Eid; if you are lucky enough to have guests visit your home, keep these narrations in mind and host them in a good way. **إِنَّ سَعَاءَ الْاِسْمِ**! For the whole year, the home will become a place of goodness and blessings.

The Etiquettes of Hospitality

Dear Islamic brothers! Hospitality is a praiseworthy and righteous action. However, it is sad that, firstly, we do not do this pious deed with the intention of gaining reward. Secondly, people do not follow the etiquettes of this good action. Sometimes, when a guest arrives, it leads to various sins. For example:

- Not following the rules of proper veiling. People should observe veiling from maternal and paternal cousins, and from the wives of maternal and paternal uncles, but usually, this is ignored. In this way, sins are committed.
- Similarly, sometimes the guest or the host ends up hurting each other's feelings.
- There are many other situations where problems occur because the etiquettes of hosting guests are not followed. Sometimes even fights and arguments happen.

Anyhow, it is a special feature of our Shariah that it does not only mention the virtues of pious deeds, but it also teaches the etiquettes and the best ways to perform those deeds. Therefore, we should also learn the etiquettes of hospitality.

How to Respect a Guest

It is stated in a Hadith: **إِذَا جَاءَكُمْ الرَّائِدُ فَكْرِمُوهُ** "When a visitor comes to you, honour

them.”¹

Look here! We have been commanded to honour the guest! What does this honour mean? Which actions should we perform for our guest so that it is called "honouring" them? Regarding this, the Holy Quran mentions the matchless hospitality of a great host.

The Unique Hospitality of Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is a Prophet and Friend (*Khalīl*) of Allah Almighty. He is called *Abū al-Ḍayfān* (meaning the father of guests). It is mentioned about Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام that he was very hospitable. It was his blessed habit that he would never eat alone. When a guest came, he would eat with them. If a guest did not come, he would go out himself to find someone, bring the guest back, and eat with them.

Once, some angels of Allah Almighty visited the home of Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in human form. Since they were in human form and were guests, Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not recognize them. What happened next? Allah states:

فَرَأَى إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ فَجَاءَ بِعِجَلٍ مَّمْنُونٍ ﴿٢٦﴾ فَقَرَّبَهُ إِلَيْهِمْ

Then he went towards his family and brought a fattened, 'roasted' calf. So he placed it near them,²

This means that when these angels arrived, they were in human form. Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not even recognize them. Despite this, he did not ask for their names or where they came from. He quickly made them sit in

¹ Makarim al-Akhlaq, vol. 2, p. 156, Hadith 330

² Al-Quran, Al-Dhariyat, verses 26-27; translation from Kanz al-ʿIrfān

the house, went himself to slaughter a calf, had it cooked, and quickly brought it and placed it before the guests.¹

This was the matchless hospitality of Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. From this event, scholars have identified several etiquettes of hosting guests.

The First Etiquette: Show Hospitality to Everyone

Scholars state that one etiquette shown here is that Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not even ask the angels for their names. From this, we learn that to display hospitality, it is not necessary for the guest to be someone we already know. If a stranger comes to our home, we should show them hospitality as well.²

In today's world, because situations are different, there may be security concerns. In that regard, we should be careful. However, it should be a part of our character that when someone comes to meet us—whether they are a relative, a friend, or a stranger—we must meet them in a good way, show excellent character, and host them well.

The Second Etiquette: Be Quick in Hosting

The second etiquette of hospitality we learn from this is that when a guest arrives at our home, we should be quick in hosting them. When the angels came as guests in human form to the home of Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, he acted quickly. He did not make the guests wait; instead, he immediately slaughtered a calf, had it cooked, and presented it to the guests.

Therefore, we should also host a guest as soon as they arrive. We should offer them water, have tea made, or prepare food. Depending on the situation, the guest, and the weather, we should start hosting them as quickly as possible.

¹ Sirat al-Jinan, part 26, Al-Dhariyat, under verse 26, vol. 9, p. 499

² Kashf al-mahjub, p. 406

Six Things in Which Speed is Necessary

The pious elders (the noble servants of Allah) have stated: "Being hasty is a Satanic act, but speed must be shown in six things:

1. When the time for prayer starts, it is necessary to be quick in offering the prayer (otherwise, Satan will make you lazy and the prayer will be missed).
2. In burying the deceased.
3. When a girl reaches maturity, her marriage should be performed quickly.
4. If a debt has been taken and one has the power to pay it back, it should be paid quickly.
5. If a sin is committed, one should be quick in performing repentance (*Tawbah*).
6. When a guest arrives, food should be served to them quickly."¹

The Third Etiquette: Serve with your own hands

The third etiquette we learn from the hospitality of Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is that when a guest arrives, one should host them personally. Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is a Prophet of Allah and had thousands of followers. Despite this, he slaughtered the calf himself and was personally busy in taking care of the guests.

If some items need to be brought from the market, they can obviously be sent for through the children or sons of the house. However, one should try to physically take part in the hospitality themselves. Recently, the spiritual guide, Ameer Ahl al-Sunnah دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمْ الْعَالِيَةِ invited the Muftis of Dar-ul-Ifta Ahlesunnat to his home. Remember, Ameer Ahl al-Sunnah is of an advanced age, and naturally, there are health issues related to age.

¹ Ruh al-Bayan, part 15, Bani Isra`il, under verse 11, vol. 5, p. 137

Furthermore, he is a spiritual guide, and many of the guests present were his followers (*murids*). Despite this, the humility of Ameer Ahl al-Sunnah and his love for the scholars is worth praising! He made the Muftis sit at the dining mat and personally placed the food trays on the mat with his own hands, hosting the Muftis in a wonderful manner.

In the same way, we should also come forward when guests arrive. We should do as much as we can ourselves to arrange their hospitality. If possible, we should set the dining mat ourselves and place the food on it. If we respect the guest in this way, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** we will receive reward.

Some Further Etiquettes of Hospitality

Sayyidunā Dātā Ganj Bakhsh ‘Alī Hajwayrī **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** has written some more etiquettes of hospitality. He writes:

- When a guest arrives, welcome them with a cheerful face (meaning with a smile and in an enthusiastic way).
- Give them a respectful place to sit.
- Consider the guest's arrival to be from Allah Almighty and their departure to be from Allah Almighty, (this is a very high etiquette. It means when a guest comes, the person should think that they have come by the Will of Allah Almighty. When they leave, think that they left by the Will of Allah Almighty. Host them thinking of them as Allah Almighty’s servant. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**! The joy of hospitality will double).
- If the guest wants privacy, arrange privacy for them.
- If the guest needs company (meaning the guest wants someone to sit with them and talk to them), the host should sit with them and talk about good things.

- If a person has the means to provide new clothes to the guest, they should do so. If they cannot afford it, they should not stress or burden themselves.¹

An Essential Etiquette of Hospitality

After mentioning these etiquettes, Sayyidunā Dātā Ganj Bakhsh ‘Alī Hajwayrī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ mentioned another very beautiful etiquette. Listen to this with full attention and with the ears of your heart! He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ says: The host should take their guest to meet the scholars (Devotees of the Holy Prophet) and the pious servants of Allah who live in their city.²

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ! How lovely!

- In our society, when a guest comes, we usually arrange to go to a park.
- People go to recreational places for picnics.
- Then, in those places, people often ignore the rules of veiling.
- During the occasion of Eid, these places are in a strange state.
- Music is played.
- Young boys make noise, and so many other wrong things happen.

The noble Shaykh رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is training us to take guests to the scholars and the pious servants of Allah Almighty. اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ. We will get the blessings of pious company and receive the prayers of these scholars and pious people.

Similarly, every city usually has shrines of pious people and the Saints رَحْمَتُهُمُ اللهُ. Try to take the guest to these shrines. Present yourself there, recite *Fatihah*, and pray. اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ. Many blessings will be gained.

These are just some etiquettes of hospitality that I have mentioned. May Allah Almighty give us the ability to act upon them.

¹ Kashf al-Mahjub, pp. 406-407 selected

² Kashf al-Mahjub, p. 407

اٰوِيْنُ بِجَاةِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Must Perform *Īṣāl al-Thawāb*

Dear Islamic brothers! Today is Eid; it is a happy occasion. On this day, remember those relatives and Muslim brothers who are no longer with us and have passed away. Be kind to them too!

How can we do this? We can do this through *Īṣāl al-Thawāb*. We fasted, prayed *Tarāwīḥ*, heard the noble Quran, recited it, prayed *Tahajjud*, and performed *Nafl* prayers. We spent Ramadan remembering Allah Almighty and sending ṣalāt upon the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Send the reward of all those deeds, and all the pious deeds you perform today, as a gift to the deceased. This is being kind to them.

It is mentioned in a Hadith:

The state of the deceased in the grave is like a drowning person. They wait intensely for the prayer of a father, mother, brother, or friend to reach them. When a prayer reaches them, it is better in their sight than the world and everything in it. Allah Almighty grants the people of the grave the reward sent by their living relatives as mountains of light. The gift of the living for the dead is to pray for their forgiveness.¹

Lights will Enter the Grave

It is narrated: Whoever recites سُبْحَانَ اللهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ 300 times on the day of Eid and sends the reward to the souls of the deceased Muslims, 1,000 lights (*Anwār*) enter the grave of every Muslim. And when the reciter himself passes away, Allah Almighty will send 1,000 lights into his grave too.²

O Lord of Mustafa! Grant us the ability to celebrate the joys of Eid according to the Sunnah, whilst being kind, helping others, and sharing happiness. O

¹ Shu'ab al-Iman, vol. 6, p. 203, Hadith 7905

² Mukashafat al-Qulub, p. 462

Allah Almighty! Grant us the Eid of Hajj and visiting Madinah and the Greatest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ again and again.

اُمِّيْنُ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

A Brief Introduction to Imam al-Bukhārī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

Dear Islamic brothers! On the 1st of Shawwal, Imam Muhammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ left this world. So, let us listen to a short mention of him. He was a great Saint رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, a great scholar, and especially a great leader in the science of Hadith. He was born on 13 Shawwal 194 AH in Bukhara¹ and passed away at the age of 62 on 1 Shawwal 256 AH.² His radiant shrine is in a town called "Khartank" near Samarkand.³

Imam al-Bukhārī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ served the science of Hadith all his life. He was very devoted to worship and very pious. For a long time after his death, a fragrance better than musk came from his grave. People used to take the soil of his shrine as a *Tabarruk* (for blessing).⁴ Send *Ṭṣāl al-Thawāb* to Imam al-Bukhārī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ today! إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ! You will receive blessings.

Encouragement for the Six Fasts after Eid

Dear Islamic brothers! Fortunate Muslims gain the blessing of keeping six fasts after Eid-ul-Fitr. Let us listen to the virtues of these fasts so that we may develop a mindset to keep them and benefit from their blessings:

- It is stated in a Hadith: “Whoever kept the fasts of Ramadan and then kept six fasts in Shawwal, he has become free from sins as though his mother just gave birth to him today.”⁵

¹ Hidayat al-Sari, p. 49

² Hidayat al-Sari, p. 179

³ Hidayat al-Sari, p. 177

⁴ Hidayat al-Sari, p. 178

⁵ Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 3, p. 322, Hadith 5102

- “Whoever kept the fasts of Ramadan and then followed them with six fasts in Shawwal, it is as if he fasted for his entire life.”¹

Mufti Muhammad Khalīl Khān Barakātī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states:

There is no harm if these fasts are kept one after another (consecutively) after Eid. However, it is better to keep two fasts every week and one fast on the second day of Eid. Keeping them throughout the entire month seems even more suitable.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Sahih Muslim, p. 424, Hadith 1164

² Sunni Bahisht Zewar, p. 347