

**“PRIVILEGED HONOR OF SACRED ABODES”**

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## “SPECIAL BENEFITS OF DUROOD”

The world runs on only two realities - Allah’s eternity and Muhammad (SAW)’s continued existence.

“And O’ beloved, we did not but send you with such prophethood which will envelope entire humanity” - Quran

Claims and quintessence of piety demand that when one loves someone, he/she sings praises of the beloved. But when someone glorifies Allah’s beloved, why is there anything to worry about?

Someone asked Shah Wali Ullah Muhadis Dehlwi, “What is the perfect prescription to please Allah and attain proximity?” The answer was abundance of reciting *durood*.

He who adopts slavery to Muhammad (SAW), the universe becomes his slave. To attain something, diminish yourself and bury your ego.

“Annihilate your pride if you seek elevation  
A seed turns into a flower after being crushed in the soil” - Allama Iqbal

It is Holy Prophet (SAW) due to which the cosmos came into being. He is the most superior creation among all. He is the most exalted prophet. He has the highest status among all humans and angels due to whom we were granted faith and Quran, due to whom we found Allah and due to whom we can enter heaven.

Allah, the Greatest Being, says in the Quran (4:65), “But no, by your Lord, they will not [truly] believe until they make you, [O Muhammad], judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [full, willing] submission”.

The conclusion of speech is that criticism and nitpicking doesn’t lead man anywhere at all. Unconditional submission to Allah’s command and Prophet’s demand is what is known as servitude. Otherwise, the cursed fall of Iblees, once the most learned jinn, was due to the same trait of nitpicking.

For reciting *durood*, both body and place have to be clean. It is preferred to wear perfume as well. With reverence and concentration, one should recite it. May Allah grant us this quality of showing honor.

“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace” (Quran 33:56).

After reading this verse, ponder on that isn’t it obligatory on us to recite *durood* and say *salaam*? Unfortunately, it has now become a matter of dispute whereas the Quran is very clear on it. According to a hadith,

“Allah Himself sends greetings and blessings to the reciters of *durood*. *Durood* and *salaam* are made to reach me and I answer them”. Remembrance (zikr) of Allah is also included in *durood* which is gratitude to Him and praise of our Prophet (SAW). For this, there is no specific quantity prescribed.

Imam Jaffer Sadiq (RZA) narrated the hadith, “if I am mentioned in front of someone but he doesn’t recite *durood*, he has missed the path to heaven”. In *durood*, the commandment is *Yasaloon* which means that Allah and His angels, from time’s beginning till forever, have been sending and will continue to send *durood*. It means that since Allah is *Hayul-Qayum*, the recital of *durood* will persist irrespective of the existence of this world; there is no end to it.

Kaab (RZA) said that every morning, 70000 angels descend and surround the grave of Holy Prophet (SAW). Then they fold their wings and recite *durood*. 70000 angels do the same at night as well. On the Day of Judgment too, when his grave will be split open, there will be 70000 angels with him.

Benefits of *durood* according to ahadith:

1. Ten blessings descend from Allah on its reciter.
2. His status is elevated 10 times.
3. 10 virtues are written in his account of deeds.
4. 10 vices are deleted.
5. If recited before a prayer, the prayer gets accepted otherwise it remains suspended between the sky and earth.
6. Holy Prophet’s intercession is granted.
7. Sins are forgiven.
8. Hardships are removed.

According to Tirmizi’s hadith, “Miser is that person in front of whom my name is spoken but doesn’t recite *durood*”. During *salat*, in *atahiyat*, it is obligatory to say *asalamu alaika ayuhanabi warehmatullahi wabarakatuhu*. Without it, *salat* is invalid.

One hadith-e-qudsi is, “Oh my messenger, I created you out of my word. Your remembrance is my remembrance. He who mentions you mentions me”. The Quran (4:80) says, “He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah”. Below are some ahadith about the significance of *durood*.

1. Abu Hurairah (RZA) narrates, “He who sends *durood* on me once will receive ten blessings from Allah. He who sends *durood* on me 10 times will receive 100 blessings from Allah”.
2. I will myself listen and reply to the person who recites *durood* at my grave and I will recognize him. If a person does the same from far away, Allah appoints an angel who ensures it reaches me. His worldly and hereafter affairs will be facilitated and I will intercede for him on Judgement Day. For crossing *pul-e-siraat*, recital of *durood* will act like lightning.

3. Sins of 80 years will be forgiven for he who recites *durood* 80 times on Friday. The gathering which doesn't include the mention of Allah or *durood* will become a source of trouble on Judgment Day (it is upto Allah to forgive or punish).
4. Abased is he in front of whom I am mentioned but that cursed one doesn't recite *durood*.
5. Send *durood* on me because it reaches me from everywhere. He who sends it once, Allah and angels send blessings on him 70 times.
6. *Dalail-ul-Khairaat* mentions this hadith that Holy Prophet (SAW) was asked whether he would know when a person, born after his death, will recite *durood*. The answer was, "I listen to the *durood* of my lovers with my own ears and I recognize them. *Durood* of ordinary people reaches through angels".
7. Anas (RZA) narrates, "If I am mentioned in front of someone, he/she should recite *durood*. This is a compensation for your sins". Another hadith by Anas (RZA): "When someone recites *durood* 100 times, Allah writes on his forehead that he is free from hypocrisy and hell".
8. Ibn Masud (RZA) narrates, "If someone recites *durood* in abundance, he will be closer to me on Judgment Day".
9. Aisha (RZA) narrates, "When someone recites *durood*, an angel takes it and presents it in front of Allah. It is ordered to take the *durood* to his/her grave. The *durood* acts as a source of benefit for him/her. It will be coolness for his/her eyes".
10. Abdullah Bin Baseer (RZA) narrates, "All prayers are stuck and do not reach acceptance until *durood* is recited with it".
11. Umar (RZA) narrates, "I reach out to the plead of every such person who recites *durood* abundantly".
12. Ali (RZA) narrates, "Some angels travel on earth and make my ummah's *durood* reach me. Wherever you are, keep sending *durood* to me. Your *durood* will protect your prayers and be a source of pleasing Allah".
13. Daud (RZA) narrates, "On Judgment Day, I will intercede for he who recites *durood* ten times each at day and night".
14. Once, a companion of Holy Prophet (SAW) offered *salat* in Masjid-e-Nabwi and prayed, "O' Allah forgive me and have mercy on me". Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "You were hasty. When you sit after completing *salat*, glorify Allah, recite *durood* and then pray". On this, the companion again offered *salat* and followed the instructions. Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "Now pray; it will be accepted".
15. Isfahani writes in *Shifa Shareef* that Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "When you recite *durood* as an expression of reverence, Allah, in return, creates an angel with one arm in the East, one in the West, its feet between 7 earths and its neck on the highest sky. Allah orders the angel to perform a prayer of mercy for that person which continues till Judgment Day.
16. Shibli Noorullah Marqada says, "My neighbour died. I saw him in my dream and asked him what fate he met. The deceased man said he underwent extremely harsh experiences when angels, on his inability to answer questions of *munkar nakeer*, tried to punish him but a highly beautiful woman, full of lovely scent, intervened and answered everything on his behalf. He asked her who she was. She replied that this was the result of abundance of *durood* and would benefit him in every crisis till Judgment Day.

17. In *Mawahib Ludnia*, it is taken from *Tafseer Qasiri* that when someone's deeds are light in (spiritual) weight, Holy Prophet (SAW) will take out a sheet equivalent to a finger's size and put it in the scale which will reverse the balance. The person will ask, "Who are you?" Muhammad (SAW) will say, "I am your prophet and this is your sent *durood*".

18. Abu Syed Al-Hazri (RZA) asked, "O' Allah's messenger, if a person undergoes sheer tribulations but has neither solution nor money for *sadaqah*, what can he do? Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "He should recite *durood* in abundance".

19. It is written in the commentary of *Ihya-ulloom-ud-din* that if a poor and destitute person wishes to be rich and affluent, he should recite *durood* excessively. Allah will make him wealthy.

20. In *Kanzul Amaal*, it is written that Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "He who recites *durood* on Friday will appear on Judgment Day alongside such spectacular light which if divided among the entire creation will not be insufficient at all".

21. Abu Hurairah (RZA) narrates that on Thursday, Allah sends down angels from heaven. They will have pens of gold and papers of silver. They write down, on Thursday and Friday, names of people who recite *durood*. These silver papers are hung on pillars of Allah's throne.

22. Shaykh Ibn Hajar Makky (RHT) narrates that a man used to recite *durood* every night before sleeping. One night in a dream, Holy Prophet (SAW) said to him, "Bring your mouth close to me; let me kiss your lips". He became embarrassed and asked why? The reply was, "I love the way you move your lips with so much devotion". He felt shy and woke up. For a year, the scent of musk and saffron remained in the room.

23. In *Miraj-ul-Momineen*, it is written that Allama Shazli (RHT), who was blessed with offering *salat* 5 times in the unseen realm behind Holy Prophet (SAW), used to recite *durood* at late night. One day, after *salat*, Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "O' Shazli, you will intercede for 1 lac people on Judgement Day because no one in this age recites *durood* as much as you do".

24. In *Zahid-ul-Wazayn*, it is narrated from Abdullah Bin Masud (RZA) that on Judgment Day, there will be a group of people whose mouths will glitter like moon and their hair will be full of real pearls. They will reside on pulpits of special light and Allah's blessings will be pouring on them like rain. Angels will ask them which era's prophets are they? They will say they are not prophets at all but only members of Muhammad (SAW)'s ummah, that among all acts of worship, they had kept *durood* most superior and they remained alive only to recite it; that is why they received this immense reward.

25. Abu Hurairah (RZA) narrates a hadith, "He who wishes that his account of deeds will be so weighty that it could not be measured should recite *durood* excessively".

26. Abdullah Bin Jawad (RZA) narrates a hadith, "Make it obligatory upon you to recite *durood*. He who assigns a specific time for *durood*, I also remain attentive towards him".

27. A hadith is narrated from Jabir Bin Samra (RZA) that, "He who, after *fajr*, recites *durood* 100 times will get 100 needs fulfilled by Allah".

28. Jabir Bin Anas (RZA) narrates from Holy Prophet (SAW), "When someone mentions me in front of another person and the listener recites *durood* as well,

Allah writes for both a reward of one *qayraaz* which is equivalent to Uhud mountain.

29. Ali (RZA) narrates a hadith, "Allah revealed on me that whoever loves me and recites *durood* in the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of night when humanity is asleep, I will reward him, on each *durood*, 400 *ghazao* when 1 *ghaza* equals 400 obligatory pilgrimages".

### **"Immersion of Heart in Beloved's Dwelling"**

Shah Abdul Haq Muhadis Dehlwi (RHT) writes that *ameer-ul-momineen*, Ali (RZA) said, "One night, I could not sleep at all. It was between Thursday and Friday. Throughout the night, I kept reciting *durood*. I slept in the morning and saw in my dream land of gold, houses of emerald and extremely beautiful palaces. Later, I described my dream to Holy Prophet (SAW) on which he asked if I had been reciting *durood* in the night or not. I said, "Yes". Holy Prophet (SAW) said I had seen the houses of paradise. He said, 'Whoever recites *durood* a lot of times on Friday will not die as a sinner and will see, before death, his station in paradise. On Judgment Day, it will be obligatory on me to intercede for him. He will cross *pul-e-siraat* in the twinkling of an eye. In heaven, he will be ranked alongside martyrs. Allah will be pleased with him. O' Ali, tell the world that if anyone wants to attain this status, he/she should not forget *durood* at all". Ali (RZA) said, "I made it unlawful on myself to sleep on Friday". This incident is reported by Jalaluddin Sayuti, Shami and in *Kanzul Amaal*. In *Riaz-ul-Muzkareen*, a hadith is narrated by Ali (RZA), "In the world, from sustenance to air, too much or sometimes too less of anything can be harmful but *durood* is that one thing which can never harm".

30. In *Madarij-ul-Nabuwwah*, Burhan Baghdadi writes that Prophet Musa (AS) pleaded to Allah and said, "You made me your *kaleem* (speaker) but did not write my name on your throne and, instead, made Muhammad (SAW) your beloved and wrote his name there. Who is superior? *Kaleem* or beloved?" Allah replied, "*Kaleem* is he who does my work for my pleasure but beloved is he whose pleasure I seek. Whoever recites *durood* for him, I am pleased with that person. Whoever makes him a friend, I am that person's friend. Whoever loves him, I ask angels to praise that person. Musa, *kaleem* is he who has to climb Toor (mountain) to meet me but beloved is he who is brought to me with the flip of a wing and I meet him in full privacy and he can be with me for as long as he wishes".

31. Ibrahim Balkhi (RHT) said, "One day, I was travelling and forgot the path. For 3 days and 3 nights, I kept roaming in sheer anxiety but could not find a way. After getting exhausted, I fell down and became unconscious. I saw Holy Prophet (SAW) in my dream who came to me on a horse and said why had not I recited *durood* which would have led me on the right track. I woke up and the entire jungle was full of fragrance. I recited *durood*. A lion appeared and sat near me and moved his neck to give me the signal to sit on its back. I became worried but recited *durood* and sat on it. After some time, it led me to the city's door and went to the jungle".

32. In *Manahij-ul-hasnaat*, it has been taken from Ibn Faqhani's book, *Fakhr-e-Muneer* that Musa Khaireer (RHT) was a pious man. He was travelling on a ship when suddenly it started drowning and people went mad. A state of drowsiness overpowered him and he saw Holy Prophet (SAW) who said, "Why don't you tell

people to recite *durood* immediately so that you find a way on the river". He, at once, told the passengers to do so. They had recited *durood* only for a while when the ship itself moved toward the shore and they reached the land safely.

33. Shaban Bin Sauri (RZA) narrates a hadith, "That person does not die; his good deeds are not wasted; the earth doesn't eat his body; the angels of punishment don't approach his grave; hell's vision isn't shown to him; he isn't threatened or scared; he won't face the harshness and heat of Judgment Day; he won't be humiliated on the day of humiliation; he won't be held accountable; he won't helplessly sigh for any hope or longing; he won't die till he sees his place in heaven; he won't reach heaven before he shakes hand with me; angels of light will hold his arm; his parents will be forgiven; he is the person who considers *durood* as most superior among all types of *zikr*. He breaks all forms of reliance except that on *durood*. He excessively recites *durood* with affection.

34. According to a hadith, once, Holy Prophet (SAW) was coming towards his companions and his face expressed happiness and joy. He told them, "Today, (angel) Gabriel asked me on behalf of Allah if I was pleased with Him or not because when any person of my ummah will recite *durood* once, Allah will send salutations on him ten times".

35. Hadith: The best among my ummah are those who abundantly recite *durood*.

36. Once, Holy Prophet (SAW) entered *Masjid-e-Nabwi* for giving Friday sermon and uttered the word "ameen" 3 times each on every step. After getting free from *salat*, his companions asked him about it. He said that while he was walking up the stairs to the pulpit, Gabriel appeared and uttered the following 3 prayers.

A) Ruined be that person who finds his parents in old age but doesn't serve them to get his sins forgiven and enter heaven.

B) Ruined be that person who encounters the entire month of *ramzaan* but doesn't get his sins forgiven and attain heaven.

C) Ruined be that person in front of whom my name is mentioned but doesn't recite *durood*.

39. The writer of *qaseeda burda* had vitiligo disease. After writing it, he fell asleep at night and saw Holy Prophet (SAW) in a dream. The Prophet put a Yemeni shawl on him and he recited *qaseeda* in front of the Prophet. When he woke up, his room was fully fragrant and the shawl was really on him. Allah had cured the disease as well. It is said that every pain's cure is *sallallahu alayhi wa aalay wasallam*.

40. It is said that once a man and his son were going to perform obligatory pilgrimage. In an unknown place, the man died. His son became extremely worried and thought, "O' Allah, the night has arrived. What will I do all alone in this deserted place?" Later, he saw Holy Prophet (SAW) himself coming to him. The boy was astonished and asked why the Prophet had arrived. Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "Your father used to recite *durood* 300 times every night before sleeping and an angel used to bring this gift to me each time. Today, the angel appeared very late and was empty handed. I asked him if your father had forgotten me. The angel said your father had died. On this, I said I cannot forget the one who never forgot me in his life. Thus, I have myself come for condolence". The boy, holding on to Prophet's lap, requested for some advice. The leader of entire humanity replied, "Recite *durood* regularly". Next morning, when the boy reached the populated place, he saw innumerable people waiting. He, with difficulty, went to the imam and said his father

had died and requested for funeral prayers with few people so he could bury his father. The imam asked his father's name. When the boy replied, the imam said that previous night there was a sound heard by the city which stated that a person by this name had died and each attendee of his funeral would be forgiven. All those people were waiting for this funeral since a long time. All the people offered funeral prayers and the boy's father was buried with a lot of respect. Later, the boy, throughout pilgrimage, kept reciting *durood*.

41. Author of *dalail-ul-khairaat*, Abdullah Muhammad Bin Suleiman (RHT)'s body was moved, 70 years after death, to another grave. When removed, it was as fresh and normal as it was when alive and was, infact, fragrant. He had been reciting and writing *durood* throughout his life.

42. The above mentioned saint belonged to Berber tribe in Africa. He was affiliated with *Ahl-e-Bayt* as descendant of Hussain (RZA). More than 12000 people took a (spiritual) pledge on his hand and repented for their sins. Many miraculous deeds were associated with him. With students, he used to walk around in the city for people's guidance and tried to cure their spiritual ills.

One day, for the same purpose, he went to a village in Faas city. *Zuhr* timings were about to end and there was no water. After a lot of searching, he saw a well but its rope and container were newfangled. He would walk all around the well in a state of anxiety but could not find a solution. Coincidentally, from a nearby house, a small girl was watching all this. She asked the Shaykh as to what was the cause of his worry? He told her that *Zuhr* timings were almost finished and he wanted to perform ablution but didn't know what to do. The girl said, "You are such a famous and revered personality and yet you cannot do such a small thing". The girl came near him and spitted in the well. At once, the well's condition changed and water started coming out. Many people did ablution and offered *salat*.

The Shaykh went to the girl's house and knocked its door. When she came out, he pleaded, "For the sake of Allah, His prophets and especially Muhammad (SAW), I ask you to tell me how on earth you reached this status?" She said, "If you had not given me such a big reason, I would not have told you at all. Actually, I reached this state by a lot of recital of a certain *durood*. The Shaykh learned that *durood* from her and on her permission, included it in his book, *dalail-ul-khairaat*. Later, he died in a state of prostration during *fajar* prayers.

70 years later, Shah of Marakash got his body removed and buried in the famous graveyard, Riaz-ul-Firdaus and a grand cupola was built on his resting place. People observed that his body had shockingly remained in perfect condition. Even his beard's marks were still the same. When his body was pressed with a finger, blood was easily visible as well. When the finger was lifted, the blood returned to its original position. Upon his grave, spiritual light would descend and all the time, devotees would be around it.

43. Abi (RZA) said to Holy Prophet (SAW), "I recite *durood* a lot. How much should I do it?" The reply was, "As much as you wish, maintain it". Abi (RZA) asked, "One fourth of the time?" The reply was, "As you please; if you do it more, it would be better". He asked again, "One half?" The reply was, "As you please; if you do it more, it would be better". Then he said "two third" and the reply was still the same. Then he said "all the time" and Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "You will be freed from worries and sadness and your sins will be forgiven" (Tirmizi).

44. According to Prophet Ibrahim (AS)'s prayer and Imam Fakhruddin Razi, when the earlier finished constructing Kaaba, he kept praying while Prophet Ismail (AS), Hajra (AS), Sara (AS) and Prophet Ishaq (AS) kept saying "Ameen". In his special prayer, he expressed his desire that whenever Shaykhs of Holy Prophet (SAW)'s ummah would visit Kaaba and worship, he would intervene for them. Prophet Ismail (AS) prayed, "When an old person of Holy Prophet (SAW)'s ummah will visit Kaaba and worship, forgive him/her". Everyone said "Ameen". Prophet Ishaq (AS) prayed, "When a young person of Holy Prophet (SAW)'s ummah will visit Kaaba and worship, forgive him/her". Everyone said "Ameen". Sara (AS) prayed, "When a female of Holy Prophet (SAW)'s ummah will visit Kaaba and worship, forgive her". Everyone said "Ameen". Hajra (AS) prayed, "When a bondwoman of Holy Prophet (SAW)'s ummah will visit Kaaba and worship, forgive her". Everyone said "Ameen". That is why in *salat*, Allah made it obligatory to recite *durood-e-ibrahimi* and this is the gift granted by Allah to Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and his family.

45. Caliph Umar Bin Abdul Aziz (RZA) was a saint who used to recite *durood* all night. He was so fond of scent that his surroundings would be full of fragrance. From his own pocket, he used to give money to people for going to Madinah and asked them to recite *durood* excessively at *roza-e-athar*. One night, Abu Ishaq (RHT) saw in a dream that a long row of camels, with huge boxes on them, was going from Damascus to Madinah. He asked what was it? The reply was, "We are Allah's spiritual creation and these boxes contain the assets of *durood* which Umar Bin Abdul Aziz (RZA) sent directly to Holy Prophet (SAW)". Abu Jandal said, "I saw Umar Bin Abdul Aziz (RZA) in a dream and asked him what happened after death. He said he felt he had been moved from Damascus to Madinah and didn't know what was death at all".

46. Abu Salman Sarafi said, "Once, I saw Holy Prophet (SAW) in a dream. He said, "O Abu Salman, when you take my name and recite *durood*, why don't you say *barak wasalim*? You create a fault in my *durood*. Allah will create a fault in your *iman*. Why do you lessen your virtue? There are 9 letters with 10 rewards on each. Why do you lose extra reward?"

47. Ibrahim Balkhi (RHT) saw in a dream Holy Prophet (SAW) who was upset and didn't speak to him. He asked what offence had he committed. The reply was, "You do not recite *durood* in the first place and when you sometimes do, you are in a hurry and recite it incompletely". On waking up, he repented sincerely.

48. From Holy Prophet (SAW)'s wives, Ali (RZA) and other sources, this *hadith* is reported, "He who loves my *durood* and recites it with reverence, Allah will be obliged to show mercy to him; he will accompany martyrs; the highest level in paradise will be his entitlement but it is not for those who do it ritually or those who move their tongue very fast as if they are throwing off a burden. Neither I nor Allah need *durood*."

49. Hadith: "He who recites *durood* in abundance, I give him the good news that hellfire would not burn him".

Bayazid Bestami (RHT) said, "I wrote *durood* on a piece of material and kept it in my bag. One winter night, during travelling, we entered a tandoor for staying. The fire was on and roti was being prepared. We sat near it to be safe from cold. After some time, tandoor's owner fell asleep. We also spread our blankets on the floor and slept. Due to exhaustion from traveling and warmth of tandoor, we remained in deep sleep."

My bag opened and fell into the tandoor. When I woke up for *tahajud* prayers, I became extremely worried about it. When I asked my companions, they didn't know either. Suddenly, one person caught sight of the tandoor's inside and saw that on small pieces of coal, my bag was lying untouched. When it was removed outside, we noticed that everything in it was yet unchanged. People were shocked. I said that as per Holy Prophet (SAW)'s saying, since there was *durood* in it, no fire could burn it". 50. In the book "Muhammad (SAW)", Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi wrote, "It was decided that *durood* will be recited from after *isha* till before *fajar*". One day, just when recital had finished, a tray made of gold and silver appeared which was full of ruby and emerald; the *durood* transformed into pearl flowers. The tray was passed by an angel to another angel standing in a line. This sequence went on from Karachi to *Masjid-e-Nabwi* in Madinah and this gift of flowers was presented to Holy Prophet (SAW).

51. Ubaidullah Ihrar (RHT) said, "We were travelers of Makkah. We stayed in a desert. We ignited fire at night. Since we were tired, we fell asleep right after eating and forgot to put out the fire. The bursts of wind were enlarging the flame and our tent was overwhelmed by the fire. One of us woke up and started shouting. We all woke up. Our camel rider suddenly stood up and moved his handkerchief forcefully. We shouted that this would further add fuel to the fire. He said, "No one should come near at all". Indeed, the fire cooled down after a while and only a small portion of tent got burnt. We asked him about his method. He admitted that this was not the correct way to extinguish fire at all. However, he said that his habit was to recite *durood-e-ibrahimi* 1000 times each every day and night and he had developed an art to handle flames in his hand; fire had no impact on him and in fact cooled down on touching him. He said, "I cannot light fire even for my own use and have to ask someone else to do it".

52. After 1857's war of independence, Aryans created a *fitna* in Multan. They put spices on their holy book and challenged that their book as well as Quran should be put in fire and the true book won't burn in it. Muslims became very worried and ran away but it didn't work out. Finally, a man named Abul Hassan Gillani advised that instead of spices or prescriptions, a true man of Allah should be sought. Outside Multan, in a jungle, a man known for his supernatural traits lived who used to cover his body with leaves and sat beneath a tree. He was asked for help. He said there was no real man of Allah in Multan and asked for a new dress and water pitcher to be ready. He said that when he would arrive, the fire would burn Hindu's book. Muslims kept waiting for this man in Multan. When he arrived, he was greeted and welcomed. He bathed with water, wore the new dress and held Quran in his hand. He went to the fire and stood in it. While entering it, he had lifted his hand and said, "Agsani Ya Rasoolullah". While sitting in fire, he recited *durood khizri* and said, "O disbelievers, right now your god is below my feet. You worship it. Come here". Most Hindus ran away while some converted to Islam. He said, "Keep reciting this *kalma*. This fire is unlawful. That fire is unlawful". Then he went to Shah Rukan Alim (RHT)'s tomb and later disappeared.

53. Author of *Afzal-ul-Wazaif* says, "It was the summer of 1933. In the garden of Mochi Darwaza (Lahore), there was a big congregation of Hindu Aryans including Sikhs as well. Muslims were present too. The function was in full throttle led by Pundit Mohin Lal Bajaj Amristar's people. Pundit Balak Ram (editor, *Aria Warth*

Lahore) was speaking. He criticized all religions of the world and disclosed their flaws. In the meantime, Syed Deedar Ali Shah was passing by with Syed Abul Hasnat Ain Jawai, Chaudhry Barkat Ali, Muhammad Bakhsh and my father. I was attending the event too. All of us stood there and listened to the speech. As soon as the pundit caught sight of Syed, he said, "Brothers, listen attentively! It is in the Quran and all mullahs stress on it that their Prophet Ibrahim was put by Namrud (Babul's king) in a fire of immense height. He kept sitting while his hair remained not burned at all and he didn't feel any heat as well. This is the age of Science. Does intellect accept it? Fire doesn't have any consciousness and will burn Quran, books of hadith and melt even steel. Which thing is safe from fire? Stones too melt in it. Then why wasn't their Prophet Ibrahim burned in fire? Will an intelligent mind believe in it? These are just tales of the past when Arabs didn't know anything at all". God forbid, he said a lot of other controversial things and gave arguments as well. Syed Abul Hasnat kept listening but when, finally, the pundit crossed limits, he stepped in and said, "O' pundit, what do you blabber? Whatever is in Quran is stated by Allah and is correct. Not even a letter or etymological sign is a lie. O' fool, I am a descendant of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) who was a great being. Fire can't burn me as well". Then Syed stepped on the stage. Gas lamps were burning. He held the chimney of one of them and openly recited *durood*. He kept holding the chimney and said, "O' Pundit, as long as you say, I will stand while grabbing the hot chimney of gas lamp". Then he smiled and said, "You can check by touching from above if its hot or not. Even if my palm gets heated, I can be fully punished". Hindus started running away. The pundit and other affiliates left even their shoes and disappeared. Muslims came forward and kissed Syed's hands. Loud chants of "Allah-u-Akbar" filled the earth and sky. Barkat Ali held Syed's hands firmly and stood there. Syed said, "Maulana, you are also feeling the heat". Barkat said, "I swear not at all". Syed said, "This is the blessing of *durood*".

54. Allah says in Surah Ahzab, "Undoubtedly, indeed, Allah and His angels send *durood*. O' believers, you also send *durood*". Allah's status is most supreme and that of the ultimate Creator. The being on whom He Himself sends *durood* must be extremely exalted in His eyes.

55. *Durood* expands the horizons of paradise. Allama Ahmed Bin Mubarak, in *Kitab-ul-Bureez*, says, "Dabagh (RHT) is the source of this saying: There is simply no doubt about the fact that *durood* stands ahead of all deeds according to the angels who acknowledge heaven. Angels start reciting *durood* when Allah reveals Himself to heaven. When they recite, heaven becomes vaster than before. They continue to do recital and heaven continues to grow bigger. They keep walking and heaven follows them behind.

56. Angels prevent misfortune.

According to the book "Zikr Khair", Tawakul Shah Anbalwi (RHT) says, "When misfortune descends, it moves towards houses but when they reach a house where the dwellers are *durood* reciters, the angels are servants of *durood*. They prevent misfortune from entering. Infact, they deviate it even from neighbors.

**"THE POSSESSOR OF GREAT MORALS"**

Men of Allah say that every saying, deed and expression of the beloved is itself beloved. It is love that proves *iman*. The one devoid of love is devoid of *iman*. Holy Prophet (SAW) explained the concept of God in an age and nation immersed in ignorance and darkness saying that Allah is one and no partner is worthy of Him. He is the Creator of everything and sustains the entire cosmos. Quran mentions two types of obligations. Allah demands two major things from man; firstly, belief in Him and His messenger; secondly, obedience to Him and His messenger. The earlier deals with *iman* while the later deals with actions. Thus, belief in Allah can't be disassociated from Holy Prophet (SAW). Similarly, obedience to Allah can't be disassociated from Holy Prophet (SAW).

Hassan Bin Ali (RZA) said, "Holy Prophet (SAW) was tender-hearted. He never offended the one he addressed. He even valued very small blessings. His laughing was smiling. In his eyes, people only gained elevation on the basis of piety. Irrelevant speech would not be uttered by him. Neither he screamed nor mentioned someone's flaws. He didn't flatter anyone at all with anything contrary to reality. Only opposition to Allah's commands unsettled his calmness. When he was in an assertive mood, no one could challenge him. He never made anyone feel humiliated or belittled. He never used to search for others' faults. Besides various qualities, his speech was very clear, convincing and impressionable. Once, he started his lecture with:

"O' people, as if death has been written for others"

He meant as if fulfillment of duties is only obligatory on others; as if those who depart after death are travelers who will return to us and we will live forever after them; as if we can unjustly own inheritance of those who we bury; as if we forgot all things that guide us correctly and turned fearless of any hardship. So extremely fortunate is he whose own flaws prevent him from being attentive to others' flaws. Ahadith state:

1. Actions depend on intentions and every person attains only what he intends.
2. The guide towards virtue is like the doer of virtue.
3. He who doesn't have mercy on younger ones and doesn't have respect for elders is not among us.
4. Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.
5. The best among you is he who learns and teaches Quran to others.
6. On every Muslim, it is incumbent to attain knowledge.
7. Muslim is he from whose hands and tongue, other Muslims are safe.
8. On death, all deeds reach a halt except a) *sadqa-e-jaria* b) the knowledge which benefits others c) the pious children that continue to pray for their parents.
9. The knowledge from which one doesn't benefit is like the fortune which isn't spent in the path of Allah.
10. Allah makes one path towards heaven for he who adopts a path for seeking knowledge.
11. Jealousy eats virtues like fire diminishes dry wood.
12. There are 3 signs of a hypocrite: a) when he speaks, he lies b) when he promises, he breaks it c) when he is entrusted, he breaks his trust.
13. None among you can become a full believer till he doesn't choose for his brother what he chooses for himself.
14. Laborer (hard worker) is Allah's friend.

15. He who annoys his neighbor is hell-bound even if he worships all night and fasts all day.

16. Allah is pleased with he who pleases his parents.

17. Fill some portion of your stomach; you will remain healthy because stomach is the cause of all diseases.

18. He who has a grain of arrogance in his heart will not enter paradise.

19. The biggest treasure is rectifying one's ownself.

20. Two habits cannot be in a believer at the same time - miserliness and bad character.

21. He who lifts fallen food from the *dastarkhan*, his sins will be forgiven.

22. Do not pretend to have illness or you will become actually ill.

23. Always remain clean; your *rizq* will be expanded for you.

24. Fortunate is he who learns lessons from others' states.

25. It is also *sadqa* to say good words to a beggar while leaving him.

26. Backbiting and false allegation.

Hadith (Abu Hurairah's narration): "Do you know what is backbiting? It is speaking of your brother in such a way that he will dislike it. If the vice that you mention is actually in him, it's backbiting. If it's not in him, then it's a false allegation (*buhtan*)" - *Mishkat Shareef*.

"Allah doesn't forgive the backbiter till the victim of backbiting doesn't forgive him" - *Mishkat Shareef*.

27. Compensation for backbiting:

Anas (RZA) narrates a hadith, "One compensation for backbiting is that you pray for forgiveness of that person".

28. Abu Jad Zamri (RZA) narrates a hadith, "He who leaves *juma* prayers out of laziness for 3 weeks, Allah will put a seal on his heart".

29. Abu Syed Khudri (RZA) narrates a hadith, "Whatever misfortune or hardship or tragedy befalls a believer to the extent that even if a thorn pricks him, Allah forgives his sins as a result".

30. Umro Bin Shoaib (RZA) narrates a hadith, "Two women came to Holy Prophet (SAW) with bangles of gold on their hands. He asked them if they used to pay *zakat*. They said "No". He asked them if they liked that Allah would make them wear bangles of fire. They said "No". He instructed them to pay *zakat*" - Tirmizi

31. In the eyes of Allah, no sip of anything is as precious as that of anger which a believer swallows for pleasing Allah.

32. Hadith (Abu Hurairah's narration): "In my ummah, deprived is he who will come to Judgment Day with *salat*, fasting & *zakat* but had violated Islamic principles in matters regarding rights and respect of others. His good deeds will be given to others. If his virtues finished but he hadn't paid the price, others' vices will be given to him and he will be thrown in hell".

33. The biggest form of distrust is that you lie to your brother when he considers it the truth - Abu Daud.

34. I take responsibility of a home in paradise for he who doesn't argue despite being on the side of truth.

35. Abu Qatada (RZA) narrates a hadith, "He who wishes for Allah to save him from the difficulties on Judgment Day should either forego loan (taken from him) or give more time to the lesser privileged receiver of loan".

36. A believer's soul is not free till he doesn't pay his loan.
37. A martyr's entire sins will be forgiven except loan taken.
38. Allah says that, "I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> party for two people till one doesn't violate the other one's trust".
39. In 3 things, there are blessings; a) Selling as per promise b) Partnership c) mixing wheat and barley for personal use but not for sale.
40. Jabir (RZA) narrates a hadith (Sahih Muslim): Holy Prophet cursed the taker of interest, the giver of interest and their witness as well. All 3 are equally involved in sin.
41. Ibn Abbas (RZA) narrates a hadith, "All Muslims are partners in 3 things; water, grass and fire".
42. That person is astray who doesn't announce after picking a lost item and taking it to his house.
43. Among Muslim homes, the best is that in which there is an orphan who is treated very well. The worst home is that in which an orphan is mistreated.
44. Beware! Never inflict cruelty on someone and never take someone's wealth without his permission and consent.
45. If you are 3 people, do not whisper into each others' ears while keeping the 3<sup>rd</sup> one aloof otherwise he/she will be upset. If you are many in number, then it is allowed.
46. Someone asked Holy Prophet (SAW) which habit in Islam was most superior? He said, "Giving food to others and saying 'salaam' to those who you know as well as those you don't know". (Sahih Bukhari)
47. There are blessings and benefits in generosity towards guests. Goodness runs towards houses in which there are hosts giving food to others. (Ibn-e-Maja)
48. If you want abundance in *rizq* and longer life, treat your relatives extremely well.
49. Feed the hungry, attend the ill person and free the captive (Sahih Bukhari).
50. The best among you is he who reminds people of God.
51. There are 2 blessings about which people are in a state of neglect - health and free time (Sahih Bukhari).
52. Man keeps saying, "My wealth, my wealth" whereas there are only 3 forms of wealth: a) which he consumes and finishes b) which he wears and tears c) which he gives in the path of Allah and is saved. Besides these, everything he owns will be left for others. (Sahih Muslim)
53. Abusing a Muslim is sinfulness; killing a Muslim is disbelief.
54. Ibn Masud (RZA) narrates a hadith, "A true believer can never be someone who curses, abuses, talks dirty or insults others". (Tirmizi)
55. Hadith: A white person has no superiority over a black person. An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab. What really counts are the deeds done to please Allah.
56. Abdullah (RZA) narrates a hadith, "Tragedy or illness erases sins of a Muslim just like leaves fall off from trees".
57. O' people, save yourself from being cruel to others or it will become a source of darkness on Judgment Day. Be free from miserliness and avidity as these traits have destroyed people in the past provoking them to shed blood and ruin honor of others.
58. Hadith (Abu Hurairah's narration): "*Sadqa* doesn't lessen the wealth. Allah increases the honor of those who forgive others' faults. He who adopts humility for the sake of Allah is elevated by Allah. (Sahih Muslim)

He who hides a Muslim's vices will see his vices kept hidden by Allah on Judgment Day.

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### **"CONCLUSION OF SPEECH"**

Today, without relevance to good and evil, there is a race of worldliness going on. All around, there is a fierce competition of materialism prevalent. Life's supreme values and beautiful morals have been superseded by caprice, ego and selfishness.

"And who is more unjust than one who is reminded of the verses of his Lord but turns away from them and forgets what his hands have put forth? Indeed, We have placed over their hearts coverings, lest they understand it, and in their ears deafness. And if you invite them to guidance - they will never be guided, then - ever"- Quran (18:57).

Muslims cannot change their horrible conditions unless they do not read, understand and practise what's in the Quran. In Surah Muhammad as well as Surah Nisa, we are reminded, "Don't these people reflect and contemplate on the Quran?"

Despite this, Muslims, throughout the world, are being humiliated. We only recite the words of Quran but do not go deep into its meaning and insights. When it is properly comprehended with wisdom, Quran itself opens up and explains itself powerfully. It says,

"Allah is He who created life as well as death and put man in this trial so that He sees who performs the best deeds".

"The verses that we reveal in the Quran are a source of (inner and outer) cure and mercy for the believers".

"Lesser learned ones say that they have become true believers whereas *iman* hasn't yet penetrated in their hearts and they are only Muslims".

"The hardships that befall you are a consequence of your own deeds and Allah is most forgiving".

"Woe to every scorner and mocker. Who collects wealth and [continuously] counts it. He thinks that his wealth will make him immortal. No! He will surely be thrown into the Crusher. And what can make you know what is the Crusher? It is the fire of Allah, [eternally] fueled, Which mounts directed at the hearts".

"Death has arrived without informing. You wanted to prevent it. Your departure has been announced. This is the day of accountability of actions. After death, every self reaches us in this state that there is one being driving it and the other, its witness. You remained negligent of death. Today, we have lifted the veils from your eyes and now your sight is clear".

"Know that the life of this world is only play and amusement, pomp and mutual boasting among you, and rivalry in respect of wealth and children, as the likeness of vegetation after rain, thereof the growth is pleasing to the tiller; afterwards it dries up and you see it turning yellow; then it becomes straw. But in the Hereafter (there is) a severe torment (for the disbelievers, evil-doers), and (there is) Forgiveness from

Allah and (His) Good Pleasure (for the believers, good-doers), whereas the life of this world is only a deceiving enjoyment”.

Surah Mutaffifin: “Woe unto the defrauders: ﴿1﴾ Those who when they take the measure from mankind demand it full, ﴿2﴾ But if they measure unto them or weight for them, they cause them loss. ﴿3﴾ Do such (men) not consider that they will be raised again ﴿4﴾ Unto an Awful Day, ﴿5﴾ The day when (all) mankind stand before the Lord of the Worlds? ﴿6﴾ Nay, but the record of the vile is in Sijjin - ﴿7﴾ Ah! what will convey unto thee what Sijjin is! - ﴿8﴾ A written record. ﴿9﴾ Woe unto the repudiators on that day! ﴿10﴾ Those who deny the Day of Judgment ﴿11﴾ Which none denieth save each criminal transgressor, ﴿12﴾ Who, when thou readest unto him Our revelations, saith: (Mere) fables of the men of old. ﴿13﴾ Nay, but that which they have earned is rust upon their hearts. ﴿14﴾ Nay, but surely on that day they will be covered from (the mercy of) their Lord. ﴿15﴾ Then lo! they verily will burn in hell, ﴿16﴾ And it will be said (unto them): This is that which ye used to deny. ﴿17﴾ Nay, but the record of the righteous is in 'Illiyin - ﴿18﴾ Ah, what will convey unto thee what 'Illiyin is! - ﴿19﴾ A written record, ﴿20﴾ Attested by those who are brought near (unto their Lord). ﴿21﴾ Lo! the righteous verily are in delight, ﴿22﴾ On couches, gazing, ﴿23﴾ Thou wilt know in their faces the radiance of delight. ﴿24﴾ They are given to drink of a pure wine, sealed, ﴿25﴾ Whose seal is musk - for this let (all) those strive who strive for bliss - ﴿26﴾ And mixed with water of Tasnim, ﴿27﴾ A spring whence those brought near (to Allah) drink. ﴿28﴾ Lo! the guilty used to laugh at those who believed, ﴿29﴾ And wink one to another when they passed them; ﴿30﴾ And when they returned to their own folk, they returned jesting; ﴿31﴾ And when they saw them they said: Lo! these have gone astray. ﴿32﴾ Yet they were not sent as guardians over them. ﴿33﴾ This day it is those who believe who have the laugh of disbelievers, ﴿34﴾ On high couches, gazing. ﴿35﴾ Are not the disbelievers paid for what they used to do? ﴿36﴾”.

Allah loves humbleness, modesty and simplicity. He detests arrogance, conceit and transgression. When bad deeds cross their limits, the divine law intervenes and destroys the outright sinners. Surah Araaf (verse: 185) states, “Do they not look into the realm of the heavens and the earth and everything that Allah has created and [think] that perhaps their appointed time has come near? So in what statement hereafter will they believe?”

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