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في فضائل الصلاة على نبي الرحمة صلى الله عليه وسلم

A Favour on the Ummah,

Regarding Virtues of Reciting Durood Shareef upon the Nabi of Mercy صلى الله عليه وسلم

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اللّٰهُمَّ لك الحمد كما أنت أهله فصل وسلم على محمد كما أنت أهله، وافعل بنا كما أنت أهله، فإنك أهل التقوى وأهل المغفرة.

أبدأ هذه الرسالة التي يشمل على أربعين حديثا مع شرحها المختصرة، مستعينا بالله، محتسبا أن يحشرني في زمرة المحدثين المؤلفين رسائل فضائل الصلاة على النبي الكريم -صلى الله عليه وسلم- فإني أتيقن أن هذا الموضوع يوصل العبد إلى درجات الحب والقرب عند الله ورسوله -صلى الله عليه وسلم-.

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والله المستعان، وعليه التكلان.

Durood Conveyed with the Name of the Reciter

عن عمار بن ياسر رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم إن الله وكل بقبري ملكا أعطاه الله أسماء الخلائق فلا يصلي علي أحد إلى يوم القيامة إلا أبلغني باسمه واسم أبيه هذا فلان بن فلان قد صلى عليك (رواه البزار كما في الترغيب والترهيب، الرقم: ٢٥٧٤)

Hazrat Ammaar bin Yaasir رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه و سلم*said, "Allah* Ta'ala *has appointed an angel to remain by my grave, such an angel whom Allah* Ta'ala *gave the knowledge of the names of the creation. Thus, no person will send Durood upon me until the day of Qiyaamah, except that he conveys it to me with his name and the name of his father. (He will say,) 'This is so-and-so the son of so-and-so, who has recited Durood upon you.'"*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.69)

Illuminate your Free Time with Zikr and Durood

Shaikh Abdul Mueed حفظه الله mentions,

It is the habit of Allah Ta'ala and the angels that they continuously send mercy on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه و سلم

اِنَّ اللّٰهَ وَمَلٰٓئِكَتَهٗ يُصَلُّوْنَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ؕ

Allah and His angels send Durood (blessings) upon the Nabi صلى الله عليه و سلم.

Allah, the most Generous has favoured this Ummah with that he has commanded us, sinners to participate in the action which is His and His angel's habit.

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا صَلُّوْا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوْا تَسْلِيْمًا

O you who believe! Send Durood and Salaam upon him.

What greater fortune can there be for a sinful Ummati. One ought to die for such an opportunity and make an all-out effort to read as much Durood and Salaam as possible with love and passion. Countless virtues of Durood Shareef have been mentioned in the Mubaarak Ahadeeth. The angels gather all the Durood Shareef which is recited in whichever part of the world and present it in the noble court of Nabi صلى الله عليه و سلم saying "So and so, the son of so and so has sent this gift to you."

مجھ سے بہتر ہے میرا ذکر ان کی محفل میں

(Better than me, is that my name is mentioned in his gathering)

Lastly it is my heartfelt plea to the readers that we appreciate our time. Whatever free time we have should not be wasted. Nowadays baseless and useless usage of social media, facebook etc. is wasting our time and eating up our capabilities like termites. I beg you to make your time valuable and useful by illuminating our mornings, evenings and free time with Zikrullah and Zikrur Rasul صلى الله عليه و سلم.

(Adapted from Arbaeen Salaat wa Salaam ba Baargaah Sayyidul Anaam صلى الله عليه و سلم pg.5)

Carrying out Wazeefahs Under the Supervision of an Experienced Sheikh

Once, a woman wrote a letter to Hazrat Shaikh Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله wherein she mentioned that she began reciting Aayat Kareemah in abundance. She mentioned in the letter that after reciting the aayat in abundance for many days, she began to experience dizziness and perceived a lot of heat in her body. As a result, she felt unwell and did not know what to do.

In response, Hazrat Shaikh Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله mentioned that she should rather recite durood shareef in abundance. The reason is that Aayat Kareemah is a strong wazeefah, and when recited in abundance, it creates heat in the body. As far as durood shareef is concerned, it is a wazeefah that has a moderate (and light) effect on the body.

Hazrat Sheikh رحمه الله thereafter mentioned that these wazeefahs should not be carried out independently at one's own discretion, rather they should be carried out under the supervision of an experienced Sheikh. (Carrying out wazeefahs independently at one's own discretion can have an adverse effect on one's body and health, as one does not know the effect of the wazeefah as well as the endurance of one's body.)

(Qutbul Aqtaab Hazrat Sheikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله pg. 481)

(Ihyaauddeen.co.za)

Prescription For A Weak Heart

In the Hadith Shareef, Surah Yasin is referred to as the heart of the Holy Quran. Therefore, the recitation of Surah Yasin is an excellent prescription for a weak heart because the heart assists the heart. For those who have weak hearts, they should

recite Surah Yasin with focus and concentration after every Salaah, or five times in one sitting or at least once in the morning and once in the evening (reading Durood Shareef before)

(Lutful Lateef)

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىْ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Dua and Durood at the Time of Istilaam

It is reported that when Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar and Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas would make Istilaam of the Hajar-e-Aswad, they would recite the following Dua:

اَللّٰهُمَّ إِيْمَانًا بِكَ وَتَصْدِيْقًا بِكِتَابِكَ وَسُنَّةِ نَبِيِّكَ

"O Allah (I am carrying out this action of Istilaam) due to having Imaan in You, and believing in the truthfulness of Your kitaab and (following) the Sunnah of Your Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم!"

After reciting the abovementioned dua, Hazrat Ibnu Umar رضى الله عنهما would recite Durood Shareef. (Mujamul Awsat #5486)

(Hajj- the Fifth Pillar of Islam)

Durood Coming to Ones Aid After Demise

The following incident is recorded in Al-Raudhul Faa'iq. Hazrat Sufyaan Thauri رحمه الله mentioned:

Once, while performing tawaaf, I saw a man also engaged in tawaaf. Throughout his entire tawaaf, he was only reciting

Durood upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, at every step, and did not recite any tasbeeh, tahleel etc.
When I asked him the reason, he replied, "And who are you?" I replied, "I am Sufyaan Thauri." He then said: "Had you not been the only scholar of your calibre, I would not have revealed something which is my secret.

My father and I went for hajj. Enroute, my father fell ill. While I was doing my utmost to treat him, he suddenly passed away, and his entire face turned black. This distressed me greatly and (recognizing this to be a bad sign,) I said, 'Innaa lillah.'

"I then covered his face with a cloth. Soon thereafter, my eyes closed and I fell off to sleep in this sorrow. In a vision, I saw a man approaching. I had never seen a man as handsome as he, clothes as clean as his, and a fragrance as sweet as his. He approached in haste, removed the cloth from my father's face and put his hand over his face. Immediately, the face of my father turned white.

"As he was about to depart, I held onto him and asked, 'May Allah Ta'ala have mercy upon you. Please tell me who are you, for Allah Ta'ala has shown mercy to my father in his great need because of you.' He replied, 'Do you not recognize me? I am Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, the son of Abdullah, the person of

the Quraan Majeed. Your father was a very great sinner, but he always recited Durood upon me abundantly. Hence, when through his sins, evils descended on him, I saw his great need and hastened to assist him, as I do for all those who recite Durood upon me.

(The Gift of Durood and Salam pg.138)

وَائْذَنْ لِسُحْبِ صلاةٍ مِنْكَ دَائِمَةٍ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ بِمُنْهَلٍّ وَمُنْسَجِمِ

(O Allah!) so order clouds of salutations (and blessings which) perpetually (send salutation) from You upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم (to send down their rains of salutations upon him صلى الله عليه وسلم) abundantly and gently.

مَا رَنَّحَتْ عَذَبَاتِ الْبَانِ رِيْحُ صَبَا وَأَطْرَبَ الْعِيْسَ حَادِي العِيْسِ بِالنَّغَمِ

(O Allah) as long as the easterly breezing makes the branches of the cypress rustle (means as long as this world is existent, shower your blessings on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم) and (as long as) the camel rider makes (his) camel march with (his) enchanting (and charming) songs.

The meaning of the above two stanzas is that Allah's special mercy should continue to shower on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

till the end of time. The poet has, in a beautiful manner, endeavoured to convey this meaning.

(Commentary of Qaseedah Burdah by Moulana Moosa Kajee pg.978)

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Durood After Salaah

عن سيدنا أبي أمامة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: من دعا بهؤلاء الدعوات في دبر كل صلاة مكتوبة حلّت له الشفاعة مني يوم القيامة: اللّهم أعط محمدا الوسيلة واجعل في الْمُصْطَفَيْنَ محبته، وفي العالين درجته وفي المقرّبين داره (المعجم الكبير للطبراني، الرقم: ٧٩٢٦، وفيه مطرح بن يزيد وهو ضعيف كما في مجمع الزوائد، الرقم: ١٦٩٨١)

Hazrat Abu Ummamah رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Whoever recites the following words after every fardh salaah, my intercession becomes incumbent upon him on the day of Qiyaamah:*

اَللّٰهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُحَمَّدًا الْوَسِيْلَةَ وَاجْعَلْ فِيْ الْمُصْطَفَيْنَ مَحَبَّتَهُ وَفِيْ الْعَالِيْنَ دَرَجَتَهُ وَفِيْ الْمُقَرَّبِيْنَ دَارَهُ

O Allah Ta'ala! Grant Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم *waseelah (the right of intercession on the day of Qiyaamah), and place his love in the (hearts of) your chosen ones, and place him among the high-ranking people, and make his abode among the beloved and close servants.*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.84)

Daily Wazeefahs

Hadhrat Moulana Gangohi رحمه الله would generally teach his mureeds to read the third kalimah 100 times after the Fajr and Maghrib Salaah. Furthermore, he would ask them to read one tasbeeh [100 times] of istighfaar whenever they got an opportunity, and would say that it is better if they read it at bedtime. He did not specify any form of istighfaar but he had much affinity with Sayyidul Istighfaar;

اَللّٰهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ، أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ ، وَاَبُوءُ بِذَنْبِي فَاغْفِرْ لی فَإِنَّهُ لا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

He would also instruct his mureeds to read Durood Shareef at least 300 times daily. If they could not manage this much, they should read a minimum of 100 Duroods. He used to say: "The favours of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم on us are supreme. If we are still stingy in sending durood to him, then it is extremely rude on our part, and a great loss." From the different forms of durood, he preferred the Durood-e-Ibraaheem which is read in salaah.

(Imaam-e-Rabbaani Hadhrat Moulana Rasheeed Ahmad Gangohi رحمه الله pg.168)

Prescrption for Marriage of Children

Any boy, girl and their parent may punctually read the following Durood Shareef thrice after Fajr and Maghrib Salaah every day. Insha Allah arrangements for marriage will be made from the unseen.

الحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ ذِي الْعِزَّةِ وَالْكِبْرِياءِ وَصَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

All praise belongs to Allah Ta'ala who owns all honour and grandeur. May Allah Ta'ala send His special mercy upon our master, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, the seal of the prophets.

(Barkaat Durood Shareef pg.363)

Prescription for Brain Tumour

Haji Ahmad Nakooda Sahib رحمه الله was informed of a person who developed a brain tumour to which he mentioned a prescription of Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله,

"After every Salaah, recite the following,

- 7 times Durood Shareef

- 7 times Surah Fatiha
- 7 times Durood Shareef once again

Thereafter blow with a little saliva into the hands and rub it over the head."

(Gumbad Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.166)

Honoured by Allah Ta'ala due to Reciting Abundant Durood

It is reported regarding Abul Abbaas, Ahmad bin Mansoor رحمه الله, that after he passed away, a man from the inhabitants of Sheeraaz saw him in a dream. In the dream, Ahmad bin Mansoor رحمه الله was standing in the mihraab of the Jaami' Musjid of Sheeraaz. He was adorned in a set of (beautiful) clothing and had a crown on his head which was decorated with precious stones.

The man asked him, "How did Allah Ta'ala deal with you?" He replied, "Allah Ta'ala forgave my sins, granted me honour, crowned me with the crown of Paradise and blessed me with entry into Jannah." The man then asked, "On account of which action did Allah Ta'ala honour you with this lofty position?" He replied, "On account of the abundant Durood that I would recite on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.140)

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Durood and Azkaar for Wuqoof in Arafah

عن جابر بن عبد الله، قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: " ما من مسلم يقف عشية عرفة بالموقف فيستقبل القبلة بوجهه، ثم يقول : لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، له الملك وله الحمد وهو على كل شيء قدير مائة مرة، ثم يقرأ قل هو الله أحد مائة مرة، ثم يقول : اللَّهُمَّ صل على محمد كما صليت على إبراهيم وآل إبراهيم إنك حميد مجيد، وعلينا معهم مائة مرة إلا قال الله تعالى: يا ملائكتي ما جزاء عبدي هذا؟، سبحني، وهللني، وكبرني، وعظمني، وعرفني، وأثني علي، وصلى على نبيي، اشهدوا ملائكتي أني قد غفرت له، وشفعته في نفسه، ولو سألني عبدي هذا لشفعته في أهل الموقف كلهم "(شعب الإيمان الرقم3780)

Hazrat Jaabir رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned that when any Muslim stands in the afternoon of Arafah in the place of Wuqoof, while facing the direction of the Qiblah, and he recites,

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ

(There is no deity besides Allah alone, who has no partner. To Him belongs the kingdom (of the entire universe), and only to Him belongs all praise, and He alone has complete power over everything.)

And Surah Ikhlaas (Qul Huwallah) one hundred times, followed by the following durood one hundred times:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلٰى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَآلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَجِيْدٌ وَعَلَيْنَا مَعَهُمْ

(O Allah! shower Your special mercy upon Hazrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلّم just as You have showered Your special mercy upon, Nabi Ebrahim عليه السّلام and the household of Nabi Ebrahim عليه السّلام indeed You are Most-Praiseworthy, Most-Glorious, and (shower Your special mercies) upon us with them.)

then Allah says:

"O My angels! What is the reward for My servant for reciting this? He has glorified Me, testified to My oneness, mentioned My greatness, honoured Me, recognised Me, praised Me and sent salutations upon My Nabi. You bear witness, O My angels, that I have forgiven him and granted him the honour of intercession, and if he interceded on behalf of all these people standing here, I would accept his intercession.

(The Blessed Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم v.3 Pg.121)

Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله has mentioned the following in his kitab, Fazaail-e- Durood:

Allamah Sakhaawi رحمه الله has dedicated a separate chapter in his book Al-Qowlul Badee to explain the various Durood that should be recited on specific occasions. (From amongst them the following occasions are related to a Haaji:)

•When seeing the Ka'bah Shareef

• When walking on Mount Safa and Marwah during Hajj.

• After reciting the talbiyah

• When kissing the Hajar Aswad (Black Stone)

•When clinging on to the Multazam (the wall between the Hajjar Aswad and door of the Ka'bah)

•During the evening at Arafah

• At the musjid in Mina

• When seeing the blessed city of Madinah Munawwarah before entering it

• When visiting the blessed grave of Rasulullah

• When leaving the blessed grave of Rasulullah

•When passing by the places where Rasulullah had been, such as Badr

• When slaughtering an animal

(The Gift of Durood and Salam pg.101)

Desperate Desire to go for Hajj

Mufti Muhammad Shafee' Uthmaani (rahimahullah) was a world renowned 'Aalim and Mufti who passed away in the year 1396 A.H. (1976). Allah Ta'ala had blessed him with nine children, among whom two sons (viz. Mufti Muhammad Rafee' and Mufti Muhammad Taqi [hafizahumallah]) are leading 'Ulama of the world today. His eldest daughter's name was Na'eemah, and she was fondly known as Aapa Jaan in the family.

Aapa Jaan was married to Hakeem Sayyid Shareef Husain, and passed away when she was only thirty-four years of age. Despite the financial constraints and difficulties that she underwent after marriage, it is difficult to find an example of her in regards to the self-respect and honour with which she lived her life.

Once she requested her respected father, Mufti Muhammad Shafee' (rahimahullah), "Please make du'aa that Allah Ta'ala

blesses me with the opportunity to go for hajj". In reply to this, her father asked, "Do you (really) desire to go for hajj?" When she replied in the affirmative, he responded: "No, you do not have the desire". Astonished by these words, she said, "I am speaking the truth. I have great desire to go for hajj". At this her respected father asked her, "Have you saved any money for this?" When she replied in the negative, he remarked: "This means that your desire is mere lip service. If you had real desire, you would have saved something for it."

Hearing this, Aapa Jaan presented the excuse, "I can (only) save if some money is leftover (after our expenses)." Mufti Muhammad Shafee' (rahimahullah) asked her, "Can't you save even one aana (one-sixteenth of a rupee, approximately a few cents) for this?" She replied, "I can save this amount, but how can hajj be performed with this?" Her respected father mentioned, "When a slave takes the step to carry out a good deed according to his capability, then firstly Allah Ta'ala helps him, and (then) even if he is unable to carry out this good deed, he will definitely receive the reward for it insha-Allah. However, nothing can happen by merely wishing without taking any (practical) steps."

This incident happened and was forgotten. After quite some time, when she passed away in 1956 and her heirs looked at her

belongings, a small cloth bag was found with the words "Money for Hajj" labelled on it. When it was opened, approximately sixty-five rupees were found inside. As soon as Mufti Muhammad Shafee' (rahimahullah) saw it, his eyes welled up with tears and he narrated the story to those present. Later, he used this money to arrange for her Hajj-e-Badal (i.e. hajj made on behalf of a deceased).

Thereafter, on some other occasion, when Mufti Muhammad Shafee' (rahimahullah) was in the plain of 'Arafah during hajj, he dozed off for a few moments and saw Aapa Jaan in a dream climbing Jabalur Rahmah (the mountain in 'Arafah). In this manner Allah Ta'ala had fulfilled the hajj of this bondswoman of His.

(Yaade pg.169– Al-Balaagh, Rabee'ul Awwal 1439 A.H. pg. 25)

(UswatulMuslimah)

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Durood at Home

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم لا تجعلوا بيوتكم قبورا ولا تجعلوا قبرى عيدا وصلوا على فإن صلاتكم تبلغنى حيث كنتم (ابو داود رقم 2044)

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "Do not make your homes into graveyards (i.e. Recite Qur'an and perform salaah in your home so that the home does not be a place void of Aa'maal as is the case of the graveyard), and do not make my grave a place of festivity, and recite durood upon me, for certainly your durood reaches me (through the angels) from wherever you may be.

(Ihyaauddeen.co.za)

Benefits of Reciting Durood Shareef

Moulana Abdul Ghani Phoolpuri رحمه الله has explained the benefits of Durood Shareef in a very beautiful way. He says that when a person recites Durood Shareef, he is hitting two targets with one stone. Firstly, he is making the Zikr of Allah and secondly, he is making the Zikr of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(The importance and Significance of Durood Shareef pg.21)

Power of Durood Shareef

Hazrat Shaykh Zakariyya رحمه الله upon his departure from Stanger, KZN gave three beautiful advices to the people of the town who had the good fortune of hosting him in 1981. One of these advices was, as far as the tongue is concerned engage in abundant Durood Shareef. Durood Shareef is a very calming Zikr and will not have any adverse effect, so it should be read in abundance. Durood Shareef is a powerful Zikr with great benefits. It is the 'master key' through which Allah Rabbul Izzat opens doors in every stage of life. Durood Shareef is a means of protection from all types of calamities, accidents, thieves, drowning etc. There are two miraculous incidents in the life of Hazrat Moulana Qasim Sema رحمه الله where he was saved through the barakah of Durood Shareef. Hazrat Musa Al-Dhareer رحمه الله, a great Wali was taught the words of Durood-e-Tunjeena by Nabi-e-Kareem صلى الله عليه وسلم to save the ship he was in from sinking. Hazrat Moulana Hoosen Ahmad Madani رحمه الله encouraged the practice of reading Durood-e-Tunjeena seventy (70) times in order to surmount difficulties. We should endeavour to create Durood Majalis in our homes, and perfume our environment with Durood Shareef, as the barakah and the benefit will be seen in the Dunya and Aakhirah.

(muftizubair.co.za)

Rules of a Muslim Home

A Muslim home should always be pervaded by the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله at any time. Learning, teaching and engaging in the Ibaadah (worship) of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله should be an integral part of every Muslim home. In the days of the Sahaabah, it was common among them that they would make their homes into places of learning and worship. Sayyiduna Umar bin Khattaab رضي الله عنه was inspired to accept Islam because of the same reason. When he visited the home of his sister Faatima, she and her husband, Saeed bin Zaid رضي الله عنهما, were learning the Qur'an from Hazrat Khabbaab رضي الله عنه.

In Madinah Munawwarah Hadrat Umar Farooq رضي الله عنه had taken a residence that was quite far off from Masjidun Nabawi صلى الله عليه وسلم. On account of the distance, he could not be present in the masjid all the time. He then arranged with one of his neighbours that they would both take turns to go to Masjidun Nabawi صلى الله عليه وسلم on alternate days and therefore inform each other of whatever was learnt from

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. In this manner they would remain fully informed of the teachings of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

It was the habit of the Noble Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم to come home daily and teach their wives and children what they had learnt from Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Every Muslim should also make it a daily practice that some learning and teaching takes place in the home. Our Senior Ulama حفظهم الله have very strongly suggested that daily ta'leem should be made of the book Fadhaail e A'maal (Virtues of Good Deeds) by Shaykhul Hadeeth, Hazrat Moulana Zakariyyah Kandhlawi Sahib رحمه الله. Daily the entire family should be made to sit together and the noble Ahadith of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم should be read and explained. In this manner Deeni knowledge will be acquired in the environment of the home and a desire to practise on Deen will be created in our families.

We should also daily set aside time to sit with our children and teach them the Asbaq (lessons) that they have been taught at madrasah. In this way, we will be able to monitor their progress and assist them in making the next day's work easier, otherwise we will see that slowly the influence of the

television, DVD's, computer games, comics, etc. will overtake our children, leaving them morally bankrupt.

Ibaadah

Similarly, Ibaadah of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله should permeate all Muslim homes. Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has mentioned in a Hadith, "Do not make your homes into graveyards, for verily shaytan runs away from that home wherein Surah Baqarah is recited."

In one explanation of this Hadith, the commentators have mentioned that one's home should not be void of the recitation of the Qur'an Kareem. It is well known that Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddeeq رضي الله عنه had apportioned a section in his house where he recited the Qur'an Kareem aloud. Many of the Kuffaar took objection to this as their wives and children would be tempted to listen to the beautiful manner in which he used to recite the Qur'an Kareem, and thus draw them towards Islam.

Hazrat Moulana Siddeeq Ahmad Baandwi Sahib رحمه الله, a great and eminent scholar of the fifteenth century (hijri) gave the following advice to his children on his death-bed;

"Allocate a special place in the house for Ibaadah and Salaah. Call it a masjid if you wish. By calling it a masjid, it will not fall under the law of a masjid. Try and keep this place especially for Ibaadah (the worship of Allah Ta'ala). Have a musalla (salaah mat) spread out at all times. Place a Qur'an Shareef and have a tasbeeh hanging there. Whenever you get a chance, go and sit in this room and engage in the Ibadah of Allah Ta'ala. It will also have a positive effect on your children. When they will see this room, the musalla, the Qur'an Kareem etc. they will also have a desire to make the Ibadah of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله. At a time of need, it could be used for other things also. There is no harm in sleeping there as well, as it is not classified as a Shar'i masjid. Hazrat Moulana Thanwi رحمه الله has written the similar advice and also had a room like this in his home." [Hayaat e Siddq p. 324].

Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafee Saheb رحمه الله, the grand Mufti of Pakistan, had mentioned that in 1930's there was a movement called the "Shudhi Movement" that was converting Muslims to Hinduism in large numbers. However, the inmates of those homes wherein the Qur'an was recited daily were saved from their influence.

Make a habit of reciting the Qur'an daily in our homes. Hazrat Abu Zar رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم advised him: "Hold fast onto the reading of the Qur'an, because it is a noor in this life and a provision for the Hereafter." On one occasion, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned that the houses in which the Qur'an is recited shine unto the inhabitants of the heaven as do the stars shine unto the inhabitants of the earth. [Fazaail e Qur'aan pg.48].

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah رحمه الله says, "That house wherein the Qur'an Kareem is recited, the household members increase, virtues and blessings multiply, angels descend upon them and shaytan runs away from such a house. Whereas the house in which the Qur'an is not recited, life therein becomes straitened and devoid of blessings, angels leave the house and shaytan ravages it. [Fazaail e Qur'an p.42].

Hazrat Ibn Mas'ood رحمه الله as well as others have reported that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "A deserted house is one in which the Holy Qur'aan is not recited." [Ibid].

On Thursday nights, make a habit of reciting abundant durood shareef at home. Gather your household and recite a few

Ahadith regarding the virtues of Durood Shareef. Thereafter recite as much durood shareef as possible.

May Allah Ta'aala assist us in making our homes into gardens of Jannah, Ameen.

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Virtues of Salaat and Salaam

عن أبي بكر رضي الله عنه قال: الصلاة على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم أمحق للخطايا من الماء للنار، والسلام على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم أفضل من عتق الرقاب، وحبّ رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم أفضل من مهج الأنفس أو قال: من ضرب السيف في الله رواه النميري وابن بشكوال موقوفا (القول البديع ص ٢٦٣)

It is reported that Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddeeq رضي الله عنه said, "Reciting Salaat upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم expiates sins quicker than water extinguishes fire, and reciting Salaam upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is more virtuous than freeing salves. The love of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is more virtuous than fighting in the path of Allah Ta'ala and slaying the enemy.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.61)

The honourable Ulama in every era have prepared various collections of Salaat and Salaam, some comprising wording that appears in the Aḥadith. One of these blessed collections is the compilation of forty Salaat and Salaam in the book 'Zaadus Saeed' of Ḥakeemul Ummah Ḥazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi Saḥib رحمه الله where he provided the references.

Moulana Thanwi رحمه الله also quoted these forty Salaat and Salaam in 'Nashrut Teeb' without the references. Later on, Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله quoted and translated this blessed compilation in his universally accepted kitab 'Fazaail Durood'. He quotes Hazrat Moulana Thanwi رحمه الله mentioning, "Only 40 forms of Durood and Salaam are quoted here that have been reported in authentic Ahaadith sources. Twenty-five of these use words denoting Salaat and 15 use words denoting Salaam, making a total of 40 different forms of Durood. This thus falls within the ambit of the glad tidings Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has mentioned when he said that whoever conveys 40 Ahaadith concerning Deen to his Ummah shall be raised amongst the Ulama and will receive the intercession of Rasulullah صلي الله عليه وسلم. There is no doubt that Durood Shareef is a Deeni command instructed (in the Quran Shareef). Therefore, a double reward (the reward for reciting Durood Shareef as well as the reward for propagating 40 Ahaadith) is hoped for."

Years later, as per the suggestion of Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Sahib رحمه الله, Hazrat Sufi Iqbal Sahib رحمه الله extracted and published it separately, under the

name ‘Forty Salaat and Salaam’ and it continues to enjoy untold acceptance.

Eventually, Shaikhul Ḥadith Ḥazrat Moulana Islamul Ḥaqq Saḥib رحمه الله, who is buried in Jannatul Baqee, appended sixty additional formulae to these and prepared a compilation of one Hundred Ṣalaat and Salam, which was also met with great acceptance.

Hazrat Moulana Islamul Haqq Sahib رحمه الله

Hazrat Moulana Saleem Dhorat Sahib حفظه الله mentions,

“However, you probably do not know about my honourable teacher, Hazrat Moulana Islam al-Haq Sahib رحمه الله. He was a very humble and down to earth person. He liked to remain anonymous. Despite knowing him for many years, I never heard him speaking about himself even once. Even when asked, he would not divulge his conditions. Humility and anonymity were filled to the core in him. He was very lofty in both knowledge and practice.

Allah Taʿala blessed him with a unique death. It was in Madinah Munawwarah, in the month of Ramadaan, on the 27th night, night of Jumuah, at the time of tahajjud, and while he was in Sajdah.

Subhan Allah! I personally heard his son, Moulana Nur al-Haq Sahib, relating: “When I got up for sehri, I saw my father in Sajdah.”

(The Etiquette of Studying Hadith pg.58)

Allahu Akbar! A death to die for!

May Allah Ta'ala bless us with a life, reciting and propagating Durood and a death like this.

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىٰ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

“O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation.”

جَزَى اللهُ عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta’ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Eradication of Poverty

وعن سمرة السوائي والد جابر رضي الله عنهما قال: كنا عند النبي – صلى الله عليه وسلم – إذ جاءه رجل فقال يا رسول الله ما أقرب الأعمال إلى الله قال صدق الحديث وأداء الأمانة قلت يا رسول الله زدنا قال صلاة الليل وصوم الهواجر قلت يا رسول الله زدنا قال كثرة الذكر والصلاة علي تنفي الفقر قلت يا رسول الله زدنا قال من أم قوماً فليخفف فإن فيهم الكبير والعليل والصغير وذا الحاجة (معرفة الصحابة لأبي نعيم الرقم ٣٥٧٢)

Hazrat Samurah Suwaai رضي الله عنه, the father of Hazrat Jaabir رضي الله عنه, reports: We were once in the company of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم when a man came to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and asked, "O Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم! Which action is most pleasing to Allah Ta'ala?" Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, "Truthful speech and fulfilling of trusts." I said, "O Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم! Please give us further advice (regarding actions that are pleasing to Allah Ta'ala)!" Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Performing salaah during the night and fasting during hot days." I then said, "O Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم! Please give us further advice!" Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, ***"Engaging in abundant zikr and conveying Durood upon me eradicates poverty."*** *I again asked, "O Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم!*

Please give us further advice!" Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم remarked, "The one who leads the people in salaah should perform a concise salaah, because among the congregation are the old, the ill, the young and people who have some need."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.58)

Istighfar Before Durood

Hazrat Moulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Sahib رحمه الله mentions,

Qutbul Aalam Hazrat Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi رحمه الله was asked, "Should Istighfaar be recited first or Durood Shareef?" He enquired, "Do you wash your dirty clothes first or do you first apply Itr (Perfume)?" Therefore, one should first cleanse his soul from the filth of sin by means of Istighfaar and then perfume his soul with the recitation of Durood Shareef."

(Four Actions pg.33)

A Most Excellent Durood for Success and Progress/Improvement in Business

This Durood is very beneficial for attaining blessings in wealth and progress in Business.

A person should fix a time daily and punctually read the following Durood 121 times, facing the Qiblah. Insha Allah objectives will be fulfilled very quickly:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُوْلِكَ وَصَلِّ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَعَلَى الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ

O Allah Ta'ala shower special mercy upon Hazrat Muhammad, صلى الله عليه وسلم your servant and messenger and shower special mercy on the believing men and women and the Muslim men and women.

(Barkaat Durood Shareef pg.348)

Poetry Regarding Durood Shareef

Khwaja Azizul Hasan Majzoob رحمه الله mentioned,

شغلِ درود بھی ہے عجب شغلِ خوش گوار

جتنا تھا رنج و غم میرا سب دور ہو گیا

Occupying oneself in reciting Durood is a wonderful and pleasant occupation,

all my grief and sorrows have completely vanished.

(*Ishq Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم awr Ulama Deoband رحمهم الله* pg.373)

Receiving Special Food

Shah Waliyullah رحمه الله writes in Al-Hirzuth Thameen (under number nineteen) that his father related the following:

I was once travelling in the blessed month of Ramaadhaan. It was extremely hot at the time and I was undergoing great difficulty. In that state, I fell asleep and saw Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم gave me a most delicious sweet dish containing rice, saffron, sugar and ghee, and I ate to my fill.

Thereafter, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم gave me some water. Thus, my thirst and hunger were totally satiated, and when I awoke, I could smell the fragrance of saffron on my fingers.

Note: The father of Shah Waliyullah رحمه الله and his family were ardent lovers of Hazrat Rasulullahصلى الله عليه وسلم and would recite abundant Durood.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.182)

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May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Reciting Durood when Entering and Exiting the Masjid

عن فاطمة رضي الله عنها قالت: كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم إذا دخل المسجد صلى على محمد وسلم وقال رب اغفر لي ذنوبي وافتح لي أبواب رحمتك وإذا خرج صلى على محمد وسلم وقال رب اغفر ليد وافتح لي أبواب فضلك (سنن الترمذي، الرقم: ٣١٤)

Hazrat Faatimah رضى الله عنها reports that when Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلمwould enter the Masjid, he would first recite Durood and thereafter recite the following Dua:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْلِيْ ذُنُوْبِي وَافْتَحْ لِيْ أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

O my Rabb, forgive my sins and open for me the doors of Your mercy.

When Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم *would leave the musjid, he would recite Durood and thereafter recite the following dua:*

رَبِّ اغْفِرْلِيْ ذُنُوْبِي وَافْتَحْ لِيْ أَبْوَابَ فَضْلِك

O my Rabb, forgive my sins and open for me the doors of Your bounties.

Mufti Aashiq Ilaahi's رحمه الله Constant Zikr and Durood Shareef

Hazrat Mufti Abdullah Barni رحمه الله writes,

My Beloved Father used to make the Zikr of Allah Ta'ala with constancy. Even while writing, his tongue was always in motion with Zikrullah, and he used to recite Durood Shareef intermittently as well. To this end, that when seated in his gathering, and while he was in a happy and relaxed state of mind, conversing with others, even then, after short intervals his tongue would be moving reciting Tasbeeh, Tahleel, and Tahmeed. We used to hear while in conversation, suddenly from his tongue would sound the recitation of,

سبحان الله و الحمد لله ولا اله الا الله والله اكبر

He never, for a moment was unmindful of his Sustainer. This was Zikr of the tongue, however, the practice of the condition of gratitude to Allah in his heart was clearly evident.

For the believing servant, the constant remembrance of one's true Beloved is truly joyous, and the enjoyment of supplicating to Him is also evident, and those who are entrapped in love with this world give way to their very lives in ignoring their Fardh Salaah, and they are afraid of repeating Subhaanallaah five or ten times. These people taunt the people who make

Zikr, calling them mad and foolish. People who make Zikr in abundance, and who are in constant practice of this, to keep Shaitaan at bay, and to tame the carnal desires, which is a proven prescription, are taunted by these people who label them as monastics. The Quraan Shareef gives command to make Zikr in abundance, and Huzoor-e-Aqdas صلى الله عليه وسلم has practiced upon this to show its importance to us, and he encouraged us to make Zikr, and throughout his life has taught Duaas (supplications) to us in accordance to need and time. If this is termed monastism, then why would Huzoor-e-Aqdas صلى الله عليه وسلمsubject himself to abundance of Zikr, and why would he engage followers to do the same? It remains explicit that an amount of Zikr should be made in accordance to each individual's capacity, and strength, and upon the trust of a Spiritual Mentor's consultation. When my Beloved Father was asked regarding a subject relating to Deen, he would reply to their question, and then he used to continue with whatever he was writing. Sometimes he used to give solace to guests, and he used to converse with them, but the work of Deen used to be continuous at his hands, and from his tongue was the constancy of Tasbeeh, and Tahleel, and Durood Shareef.

(A few moments with Allah Ta'alas lovers pg.17)

Prescription of Mufti Mahmoodul Hasan Gangohi رحمه الله for Complete Protection

Moulana Zaheer Kareem حفظه الله mentioned in one of his discourses that Mufti Mahmood Sahib رحمه الله prescribed the following amal.

- Durood Shareef
- Surah Fatihah
- Ayatul Kursi
- The four Quls
- Durood Shareef

The above amal should be done 6 times a day, after every namaz and before sleeping. If one has time, read everything thrice. Otherwise, three times a day. After fajr, Maghrib and before sleeping.

دل تڑپتا ہے میرا سینے میں

My Heart pines in my chest

ہائے پہنچونگا کب مدینے میں

O when will I reach Madinah Munawwarah

قلب جس کا نہ ہو مدینے میں

Whoever's Heart is not attached to Madinah Munawwarah

اس کا جینا ہے کوی جینے میں

Is his life even worth living?

(Hazrat Shah Muhammad Hakeem Akhtar Sahib رحمہ اللہ)

Prescription for Sihr / Jinn

The following is a prescription which Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel رحمہ اللہ would give to those who complained of Sihr and Jinn. Hazrat Maulana رحمہ اللہ would say that this prescription will, Insha-Allah, suffice as a protection from any evil elements that may be present.

Every morning and evening read the following:

- 3 x Durood Shareef
- 3 x Ayatul Kursi
- 3 x 3 Surah Al-Ikhlaas, Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Naas
- 11 x La Hawla wala Quwata Illah Billah
- 3 x Durood Shareef.

Blow over your body. Blow on water and drink.

(Towards Reformation of the Heart pg.62)

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Raising the Name of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ

And we exalted for you your (esteemed) name (and position).
(Surah Inshirah :4)

Commentary

Mufti Zakaria Makada حفظه الله writes,

In this verse, we see the great love that Allah has for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and the exalted position that Allah Ta'ala has honoured him with. Whenever the name of Allah Ta'ala is taken, then the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is also taken with His name.

When reciting the kalimah and entering into the fold of Islam, the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is taken with the name of Allah Ta'ala

In the azaan, iqaamah and khutbah, the mubaarak name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is taken together with the name of Allah Ta'ala.

In the salaah, at the time of tashahhud, the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is taken with the name of Allah Ta'ala and if his mubaarak name is not taken and Durood is not recited upon him, then the salaah remains incomplete.

(Tafseer of the Quraan Majeed pg.63)

The Exalted Rank of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Under the Tafseer of this Ayat Hazrat Mufti Aashiq Ilahi رحمه الله writes,

There are great details here. Allah Ta'ala joint Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم mention with his own, in Azan, Iqaamah, Tashahhud, Khutbas, kitabs, discourses, speeches, writings Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم name is taken with the name of Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala called Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم to the heavens, made him travel across the skies and allowed him to reach the Sidratul Muntaha. As they went to each sky, when Hazrat Jibreel would ask for the door to be opened, he would be asked who he is to which he would say, "I am Jibreel" The next question would be, "who is with you" to which he would reply, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم" In this manner Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم exalted rank echoed in each and every heaven.

In the tafseer of this Ayat Allama Qurtubi رحمه الله quotes some Ulama explaining that Allah Ta'ala mentioned Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم in the books revealed to the Ambiya عليهم السلام and also commanded them to give the glad tidings of his صلى الله عليه وسلم arrival. Nabi's صلى الله عليه وسلم name will be exalted in the hereafter when he صلى الله عليه وسلم will be granted the Maqaam Mahmood and the former and everyone from the first to the last will all envy him صلى الله عليه وسلم. He صلى الله عليه وسلم will be granted Kawthar.

In this world people of Imaan mention Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم with love and reverence. Also, a great number of Kuffar, past and present, who did not bring Imaan for worldly reasons acknowledge the prophethood, lofty status and greatness of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Kuffar have compiled literature describing and praising his صلى الله عليه وسلم noble character, sang his praises and still continue mentioning his qualities and perfection to date.

والصلاة على سيد رسله صاحب الإنشراح ومروح الأرواح وعلى آله وصحبه اصحاب النجاح والفلاح و على من قام بعدهم بالصلاح والإصلاح

(Tafseer Anwaaarul Bayan v.9 pg.418)

Abundant Durood Shareef Perpetually Being Conveyed

No other person in the world enjoys this favour that his name is taken in every part of the world, and not a second passes without his blessed name been taken. Millions across the globe are named after him and abundant salutations are perpetually sent upon him daily. There is no person whose life, qualities, actions and statements have been meticulously recorded, documented and discussed in the manner in which Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم seerah has been collated.

Furthermore, Allah Ta'ala has made Deen such, that the majority of the time, when we take the name of Allah Ta'ala, we also take the blessed name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, whether it be when reciting the kalimah or the shahaadah, or when calling out the azaan and iqaamah, or when reciting the khutbah or on other occasions. This is indeed a great honour for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. (Tafseer Qurtubi vol 22, pg. 357)

One will acquire the most blessings through the Mubaarak Ahaadith on account of the abundant Durood that he will recite on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم when reading the Mubaarak Ahaadith. The Mubaarak Ahaadith of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم are like orchards and gardens in which you will find

every form of goodness, righteousness, virtue and zikr." *(At-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb 2/335)*

(On the Bright Side pg.73)

آپ کا مرتبہ اس جہاں میں جیسے خورشید ہو آسماں میں

Your Rank in this world O Nabi صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم is like the sun in the sky

دوستوں یہ ہے شہر مدینہ جس سے اسلام پھیلا جہاں میں

Friends, this is the city of Madinah Munawwarah the place from where Islam spread to the world

گر نہ صل علی ہو زباں پر کیا اثر ہو گا آہ و فغاں میں

If Durood Shareef is not on one's tongue of what use is sighing and crying

ورفعنا کا انعام یہ ہے آپ کا ذکر ہے دو جہاں میں

The gift of raising Nabi's صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم name is that his mention is in both the worlds

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Receiving the Certificate of Freedom from Hypocrisy and the Fire of Jahannum

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم من صلى علي صلاة واحدة صلى الله عليه عشرا ومن صلى علي عشرا صلى الله عليه مائة ومن صلى علي مائة كتب الله له بين عينيه براءة من النفاق وبراءة من النار وأسكنه الله يوم القيامة مع الشهداء (المعجم الصغير للطبراني، الرقم: ٨٩٩)

Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Whoever sends salutations upon me once, then as a reward for it, Allah* تبارك وتعالى *will send salutations (i.e. reward him and shower His mercy) upon him ten times, and whoever sends salutations upon me ten times, Allah* تبارك وتعالى *will send salutations (i.e. reward him and shower His mercy) upon him one hundred times, and whoever sends salutations upon me one hundred times, Allah* تبارك وتعالى *will write for him (a certificate of) emancipation, between his eyes, from hypocrisy, and (a certificate of) emancipation from the*

fire of Jahannum, and Allah تبارك وتعالى will honour him to be with the martyrs on the day of Qiyaamah."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.55)

Protection from Fitnahs

• Abundant Istighfaar

• **Abundant Durood Shareef**

• Following the Sunnah.

• Staying Away from Arguments

• Excessive remembrance of Death

• Distancing oneself from evil environments, company and literature

• Associating with the Pious

• Taqwa

• Tawakkul upon Allah Ta'ala

• Dua

• Salah

• Daily Taleem

• Zikr

• Recitation of the first and last Ruku of Surah Kahf daily

• After every Salaah to recite the following thrice verse 10

• Precaution regarding usage of one's tongue and thumbs

• Staying at home

(Adapted from Gumbade Khazra Ke Saaye Mein)

English Kitabs regarding Durood Shareef

• Fazaail Durood by Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله (Translated by Waterval Islamic Intstitute and Talimi board)

• The Gift of Durood and Salaam by Mufti Zakaria Makada Sahib حفظه الله

• The Rewards of Salat and Salam upon Sayyiduna Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم by Moulana Moosa Kajee Sahib حفظه الله

A Death to Die For

Final Moments of Hazrat Haji Ahmad Nakhuda Sahib رحمه الله

During his final illness someone who was with him, saw Hazrat Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله coming to visit him. Hazrat Shaikh رحمه الله was on a wheel chair and Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was pushing him. During these days Hazrat Haji Sahib رحمه الله requested that a turban be tied for him whilst in bed. His household also mention that a few hours before his demise, Haji Sahib was meeting and greeting invisible creations and was speaking to them in Arabic.

Many months prior to his demise, his Khalifah, Mufti Ayoob Jeena حفظه الله and his son would come home to meet him daily before the Maghrib Salaah and conduct a Majlis of Zikr. As per the habit, this action continued on the Thursday of his passing away. After the Esha Salah, many devotees came to meet him. Amongst them was Hazrat Moulana Zubair Malik Madni حفظه الله (The younger brother of Hazrat Moulana Abdul Hafeez Makki رحمه الله and the Khalifah of Moulana Yusuf Motala رحمه الله) who recited the forty Durood and Salaam in a special and loud tone.

A few hours prior to his passing away, Hazrat Haji Sahib رحمه الله told his daughter that he saw Hazrat Nabi Muhammad صلى الله

عليه وسلم on one side of his bed and Hazrat Shaikh Zakariyya رحمه الله on the other side as if they had come to fetch him. At the time of tahajjud, he recited the kalimah and passed away. إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون His face was bright and body gave off a fragrance which was perceived by all those present. It was at 3:30AM, the first Jumah of the month of Rajab in Madinah Munawwarah. The English date was the 11th February 2022 (coinciding with the 10th of Rajab 1443) and he was 85 years old.

(Gumbade Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.137)

One who knows Haji Ahmad Nakhuda or reads his biography will understand his commitment to the Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and Durood Shareef. These qualities generally grant a person honour in this world, at the time of death and Aakhirah. The room of Moulana Faizul Hasan رحمه الله, and the qabr of the author of Dalaailul Khairaat emitted a special fragrance. This was due to their attachment to the institution of Durood Shareef.

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"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Mercy, Peace and Blessings from Allah Ta'la

عن عبد الرحمن بن عوف أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال اني لقيت جبريل عليه السلام فبشرني وقال إن ربك يقول لك من صلى عليك صليت عليه ومن سلم عليك سلمت عليه فسجدت لله شكرا (مستدرك على الصحيحين رقم2038)

Hazrat Abdur Rahmaan bin Auf رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "I met Jibreel عليه السلام and he gave me glad tidings and said that indeed your Rabb says to you 'The one who recites Durood upon you, I send my mercy upon him, and the one who recites Salaam upon you, I send peace and blessing upon him' so I made Sajdah out of gratitude to Allah Ta'ala."

زمانے کی محفل کو جس نے سنوارا

The one who adorned the entire universe

اُسے حق نے محبوب کہہ کر پکارا

Allah Ta'ala referred to him as his beloved

ہزاروں سلام اُس مقدّس نبی ﷺ پر

May Thousands of Durood be upon that honourable Nabi صلی الله علیه وسلم

تھا ٹوٹے دِلوں کا مہرباں سہارا

Who was a kind support for broken hearts

Fazaail Durood

Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith رحمه الله was 69 years old at the time when he prepared the book, Fazaail Durood. Due to his ill health he used to dictate to his son-in-law, Moulana Aaqil Saahib رحمه الله and get him to prepare and research the notes for this kitaab. After writing the Fazaail Durood Hazrat رحمه الله still lived for another 18 years. When preparing this kitaab, he kept before him Zaadus Saeed which was a kitaab prepared by Hazrat Moulana Thanwi رحمه الله on the virtues of Durood Shareef. In fact, the first three chapters of Zaadus Saeed are fully included in the Fazaail Durood. Hazrat رحمه الله then added on a few extra Aayaat, Ahaadith, stories and Qaseedahs as was his style in the other books of Fazaail. In this compilation,

Hazrat رحمه الله has also very tactfully included the aspect of Hayaatun Nabi (Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم still being alive in his grave). He has also explained the manner in which a person should enter Madinah Munawwarah and the manner in which he should present his salaam to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. To prepare a kitaab was indeed a very easy task for Hazrat Shaikh رحمه الله. Hikaayaat-e-Sahaabah was written in just a few days. This was when Hazrat fell ill and was stopped from doing any strenuous mental work due to his illness. At times he would prepare an entire booklet on the road as he travelled from Delhi to Saharanpur and back. His book Juz Hajjatul Wadaa, which was compiled in Arabic, was written in one and half days. But surprisingly this small book took Hazrat two months to prepare. He was somehow over awed by the great personality of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and this is what stopped him from taking up the courage to write on this topic. The details are written in the introduction of this kitaab.

Perhaps it was Hadhrat's deep love and ishq for Fakhr-e-do Aalam صلى الله عليه وسلم that whenever he picked up his pen to write something he was over awed with his love. This then slowed down the process of writing. When reading this kitaab one will automatically make out the love with which the

author wrote this book. One can well imagine that whilst writing this kitaab how much of Durood Shareef Hazrat himself must have read. Many of the Ulama and pious Awliyaa of the time received glad tidings about this kitaab as well as the author. One such glad tiding was a dream which was seen by Doctor Maajid Ali from Aligarh. Hazrat رحمه الله mentions this dream in the Aap Beeti.

Letter of Doctor Maajid Ali

My most beloved and respected Hazrat-e-Aqdas (May Allah Ta'ala bless us all with your special barkat and blessings)

Assalaamu alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakaatuhu

I hope that Hazrat is in the best of health.

Whilst I was sitting in Itikaaf in Ramadhaan, Hazrat Nabi-e-Kareem صلى الله عليه وسلم had given me some glad tidings which I could not manage to mention to you over there. This glad tidings from Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was as follows

"Zakariyya has surpassed all his contemporaries on account of this Fazaail Durood."

I was very surprised at this as Hazrat has so many other great achievements like serving and teaching Deen especially the

mubaarak Ahaadeeth of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. However, it later came to my mind that this book Fazaail Durood is a proof of Hazrat's deep rooted love for Sayyidina Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. It is because of this that Hazrat has surpassed all his contemporaries.

Previously, some time ago I had seen Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in a dream. He said to me that there is a Qaseedah or a Durood which you read on Fridays which is very beloved and dear to Sayyidina Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Please, if possible, let me know what is this Durood or Qaseedah that you read. I will be very thankful for this.

Maajid Ali

Aligarh

Reply of Hazrat Shaikh (RA)

May Allah make this dream a means of barkat for me and for you. For Allah Ta'ala to like something it doesn't have to be a very great action. Allah Ta'ala liked the action of an evil woman giving water to a thirsty dog. To see Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in a dream and for it to be reliable has been established in Saheeh Ahaadith.

It is my habit now for about 30 years to recite this Durood 80 times after the Asar Salaah on Fridays;

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى اٰلِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيْمًا

After I wrote the Fazaail Durood I sometimes listen to the two Qaseedahs that is written at the end of the Kitaab. One is by Mulla Jaami and the other is by Hazrat Moulana Qaasim Nanotwi.

(Introduction of Fazaail Durood)

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىٰ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

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جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Dua After Azaan Secures Intercession of Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم

عن أبي الدرداء رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم كان يقول إذا سمع المؤذن اللّٰهُمَّ رب هذه الدعوة التامة والصلاة القائمة صل على محمد وأعطه سؤله يوم القيامة وكان يسمعها من حوله ويحب أن يقولوا مثل ذلك إذا سمعوا المؤذن قال ومن قال مثل ذلك إذا سمع المؤذن وجبت له شفاعة محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم يوم القيامة (مجمع الزوائد، الرقم: ١٨٧٨)

Hazrat Abu Dardaa رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم used to recite the following after hearing the Muazzin;

اللّٰهُمَّ رَبَّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةِ التَّامَّةِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْقَائِمَةِ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَعْطِهِ سُؤْلَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

O Allah! Rabb of this perfect call and established salaah. Send salutations upon Hazrat Muhammad (shower Your mercy upon him) and grant him his request (of interceding for all the creation) on the Day of Qiyaamah. (The Blessed Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم v.2 pg.133)"

and recite it to those around him and desire that they do the same when they hear the Muazzin. He then said that the

intercession of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم will become wajib (incumbent) on whoever recites this when hearing the Muazzin.

The Different Wordings of Durood Shareef

Moulana Muhammad Aaqil Sahib رحمه الله mentions in the introduction his kitab "Mukhtasar Fazaail Durood Shareef",

"From among the rights of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم upon the ummah is that which is mentioned in the Quran Majeed;

O you who believe send Durood and Salaam upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

This right will be fulfilled by reciting the Durood in the various wordings, forms and tenses which appear in the Ahadith Shareef. In reality this in itself is a great favour of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم on this ummah that upon the enquiry of the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم, Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم taught them a method of fulfilling this right in the most beautiful manner. These wordings and tenses which are reported in the Ahadith Shareef is what we call Durood Shareef. The reason for

compiling this little booklet is to publish a few of those wordings which appear in the Mubarak Ahadith and their virtues so that the reciters are motivated and encouraged to increase recitation of Durood Shareef.

Ulama have explicitly mentioned that the best form of Durood is Durood Ebrahim. Together with this, there is an entire, exotic orchard of Salaat and Salaam in which all the different words and forms of Durood Shareef are found. The enjoyment and taste of each is different. Every reader's taste and preference is also different. One person may enjoy a certain Durood more while a second person may enjoy another.

The reality is this that although Durood is beneficial no matter how it is recited. However, one will attain all the benefits and results when one recites it with passion, love and enthusiasm.

(Mukhtasar Fazaail Durood Shareef pg.3)

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَدَدَ جَمِيْعِ الْأَثْمَارِ

O Allah shower your special mercy, peace and bless Hazrat Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم equivalent to the number of fruits (existant).

An Expression of Gratitude

It is universally acknowledged, among Muslims and non-Muslims alike, that a person is indebted to those who show him kindness and grant him assistance. The demand of such kindness and assistance is that one show gratitude, firstly by acknowledging the favour, thanking the person, making du'aa for the person and then by trying to repay the favour. after Allah Ta'ala, the being to whom we owe the greatest gratitude is none other than our beloved Rasul, Muhammad Mustafaa صلى الله عليه وسلم.

The reason is obvious – from all people, his favour upon us is the greatest as he brought us the Deen of Islam and the gift of imaan, and he showed us the path to Jannah.

In order for this Deen to reach us, he shed tears in du'aa and his blessed blood was shed on the battlefield. Until the day he departed from this world, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم remained worried for the salvation of his Ummah, and in the Hereafter as well, he will intercede to Allah Ta'ala on behalf of his Ummatis.

In reality, the favour and kindness of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم upon us is so immense that we cannot repay him for all he has done for us. However, we should still show our gratitude to

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم as much as possible – and one way of doing this is to recite abundant durood (salaat and salaam) upon him.

May Allah Ta'ala bless us with the desire and tawfeeq of reciting Durood Shareef in abundance. Aameen.

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The Promised Way of Acceptance;

Durood Coupled with Dua

عن عبد الله قال كنت أصلي والنبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وأبو بكر وعمر معه فلما جلست بدأت بالثناء على الله ثمّ الصلاة على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم ثم دعوت لنفسي فقال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم سل تعطه سل تعطه (ترمذي رقم 597)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood ... narrates; "I was performing Salaah and Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, Hazrat Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه and Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه where there. When I completed my Salaah, I made dua beginning with the praises of Allah Ta'ala, Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and then Dua for myself. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم said 'Ask, you will be granted! Ask, You will be granted!'"

The Power of Durood and Dua

Hazrat Mufti Ebrahim Salejee Sahib حفظه الله mentions an amazing incident of a boy who had met into an accident and recovered wonderfully. Mufti Sahib حفظه الله explained that there is a child who had met into an accident playing on a bike. The town he lives in did not have advanced medical facilities therefore he was airlifted to a hospital in Pietermaritzburg.

The family is wealthy so they had all the best doctors to attend to him. All the specialists and doctors who saw him explained that the child is in a coma and his condition is irreversible. The doctors had tried everything possible in the medical field and came to the conclusion that it is just a matter of time until he passes away.

Meanwhile the parents of the child had not given up. Both of them were making Dua to Allah Ta'ala. Hazrat Mufti Sahib حفظه الله says the wording of the parents' duas is what really touched him.

They said,

"O Allah you could restore the sleep of the sleepers of the cave after 300 years.

O Allah Ta'ala what restricts you? What stops you O Allah Ta'ala?

O Allah Ta'ala, we have changed. You favoured us, but we didn't do the right thing, we changed. But Allah Ta'ala, you don't change. You never change.

The compassion in You never changes. Your mercy doesn't change. Your forgiveness doesn't change. You don't change.

You are as you were, and you will be like that. Conditions don't influence you. You are beyond conditions. You don't change."

They kept on making dua for their child. One can imagine how they must have cried to Allah Ta'ala as they had only one son.

Meanwhile the child is in a coma. They are putting pipes here, pipes everywhere, for the air, food, etc. but no response.

After three weeks, the child got up with his health completely restored. Everyone was in utter amazement. The father asks the child, "Tell us what happened!"

The child says, "Last night Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم came in my dream and passed his blessed hand over my head. He said, "You'll be alright. No problem, you'll be alright." He kissed me on the cheek and said, "You will become a Hafiz." He صلى الله عليه وسلم also told the child to convey Salaams to his dadi.

Mufti Sahib حفظه الله mentions further, "So what was their Aml? What were they doing?

It was the barakah of the 80 Durood after Asr on a Friday, the entire family was reciting regularly because of which Allah Ta'ala restored the health of the child.

When you are asking Allah Ta'ala Don't lose hope. Don't become despondent. A Muslim does not become despondent."

Mufti Sahib حفظه الله also mentions, "Everyone will be anxious to know what was so special about the dadi, that Rasulullah is conveying Salaam to her?" Upon enquiry they came to know that she has two outstanding qualities in her. She is very bashful, stays at home and does not leave the house except when there is a dire need. Secondly, she wakes up every morning at 2 am and engages in Ibadat until ishraaq.

She paid a price for it, but imagine how it paid off. The Rasul of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم conveying Salaam to you. When the doctors and everyone else had no hope and had written the child off, she did not give up. She kept on trying and crying and Allah Ta'ala showed it to her by restoring the health of the child."

Lastly Mufti Sahib حفظه الله concludes, "There might be a little delay for things to get answered but don't ever think that Allah has forgotten."

Durood for Success in ones Endeavors

The following Durood Shareef is tried and tested for success in all permissible aspirations. Whoever recites it for whichever

purpose, Allah will grant him success. One should perform two rakats Salaatul Hajah, recite this Durood 313 times and then cry in Dua for success in one's endeavour. Insha Allah, one will achieve success.

The Durood is,

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَ تَرْضَى لَهُ

(Adapted from Barkaat Durood Shareef pg.360)

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىْ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Reciting Durood Before Dua

عن فضالة بن عبيد قال بينا رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قاعدا إذ دخل رجل فصلى فقال اللّٰهُمَّ اغفر لي وارحمني فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم عجلت أيها المصلي إذا صليت فقعدت فاحمد الله بما هو أهله وصل على ثم ادعه قال ثم صلى رجل آخر بعد ذلك فحمد الله وصلى على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فقال له النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم أيها المصلي ادع تجب (سنن الترمذي رقم3476)

Hazrat Fadhalah bin Ubaid رضي الله عنه *mentions that on one occasion, while Sayyiduna Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *was seated (in the Musjid), a certain person entered and performed Salaah. After performing Salaah, the person made dua saying; "O Allah! Forgive me and shower Your mercy upon me." Observing the manner in which this person made daa, Sayyiduna Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *addressed him saying;*

"You have hastened (in asking Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله *for your need), O Musalli! After performing Salaah, when you are seated to make dua, commence by first praising Allah Ta'ala* جل جلاله *as He is worthy of being praised. Thereafter, recite Durood upon me, and then present your need to Allah Ta'ala* جل جلاله."

Thereafter, another person performed Salaah. After performing Salaah, he praised Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله, recited Durood upon (Sayyiduna) Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم (and then commenced making dua). Observing this person (and him adhering to the etiquettes of dua), (Sayyiduna) Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said to him;

"O Musalli! Make dua, for your dua will be accepted."

Durood Shareef Prescriptions with Dua

A Tried and Tested Durood Shareef for Repayment of Debts

If any Muslim incurs a debt and he cannot see any way of repaying his debt, then he may stipulate a time daily and recite the following Durood Shareef 101 times. He should also engage in earnest dua thereafter. Insha Allah arrangements for the fulfillment of his debts will be made from the unseen. This prescription is tried and tested. The Durood Shareef is;

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَ نَبِيِّكَ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَ آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيْماً – وَزِدْهُ تَشْرِيْفاً وَّ أَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ القِيَامَةِ

O Allah Shower Your mercy upon our master Muhammad, Your slave and messenger, the unlettered prophet, and upon

his family and grant them the best of peace. Increase his honour and grant him the position of proximity to You on the day of Qiyaamah.

A Durood to End Difficulties

Durood Shareef is a proven prescription for attaining freedom from all sorts of difficulties. By a person reciting the following Durood Shareef day and night, abundantly Allah Ta'ala will save him from all types of difficulties.

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الطَّاهِرِ الزَّكِي – صَلوةً تُحَلُّ بِهَا الْعُقَدُ وَ تُفَكُّ بِهَا الْكُرَبُ

O Allah Shower Your mercy upon our master Muhammad, Your slave and messenger, the unlettered pure prophet, such mercy through which knots are untied and calamities removed

(Barkaate Durood Shareef pg.361)

Durood Shareef in a Vehicle

At the Stanger Ijtima in 2015, Moulana Yusuf Tootla Sahib رحمه الله gave the Asr bayan and mentioned the following incident:

"I was once involved in an accident and I wrote to Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله. Hazrat Shaikh

رحمه الله wrote back advising me to recite Durood Shareef whenever I sit in a vehicle."

Moulana Tootla رحمه الله mentioned this to a friend who had the habit since he obtained his driver's licence of reading Durood Shareef when he was driving any vehicle. Moulana Tootla رحمه الله then asked his friend, "Did you ever meet in an accident?"

The friend replied: "Leave alone an accident, I did not even experience a puncture."

We should therefore try to make it a habit to recite the Masnoon Duas and Durood Shareef when travelling. This will be the solution for our present traffic anxieties and travel troubles.

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"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Salaat and Salaam Being Conveyed to Hazrat Rasulullah صلي الله عليه وسلم via the Angels

عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما قال ليس أحد من أمة محمد يصلي على محمد أو يسلم عليه إلا بلغه يصلي عليك فلان ويسلم عليك فلان (المطالب العالية الرقم:3333)

Hazrat Ibnu Abbaas رضي الله عنهما *once mentioned the following, "There is no person from the Ummah of Rasulullah* صلي الله عليه وسلم *who recites Salaat or Salaam upon Rasulullah* صلي الله عليه وسلم *except that it is conveyed to him (via the angels) and he is told, 'So-and-so has recited Salaat upon you, and so-and-so has recited Salaam upon you.'"*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.68)

Droplets of Mercy

Hazrat Moulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Sahib رحمه الله mentions,

“My first Shaikh, Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Ghani Phoulpoori رحمه الله has explained a beautiful manner of reciting Durood Shareef. He says, "When reciting Durood Shareef imagine you are standing at the Rawdah Mubarak. From the countless blessings that are being showered upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, some droplets are falling on you as well."

(Four Actions pg.33)

Wazifa for anxiety and depression

Q:

1. I am suffering from anxiety. Please specify any dua or wazifa.

2. I am earning a halaal income but I want to have barakah in my income. I do everything to make Allah happy but sometimes I feel depressed that my duas are not being accepted.

A:

1. Read Durood Shareef and picture the Roudhah Mubaarak in your mind.

2. The feeling is totally wrong. A Muslim should never feel that his duas are not accepted. Every dua is accepted. It is just a matter of how and when the dua is accepted. If you are making

the dua then do it with the conviction that it is accepted and Allah Ta`ala knows how and when it will be accepted.

And Allah Ta'ala (الله تعالى) knows best.

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Durood Before and After Dua

Hazrat Mufti Taqi Usmani Sahib حفظه الله mentions that the pious predecessors رحمهم الله have taught this etiquette of Dua. When making Dua for any need a person should recite Durood Shareef before and after the Dua. This is because acceptance of Durood Shareef is certain and looking at Allah Ta'ala's kindness it is impossible that He will accept the first and last portion of the dua without accepting the middle portion. Therefore, when a person makes dua for his need after reciting Durood Shareef then Insha Allah, Allah will definitely accept that Dua also. This is the reason why the etiquette of making Dua is to first exalt the praises of Allah Ta'ala, then send Durood upon

Nabi Kareem صلى الله عليه وسلم and thereafter make Dua for one's needs.

(Ishqe Rasool aur Ulama Deoband رحمهم الله pg.340)

Durood For Grief, Sorrow and Distress

The following concise Durood is very effective and beneficial for any Muslim who is overwhelmed by grief, sorrow and distress. One should recite it 100 times daily, morning and evening. Insha Allah very soon he will be relieved and released from all sorts of worries, grief and sorrow.

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنا مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَوةً جَامِعَةً بَيْنَ فَرَحِهِ وَسُرُوْرِهِ

O Allah shower such mercy upon Muhammad صلي الله عليه وسلم which will gather his pleasure and happiness.

(Barakaate Durood Shareef pg.364)

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىْ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Durood Shareef After Talbiyah

قال صالح سمعتُ القاسم بن محمد رحمه الله يقول وكان يستحب للرجل إذا فرغ من تلبيته أن يصلي على النبيِّ ﷺ (أخرجه الطبراني رقم 3721)

It is narrated from Qaasim bin Muhammad, that it is Mustahab for a person to recite Durood Shareef after talbiyah.

A Few Mustahab Occasions for Durood

Allamah Shaami رحمه الله has mentioned a few mustahab occasions for Durood:

- When entering the Masjid
- When leaving the Masjid
- When visiting the blessed grave of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم
- When walking on Mount Safa and Marwah during Hajj
- During the Friday khutbah as well as the other khutbahs
- When replying to the Azaan
- At the time of Iqaamah
- At the beginning of a Dua
- During the Dua
- At the end of a Dua

- After Dua-e-Qunoot
- After reciting the talbiyah
- When joining a gathering
- When dispersing from a gathering
- When making Wudhu

(Shaami v1 pg.518)

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.106)

Reciting Durood Shareef whenever a person recites Talbiyah

Q: Is it Mustahabb to recite Durood Shareef whenever a person recites Talbiyah?

A: The Fuqahaa have explained that it is mustahab for one to recite durood silently after reciting the talbiyah. In regard to the way one will recite the talbiyah and durood shareef, it is mustahab for one to recite the talbiyah thrice and thereafter recite the durood shareef softly. Men will recite the talbiyah aloud and women will recite the talbiyah softly.

And Allah Ta'ala (الله تعالى) knows best.

في اللباب وشرحه ويستحب أن يرفع صوته بالتلبية ثم يخفضه ويصلي على النبي — صلى الله عليه وسلم — ثم يدعو بما شاء، ومن المأثور «اللهم إني أسألك رضاك والجنة وأعوذ بك من غضبك والنار» وفيه أيضا وتكرارها سنة في المجلس الأول وكذا في غيره، وعند

تغير الحالات مستحب مؤكدا والإكثار مطلقا مندوب، ويستحب أن يكررها كلما شرع فيها ثلاثا على الولاء ولا يقطعها بكلام (رد المحتار 484/2)

وتقدم أنه يصلي على النبي – صلى الله عليه وسلم – عقب تلبيته سرا، ويسأل الله الجنة، ويتعوذ من النار ورفع الصوت بها سنة إلا أنه لا يجهد نفسه كما يفعله العوام. (البحر الرائق 350/2)

وإذا لبى يستحب أن يخفض صوته، ويصلى على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم، ويدعو بما شاء، وإن تبرك بالمأثور فحسن (غنية الناسك صـ ٧٣)

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The Lovers of Allah Ta'ala

Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله writes:

"It so happened that Hazrat Maulana Husain Ahmad Madani رحمه الله once visited us on the eighth or ninth of Zul Hijjah. I came forward with a small bottle of fragrant itr. After using it, Maulana رحمه اللهsighed and said, 'This is a day in which those who are the true lovers of Allah Ta'ala have been prohibited from the use of scents', and he then returned the scent to me. This is one incident among many, showing that when a heart has been touched with the love of Allah Ta'ala; it pains and bleeds even though it be far away from Makkah Mukarramah; the centre where the lovers gather. During the first ten days of Zul Hijjah, I have seen how my father (may Allah Ta'ala have mercy upon him) involuntarily recited 'Lab'baik (Talbiyah) often.

(Fazail Hajj English)

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كُلَّمَا لَبَّى الْحَاجُّ وَغَيْرُ الْحَاجِّ وَعَدَدَ مَنْ حَجَّ وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحُجَّ

O Allah, shower your special mercy, peace and bless Hazrat Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم whenever a Hajee and non-

Hajee recites Talbiyah, equivalent to the number of those who have performed Hajj and those who have not.

The Best Dua on the Day of Arafah

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم *has mentioned, "The best dua is that which is made on the Day of Arafah and the best dua which the Ambiyaa* عليهم السلام *before me and I have made is;*

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْر

(Tirmizi: # 3585)

(Virtues of Qurbaani pg.8)

Enlivening Five Nights with Ibadah

Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم has mentioned that Paradise becomes waajib for that person who worships Allah Ta'ala on five nights. i.e. the night of Tarwiyah (8th of Zul Hijjah), the night of Arafah (9th of Zul Hijjah), the night of Nahr (10th of Zul Hijjah), the night of Eidul Fitr and the night of the 15th of Sha'baan.

Hazrat Muaaz bin Jabal رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "The one who enlivens five nights of the year with ibaadah, Jannah becomes compulsory for him. (These five nights*

are) the night of Tarwiyah (8th of Zul Hijjah), the night of Arafah (9th of Zul Hijjah), the night of Nahr (10th of Zul Hijjah), the night of Eidul Fitr and the night of the 15th of Sha'baan."

(The Blessed Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم v3 pg.118)

Staying Awake on the Nights of Eid

Hadhrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله has mentioned the following Hadith in his famous book Fazaail-e-Ramadhaan,

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever remains awake for ibaadah on the nights before both the Eids, his heart shall not die on that day when hearts shall die."

This night too should be appreciated. Most of us enjoy our sleep on this night, whereas this night too is a night that should be spent in *ibaadah.*

"His heart shall not die" means that at the time when evil will overpower all, his heart shall stay alive (guarded against evil). It may also refer to the time when the *soor* (trumpet) shall be blown to announce the day of *Qiyaamah; o*n that day he will not become unconscious.

(Virtues of Qurbaani pg.8)

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Durood Fulfills All Needs

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال:قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:من صلى علي عند قبري سمعته ومن صلى علي نائبا كفي أمر دنياه واخرته وكنت له شهيدا وشفيعا يوم القيامة (رواه البيهقي في الشعب)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "When a person stands at my grave reciting durood on me, I hear it, and whoever recites Durood on me from any other place, his every need in this world and in the hereafter is fulfilled and on the day of Qiyamah I shall be his witness and intercessor".

(Fazail Hajj pg.192)

Appreciating Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Shaikh Abdul Mueed Sahib حفظه الله says,

Allah Ta'ala has honoured man in this world with countless bounties. These bounties are so many that one is unable to enumerate them.

وَإِن تَعُدُّوا۟ نِعْمَةَ ٱللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَآ

If you try to count the bounties of Allah Ta'ala, you will never be able to do so. (Surah Nahl: 18)

From these bounties of Allah Ta'ala is the great favour of being an Ummati of the, truthful informer, mercy of the universe, the seal of the prophets صلى الله عليه وسلم. We cannot make enough Shukr for this great blessing. The first level of Shukr is that this bounty should be valued. Valuing this bounty entails always remembering the beloved Rasul of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Remembering him does not mean having a celebration, rather Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will be remembered by obeying him, following his Sunnats and being punctual and giving due importance to abundant recitation of Durood and salaam.

(Hadyah Bargah Risalat Ma'ab pg.4)

Powerful Prescription for Combating Sihr and Jinn

A senior Mufti mentioned that the following Durood is extremely effective and powerful for combating sihr and jinn problems,

اللهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلَّمْ عَلَى رُوْحِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْأَرْوَاحِ وَصَلِّ وَسَلَّمْ عَلَى قَلْبِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْقُلُوْبِ وَصَلِّ وَسَلَّمْ عَلَى جَسَدِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْأَجْسَادِ وَصَلِّ وَسَلَّمْ عَلَى قَبْرِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْقُبُوْرِ

O Allah, shower peace and mercy on the soul of Sayyiduna Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم amongst the souls. And shower peace and mercy on the heart of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم from all hearts. And shower peace and mercy on the body of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم among bodies. And shower peace and mercy on the grave of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم amongst all graves.

Durood Benefits a Drunkard

Mufti Muhammad Desai Sahib رحمه الله mentioned in one of his discourses,

“In the previous Ummah, there was a drunkard. He was once walking when he fell into a ditch and passed away. This man was an unknown to the people. Allah Ta’ala inspired the Wali of the time to go and retrieve this man’s body and give him Ghusl and bury him. The Wali carried out this command, but the people were confused because they knew the drunkard to

be an evil person. Allah Ta'ala inspired the Wali that this man had once read the Taurah and he found the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. He kissed the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, he placed the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم on his eyes, and just once in his life, he sent Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Through the Barakah of that one Durood, on his passing, a great Wali performed his burial rites and buried him.

Hazrat Moulana Daya Sahib رحمه الله of Malboro had so much love for صلى الله عليه وسلم that on a Thursday night, he would not answer the phone as his time was dedicated to Durood and Salawaat. He, too, enjoyed a Mubarak death and thousands attended his burial."

(fataawa.co.za)

Amal for a Mischievous Child

Recite the two blessed names of Allah, "Subboohun Quddoosun,"

سُبُّوْحٌ قُدُّوْسٌ

100 times daily with the intention of instilling calmness and good behaviour in the child.

Begin and end the recitation with Durood Shareef three times before and after. It is preferable to blow on water after reciting and give the child to drink.

(spiritualadvice.co.za)

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May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

The Outcome of a Gathering Devoid of Zikr and Durood

عن جابر رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ما اجتمع قوم ثم تفرقوا عن غير ذكر الله وصلاة على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم إلا قاموا عن أنتن جيفة (مسند أبي داود الطيالسي ، الرقم: ١٨٦٣)

Hazrat Jaabir رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Whenever a group of people gather, and thereafter terminate their gathering and depart without remembering Allah* Ta'ala *or sending Durood upon Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *in the gathering, it is as though they have gathered around a foul smelling corpse and thereafter departed (i.e. the gathering which is void of Allah Ta'ala's remembrance and Durood upon Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *is so reprehensible that it is compared to a foul smelling corpse which no person wishes to go near)."*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.79)

Zikr and Durood

Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi رحمه الله mentions,

“Whenever we participate in a gathering concerning worldly matters, make it a point to remember Allah Ta’ala and Rasulullahصلى الله عليه وسلم or else all of these will become a curse”

(Behishti Zewar pg.495)

The Light of the Durood upon Hazrat Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم

Hazrat Abul Qaasim Marwazi رحمه الله relates:

My father and I used to study Ahaadith at night. It was seen in a dream that on the spot where we sat, a brilliant light had appeared which stretched right to the heavens. Someone then enquired as to what this beam of light was. It was explained that this was the light of the Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم which these two scholars had recited while they were studying Ahaadith.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.152)

The Power of Zikr

Moulana Zaheer Karim حفظه الله mentions,

“Zikr is very powerful. And especially collective Zikr. Zikr will shake the forces of baatil. The people of baatil do not like Zikr. It will shake the Shayateen. When we do Zikr collectively our

nisbat meets up. They are groups of magicians sitting together in different parts of the world working very hard on the muslims We are their main target. So we need to sit together in groups and make the Zikr of Allah Ta'ala. If we only realise and understand we have; the solutions to all the problems of the world. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the true understanding." Aameen

(Adapted from a discourse by Moulana Zaheer Karim حفظه الله)

Durood Shareef for Protection from Jinn, Spells, Snakes, Scorpions and All Harm

صَلَّى اللهُ سُبْحَانَهُ وَبِحَمْدِهِ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِهِ وَرَسُوْلِهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَآلِهِ وَبَارَكَ وَسَلَّمَ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala, *Glory be to Him and all praise, shower His special mercy, peace and blessings upon Muhammad*, his servent and messenger, the unlettered Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم *and his family such that is due to him.*

If anyone recites the above mentioned Durood Shareef seven times after every Salaah then no jinn, spell, snake, scorpion or any harmful creature will be able to harm him. Neither any oppressor nor any rebel will be able to gain dominance over

him. Furthermore, reciting it abundantly as a wazifah creates an amazing protective fort.

(Aap ki pareshaniya aur Durood Shareef me un ka hal pg.42)

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Replying to Azaan and Dua Secures Intercession

عن عبد الله بن مسعود رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال : ما من مسلم يقول إذا سمع النداء فيكبر المنادي فيكبر ثم يشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأن محمدا رسول الله فيشهد على ذلك ثم يقول اللّٰهُمَّ أعط محمدا الوسيلة واجعل في عليين درجته وفي المصطفين محبته وفي المقربين داره إلا وجبت له شفاعة النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم يوم القيامة (شرح معاني الآثار رقم894)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whichever Muslim hears the azaan being called out, and replies to the takbeer of the muazzin by reciting takbeer, and replies to the shahaadat of the muazzin by reciting shahaadat, and thereafter he recites the following dua, he will be granted the intercession of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلمon the day of Qiyaamah;

اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُحَمَّدًا الْوَسِيلَةَ وَاجْعَلْ فِي عِلِّيِّينَ دَرَجَتَهُ وَفِي الْمُصْطَفَيْنَ مَحَبَّتَهُ وَفِي الْمُقَرَّبِينَ دَارَهُ

O Allah bless Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم with Waseelah (the right of interceding for the entire creation on the day of

Qiyaamah), and elevate his stage to the highest stage in illiyeen (in Paradise), and bless the hearts of Your chosen servants with his special love, and bless the extremely pious of Your servants with his companionship in the Hereafter.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.96)

Hazrat Moulana Khalil Ahmad Saharanpuri رحمه الله- Kalimah, Istighfar and Durud in his Final Moments

On the third day– Monday he was returning from the Haram Sharif after performing the zuhr salah. On the way he said: "I am feeling some pain again on the upper part of my chest." He had experienced a similar pain a few days back. The pain at the time was resolved within a few hours through massaging and heating. On reaching home, he was massaged and heat was applied to his chest. The pain decreased by 'asr time, but he felt too weak to go to the Haram Sharif. The 'asr salah was performed at home with Maulwi Sayyid Ahmad Sahib leading the salah. Despite his weakness, Hazrat performed this salah standing. He became even more weak, and instead of his body feeling hot, he felt cold and began perspiring. He could not stand and perform the maghrib salah; he had to perform it sitting. In fact, he asked Maulwi Sayyid Ahmad to perform a short, quick salah. He found it difficult to get off his bed for the

'ishā salāh and so, he performed it sitting on his bed. Together with the restlessness, his weakness continued increasing. He spent the entire night repeating the kalimah, istighfar and durud. He did not sleep at all.

(Tazkiratul Khalil pg.785)

Zikrullah or Durood Shareef?

Question

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Respected Mufti Sahib.

May Allah Ta'ala accept Mufti Sahib's efforts and preserve Mufti Sahib with aafiyat.

How will we answer a person who wants to know whether Zikrullah is more virtuous or Durood Shareef?

Jazaakumullah

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Haamidan wa Musalliyan

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuh

Both are virtuous and both come under zikr. The right thing is to allocate time for both. And Allah Ta'ala (الله تعالى) knows best.

Answered by:

Mufti Ebrahim Salejee

Calamities and Difficulties Removed through the Blessing of Good Deeds

Hazrat Shaikh Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله once mentioned:

This is a proven fact and I have firm confidence and belief in it. It has also been proven through the experience of the pious servants of Allah Ta'ala. This fact is that whenever any locality is undergoing difficulties and calamities, and they resort to reciting durood shareef in abundance and making excessive zikr (remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, performing salah, reforming their actions), the calamities and difficulties are immediately alleviated and removed.

(Qutbul Aqtaab Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله pg.400)

(Scattered Pearls of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Khandelwi رحمه الله v1. Pg. 124)

Last Advices of Moulana Yunus Patel رحمه الله to His Son

1. Keep the tongue moist with the Zikr of Allah Ta'ala and abundant recitation of durood on Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.
2. Always keep the mouth clean from impurities as the name of Allah Ta'ala is taken from the very same mouth.
3. Never accuse or hurl any allegations on anyone even if you feel there is proof for this, as you could be wrong and end up regretting.
4. Always keep a smile on your face and be humble with everyone, including the beggars, especially in the Haramain Sharefain.

(A Glimpse into the Life of Hazrat Moulana Yunus Patel رحمه الله pg.77)

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Leaving Out an Action Leading One to Jannah

عن حسين بن علي رضي الله عنهما قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم :من ذكرت عنده فخطىء الصلاة علي خطىء طريق الجنة (المعجم الكبيرللطبرانى الرقم 2778)

Hazrat Husain bin Ali رضي الله عنهما reports that Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "The one in whose presence my name is mentioned, and he does not send salutations upon me, he has left out an action which leads to Jannah."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.75)

Reciting and Writing Durood and Salaam

Imam Nawawi رحمه الله says in the introduction of his commentary on Sahih Muslim,

"It is Mustahab for one writing Ahadith to write (عز وجل) or (تعالى) or (سبحانه وتعالى) or (تبارك وتعالى) or (جل ذكره) or (تبارك اسمه) or (جلت عظمته) when he comes across the name of Allah Ta'ala.

Similarly, when Nabi's صلى الله عليه وسلم name appears one should write صلى الله عليه وسلم in its complete form i.e. The Salaat

and Salaam, he should neither suffice on one or use abbreviations.

It is also Mustahab to say رضي الله عنه at the mention of a Sahabi and رضي الله عنهما if it is a Sahabi who is a son of a Sahabi. In the same way one may say رضي الله عنه and رحمه الله for all the Ulama and pious servants.

All the above must be adhered to even if these do not appear in the original manuscript from which one is quoting or reading as these do not form part of the actual riwaayat but are merely Duas.

Do not feel the constant repetition to be burdensome. (Rather, enjoy it.) Negligence in this regard will be a cause of one losing great reward and enormous virtues."

(Rasulul Mu'allim wa Asaalibuhu fit Ta'leem pg.9)

Dua For Becoming Sincere Friends of Allah Ta'ala

اللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا سَامِعِينَ مُطِيعِينَ وَاَوْلِيَاءَ مُخْلِصِينَ وَرُفَقَاءَ مُصَاحِبِينَ اللّٰهُمَّ ابْلِغْهُ مِنَّا السَّلَامَ وَارْدُدْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْهُ السَّلَامِ

O Allah Ta'ala, make us those who will listen and obey Your commands and make us sincere friends and good companions.

O Allah Ta'ala send our salaams to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and bless us with a salaam from him.

(Hizbul Azam pg. 297)

Writing صلى الله عليه وسلم in Full

Hazrat Ubaidullaah bin Umar Qawaareeri رحمه الله said: I had a close companion who was a scribe by profession. After his demise, I once saw him in a dream and enquired from him as to how Allah Ta'ala had dealt with him. He replied that Allah Ta'ala had forgiven him.

When I asked him the reason, he said, "It was my habit during my lifetime that whenever I wrote the blessed name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, I always wrote "صلى الله عليه وسلم" after the mubaarak name. Allah Ta'ala loved this action so much that He has granted me bounties which no eye has ever seen, nor has any ear ever heard, and neither did the thought of such boons and bounties ever cross the mind of any person."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.168)

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Reciting Durood When Awakening for Tahajjud Salaah

عن سيدنا عبد الله بن مسعود قال: يضحك الله إلى رجلين رجل لقي العدو وهو على فرس من أمثل خيل أصحابه فانهزموا وثبت فإن قتل استشهد وان بقي فذلك الذي يضحك الله إليه ورجل قام في جوف الليل لا يعلم به أحد فتوضأ فأسبغ الوضوء ثم حمد الله ومجده وصلى على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم واستفتح القرآن فذلك الذي يضحك الله إليه يقول انظروا إلى عبدى قائما لا يراه أحد غيري (عمل اليوم والليلة، الرقم: ٨٦٧، وسنده صحيح كما في القول البديع صـ ٣٧٦)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood (radhiyallahu 'anhu) mentioned, "Allah Ta'ala becomes pleased with two people. The first is the person who encounters the enemy while mounted on the best of horses among his companions. His companions are then defeated while he remains firm and he perseveres. If he is killed then he attains martyrdom, and if he survives then he is the person with whom Allah Ta'ala is pleased. The second is the person who stands during the night (before Allah Ta'ala to perform tahajjud salaah) without anyone aware of him awakening to perform salaah. He performs a complete and perfect wudhu and thereafter praises Allah Ta'ala and glorifies Him, and recites Durood upon Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam). He then

commences the recitation of the Quraan Majeed. This is the person with whom Allah Ta'ala becomes pleased. Allah Ta'ala says regarding him, 'Look at My servant who is standing (in salaah) while nobody is seeing him (perform salaah) besides Me.'"

The Importance of Making Zikr and Acquiring Correct Deeni Knowledge

Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyaas (rahmatullahi 'alaih) once mentioned:

Those who join the work of Tableegh, I instruct them to engage in zikr and recite the third kalimah. They should also be punctual on reciting the Tasbeeh-e-Faatimi after their fardh salaah and on reciting durood shareef and istighfaar one hundred times in the morning and evening. Together with this, they should be punctual on the recitation of the Qur'aan Majeed daily with the correct pronunciation and tajweed.

Apart from performing other nafl salaahs, I also emphasize upon them the importance of performing the tahajjud salaah. I encourage them to associate with the learned Ulamaa and benefit from them, as acquiring ilm is extremely important. If one suffices on acquiring deeni knowledge but is not concerned about zikr (the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala which aids one to remain pure and assists him in fulfilling the

dictates of the knowledge and applying it correctly in all departments of his life), one will find darkness in his heart, and if one suffices on zikr without acquiring the correct deeni knowledge and application, this may cause him to fall into many fitnahs.

(Malfoozaat Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyaas (rahmatullahi ‘alaih) pg. 40-41)

The frame of mind when completing your ma'moolaat?

- When making istighfaar, imagine that you are completely soiled with sins from my head to feet. By making istighfaar, your sins are slowly being washed away. Imagine a person sitting with a dirty cloth under the tap and as he is washing it, it is slowly getting cleaned. In the same way by making istighfaar, slowly my sins are being washed away and my heart is being cleansed.
- When reciting durood shareef, think that the Malaaikah are taking the durood of this sinful servant and presenting it in the presence of Rasulullah and Nabi-e-Kareem is becoming extremely happy.

- When reciting the third kalimah, recite it with this frame of mind that Allah Ta'ala is completely pure from any defect.
- When reciting Al-hamdulillah think that all perfection is for Allah Ta'ala alone.
- When saying Laailaha ilallah, my heart will not accept anyone or anything besides Allah Ta'ala.
- When saying Allahu Akbar, think that there is nothing greater than Allah Ta'ala.
- When making Zikr-e-jahri (loud Zikr), picture in your mind that you are taking out the love of everything besides Allah Ta'ala and throwing it behind your back and you are firmly rooting the love. of Allah Ta'ala in your heart.
- When reciting the Qur'aan Shareef, imagine that you are reciting to Allah Ta'ala in the manner a child reads to his ustaadh. The presence of the ustaadh overwhelms the child. In the same manner, recite the Qur'aan as if you are reciting to Allah Ta'ala

The Formula to Remove Worries and Gain Tranquillity

Hazrat Shaikh Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya (rahmatullahi ‘alaih) once mentioned the following:

During times of difficulty and anxiety, one should increase his zikrullah (i.e. increase making zikr of the pure and blessed name of Allah Ta‘ala). The reason is that taking the pure name of Allah Ta‘ala is a means of the heart acquiring tranquillity (peace of heart and peace of mind), and it is also a means of removing worries and difficulties.

Hazrat Shaikh (rahmatullahi ‘alaih) also mentioned that reciting the following dua seventy times daily is a means for one to acquire the assistance of Allah Ta‘ala in settling one’s debts:

أَللّٰهُمَّ اكْفِنِيْ بِحَلَالِكَ عَنْ حَرَامِكَ وَأَغْنِنِيْ بِفَضْلِكَ عَنْ مَّنْ سِوَاكَ

O Allah! Suffice me with Your halaal from Your haraam (i.e. suffice me with sustenance and wealth which You have declared as halaal and save me from sustenance and wealth which You have declared as haraam), and through Your special grace, make me independent from everyone else besides You.

Hazrat Shaikh (rahmatullahi ‘alaih) also mentioned, “Before and after reciting this dua, one should recite durood shareef seven times. One should also recite this dua on the day of Jumu’ah between asr and maghrib. Besides this, at other times as well, whenever one wishes, one should continue to recite this dua.”

(Qutbul Aqtaab Hazrat Sheikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya (rahmatullahi ‘alaih) pg. 501-502 and 497)

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Durood for the Forgiveness of Eighty Years of Sins

عن سهل بن عبدالله رضي الله عنه قال من قال في يوم الجمعة بعد العصراللّٰهُمَّ صل على محمد النبي الأمي وعلى اله وسلم ثمانين مرة غفرت له ذنوب ثمانين عاما (القول البديع ص400)

It is reported by Hazrat Sahl bin Abdullah رضي الله عنه, *"Whosoever recites the following Durood eighty times after Asr Salaah on Friday, his sins of eighty years will be forgiven*

اللّٰهُمَّ صل على محمد النبي الأمي وعلى اله وسلم

O Allah, shower your choicest Durood and peace upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم *the unlettered Nabi, and on his family.*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg. 90)

Final illness and demise of Moulana Maseehullah Khan Sahib رحمه الله

During the Ramadaan of 1412 AH (corresponding to March 1992) the spiritual clinic of Jalalabad was teeming with throngs

of saalikeen. The daily discourses of Hadhrat were in full swing. On 28 Ramadhaan, corresponding to 2 April 1992, Hadhrat conducted his majlis as usual, without any undue difficulty. However, this turned out to be his last complete formal majlis. The very next day, Ramadhaan 29 Hadhrat was overcome by severe weakness, a symptom that remained with him till his last moments. On the 1st Shawwaal (5 April) Eid Salaah was held in the Munniwali Musjid for Hadhrat's sake.

On Saturday 20 Shawwaal (24 April) Hadhrat conducted the inauguration of Bukhari Shareef for that year. During that illness this was probably the only occasion when the general public were allowed to meet Hadhrat. Otherwise, the doctors had advised him to rest during the day and avoid meeting people. In spite of this, the residents in the khaanqah, as well as outside visitors were allowed to meet Hadhrat in the Majlis Khana. In this time his recitation of Durood Shareef had increased tremendously.

Hadhrat only spoke a few words when necessary. This state of affairs continued up to 16 Jumaadal Ula 1413 AH (12 November 1992). On Thursday night, 17 Jumadal Ula Hadhrat offered his Esha Salaah with indications of the head as usual (due to extreme weakness), as well as four rakaats of Tahajjud Salaah. Present in Hadhrat's company that night were Bhaijaan

(Hadhrat's noble son), the respected Moulana Enayatullah of London, Moulana Aarzu Mia (Hadhrat's nephew), Dr. Muhammad Naeem Siddiqi, Moulana Tauqeer Ahmed Saahib, and a few others. Because of heavy coughing and excess phlegm Hadhrat's breathing had become very heavy. Excessive dryness in the mouth and throat made them continuously administer sips of ordinary water as well as Zam-zam.

Moulana Inayatullah Saahib recited Surah Yaseen, while Hadhrat continously remained fully engaged in the remembrance of Allah by means of Pass Anfaas. He was also indicating with his head towards the heart (an act done in zikr).

A few moments prior to the end he raised his shahaadat finger (forefinger) several times as is done when reciting tashahhud. He kept on bringing the hand up to ensure his topi was in place. In this state he uttered one final word: **"ALLAH"**, and simultaneously breathed his last. Thus, this celestial soul departed from this earthly abode, and so this Imam of Sulook, this Soother of broken hearts having ministered cure to thousands of spiritually ailing patients passed on to "The Highest Friend." Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raaji'oon!

(Hadhrat Moulana Maseehullah Sahib رحمه الله pg.187)

يَا مَنْ تَقُولُ أَنَا أُحِبُّ مُحَمَّدًا

Oh you who say, "I love Muhammad,"

مَا الْحُبُّ إِنْ لَمْ تَتَّبِعِ الْمَحْبُوبَا؟

What love is it, if you do not follow the Beloved?

فَأَدِمْ صَلَاتَكَ بُكْرَةً وَعَشِيَّةً

So send salutations morning and evening,

طُوبَى لِمَنْ نَالَ الشَّفَاعَةَ طُوبَى

Glad tidings to the one who gains the intercession – glad tidings

Five People Who Get the Taufeeq to Read Durood Shareef

1. The person who has the love of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم in his heart.
2. The person who has a soft heart, free from sin.
3. The person who knows that all his work gets done only with the help of Allah Ta'ala.
4. The person who is concerned about his Aakhirat and salvation in the Aakhirat.

5. The person who has a heart filled with the love of the creation of Allah Ta'ala

(From the teachings of Hazrat Moulana Abdul Hameed Sahib حفظه الله)

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Following Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the Way to Salvation

عن عامر بن ربيعة عن أبيه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال ما من مسلم يصلي علي الا صلت عليه الملائكة ما صلى علي فليقل العبد من ذلك او ليكثر (ابن ماجه رقم 907)

Hazrat Rabeeah narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "No muslim recites Durood upon me except the angels send mercy upon him as long as he recites Durood Shareef. So, the servant may read a little or a lot."

Five Favours Exclusive to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

ٱلَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ ٱلرَّسُولَ ٱلنَّبِيَّ ٱلْأُمِّيَّ ٱلَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُۥ مَكْتُوبًا عِندَهُمْ فِي ٱلتَّوْرَىٰةِ وَٱلْإِنجِيلِ

Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم whose description they find written in their Torah and the Injeel (Gospel).

فَٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ بِهِۦ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَٱتَّبَعُوا۟ ٱلنُّورَ ٱلَّذِىٓ أُنزِلَ مَعَهُۥٓ ۙ أُو۟لَٰٓئِكَ هُمُ ٱلْمُفْلِحُونَ

Those who believe in him, honour and support him, and follow the light sent down to him will be successful." (Araf:157)

Hazrat Mufti Ebrahim Salejee حفظه الله explains this Ayat in his morning tafseer,

The Sahabah Kiram رضي الله عنهم surrounded Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم . Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم then cheered them up saying that Allah Ta'ala has promised me five exclusive favours.

I have been sent a Rasul and my Risalah, my Nubuwat extends over all times and places. It is not restricted to any time, any place, any nation. It extends and transcends time, places and people.

Number two is that I have been blessed with Ru'b, a certain level of awe that can be perceived from a month's journey; you can perceive my awe over a thousand kilometres.

Number three, the spoils of war are halal for me and my ummah. Unlike the previous nations, the spoils of war weren't permissible for them to consume.

Number four, the whole world is a masjid for me. Whenever it is the time of namaz, you can just roll out the Musallas and

perform namaz anywhere; at the airport, railway station or in the jungles, in the woods. Wherever you are you are allowed to perform your namaz. Even if water is not available to make wudhu, you can substitute it with tayammum.

Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم says thereafter that the fifth favour is extremely great and exclusive to me.

Every Nabi was blessed with an accepted dua. Make a dua and then we promise you that we'll accept this dua. All the Ambiya عليهم السلام made the dua and their duas were answered. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم says that I have delayed my dua for the day of Qiyamah for my ummah.

Mufti Sahib حفظه الله further explains,

“So he preserved his dua -the affection and the compassion that he had is unimaginable- and he says that I won't be pleased even if one of my Ummati is in trouble.

Let us understand: when we are blessed with a Nabi of such compassion, then what should we be doing? Believe in him, honour him and support his cause in whichever way.

Whichever Muslim believes, honours and supports his cause, then this is the way of salvation.

May Allah Ta'ala give us Tawfiq.

(Adapted from the morning tafseer lesson of Hazrat Mufti Ebrahim Salejee Sahib حفظه الله.)

وہ اک رَحمتِ دو جہاں ﷺ اور پھر بھی　　سدا نانِ جو پہ گزر کرنے والا ﷺ

He was a mercy for mankind but despite that

He sufficed on barley bread throughout his life

خدا کے گنہ گار بندوں کی خاطر　　دُعاؤں میں رو رو سحر کرنے والا

The one who spent his entire night crying in dua for the sinful servants of Allah

Giving up Sins through the Dua of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Hazrat Ja'far As-Saa'igh رحمه الله relates:

In the neighbourhood of Imaam Ahmad bin Hambal رحمه الله, there was a person who was leading a life of sin and vice. One day, he attended the discourse of Imaam Ahmad رحمه الله. Upon entering the majlis of Imaam Ahmad رحمه الله, he greeted the

Imaam with salaam. Though Imaam Ahmad رحمه الله answered his salaam, the man perceived that the Imaam had shown some disinclination towards him.

He addressed Imaam Ahmad رحمه الله saying, "O Abu Abdillah, I notice that you are feeling uncomfortable with my presence. (Perceiving that the Imaam's natural aversion towards him was on account of the sins and transgression he was involved in, he said,) I wish to inform you that I have given up my life of sin and have resolved to lead a life of obedience and submission."

He further explained to Imaam Ahmad bin Hambal رحمه الله, "Last night, I had a dream of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم came to me and asked, 'Why do you not request me to make dua for you?' I replied, 'O Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, due to my excessive sinning and leading a life of transgression, I feel extremely ashamed to come in your presence.' Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, 'Do not worry, even though you feel ashamed, stand up and I will make dua to Allah Ta'ala on your behalf.'"

He then says, "I stood up and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم made dua for me. Once I awoke, I found that Allah Ta'ala had placed

natural aversion and resentment within my heart for all the sins I was involved in."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.233)

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىْ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

People in Gatherings of Durood Enveloped in the Mercy of Allah Ta’ala

عن أنس رضي الله عنه عن النبي النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم إن لله سيارة من الملاءكة يطلبون حلق الذكر فإذا أتوا عليهم حفوا بهم ثم بعثوا راءدهم الى السماء الى رب العزة تبارك وتعالى فيقولون ربنا أتينا على عباد من عبادك يعظمون آلاءك ويتلون كتابك ويصلون على نبيك محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم ويس ءلونك لآخرتهم

Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه reports that Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has said; “There is a group of angels of Allah Ta’ala جل جلاله that continue to roam throughout the earth, searching for the gatherings of Zikr (gatherings of the remembrance of Allah Ta’ala جل جلاله). When they find such a gathering, they throng around it. Thereafter, they send the leading angels among them to the sky (to report to Allah Ta’ala جل جلاله).”

These angels say to Allah Ta’ala جل جلاله; “O our Lord! We have come to a group of Your servants who regard Your favours as a great bounty upon them, recite Your kitaab, send Durood upon

Your Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and they beg You for their needs relating to the Aakhirah and dunya (world).”

Allah Ta’ala جل جلاله replies; “Envelope them in My mercy.”

The angels then submit; “O Lord! Among them is so-and-so, who is a great sinner, and he only arrived at the end of the gathering.”

Allah Ta’ala جل جلاله says; “Envelope all the people of this gathering (including him) in My mercy, for the people in this gathering are such that no person who joins them will be unfortunate and deprived of My mercy.”

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.72)

وَصَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْكَائِنَاتِ وَأَكْرَمِ الْمَخْلُوقَاتِ صَلوةً تَسْبِقُ الْغَايَاتِ.

May Allah Ta’ala send special mercy to the leader of the creation, the most noble of the creation, which surpasses all limits.

Angelic Congregations

In this world, people congregate for various reasons and purposes. At times, they get together for a business meeting, or they get together to unwind and have a good time, or they get

together to catch up with long-lost acquaintances and reminisce over the 'good old days.' Though gathering for such purposes is permissible, however these gatherings are devoid of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala in most cases. In regard to such gatherings, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "There is no group of people who wake up from a gathering in which they did not remember Allah Ta'ala, except that they wake up from that which resembles the corpse of a donkey, and it (the gathering) will be a means of remorse for them (on the Day of Qiyaamah)." *(Sunan Abu Dawood #4855)*

In other words, on the Day of Qiyaamah, the people of the gathering will either regret the valuable time they wasted in such gatherings, rather than investing that time in earning their Jannah, or they will regret the sins that are commonly committed in such gatherings, such as gheebah (backbiting), gossiping, etc.

On the other hand, when people congregate for the purpose of remembering Allah Ta'ala, be it through reciting the Quraan Majeed, engaging in zikr, reciting Durood shareef, etc. then such a gathering is so blessed that the angels flock to it in multitudes, and the participants of the gathering are enveloped by the special mercy of Allah Ta'ala.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah and Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed Khudri رضي الله عنهما report that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "There is no group of people who sit, engaged in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala, except that the angels throng around them, the special mercy of Allah Ta'ala envelops them, sakeenah (a special form of tranquillity) descends upon them, and Allah Ta'ala mentions them before those who are by Him (i.e. the assembly of the angels)." *(Saheeh Muslim #6855)*

In another hadeeth we are taught that there are special angels that roam about in the earth searching for the gatherings of zikr.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Indeed, Allah Ta'ala has special angels who roam (throughout the earth), searching for the gatherings of zikr (i.e. these angels are besides the angels who are appointed to protect the believers and other angels appointed for specific tasks, and the sole task of these additional angels is to seek the gatherings of the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala). When they find a gathering in which the zikr of Allah Ta'ala is taking place, then they sit with the people of the gathering, and some of them surround others with their wings, until they fill the sky from the gathering until the lowest heaven (due to their large number). Thereafter, when the

people of the gathering disperse (at the termination of the gathering), the angels rise and ascend to the heaven. Allah Ta‘ala then asks them, whilst He has more knowledge (of the gathering) compared to them, ‘From where have you come?’ The angels reply, ‘We have come from a group of Your servants on earth who were engaged in Your tasbeeh (glorifying You through reciting subhaanallah), in Your takbeer (mentioning Your greatness through reciting Allahu Akbar), in reciting Laa ilaaha illallaah, in Your tahmeed (praising You through reciting Alhamdulillah), in reciting Your book (the Quraan Majeed), in sending Durood upon Your Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and in begging You for their needs relating to the Hereafter and the world.’”

Thereafter, upon Allah Ta‘ala asking them, the angels also inform Allah Ta‘ala that the people of the gathering are seeking entry into Jannah and salvation from Jahannam. Thereupon, Allah Ta‘ala announces, “I have forgiven them, I have bestowed them with that which they asked for, and I have granted them protection from that which they sought protection against.”

The angels then say, “O our Rabb! Among them is so-and-so, a great sinner who happened to be passing by at the end of the gathering, and then sat with them (the narration of Bazzaar

mentions that he had only arrived at the end).” To this, Allah Ta‘ala says, “I have forgiven him as well, for the people in this gathering are such that on account of their blessing, no person who sits with them will be unfortunate (and deprived of My mercy).” *(Saheeh Muslim #7839 and Bazzaar – Majma‘uz Zawaaid #16728)*

In this hadeeth, various forms of zikr were mentioned, including the recitation of Durood. As far as Durood is concerned, from the numerous virtues of Durood is that the angels make du‘aa for the one engaged in reciting Durood.

Sayyiduna ‘Aamir bin Rabee‘ah رضي الله عنه reports, “I heard Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم delivering a khutbah wherein he said, ‘Whoever sends salutations (i.e. recites Durood) upon me, the angels continue to make du‘aa for him so long as he continues to send salutations upon me. Hence, whoever wishes, he may decrease it (his Durood) or increase it (i.e. it is left to one to choose whether one wants more du‘aa from the angels through reciting more Durood, or one wants less du‘aa of the angels through reciting less Durood).” *(Musnad Ahmad #15680)*

In fact, in another hadeeth, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned that in lieu of reciting one Durood, a person will

receive seventy mercies and blessings from Allah Ta‘ala and seventy du‘aas from the angels!

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin ‘Aas رضي الله عنهما reports, “Whoever sends salutations upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم once, Allah Ta‘ala and His angels will send seventy mercies and blessings upon him (in return of his one Durood). Hence, whoever wishes (to decrease his Durood) should decrease it, and whoever wishes (to increase his Durood), should increase it (i.e. it is left to him to decide whether he wants to earn more mercies and blessings through increasing his Durood, or he wants to earn less mercies and blessings through decreasing his Durood).” *(Musnad Ahmad #6605)*

In order for us to attract these angels, earn their du‘aas and benefit from the special mercy of Allah Ta‘ala, we should all engage in daily home ta’leem. In the ta’leem, we should recite from Fazaail-e-Aa’maal, Fazaail-e-Sadaqaat and Seeratul Mustafaa (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam), engage in zikr (and Durood) for some time, recite some portion of the Quraan Majeed and make du‘aa collectively. Insha-Allah, through doing so, we will have gatherings of zikr in our homes, causing our homes to be frequented by the angels, and causing us to gain the mercy and forgiveness of Allah Ta‘ala.

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Durood Prescription for Protection from Theft and Robberies at Home and on Journey

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِنِ النَّبِيِّ كَمَا أَمَرْتَنَا أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ عَلَيْهِ وَ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِنِ النَّبِي كَمَا يَنْبَغِي أَن يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِنِ النَّبِيِّ بِعَدَدِ مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيْهِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِنِ النَّبِيِّ بِعَدَدِ مَنْ لَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِنِ النَّبِيِّ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى أَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

O Allah shower special mercy upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as You have commanded us to send salutations upon him and shower special mercy upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم in the most appropriate manner that Durood should be recited upon him and shower special mercy upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم equal to the amount of all those reciting Durood upon him and send special mercy upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as much as the number of those who fail to send Durood upon him and send special mercy upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم in the manner that You love Durood to be recited upon him.

If any person before leaving home or any traveller before setting out on journey recites the above Durood Shareef 11 times and blows on himself and his belongings, Allah Ta'ala will protect him from all types of robberies and theft. Any oppressor will not even raise a gaze of evil intent towards him.

Furthermore, he may recite this Durood Shareef 10 times and blow in the four corners of his house. InshaAllah this house will be protected from theft and looting and nobody will even raise a gaze of evil intent towards the house. This is an effective tried and tested prescription.

(Aap ki pareshaniya aur Durood Shareef mein un ka Hal pg.46)

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"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

From Darkness into Light

هُوَ الَّذِیْ یُصَلِّیْ عَلَیْكُمْ وَمَلٰٓىِٕكَتُهٗ لِیُخْرِجَكُمْ مِّنَ الظُّلُمٰتِ اِلَى النُّوْرِ ؕ

It is He who showers mercy on you, and so do his angels so that He may remove you from a multitude of darkness into light. (Ahzab: 43)

From Multitude of Darkness into light

Hazrat Mufti Shabbir Saahib Salooje حفظه الله writes,

It appears in an authentic Hadith,

من صلى على مرة صلى الله عليه عشرا

"Whoever sends salutations upon me once, Allah Ta'ala will send salutations (i.e. reward him and shower his mercy) upon him ten times."

و في رواية عند الدارمي صلى الله وملائكته عليه سبعين مرة

And in a narration of Darimi, "Allah Ta'ala and his angels will send mercy upon him seventy times."

Furthermore, Allah Ta'ala mentions in the Quran Kareem,

هُوَ الَّذِیْ یُصَلِّیْ عَلَیْكُمْ وَمَلٰٓىِٕكَتُهٗ لِیُخْرِجَكُمْ مِّنَ الظُّلُمٰتِ اِلَى النُّوْرِ ؕ

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اَللّٰهُ وَلِیُّ الَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْا یُخْرِجُهُمْ مِّنَ الظُّلُمٰتِ اِلَى النُّوْرِ

Allah Ta'ala is the protective friend of those who have Imaan, bringing them from the multitude of darkness into the light. (Baqarah: 157)

According to the demands of the Hadith, blessings and mercy descend from Allah Ta'ala and the angels on the reciter of Durood Shareef. The Quran Majeed informed us that whoever receives the mercy of Allah Ta'ala and the angels, is removed from all types of darkness; darkness of shirk, kufr, sin, doubt, hypocrisy, evil, negligence etc. and ushered into the light of Imaan, Tawhid, sincerity, conviction, obedience and remembrance (of Allah Ta'ala).

(Majmua Dalailul Khairat pg.8)

Hazrat Mufti Radhaul Haq Sahib حفظه الله mentions,

The importance of Durood Shareef is not hidden to any Muslim. Durood Shareef is derived from the (Persian) word

درودنwhich means harvesting crops. When a person harvests his crops, for each kilogram (of seeds), he reaps many kilograms (of crop). Similarly, by reading Durood once, one receives ten and many more mercies. What a great fortune this is for a Muslim.

(Majmua Dalailul Khairat pg.14)

A Means of Gaining Closeness to Allah Ta'ala

Ka'b Ahbaar رحمه الله (a Tab'iee who was among the learned Jewish scholars prior to accepting Islam) reports:

Allah Ta'ala addressed Moosa عليه السلام saying, "O Moosa, do you desire to be close to Me, even closer than your speech is to your tongue, or your inner feelings are to your heart, or closer than your soul is to your body, or your eyesight is to your eyes?" Moosa عليه السلام replied in the affirmative. Allah Ta'ala then said, "Then recite Salaat in abundance upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.153)

Durood Sharef is Always Accepted

Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi رحمه الله once mentioned during a discourse,

“One amazing point regarding Durood Sharef which Ulama have written is that Ibadaat are sometimes accepted and sometimes not accepted but Durood Shareef is always accepted. I think the secret behind this is that Allah Ta’ala himself wants to send mercy upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, so if someone else is going to request this, it will definitely be accepted.

(Malfoozaat Hakeemul Ummat رحمه الله vol2 pg. 303)

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The Person Closest to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

عن عبدالله بن مسعود أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: أولي الناس بي يوم القيامة أكثرهم علي صلاة (سنن الترمذي الرقم 484)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood رضى الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The person who will be closest to me (and most deserving of my intercession) on the day of Qiyamah will be the one who used to recite the most Durood upon me in the world."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.47)

Commenting on this Hadith, Hazrat Moulana Abdul Hameed Sahib حفظه الله mentions,

"The Ulama have explained 3 meanings of being close to Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

The first meaning is that the person will be the closest to Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم physically on the horrible and dreadful day of Qiyamah! What a sense of security, that on that dreadful day to have place near Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, where there will be peace

and tranquility and security of all types! It is up to us how much closer we would like to be, by sending more Duroods and with love and affection, so much closer we will be!

The second meaning explained is that Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم will have more love for the person who sends more Duroods. Who does not want the love of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allaahu Akbar! A person will give the world and what it contains, his life and the life of his parents and all in the world for the love of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, but it is so easy to get it, just increase in the numbers of Durood with love and affection and concentration!"

Moulana further mentions,

"The truth of the matter is how much more a person is loved by Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, so much more he gets the Tawfiq to read Durood and then how much more love he is getting, with so much more love and affection he will be reading his Durood, and how much more love there will be forthcoming so much he will be practising on Sunnats and propagating them and the whole of Deen! May Allah make us from amongst His beloved ones, by His mercy and kindness! Ameen!

The third meaning is that so much more he will get the intercession of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allaahu Akbar! Who does not want and or is not going to be in need of the intercession of Nabi on the dreadful day of Qiyamah?! How much more Durood we will read, so much more we will get the intercession of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(Salawat Upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم pg.86)

A Means of Earning the Intercession of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Hazrat Qutb Al-Halabi mentions: I once met Abu Ishaaq, Ebrahim bin Ali bin Atiyyah At-Taleedamiul. He said to me, "I was blessed with the Mubarak vision of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in a dream. On seeing him, I said to him, 'O Rasul of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم! I request you to intercede for me on the day of Qiyamah!' Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, 'Recite abundant Durood upon me.'

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.160)

Poetry

إِنْ نِلْتَ يَا رِيحَ الصَّبَا يَوْمًا إِلَى الا رْضِ الحَرَمُ بَلِّغْ سَلَامِي رَوْضَةً فِيْهَا الَّنِيُّ الْمُحْتَرَمُ

O morning wind you have found your way to the land of the Haram. Convey my salaams to the tomb in which rests the Honourable Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

مَنْ ذَاتُهُ بَدْرُ الدُّجى مَنْ خَدُّهُ شَمْسُ الضُّحَى بَلِّغْ سَلَامِي رَوْضَةً فِيْهَا الَّنِيُّ الْمُحْتَرَمْ

Whose being is the 14th full moon, whose cheeks are the bright sun. Convey my salaams to the tomb in which rests the Honourable Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

أَكْبَادُنَا مَجْرُوْحَةٌ مِنْ سَيْفِ هِجْرِ الْمُصْطَفَى بَلِّغْ سَلَامِي رَوْضَةً فِيْهَا الَّنِيُّ الْمُحْتَرَمْ

Our hearts are wounded by the sword of separation of Mustafa .Convey my salaams to the tomb in which rests the Honourable Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

طُوْبى لِاِلِ بَلْدَةٍ فِيْهَا النَّبِيُّ الْمُحْتَرَمْ بَلِّغْ سَلَامِي رَوْضَةً فِيْهَا الَّنِيُّ الْمُحْتَرَمْ

Glad tidings for the dwellers of the city in which rests the Honourable Nabi .Convey my salaams to the tomb in which rests the Honourable Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(Salawat Upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم pg.69)

Benefits of Reciting Durood Shareef

Moulana Abdul Ghani Phoolpuri رحمه الله has explained the benefits of Durood Shareef in a very beautiful way. He says that when a person recites Durood Shareef he is hitting two targets with one stone. Firstly, he is making the Zikr of Allah Ta'ala, and secondly, he is making mention of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(Importance and Significance of Durood Shareef pg.21)

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"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

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May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Securing the Dua of Hazrat Rasulullah صلي الله عليه وسلم

عن أنس بن مالك قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم من صلي علي بلغتني صلاته وصليت عليه وكتبت له سوى ذلك عشر حسنات (المعجم الأوسط للطبراني، وسنده لا بأس به كما في القول البديع ص239)

Hazrat Anas bin Maalik رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلي الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever sends salutations upon me once, his salutations reach me (via the angels) and I make dua for him. Over and above that, ten virtues are recorded for him."

(The gift of Durood and Salaam pg.49)

90 Minutes of Your Life

We generally spend a lot of time following sports and entertainment. However, it's amazing how every second of our life can become a profit generating moment for us in the Akhirah.

Hazrat Moulana Saleem Dhorat Sahib حفظه الله beautifully mentions what can be achieved in 90 minutes (the average time of a football match),

- By reciting 3 Juz from the Qur'aan Majeed, your 90 minutes could have earned you 282 240 rewards!
- By reciting Alhamdulillaah in 90 minutes, you could have filled your Meezaan (scale) 5 940 times!
- By reciting SubhaanAllaah Walhamdulillaah, you could have earned the reward equal to the space between the earth and the skies 2 970 times!
- By reciting SubhaanAllaahi Walhamdulillaahi Walaa-ilaaha IllAllaahu WAllaahu Akbar in 90 minutes, you could have planted 1 620 trees in Jannah!
- By reciting Durood in 90 minutes, you could have had 51 300 sins forgiven, 51 300 rewards granted and 51 300 stages elevated in Paradise!
- By reciting Surah Ikhlaas in 90 minutes, you could have earned the reward equal to 360 complete Qur'aan recitals and built yourself 108 palaces in Jannah!

(Adapted from "The Soccer World Cup" by Moulana Moosa Kajee and Moulana Imraan Kajee, pg.51)

Dive into the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala

Moulana Saleem Dhorat Sahib حفظه الله explains,

“It is obvious that just one mercy from Allah Ta’ala is sufficient. Whereas the person who recites one durood Shareef receives ten mercies.

2 times Durood Shareef = 20 mercies

3 times Durood Shareef = 30 mercies

4 times Durood Shareef = 40 mercies

100 times Durood Shareef = 1000 mercies

1000 times Durood Shareef = 10 000 mercies.

The person who dives into the mercy of Allah Ta’ala, nothing can harm him.”

1440 Minutes in a Day

Moulana Abdul Hameed Sahib’s حفظه الله plea is that we dedicate 2 Minutes Out of 1440 minutes a day for sending 100 Durood Shareef upon Nabi صلي الله عليه وسلم.

Pertaining to Jumuah it is our plea that we pledge at least 20 minutes out of 1440 minutes on Jumuah for sending 1000 Durood Shareef upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَ بَارِكْ عَلَي سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمْ فِي كُلِّ حِيْنٍ وَ حَالٍ

O Allah, Shower Your special Salaat, Salaam and blessings upon our master, Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم every moment and condition.

Abundant Durood Brings the Forgiveness of Allah Ta'ala

Shaikh Ibnu Hajar Makki رحمه الله reports that a saintly person was once seen in a dream after his demise. He was questioned regarding his condition in the Hereafter. The saintly person replied,

"Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله had mercy upon me, pardoned my sins and admitted me into Paradise."

When asked the reason for this he replied, "The angels were commanded to count my sins and the number of Durood I had recited upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. When it was seen that the number of my Durood exceeded the number of my sins, Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله addressed the angels and said, 'This is sufficient (for his forgiveness). Let no further reckoning take place. Usher him into Paradise.'" (Al-Durrul Mandhood pg.183)

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.122)

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Reciting Durood after Salaah

عن أبي أمامة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال من دعا بهؤلاء الدعوات في دبر كل صلاة مكتوبة حلت له الشفاعة مني يوم القيامة اللّٰهُمَّ أعط محمدا الوسيلة واجعل في المصطفين محبته وفي العالين درجته وفي المقربين داره (المعجم الكبير للطبراني الرقم 2926)

Hazrat Abu Umaamah رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Whoever recites the following words after every fardh salaah, my intercession becomes incumbent upon him on the day of Qiyaamah:*

اَللّٰهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُحَمَّدًا الْوَسِيْلَةَ وَاجْعَلْ فِيْ الْمُصْطَفَيْنَ مَحَبَّتَهُ وَفِيْ الْعَالِيْنَ دَرَجَتَهُ وَفِيْ الْمُقَرَّبِيْنَ دَارَهُ

O Allah Ta'ala*! Grant Muhammad* صلى الله عليه وسلم *waseelah (the right of intercession on the day of Qiyaamah), and place his love in the (hearts of) your chosen ones, and place him among the high-ranking people, and make his abode among the beloved and close servants.*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.84)

Durood Before a Discourse

When Moulana Yunus Patel رحمه الله was young, he went out in Jamat with Haji Bhai Padia رحمه الله to Estcourt. Haji Sahib asked the young 'Yunus' to give the bayan. As this was the first bayan of his life Moulana was hesitant. Haji Sahib told him to recite Durood Shareef and commence the bayan.

(Adapted from Glimpses from the Life of Moulana Yunus Patel رحمه الله pg20)

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِيْ أَوَّلِ كَلَامِنَا، اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِيْ أَوْسَطِ كَلَامِنَا، اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلَّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِيْ آخِرِ كَلَامِنَا

O Allah! Send salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم at the beginning, middle, and end of our speech.

Durood When Commencing any Deeni Khidmat

An Alim once mentioned to Mufti Ebrahim Salejee حفظه الله that when he begins any new/additional deeni khidmat and especially bayans he is bombarded with shaytani whisperings and nervousness. Mufti Ebrahim Salejee حفظه الله Sahib advised him to read Durood Shareef before commencing.

Three ways in which we can always have a link with the Best of Creation صلى الله عليه وسلم wherever we are.

1) Emulating his noble example in our life and spreading Islam;
2) By reciting a minimum of 100 salawaat upon him daily; and
3) By always having the delicious dates of Madinah (my favourite is Ajwa)

(Maulana Khalid Dhorat حفظه الله)

Four Actions

Hazrat Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Sahib رحمه الله has mentioned four actions which will give strength to one's soul and make it easy for one to refrain from sins.

1. Recite لَا إِلَهَ اِلَّا اللهُ 100 times with مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صَلَّي اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم every 8 to 10 times
2. Recite الله الله 100 times
3. Istighfaar 100 times with the following words;

   رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ وَاَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ

   "O My Rabb, forgive my sins and shower Your Mercy upon me. For verily You are the One Who shows greatest Mercy."

Hakeemul Ummat, Mujddidul Millat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi Saheb رحمه الله has mentioned four Tafseers (commentaries) of the word "Mercy":

- Tawfeeq e Taa'at- (The ability to do good deeds)

  Due to the evil of sins, the ability of worshipping Allah Ta'ala and being obedient to Him is snatched away. Hence, the servant seeking forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala is in reality requesting this mercy. It is as if he is beseeching Allah Ta'ala to once again grant him the Tawfeeq to worship Him and be obedient to Him which was snatched away due to his sins. He is actually pleading, "O Allah, I have now begged forgiveness for my sins. Therefore, once again grant me Your Tawfeeq."

- Increase in sustenance

  As a result of sins, one's sustenance is also restricted. Hence, by seeking forgiveness the servant is saying: "O Allah! increase my sustenance

and grant me Barakah (blessings) therein." Barakah means something which though it is little in quantity, its benefit is very great.

- Forgiveness without Accountability

  The third tafseer of "Rahmat" is "Forgiveness without accountability." By seeking forgiveness, the person is pleading: "O Allah, on the Day of Judgement do not take us to account for our deeds." Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has said This means, the one who is taken to task (made to give an account of his deeds) will be punished. Therefore, on the Day of Judgement forgive us without taking an account of our deeds.

- Entry into Jannah

  The fourth Tafseer of "Rahmat" is ***direct entry into Jannah***. The one seeking forgiveness is asking, O Allah! I have begged forgiveness for my sins. Hence, do not punish me on the Day of Judgement. Without any punishment enter me directly into Jannah."

4. Recite Durood Shareef 100 times

Recite the following Durood Shareef 100 times daily:
صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ

This concise Durood Shareef is narrated in the Hadith.

My first Shaikh, Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Ghani Phoulpoori رحمه الله has explained a beautiful manner of reciting Durood Shareef. He says, "When reciting Durood Shareef imagine you are standing at the Rawdah Mubarak. From the countless blessings that are being showered upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, some droplets are falling on you as well."

Qutbul Aalam Hazrat Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi رحمه الله was asked, "Should Istighfaar be recited first or Durood Shareef?" He enquired, "Do you wash your dirty clothes first or do you first apply Itr (Perfume)?" Therefore, one should first cleanse his soul from the filth of sin by means of Istighfaar and then perfume his soul with the recitation of Durood Shareef. By reciting the above four Tasbeehaat with punctuality, the heart

will be filled with Noor and the soul will be strengthened.
(Adapted from Four Actions to Acquire the Friendship of Allah Ta'ala)

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Dua After Azaan Secures Intercession of Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم

عن عبد الله بن ضمرة السلولي قال: سمعت أبا الدرداء يقول: كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم إذا سمع النداء قال: اللّٰهُمَّ رب هذه الدعوة التامة والصلاة القائمة صل على محمد عبدك ورسولك واجعلنا في شفاعته يوم القيامة قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: من قال هذا عند النداء جعله الله في شفاعتي يوم القيامة (المعجم الأوسط للطبراني، الرقم: ٣٦٦٢)

Hazrat Abu Dardaa رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم used to recite the following Dua after Azaan;

اللّٰهُمَّ رَبَّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةِ التَّامَّةِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْقَائِمَةِ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُوْلِكَ وَاجْعَلْنَا فِي شَفَاعَتِهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَة

O Allah Ta'ala! Rabb of this perfect call and established Salaah! Send salutations upon your slave and your Rasul (Shower Your mercy upon him), and make us among those who will receive his intercession on the day of Qiyaamah.

Rasulullah said, "Whoever recites this after Azaan Allah Ta'ala will include him in my intercession on the day of Qiyaamah."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.95)

Simple Advices for Those Traversing the Path of Sulook

By Shaikhul Hadith, Hadhrat Moulana Muhammad Aqil Sahib حفظه الله

In every era, the Mashaaikh would prescribe some important wazaaif and maamoolaat (spiritual practices) for their mureedeen (disciples). Some of my Mashaaikh made me write down some advices which are extremely important for us all. Our main purpose in life is to create the love for Allah Ta'ala and to obtain His pleasure. In order to obtain this, the following must be adhered to at all times;

1. Make taubah from all sins and thereafter make a point of staying far away from that sin.
2. Make a point of fulfilling the rights of others and obtain the forgiveness of anyone you may have hurt.
3. Protect your tongue at all times. Stay away from swearing, gheebat, carrying tales, speaking lies, etc.
4. Protect your eyes. Don't speak or keep in contact with ghair mahram (strange) women. Don't even fantasize over other women.

5. Stay away from bad company. Beware of bad company. Always keep good company.
6. Earn a halaal livelihood. Stay far away from haraam. Protect yourself from bribery and interest.
7. Pay your zakaat timeously.
8. Fulfil the rights of your parents. Husband and wife should fulfil each other's rights. Brothers and sisters should fulfil one another's rights. Pay the heirs their rightful shares.
9. Respect your elders. Respect the Ulama. Be careful of reviling the Sahaabah and the Ahlullah.
10. Love your sheikh from the recess of your heart. Don't be disrespectful to him. Always give preference to his opinion over your opinion.
11. Spend time in the company of the Ahlullah, especially the company of your sheikh.
12. Think that you will not be able to derive so much of benefit from anyone like how you will benefit from your sheikh.
13. Always look at the children of your sheikh and your ustaaz with love and respect.

14. Make an effort to remove evil qualities like jealousy, hatred, pride, etc. from your heart.
15. Don't ever attend gatherings that are opposed to the shariah.
16. Don't ever allow a television or any pictures into your home.
17. Don't look for the faults of others. Keep on looking at your own faults. Regard others to be better than you. Don't speak about other people.
18. Don't unnecessarily speak anything worldly. Don't keep thoughts of the dunya in your heart.
19. Don't go unnecessarily to the shopping centres and restaurants.
20. Always be in constant concern of the aakhirat. Keep on thinking of death. Keep on fearing Allah Ta'ala. Don't place your hopes in the creation. Always place your trust in Allah Ta'ala.
21. Always perform your salaah on time. Make a point of performing all your salaah with jamaat. Try and complete all your qadha salaah. Try to also perform nafal salaah like tahajjud, etc.

22. Recite Tasbeeh-e-Faatimi after every salaah and at the time of sleeping.
23. Make a habit of reading istighfaar, durood shareef, first kalimah and third kalimah 300 times daily.
24. Recite the Qur-aan Shareef daily. Those who do not know the Qur-aan should learn to read the Qur-aan.
25. Recite the masnoon duas at the various occasions and try to do everything according to the sunnah.
26. Increase your knowledge of Deen.
27. Practice on all the advices of your sheikh. Narrate your problems to him. Be punctual on your maamoolaat. Always bear in mind that islaah and tazkiyya is based on the fadhal (grace) of Allah Ta'ala and not on one's own efforts.

Hadhrat Moulana Thaanwi رحمه الله has mentioned that the crux of tasawwuf is to fulfil the commands of Allah Ta'ala and to stay away from sins at a time when one's heart feels inclined towards it. This is how one's connection with Allah Ta'ala is strengthened. May Allah Ta'ala assist us all and give us taufeeq.

(Talimi board)

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O Allah Ta'ala shower special mercy, peace and bless Nabi Muhammad whenever (your) worshippers cry with sincerity.

A Few Occasions of Reciting Durood

Allaamah Sakhaawi رحمه الله has dedicated a separate chapter in his book Qawlul Badee' to explain the various Durood that should be recited on specific occasions. A few are;

- After wudhu
- After tayammum
- After the ghusl of janaabah
- After the ghusl of haidh
- During salaah and after completing salaah
- Before performing the fardh salaah
- After the Fajr Salaah
- After the Maghrib Salaah
- In the Dua-e-Qunoot
- When entering the musjid
- When leaving the musjid
- When replying to the Azaan

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.101)

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Attaining Abundant Mercy from Allah Ta'ala

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: من صلى علي واحدة صلى الله عليه عشرا (صحيح مسلم الرقم 408)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever sends salutations upon me once, Allah will send salutations (i.e. reward him and shower His mercy) upon him ten times."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.44)

عن عبد الرحمن بن مريح الخولاني قال سمعت أبا قيس مولى عمرو بن العاص يقول: سمعت عبد الله بن عمرو يقول: من صلى على رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم صلاة صلى الله عليه وملائكته سبعين صلاة فليقل عبد من ذلك أو ليكثر (مسند أحمد، الرقم: ٦٦٠٥)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr bin Aas رضي الله عنهما reported, "Whoever sends salutations upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم once, Allah Ta'ala and His angels will send seventy mercies and blessings upon him in return of his one Durood. Hence, whoever wishes to increase his Durood

should increase it, and whoever wishes to decrease his Durood should decrease it (i.e. if he wants to earn great rewards, then he should increase his Durood).”

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.46)

Commentary

Ulama have stated that whenever Ahaadith differ in the amounts of rewards (such as these Ahaadith specifying ten and then seventy times), the higher figure could have come afterwards because of the grace and favours that Allah Ta'ala bestows upon the Ummah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. The promise of ten mercies was therefore the initial promise of rewards, which was later increased to seventy. Other Ulama have stated that the difference in rewards varies according to the differences in people, circumstances and times. This difference in the amount of rewards also exists for performing salaah in Jama'ah, which is between 25 times to 27 times the reward. This discussion comes in Fazaail-e-Salaah.

Mulla Ali Qaari رحمه الله is of the opinion that the reward of seventy mercies is specific for the day of Jumu'ah, because of a Hadith stating that the rewards of deeds are multiplied seventy times on the day of Jumu'ah.

(Fazail Durood pg.25)

The Virtues and Blessings of Durood Shareef and Salaam

After Allah Ta'ala, the greatest benefactor in the universe upon a Mu'min is Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم favours upon us far outweigh the favours of anyone else. The demand of these favours is that, amongst others, in showing the greatest love and belief, whenever his mubarak name is taken, then Durood Sharif should be recited upon him. In reality, Durood Sharif is a great, lofty and honourable Dua in the presence of Allah Ta'ala which is made for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in order to show ones Imaan link with him. This is such a Dua which is definitely accepted. There is no scope whatsoever for rejection of it.

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, Whoever recites Durood Sharif upon me once, Allah Ta'ala sends ten mercies upon him. This Hadith indicates the reward and recompense for Durood Sharif that one who recites Durood Sharif once, Allah Ta'ala sends ten mercies upon him. The benefit of reciting and sending Durood Sharif upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم accrues to the reciter. Therefore, a person should give due importance to reciting Durood Sharif.

The Special Virtues of Durood Sharif and the Benefits in this World and the A'khirah:

1. A person synchronizes with Allah Ta'ala in that Allah Ta'ala also sends Durood Sharif.

2. It is a means of attaining the mercy and Dua of the Angels.

3. It is a means of attaining the Dua and mercy of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

4. Recital of a hundred Durood Sharif is a means of freedom from Jahannam and hypocrisy.

5. A hundred Durood Sharif causes a hundred needs to be fulfilled.

6. It causes the forgiveness of sins.

7. It purifies deeds.

8. A person's deeds will be weighed in a large scale.

9. A person will enter Jannah together with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

10. A single Durood Sharif draws seventy mercies from the Angels.

11. It causes one to secure the intercession of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

12. It is a means of salvation from fear of Qiyamah.

Occasions on Which to Recite Durood Sharif:

This refers to the conditions and places in which it is proven to recite Durood Sharif, as well as those places and conditions that carry reward and virtue and will serve as a means of blessings and benefits in this world and in the A'khirah.

It is sufficient to recite Durood Sharif at these times and places, whether it be short or lengthy.

1. After completing Wudhu.
2. After performing Tayammum.
3. After taking a Ghusl.
4. In Salaah (the final sitting).
5. When writing a bequest.
6. At the time of the Nikah Khutbah.
7. At the start of the day, i.e. in the morning.
8. At the end of the day, i.e. in the evening.

9. At the time of sleeping.

10. When travelling.

A few rulings regarding Durood Sharif Sharif:

1. It is obligatory upon every Muslim to recite Durood Sharif at least once in his lifetime.

2. It is Sunnah Mu'akkadah to recite Durood Sharif after Tashahhud in the final sitting of Salaah.

3. It is compulsory to recite Durood Sharif when the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is taken in a gathering.

4. If the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is mentioned several times in a gathering, then although it is compulsory to recite Durood Sharif after the first time, however, it will be Mustahab and extremely meritorious to recite Durood Sharif after the other times. In fact, according to Imaam Tahawee, it is compulsory at every time.

5. It is prohibited to join words to the forms of Salaah and Salaam narrated in the Ahadith. *(Nuzulul Abrar p.129)*

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يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىْ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

A Sign of Being Ill-Mannered and Ungrateful

عن قتادة قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: من الجفاء أن أذكر عند الرجل فلا يصلي علي (الإعلام بفضل الصلاة على النبي صلى

الله عليه وسلم للنميري الرقم ٢٠٩ ، ورواته ثقات كما في القول البديع ص ٣١١)

Hazrat Qataadah رحمه الله reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "It is a sign of a person being ill-mannered (and ungrateful) that my name is mentioned in his presence, yet he neglects reciting Durood upon me."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.77)

يُصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ اللهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ

بِهَذَا بَدَا لِلْعَالَمِيْنَ كَمَالُهُ

"His (Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم) perfection is clear to all of the universe by the fact that Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله Himself sends Durood upon him."

(Fazaail Durood pg.17)

A Unique and Pure Durood Shareef to Create Exemplary Love and Affection Between Spouses

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ مُعَطِّرِ الرُّوحِ ، وَآلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ صَلَاةً تُعَطِّرُنَا بِهَا وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّم.

O Allah Ta'ala shower special mercy upon Hazrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم the perfumer of the souls and his pure family with such mercy through which You will fragrant us, and O Allah send your special blessing and peace.

Note: The above Durood Shareef should be recited 450 times for 41 days on flowers, Musk, Amber or any available itr to create endless love and affection between husband and wife or to restore the relationship between spouses who are upset with one another. Thereafter both spouses should smell them. Insha Allah they will begin to incline towards one another greatly. This is a tried and tested prescription.

(Aap ki Pareshaniyan awr Durood Shareef mein un ka Hal pg.76)

Advices for Oppressed Spouses

The following is required to be done daily:

1. Exercise patience with the certainty that you are being rewarded.

2. Fortify your relationship Allah Ta'ala by obeying him in every aspect of your life.

3. Be punctual on your five daily Salaah.

4. Recite the Qur'aan Shareef.

5. Make Zikr at home.

6. Recite Durood Shareef excessively upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

7. Daily make Taleem of some portion from the Fazaail kitaabs.

(The recitation of the Qur'aan and noble ahaadeeth of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will bring about enormous barkat in your home.)

8. You may also recite the following:

يَا سُبُّوْحُ ، يَا قُدُّوْسُ ، يَا غَفُوْرُ ، يَا وَدُوْدُ

seven times and blow into his/her food and drink and subtly onto them as well.

9. Perform 2 rakaats Salaatul Haajah.

10. Make sincere Dua and beg for Allah Ta'ala's help.

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May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

The Special Durood of Hazrat Ibnu Abbaas رضي الله عنهما

عن سيدنا عبد الله بن عباس رضي الله عنهما أنه كان يقول: اللّٰهُمَّ تقبّل شفاعة محمد الكبرى وارفع درجته العليا وآته سؤله في الآخرة والأولى كما آتيت إبراهيم وموسى (مصنف عبد الرزاق، الرقم: ٣١٠٤، وإسناده جيد قوي صحيح كما في القول البديع صـ ١٢٢)

Hazrat Ibnu Abbaas رضي الله عنهما *reports that when he used to recite Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم*, he would recite it in the following words:*

اَللّٰهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْ شَفَاعَةَ مُحَمَّدٍ الْكُبْرٰى وَارْفَعْ دَرَجَتَهُ الْعُلْيَا وَآتِهِ سُؤْلَهُ فِيْ الْآخِرَةِ وَالْأُوْلٰى كَمَا آتَيْتَ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَمُوْسٰى

O Allah Ta'ala, accept the intercession of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم *(i.e. the intercession at the time when all the nations will be in difficulty on the plains of resurrection) and raise him to the highest rank, and grant him what he desires in the Aakhirah and this world, as You granted Ebrahim and Moosa* عليهما السلام.

Manner of conveying Esaal-e-Sawaab

When visiting the grave of a person one should behave in the manner one behaved when this person was alive. If one would normally sit close to him then one should go close; and if one would sit at a distance then one should also stand at a distance. The correct method of visiting the grave is to stand in front of the grave with your back facing the qiblah. (i.e. if there is sufficient space).

First recite durood shareef three times, thereafter recite the four quls three times, Surah Faatiha three times and thereafter three times durood shareef. If you have sufficient time, recite Surah Yaseen and Surah Muzzammil. Also recite Surah Ikhlaas eleven times.

"When Hadhrat Moulana Thaanwi رحمه الله passed away, Hadhrat Moulana Madani رحمه الله was in prison. After being released he went to Thanabawan. It was the day of Jumuah and I accompanied Hadhrat Madani رحمه الله. When he reached the graveyard. He removed his shoes and walked barefooted towards Hadhrat's رحمه الله grave. He stood with both his hands at his sides and continued reading for some time."

(Hadhrat Moulana Maseehullah رحمه الله pg.209)

Hadhrat Gangohi's رحمه الله instruction

He would instruct his associates to read durood shareef at least 300 times daily. If they could not do this much, they were not to read less than one tasbeeh. He used to say: "The favours of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم on us are supreme. If we are still stingy in sending durood to him, then it is extremely inconsiderate on our part, and a tragic loss." From the different forms of durood, he preferred the Durood-e-Ibraheem which is read in salaah. He adhered strictly to the different duas which Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم made at different times and occasions. He used to stress these on his associates as well. He used to follow the Sunnah in all his actions.

(Shaikhul Hind, Hadhrat Moulana Mahmoodul Hasan رحمه الله pg.68)

For Expansion in Rizq and for Debts

For sustenance Hadhrat رحمه الله used to recommend that one reads (yaa Baasitu) 1100 times and once again Durood Shareef 11 times after esha Salaah. One who is in debts and one who wishes to see expansion in Rizq should read this wazeefah.

Wording of Durood

يَا ذَا الْمَعْرُوْفِ الَّذِيْ لَا يَنْقَضِيْ أَبَدًا وَّ يَا ذَا النَّعْمَاءِ الَّتِيْ لَا تُحْصَى أَبَدًا أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلَى اَلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَّبِكَ أَدْرَأُ فِيْ نُحُوْرِ الْأَعْدَاءِ وَالْجَبَابِرَةِ.

O the giver of favours which never end! O the possessor of bounties which can never be counted! I ask You to send perfect mercy upon Muḥammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the family of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. It is only through Your power that I confront enemies and tyrants.

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىٰ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

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A Special Durood Upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: من قال: اللّٰهُمَّ صل على محمد وعلى آل محمد كما صليت على إبراهيم

وآل إبراهيم وبارك على محمد وعلى آل محمد كما باركت على إبراهيم وآل إبراهيم وترحم على محمد وعلى آل محمد كما ترحمت على إبراهيم وآل إبراهيم شهدت له يوم القيامة بالشهادة وشفعت له الأدب المفرد، الرقم: ٦٤١

Hazrat Abu Hurairah narrates that Hazrat Rasulullah said, “Whoever recites the following (Durood), I will bear testimony on his behalf on the day of Qiyaamah and I will intercede for him."

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ

وَتَرَحَمْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تَرَكَّمْتَ عَلى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ

O Allah Send salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the family of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, as You have sent salutations upon Ebrahim عليه السلام and the family of Ebrahim عليه السلام and shower blessings upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the family of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as You have showered blessings upon Ebrahim عليه السلام and the family of Ebrahim عليه السلام, and shower mercy upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, and the family of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, as You have showered mercy upon Ebrahim عليه السلام and the family of Ebrahim عليه السلام.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.112)

Durood for Seeing Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in a Dream

Allamah Sakhaawi رحمه الله reports that if a person wishes to see Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in his dream, then he should recite the following Durood an odd number of times:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا أَمَرْتَنَا أَن نُصَلِّيَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى رُوحِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْأَرْوَاحِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى جَسَدِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الأَجْسَادِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى قَبْرِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْقُبُور

O Allah تبارك وتعالى send salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم in the manner which You have commanded us to send salutations upon him. O Allah تبارك وتعالى Send salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as he is worthy (i.e. that which befits his esteemed position). O Allah تبارك وتعالى Send salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم in the manner You love and You are pleased with. O Allah تبارك وتعالى Send special salutations upon the soul of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم from among the souls. O Allah تبارك وتعالى Send special salutations upon the body of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم from among the bodies. O Allah تبارك وتعالى Send special salutations upon the grave of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم from among the graves.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.127)

Moulana Yunus Patel Sahib رحمه الله Sees Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in a Dream

Hazrat Moulana Abdul Hameed Sahib حفظه الله mentions,

"To give another example, we went to Mauritius about two weeks ago, as our Sheikh, Hazrat Moulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Saheb رحمه الله had been visiting the Island. We went to stay in the company of our Sheikh. We left on a Wednesday, and Moulana Younus Patel Saheb رحمه الله of

Durban, accompanied by his associates, were also in the group. Moulana Younus Saheb رحمه الله, and his friends had returned to South Africa on the Sunday, and we stayed on. On that same Sunday night, Moulana Younus Saheb saw a dream, and he phoned Hazrat Moulana Hakeem Akhtar Saheb رحمه الله on Monday morning, while we were having a Majlis. In the dream, Hazrat Moulana saw Huzoor صلى الله عليه وسلم address him and Huzoor صلى الله عليه وسلم told him, "Tell your Peer, Sheikh Akhtar, that he has not sent his Kaar Guzaari to me while on his current Safar".

Hazrat Moulana Hakeem Akhtar Saheb رحمه الله immediately understood the meaning of this dream, and Hazrat explained to us that whenever he goes on Safar, doing the work of Deen, of Tableegh, Daawat, spreading the word of Allah he every day, at the end of each day, sends the Sawaab to Nabi Kareem صلى الله عليه وسلم and says,

"O Allah! Accept this Amal of mine. Make Maaf, any errors or omissions that there were in the Amal, and make this Sadqa-e-Jaaria for Nabi Kareem صلى الله عليه وسلم

Hazrat continued his explanation, and said that on this Safar he only made this supplication on the first day, and he got

busy, and he had forgotten to continue the supplication, and Huzoor صلى الله عليه وسلم had reminded him that his Sawaab was not reaching Huzoor صلى الله عليه وسلم. Huzoor صلى الله عليه وسلم termed it "Kaar Guzaari" because Huzoor صلى الله عليه وسلم is not in need of our Sawaabs. No matter how great an Ummati, Huzoor's صلى الله عليه وسلم status is given from Allah Ta'ala. Where can we give anything?

Imagine the appreciation we would get from Huzoor صلى الله عليه وسلم if we recite our Durood Shareef regularly on the day of Jumuah, as prescribed."

(The Virtues of Jumuah pg.47)

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May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Exert Yourselves in Durood and Dua

عن موسى ابن طلحة قال سألت زيد بن خارخة قال أنا سألت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فقال صلوا علي واجتهدوا في الدعاء وقولوا اللّٰهُمَّ صل على محمد وعلى آل محمد (نسائی رقم 1292)

Sayyiduna Zaid bin Kharijah رضي الله عنه mentions, "I asked Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم (regarding the manner of sending

Salaat upon him). Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, 'Recite Saalat upon me and exert yourselves in dua and say,

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah shower mercy upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the family of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.'"

Abundant Durood and Salaam upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم is a Sign that Allah Loves a Person

Allamah Ibnul Jawzi رحمه الله writes:

"Servants of Allah! Frequently send salutations upon our beloved Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. When Allah Ta'ala wishes good for His servant, He enables him and makes it easy for him to send salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Conversely, if Allah wishes evil for His servant, He holds back his tongue from sending salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. This causes his face to blacken. Salutations upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم is a means of illuminating the heart."

(Bustanul Wa'izin, pg. 300)

(hadithanswers.com)

Holiday Guidelines

1. Make intention of remaining in Allah Ta'ala's obedience and pleasure.
2. Uphold the Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.
3. Make the atmosphere revebrate as a family with Quran Tilawat, Zikr, Durood Shareef and Istighfaar.
4. The Baaligh males should be punctual on salah with Jamaat in the masjid.
5. The womenfolk should perform Salaah as soon as the time sets in.
6. Make collective Taleem daily.
7. Learn Surahs and Duas for different occasions and compete to practice upon them.
8. Learn about the detailed Seerah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and the lives of the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم.
9. Discuss Islamic History from authentic Islamic Literature.
10. Attend programmes and classes of our reliable Ulama and Mashaikh for adults and the youth.
11. Try and spend time in the path of Allah Ta'ala with the correct fikr.

12. Perform tahajjud extra Nawafil.
13. Engage in sunnah sports i.e. archery, horse riding, swimming. One may engage in these sports without compromising any law of shariah and his Haya.
14. Spend time in permissible recreational and educational activities example running, mathematics, carpentry, basic plumbing, painting, cooking, learning words of Arabic, Urdu and one's home language etc.
15. Visit family and relatives with the intention of attaining the reward of joining family ties.
16. Go for Umrah adhering to the ettiquettes of the Haramain Shareefain.
17. Volunteer for community service.
18. Invite the pious, friends and family for a meal whilst upholding the laws of purdah.
19. Prevent gadget and technology abuse.
20. Provide comfort and care for the elderly and sick family members.
21. Make a continuous effort to abstain from all sins.

Our entire holiday must be governed by the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, Sharia, Islam, Sunnah, Ibadat, Good Character, helping one another and well wishing.

May Allah Ta'ala enable us to spend our holidays earning the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and his Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم.

An Earnest Plea

In the holidays we must not forget Allah Ta'ala and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. A Muslim loves Allah Ta'ala and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. He will, under no circumstance, forget his Allah Ta'ala and Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم. Hence, we should not forget to read Quran, make Zikr and recite abundant Durood Shareef upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

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Cursed for not Reciting Durood

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم رغم أنف رجل ذكرت عنده فلم يصل على ورغم أنف رجل دخل عليه رمضان ثم انسلخ قبل أن يغفر له ورغم أنف رجل أدرك عنده أبواه الكبر فلم يدخلاه الجنة قال عبد الرحمن وأظنه قال أو أحدهما (سنن الترمذي الرقم 3545)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه *reports that Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Woe to him before whom my name is mentioned, yet he*

does not send Durood upon me. Woe to him who witnessed the blessed month of Ramadhaan, yet he let it pass without gaining forgiveness (i.e. he did not fulfill the rights of this month). Woe to him in whose presence both of his parents attain old age, yet (due to not serving them,) they do not become the means for him to enter Jannah."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.79)

Various Masaail Pertaining to Durood

Reciting Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has been greatly emphasized in the Quraan Majeed and Mubaarak Ahaadith of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. There are different commands revealed in relation to Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in regard to various ibaadaat.

1. The Ulama are unanimous on the view that reciting Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم once in a lifetime is fardh-e-ain (obligatory) upon every individual. This is due to the injunction of the Quraan Majeed that commands the believers to recite Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

2. When one hears the mubaarak name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم the first time in any gathering, then it is waajib upon him to recite Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم
3. There are two views of the Fuqahaa in regard to the law of reciting Durood when the blessed name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is repeated several times in a gathering. Is it compulsory to recite Durood every time one hears the mubaarak name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, for example in a bayaan or in a Hadith lesson, or is it sufficient to recite Durood once?

   The first view is that it is waajib to recite Durood once. Thereafter, every time one hears the mubaarak name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, reciting Durood is mustahab. This ruling is similar to the ruling of reciting the same aayat of sajdah-e-tilaawat many times in one sitting where it is only waajib to make one sajdah.

   The second view is that it is waajib to recite Durood every time one hears the blessed name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in the gathering.

Hazrat Mufti Mahmood Hasan Gangohi رحمه الله mentioned that there is leniency in the first view, while there is caution in the second view. However, the dictates of love and reverence to Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم demand that one should recite Durood every time one hears the mubaarak name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "That person is a miser who hears my blessed name and does not recite Durood upon me."

4. Apart from this, reciting Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in salaah is sunnah (i.e. after the tashahhud, before one completes the salaah).
5. In salaah, reciting Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in any other posture besides tashahhud is makrooh. However, when one is performing witr salaah, then after completing the qunoot in the third rakaat, it is mustahab for one to recite Durood. Reciting Durood at this time is not makrooh. Similarly, when one performs janaazah salaah, then it is sunnah to recite Durood after the second takbeer.

6. During the khutbah, when the blessed name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is mentioned, then one should not verbally recite Durood, but rather one should recite Durood in one's heart.
7. It is permissible to recite Durood even if one does not have wudhu or is in the state of impurity (e.g. haidh, nifaas, janaabah, etc.). However, reciting Durood in the state of wudhu is more rewarding.
8. It is forbidden to recite Durood for worldly motives e.g. to promote one's merchandise before the customer.
9. When the blessed name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is written, Durood and Salaam should also be written in full.
10. One should not abbreviate the Durood and Salaam by writing s.a.w, PBUH or in Arabic صلعم. This is regarded as disrespectful.

Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thaanwi رحمه الله has written in his kitaab, Zaadus Sa'eed, that a certain person would not write Durood after writing the blessed name of Hazrat Rasulullah

صلى الله عليه وسلم. This person would not write the Durood on account of miserliness as he tried to save on paper. As a consequence, his right hand had developed an ailment whereby he was unable to use the hand.

Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thaanwi رحمه الله has also mentioned that Shaikh Ibnu Hajar Makki رحمه الله stated that a man would only write صلى الله عليه without writing وسلم. Once, he had seen Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in a dream and Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said to him, "Why do you deprive yourself of forty virtues by not writing the Salaam." In وسلم, there are four letters, and each letter earns one ten virtues. Hence, reciting or writing the word وسلم will earn one forty virtues

(Abridged from *The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.31)*

The Rights of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

The greatest personality that ever existed on the surface of the earth was none other than Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. We are indeed extremely fortunate to be included amongst his Ummat and followers. Being such a great Nabi, there are certainly many rights of his which should be observed. Below, we have

listed a few basic rights of our master, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم which every Muslim should fulfil.

1. Imaan on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Every Muslim should believe that Muhammad Ibn Abdullah is the Rasul and final messenger of Allah Ta'ala

2. Love Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

It is reported in the Hadith, "None of you can be a true believer until I am more beloved to him than his father, his child and the entire mankind." (Bukhari & Muslim)

3. Love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم should be coupled with respect and honour

One's love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم cannot be similar to his love for his family members, such as the love he expresses for his wife and children rather it should contain respect and honour. Numerous etiquettes of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم are explained in Surah Al-Hujuraat.

4. Obey And Follow the Teachings of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Every facet of our lives should be in accordance to the Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Do we really practice upon the Sunnats? Love of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم demands that we practice upon all the Sunnats of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم throughout our lives.

5. Having the Concern of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

The deep concern of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was how every person can be saved from Jahannam and gain entry into Jannah.

6. Remembering Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

A person always remembers his benefactor. The favours of Rasulullaah صلى الله عليه وسلم upon the Ummat are innumerable. In order to express gratitude to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم Allah has blessed us with the great gift of Durud Shareef. We must also read the authentic and reliable books written on the life of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

7. Visiting Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is reported to have said,

من زارني بعد وفاتي فكأنما زارني في حياتي (رواه البيهقي في شعب الأيمان)

Whoever visits me after my demise; it is as though he has visited me whilst I'm living.

(Dua.org.za)

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The Gift of Durood

عن أنس بن مالك خادم النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: إن أقربكم مني يوم القيامة في كل موطن أكثركم علي صلاة في الدنيا من صلى علي في يوم الجمعة وليلة الجمعة قضى الله له مائة حاجة سبعين من حوائج الآخرة وثلاثين من حوائج الدنيا ثم يوكل الله بذلك ملكا يدخله في قبره كما يدخل عليكم الهدايا يخبرني من صلى على باسمه ونسبه إلى عشيرته فأثبته عندي في صحيفة بيضاء (شعب الإيمان، الرقم: ٢٧٧٣)

Hazrat Anas bin Maalik رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Those of you who recite the most Durood upon me in the dunya will be closest to me on the day of Qiyaamah, at every juncture. The one who recites Durood upon me during the night of Jumuah and the day of Jumuah, Allah will fulfil one hundred of his needs; seventy needs of the Aakhirah and thirty needs of the dunya. After the Durood is recited, Allah will entrust it to an angel who will bring it to me in my grave, just as your gifts are brought to you. The angel informs me of the person who recited the Durood by telling me his name and his family lineage. I then keep the Durood by me on a white scroll."

(The Gift of Durood and Salam pg.61)

Excessive Durood Shareef at the Time of Difficulty and Anxiety

Hazrat Doctor Abdul Hayy Arifi رحمه الله once mentioned, "Whenever anybody undergoes any difficulty, anxiety, sickness or he has any need then he should make Dua to Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله saying,

"O Allah fulfill this need of mine, Remove the difficulty or sickness of mine."

However, let me tell you a method, through its barakah Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله will most definately fulfill this need; At the time of difficulty a person should read Durood Shareef in abundance. Through the barkat of Durood Shareef Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله will remove that difficulty or anxiety."

The proof for this is found in the Seerah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. *It was the blessed habit of Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *that whenever someone presented him with a gift, he would always try to reciprocate with something better to return the favour. This remained his noble habit throughout his life.*

This Durood Shareef is also a gift being presented to him. Since his habit throughout his life was that he would give a better gift in return, now when the angels will go and mention to Rasulullah that so and so Ummati of yours has presented this gift of Durood in your service, he makes Dua for him.

Hazrat Anas bin Maalik رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Whoever sends salutations upon me once, his salutations reach me (via the angels) and I make dua for him. Over and above that, ten virtues are recorded for him."*

Moreover, reciting even one Durood on the night, or Day of Jumuah secures us the Dua and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم seeking Allah Ta'ala's forgiveness for us

Hazrat Umar bin Khattaab رضي الله عنه reports that Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; "Increase your recitation of Durood upon me on the night and day of Jumu'ah as your Durood is presented to me. I then make Dua for you and ask Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله to forgive your sins."

(Adapted from Pareshan rehna Chor dijiye pg. 278)

A Worldly Benefit of Durood

One worldly benefit of Durood is that a person's love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم increases proportionate to his recitation of Durood Shareef. The more ones love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will increase the more avenues to success, piety and goodness will open for him.

(Pareshan Rehna Chor dijiye Pg.282)

Allamah Aabideen's Durod

باسم الإله شارع الأحكام مع حمده أبداً في نظامي

ثم الصلوة والسلام سرمدا على نبي قد أتانا بالهدى

وآله وصحبه الكرام على ممر الدهر والأعوام

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Earning The Immense Mercy of Allah Ta'ala

عن ابن عمر وأبي هريرة رضي الله عنهم قالا قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم صلوا علي صلى الله عليكم (الكامل لابن عدي الرقم: 11086)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar and Hazrat Abu Hurairah narrate that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Send salutations upon me, Allah will shower mercy upon you.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.45)

An Extremely Beneficial Durood

Hazrat Haji Ahmad Nakhuda رحمه الله once mentioned,

"Hazrat Gangohi رحمه الله saw Shah Abdul Quddoos Gangohi رحمه الله standing at the door of his Khanqah and it seemed as he was encouraging the recitation of the following Durood Shareef,

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ بِعَدَدِ كُلِّ ذَرَّةٍ أَلْفَ أَلْفِ مَرَّةٍ

O Allah, shower Your special Salaat upon our Master Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم *a million times for each atom (existant).*

Hazrat Gangohi رحمه الله mentioned, "I read this Durood excessively and I found it to be extremely beneficial."

Haji Sahib رحمه الله continued that it is his practice to recite this Durood 100 times daily after Esha Salah.

(Gumbade Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.166)

How to Attain Taqwa?

Hazrat Haji Sahib رحمه الله used to mention, "To attain perfect Imaan, a person will have to attain Taqwa. Taqwa will be attained when a person gets purified from spiritual ailments such as pride, enmity etc. It is attained through excessive Zikr, excessive Durood Shareef and by protecting seven parts of the body from sins, the eyes, tongue, ears, stomach, hands, feet and the private parts.

1. The Eyes: Casting lustful Glances on the non- Mahram male or female is Zina of the Eyes. The heart gets dirty and destroyed with this. If one does not make sincere tawbah, Imaan may also be lost. Looking at shameless content, dirty pictures, the television, movies etc is also Zina of the eyes.
2. The tongue: Backbiting and speaking lies destroys the heart. If a habit is developed, a person's Imaan may be damaged until he does not make true sincere tawbah.
3. The Ears: Listening to music is very harmful because hypocrisy is created in the heart with it and it leads to immodesty.
4. The Stomach: If one morsel of haram enters a person's stomach then for forty days his Salah and Duas will not be accepted. We should ensure that we stay away from

every impermissible deal and transaction, especially interest.

5. The Hands: To take anything of anybody unjustly, though it may be one cent. On the day of Qiyaamah a person will have to give 700 hundred accepted Salaah to the oppressed. To hit children over the limit is also oppression and its outcome is very evil in both the worlds.
6. The Feet: A person should refrain from going to evil places.
7. The private parts: One should protect the private parts and totally stay away from Zina. Like music and wine, Zina is also a cause of earthquakes. It is also a catalyst for fatal diseases such as AIDS.

Therefore, to save his Imaan and to be protected from calamities of this world and the next, a person ought to attain Taqwa. Our pious predecessors have prescribed the following actions,

- Daily Ta'leem (especially Fazaail Sadaqaat)
- To remember death, the grave, the bridge of Siraat etc. daily
- Zikr together with Istighfaar
- The first and third Kalimah (Tayyibah and Tamjeed)

- Abundance of Durood Shareef
- Recitation of the Quraan
- The following Duas,

اَللّٰهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى وَالتُّقَى وَالْعَفَافَ وَالْغِنَى

O Allah I ask for guidance, Taqwa, chastity and contentment.

اَللّٰهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الصِّحَّةَ وَالْعِفَّةَ وَالْأَمَانَةَ وَحُسْنَ الْخُلُقِ وَالرِّضَا بِالْقَدْرِ

O Allah Indeed I ask you for good health, chastitiy, trustworthiness, good character and being pleased with your decision.

(Gumbad Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.167)

What to do in the Haalat of Qabdh?

Explaining the Haalat of Qabdh Hazrat Haji Sahib mentioned that this condition is sometimes a test and sometimes due to a sin or some other reason. During this condition a person shold make excessive istighfaar and Durood Shareef. Think about Allah Ta'ala's mercy and no matter how long this condition remains for one should continue fulfilling the commands of Allah Ta'ala.

(Gumbade Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.171)

Protection from Hijacking

Due to the difficult conditions in South Africa and Hijackings Hazrat Haji Sahib used to advice the people to recite Surah Quraysh and Durood Tunjeena.

(Gumbade Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.174)

Hazrat Umar's رضي الله عنه Deep Love and Memories of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

One night, Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه was on his security patrol when he saw a light and heard a sound coming from a house. He found an old lady in it spinning wool and singing the following couplets:

عَلَي مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَاةُ الْأَبْرَارْ

صَلَّي عَلَيْكَ الْمُصْطَفَوْنَ الْأَخْيَارْ

"May Allah Ta'ala accept the prayers of the pious and the elect, seeking blessings for Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.

قَدْ كُنْتَ قَوَّامًا بَكِيَّ الْأَسْحَارْ

"O messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, you worshipped each night, and you wept before the dawning of each day

يَا لَيْتَ شِعْرِي وَالْمَنَايَا أَطْوَارْ

هَلْ تَجْمَعُنِي وَحَبِيْبِي الدَّارْ

"I wish to know if I could be together with my beloved صلى الله عليه وسلم, for death comes in different states (of mind) And I do not know how I shall die".

On hearing these couplets, Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه sat down, weeping in love and memory of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(The Gift of Durood and Salam pg.204)

Durood is a Source of Mercy for Both the Living and the Dead

In Raudhul Faa'iq, the following story is related:
There was once a woman who had a very evil son. In spite of the fact that she admonished him on numerous occasions, he paid no attention to her advice and never heeded her warnings. In this state, without repenting for his evil, he passed away. His mother felt great sorrow and suffered much grief that he had died without having repented. She therefore had a great wish to be able to see him in a dream. However, when she did see him in a dream, she was even more distressed as she saw him suffering great punishment.
After some time, it so happened that she saw him in a dream again. However, on this occasion, she saw him in great ease

and comfort and extremely happy. When she asked him the reason for the change in his condition, he replied:
"A great sinner passed our graveyard. When he saw our graves, he was greatly affected and took heed that he should change his life and become obedient to Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله before it is too late. He began to cry bitterly over his past sins, and with a sincere heart, he repented for his sins. He then recited some verses of the Quraan Majeed and recited Durood on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم twenty times, and conveyed the rewards thereof to the inmates of the graves. I was one of the recipients, and the portion that came to me had such an effect that it lifted me from my previous condition to what you now see.

"O mother, Durood on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the light of the hearts, a means of forgiveness of sins and a source of mercy for both the living and the dead."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.148)

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Angels Continuously Seeking Forgiveness

عن ابي هريرة قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم من صلى علي في كتاب لم تزل الملائكة يستغفرون له ما دام اسمي ذلك الكتاب

Hazrat Abu Huraira رضى الله عنه reports that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever sends Durood upon me through writing the

Durood in a kitab, the angels continue seeking forgiveness on his behalf as long as my name remains in that kitab."

(Jalaul Afhaam pg.373)

Writing صلى الله عليه وسلم When Copying Down Ahaadith

Hazrat Abul Hasan Maimooni رحمه الله says:

I once saw my ustaaz, Abu Ali رحمه الله, in a dream. I noticed that something was written on his fingers in gold or saffron. I asked him, "O Abu Ali, what is this?" He replied, "Whenever I came across the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم while copying down Ahaadith, I used to write رحمه الله (and this is the reward for writing the Durood)."

(The Gift of Durood and Salam Pg.166)

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كُلَّمَا كَتَبَ صَلَاةً وَسَلَاماً عَلَيْهِ الْكَاتِبُوْن

O Allah send special mercy and blessings upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم equivalent to the number of times that people write Durood.

Taking Precaution in Writing Durood

Hazrat Abu Sulaimaan, Muhammad bin Husain رحمه الله, says:

Amongst my neighbours, there was a man by the name of Fadhl who would engross himself in performing nafl salaah and observing nafl fasts.

He once mentioned to me, "I used to copy the Ahaadith of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, but was never in the habit of writing the Durood after the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم then appeared in a dream and told me, 'Why is it that you fail to recite Durood upon me whenever my name is spoken or written?'"

Fadhl then took great precaution in reciting Durood upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم whenever the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was mentioned. A few days later, he saw Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم again in a vision and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم told him, "Continue reciting Durood upon me whenever my name is mentioned for verily your Durood reaches me.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.169)

A Website Dedicated to Durood Shareef

The blessings and virtues of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم are so immense and incredible that it leaves one incapable of enumerating them all. Suffice to say that he is the most beloved servant of Allah Ta'ala and will be the leader of the entire creation on the day of Qiyaamah.

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the source of guidance and goodness for humanity at large. He was chosen to show us the path through which an individual can earn eternal bliss and salvation. By emulating the teachings of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, one will be able to worship and recognize Allah Ta'ala correctly, as well as fulfill the rights of the creation.

If we study the blessed life and Seerat of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, we will comprehend, acknowledge and appreciate the intense love that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم possessed for every Ummati until the day of Qiyaamah. His ardent love, perpetual concern and overwhelming anxiety is beyond imagination.

Hence, when Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the source of all good in this world and our leader and guide to Jannah, we can

well imagine the many rights he has over us. Among these rights is that we show complete obedience to him, lead our life in conformity to his blessed Sunnah and continuously recite Salaat and Salaam upon him.

Sadly, on account of busy schedules, we have neglected our relationship with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. As a result, the Ummah is drowning in overwhelming stress, unending anxiety and uneasiness.

Acknowledging this plight, the need was felt to provide a divine, blessed, comprehensive and easy solution which will rekindle the love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم within our hearts and enable us to follow his Mubaarak Sunnah entirely. Salaatandsalaam.com aims to globally promote Salaat and Salaam upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم so that every ummati may enjoy the virtues and revive complete Deen and Sunnah in his/her life.

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Needs Fulfilled Through Durood, Salaah and Dua

عن عبد الله بن أبي أوفى قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم من كانت له إلى الله حاجة أو إلى أحد من بني آدم فليتوضأ وليحسن الوضوء ثم ليصل ركعتين ثم ليثن على الله ليصل على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم ثم ليقل لا إله إلا الله الحليم الكريم سبحان الله رب العرش العظيم الحمد لله رب العالمين أسألك موجبات رحمتك وعزائم مغفرتك والغنيمة من كل بر والسلامة من كل إثم لا تدع لي ذنبا إلا غفرته ولا هما إلا فرجته ولاحاجة هي لك رضا إلا قضيتها يا أرحم الراحمين (ترمذي رقم490)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abi Awfa رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whichever person has any need from Allah

Ta'ala or any other person, should make wudhu properly, recite two rakats, praise Allah Ta'ala, recite Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and then recite the following Dua,

لَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا اللّٰهُ الْحَلِيْمُ الْكَرِيْمُ سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيْمِ اَلْحَمدُ للّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَسْأَلُكَ مُوجِبَاتِ رَحْمَتِكَ، وَعَزَائِمَ مَغْفِرَتِكَ، وَالْغَنِيمَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ بِرٍّ، وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ، لَا تَدَعْ لِي ذَنْبًا إِلَّا غَفَرْتَهُ، وَلَا هَمًّا إِلَّا فَرَّجْتَهُ، وَلَا حَاجَةً هِيَ لَكَ رِضًا إِلَّا قَضَيْتَهَا، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

There is no God besides Allah, the Most tolerant and Generous, who is free from any faults and the Rabb of the great throne (Arsh). Praise be to Allah, The Master of the worlds. I ask you (O Allah) for all those things that will make your mercy necessary on me, and all those things that will earn for me your forgiveness. (I ask for) safety from sin, and I desire a full share of pious actions and complete safety from sins. (O Allah) let not a single sin of mine be left without being forgiven, nor let any worry or pain be left from being relieved, nor let any grief be left from being removed, nor let any difficulty be left from being removed and nor any need of mine which you will be pleased with let it not be left from being completed. O the Most Merciful and Compassionate.

(Abridged Hizbul Azam pg.29)

Anti-Depressants

Depression affects people across all income-brackets and from all walks of life. The severity of depression can be gauged by the fact that according to statistics, globally, nearly 3,000 people die by suicide every day, with one death occurring roughly every 40 seconds and in South Africa alone, there are approximately twenty-three known suicides a day!

When a person feels overwhelmed and helpless, he should always remember that Allah Ta'ala and Rasulullah have given us the solution to every problem and our Deen is complete. Our Deen offers us many simple prescriptions with no side effects. These are unparallelled in combating and curing depression. Some are listed below:

1. Recite Surah Duha
2. Contemplate over the Asmaa ul Husna (the beautiful names of Allah Ta'ala) and continuously remind yourself that Allah Ta'ala is All-Wise, All-Powerful and fully aware of your predicament
3. Recite the (Ayat Kareemah) لَا اِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّى كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِيْنَ in abundance

4. Recite حَسْبُنَا اللهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيْلُ
5. Say إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُوْنَ
6. Read لَاحَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيْم
7. Adopt Tafweez i.e. hand over the matter to Allah Ta'ala to solve
8. Look at the less fortunate
9. Focus on the innumerable favours you enjoy from Allah Ta'ala
10. Recite Ta'awwuz
11. Excessively recite Durood Shareef on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.
12. Read the Seerah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم
13. Recite Surah Rahman
14. Engage in Dua
15. Seek advice from the pious Ulama and Mashaikh.

سهرت أعين ونامت عيون

Some eyes stay awake and some sleep,

في أمور تكون أو لا تكون

Regarding matters that could be or not be,

فادرأ الهم ما استطعت عن النفس

As much as you are able to, keep worry away from the soul;

فحملانك الهموم جنون

Weighing yourself down with worries is madness.

إن ربا كفاك بالأمس ما كان

Your lord sufficed you yesterday with what was;

سيكفيك في غد ما يكون

He will suffice you tomorrow with what will be.

Stray thoughts

Q: I am struggling with OCD which creates negative thoughts and waswasa in my mind so I feel very bad. I feel sadness anxiety, stress, depression, angerness and too much fear with this. What can I do now? I am hopless. I can't find any way. Shaytaan always puts waswasa in my mind. If you do this it will happen like this, so I am confused, afraid and fearful with these thoughts. Its ruined my peace of mind please advise me.



A: Do not pay attention to these thoughts. These stray thoughts will not cause you to become sinful as it is not within your volition. Recite Durood Shareef in abundance and take out some time in the mornings and evenings to recite Fazaail-e-Aamaal and Fazaail-e-Sadaqaat.

And Allah Ta'ala (الله تعالى) knows best.

Answered by:

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O You Who Complains of Overwhelming Worry..

يا من شكوت من الهموم جحيما والحزن من كدر الحياة مقيما

O you who complains of overwhelming worry, and constant grief from the bitterness of life

صل علي خير البرية دائما إن الصلاة على الحبيب نعيما

Recite Durood on the best of Mankind constantly, for indeed, Salaat upon the beloved صلى الله عليه وسلم is a great bounty

في محكم التنزيل ربك قد أمر صلوا عليه وسلموا تسليما

Your lord has ordained in the glorious book (Quran Majeed), O you who believe! Send salutations and peace upon him صلى الله عليه وسلم.

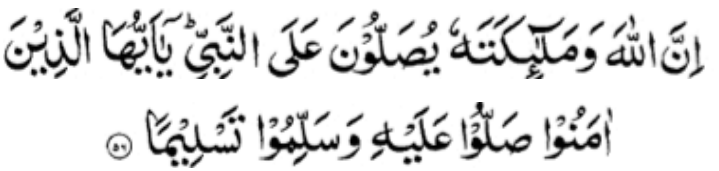
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Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم - the Most Beloved Servant of Allah تبارك وتعالى



Allah Ta'ala and His angels send blessings upon the Nabi. O you who believe! Send Durood and Salaam upon him."(Surah Ahzab: 56)

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the Most Beloved Servant of Allah تبارك وتعالى

In the Mubarak Hadith, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم explained to the Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم and the ummah that Allah تبارك وتعالى had granted him the highest position among the entire creation and that Allah تبارك وتعالى had divinely chosen him to be Habibullah - the most beloved servant of Allah تبارك وتعالى

Hazrat Ibnu Abbaas رضي الله عنهما reports that once a group of Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم were sitting (in Musjid Nabawi) when Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم emerged (from his home) and came towards them. As he drew closer, he heard them engaged in a discussion among themselves. One of them said, "Indeed, Allah تبارك وتعالى chose Ebrahim عليه السلام as His khaleel (special friend)". Another said, "Moosa عليه السلام was chosen to be Kaleemullah - the one who had the honour of conversing directly with Allah تبارك وتعالى. A third said, "Isa عليه السلام was chosen to be the kalimah and rooh of Allah تبارك وتعالى (i.e. he was born with the command of Allah تبارك وتعالى and the rooh was directly inserted into the womb of his mother without the medium of a father." A fourth said, "Allah تبارك وتعالى had

divinely selected and chosen Aadam عليه السلام (to be the father of mankind)."

Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم then entered their gathering and addressed them saying, "I have overheard your discussion and (I have noticed) your surprise with regard to the esteemed status and lofty positions of the past Ambiyaa عليهم السلام.

"Certainly, Ebrahim عليه السلام is the khaleel of Allah تبارك وتعالى, and there is no doubt in that. Similarly, Moosa عليه السلام had the honour of conversing directly with Allah تبارك وتعالى, and this is an established fact. Accordingly, Isa عليه السلام is the kalimah and rooh of Allah تبارك وتعالى, and this is certainly true. As for Aadam عليه السلام, then he has been divinely selected by Allah تبارك وتعالى, and undoubtedly, he was chosen (to be the father of mankind).

"Behold, I am the habeeb (most beloved servant) of Allah تبارك وتعالى and I say it without any pride. I will be the bearer of the banner of praise on the day of Qiyaamah (behind which will be Hazrat Aadam عليه السلام and all those who came after him), and I say this without any pride. I will be the first person to intercede before Allah تبارك وتعالى and the first person whose

intercession will be accepted on the day of Qiyaamah, and I say this without any pride. I will be the first to shake the chain of the door of Jannah. Thereafter, Allah تبارك وتعالى will command that the door be opened for me and I be made to enter, while with me will be the poor believers, and I say this without any pride. I am the noblest of all the former and latter people in the sight of Allah تبارك وتعالى, and I say this without any pride.

(Qurbaani in the light of the Sunnah pg.37)

Rasulullah Being the Imaam in the Hereafter

On the Day of Qiyaamah as well, the position of Rasululah صلى الله عليه وسلم, as the leader of all the Ambiyaa عليهم السلام, will be apparent to all. When mankind will be in a state of terror and anxiety, standing on the Plains of Resurrection, and people will be drowning in their own perspiration, they will be desperate for the reckoning to commence. People will go from Nabi to Nabi, asking them to intercede to Allah تبارك وتعالى and beg Allah تبارك وتعالى to commence the reckoning.

However, each Nabi will decline, until finally, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will go forward, fall into sajdah, and praise Allah

تبارك وتعالى for one week with such praises that Allah تبارك وتعالى Himself will inspire Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم with at that time. Thereafter, he will intercede for the entire creation for the reckoning to commence, and his intercession will be accepted.

In this manner, Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم kindness and compassion will include all the Ambiyaa عليهم السلام and Rasuls عليهم السلام and their ummats, and it will be manifest to all that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the greatest servant of Allah تبارك وتعالى.

(Qurbaani in the light of the Sunnah pg.39)

Poetry by Dr Iqbal

لفظ بے بس، زباں ہے معذور مجھسے ذکر حضور کیا ہوگا

ہو کنارہ نہ جس سمندر کا وہ سمندر عبور کیا ہوگا

اقبال میں کس منہ سے کروں مدح محمد منہ میرا بہت چھوٹا ہے اور بات بڑی ہے

Words are not sufficient, the tongue is helpless, where wil I be able to praise Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

That sea that has no shore, how can you cross that sea..

O Iqbal with which mouth will I praise Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم; my mouth is very small and the talk is very big.

(Salawaat upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم pg.59)

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The Forgiven Ummah

عن أبي مُوسى قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم أمتي هذه أمة مرحومة ليس عليها عذاب في الآخرة عذابها في الدنيا الفتن والزلازل والقتل. (سنن أبي داود رقم 4278)

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Moosa رضي الله عنه that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "This Ummah of mine enjoys Allah Ta'ala's mercy. This Ummah will not suffer (perpetual) punishment in the hereafter. However, they will receive punishment in this world in the form of trials, earthquakes and killings."

Commentary

Hazrat Moulana Aaqil mentions, "This Hadith is a great means of inspiration and consolation. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned that my Ummah is Marhooma. He صلى الله عليه وسلم then explained the details himself that in the hereafter this Ummah collectively will not suffer any fixed punishment (though they may have to undergo some light forms of punishment). They

will be punished in this world through trials, earthquakes and killings.

This means that the trials, tribulations, natural disasters such as earthquakes, famine etc. resulting from sins and the hardships, mass murder, looting experienced will all eventually serve as an expiation for the sins of this Ummah. In the hereafter Insha Allah, there will be no fixed punishment. Everything will be forgiven and compensated for.

مَّا يَفْعَلُ ٱللَّهُ بِعَذَابِكُمْ إِن شَكَرْتُمْ وَءَامَنتُمْ ۚ وَكَانَ ٱللَّهُ شَاكِرًا عَلِيمًا

Why must Allah Ta'ala punish you if you are grateful and you have Imaan. Allah Ta'ala is most appreciative and All Knowing. (Surah Nisaa: 147)

In this Hadith Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned, "This Ummah of mine" attributing the Ummah to himself. This contains a subtle indication that this favour which we (The Ummah Muhammadiya) enjoy is solely the result of our attachment and connection with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. This is only and solely due to his barakah and spiritual blessings.

Hazrat Moulana Aaqil Sahib's رحمه الله Durood at the end of Kitaabul Fitan

صلى الله تعالي عليه وآله وسلم وسلم وبارك وأنعم وسلم تسليما كثيرا كثيرا جزى الله عنا سيدنا ومولانا محمدا ما هو أهله

(Durrul Mandood pg.64)

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Reciting Durood in Salaah

وعن ابن عمر رضى الله عنهما قال كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يعلمنا التشهد التحيات الطيبات الطيبات الزاكيات لله السلام عليك أيها النبي ورحمة الله وبركاته السلام علينا وعلى عباد الله الصالحين أشهد أن لا إله الا الله وحده لا شريك له وأن محمدا عبده ورسوله ثم يصلي على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم (سنن الدارقطني الرقم1330)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar رضى الله عنهما *reports, "Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *would teach us the dua of tashahhud of salaah, and thereafter, Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said that (after one completes the tashahhud of salaah,) one should recite Durood."*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.84)

The Mahr of Hazrat Aadam عليه السلام

Shaikh Abdul Haq Dehlawi رحمه الله writes in "Madaarijun Nubuwwah" that when Hazrat Hawwaa رضي الله عنها was created, Hazrat Aadam عليه السلام wanted to stretch forth his hands towards her. The angels then said, "Be patient until the nikaah is performed and you give her the mahr." Hazrat Aadam عليه السلام then inquired, "What is the mahr?" The angels replied, "The recitation of Durood upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم." (According to another report, the mahr was twenty Durood upon Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.)

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.129)

The Words of Praise which Pleased Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Imaam Tabraani رحمه الله has mentioned in his kitaab of dua that he was once blessed to see Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in a dream. In the dream, the blessed appearance of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was exactly as described to us (in the numerous narrations discussing the blessed appearance of Rasulullah صلى

الله عليه وسلم). Imaam Tabraani رحمه الله (in the dream) greeted Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم with Salaam and then said, "O Rasul of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم! Allah Ta'ala has inspired me to recite a few words." Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم asked, "What are these words?"

Imaam Tabraani رحمه الله replied by reciting the following:

اللهُمَّ لَكَ الحَمْدُ بِعَدَدِ مَنْ حَمِدَكَ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ بِعَدَدِ مَنْ لَمْ يَحْمَدْكَ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ كَمَا تُحِبُّ أَنْ تُحْمَدَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ بِعَدَدِ مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيْهِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ بِعَدَدِ مَنْ لَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ أَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

O Allah Ta'ala! All praise is due to You alone, equal to the number of all those who praise You, and all praise is due to You alone, equal to the number of all those who do not praise You, and all praise is due to You alone, as You like to be praised. O Allah! Send salutations upon Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم equal to the number of all those who send salutations upon him, and send salutations upon him equal to all those who do not send salutations upon him, and send salutations upon him as You like salutations to be sent upon him.

On hearing the unique praise of Allah Ta'ala and Durood that Imaam Tabraani رحمه الله had recited, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

smiled, until his blessed front teeth could be seen and the noor (divine radiance) that would emit from the gap between his blessed front teeth was apparent.

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.126)

خاک کا کل ذرّہ ذکرِ مہوشاں کیسے کرے

How can a conglomeration of dust mention the beloved?

عشق کے رازنہاں کو وہ عیاں کیسے کرے

How can he reveal the hidden secrets of love?

مدح آقا کی گدائے بے نشاں کیسے کرے

How can this unworthy servant praise the master صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم

مشک سے دھوئے زباں کو پھر بیاں ایسے کرے

I ought to wash my mouth with musk and then speak

کشت بے تیغم بعشوہ ترک ناز پیکرے

His beauty slained me without any sword

خوش بیانے مہربانے جان جانے دل برے

How kind hearted, eloquent, beloved and perfect in character.

(Jamaale Muhammadi vol 1 pg.)

Wazeefah for Children's Behaviour

Moulana Yunus Patel رحمه الله advised,

Read the following every morning and evening:

- 3 x durood shareef
- 3 x Aayatul Kursi
- 3 x Surah Ikhlaas Surah Falaq and Surah Naas
- 11 x La hawla wala quwwata illah billah
- 3 x durood shareef.

Blow over them. Blow on water and give them to drink.

For improvement of memory read:

- 3 x durood shareef
- 111 x Ya Qawiyyu
- 111 x Ya 'Aleemu
- 3 x durood shareef

Blow on water and give them to drink.

(Uswatulmuslimah.co.za)

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"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Durood and Dua for Protection from Shaytaan

عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال إذا دخل أحدكم المسجد فليسلم على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وليقل اللّٰهُمَّ افتح لي أبواب رحمتك وإذا خرج فليسلم على النبي وليقل اللّٰهُمَّ اعصمني من الشيطان الرجيم.(ابن ماجه رقم773)

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه reports from Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, "When one of you enter the Masjid, he should recite Durood and Salaam upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and the following Dua,

اللّٰهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِيْ أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

O Allah open for me the doors of your mercy.

And when leaving he should recite Durood and Salaam on Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and the following Dua,

اَللّٰهُمَّ اعْصِمْنِي مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيْمِ

O Allah save me from the evil of the accursed shaytaan.

A Sunnah Dua and Durood for Protection

اللّٰهُمَّ احْرُسْنِيْ بِعَيْنِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنَامُ

O Allah guard me through Your eyes which never sleep,

وَاكْنُفْنِي بِرُكْنِكَ الَّذِي لَا يُرَامُ

Grant me refuge in Your might which is unimaginable

وَارْحَمْنِي بِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيَّ فَلَا أَهْلِكَ وَأَنْتَ رَجَائِي

and have mercy on me through the power You have over me so that I may not be destroyed. (O Allah!) You are my only hope.

فَكَمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ أَنْعَمْتَ بِهَا عَلَى، قَلَّ لَكَ بِهَا شُكْرِى

How many gifts have You showered upon me for which I was deficient in offering gratitude to You.

وَكَمْ مِنْ بَلِيَّةٍ ابْتَلَيْتَنِي بِهَا، قَلَّ لَكَ بِهَا صَبْرِى

How many occasions You have tested me and I

was found lacking in patience.

فَيَا مَنْ قَلَّ عِنْدَ نِعْمَتِهِ شُكْرِى فَلَمْ يَحْرِمْنِي

O the One who did not deprive me of His Grace despite

my ungratefulness,

وَيَا مَنْ قَلَّ عِنْدَ بَلِيَّتِهِ صَبْرِى فَلَمْ يَخْذُلْنِي

Who did not disgrace me in spite of my impatience

وَيَا مَنْ رَّأْنِي عَلَى الْخَطَايَا فَلَمْ يَفْضَحْنِي

and Who witnessed my sins but did not embarrass me.

يَا ذَا الْمَعْرُوْفِ الَّذِي لَا يَنْقَضِى أَبَدًا

O the One whose splendour never decreases

وَيَا ذَا النَّعْمَاءِ الَّتِي لَا تُحْصَى اَبَدًا،

and whose favours can never be enumerated,

اَسْأَلُكَ اَنْ تُصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

I beg of You to shower Your blessings upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم

وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

And upon the family and progeny of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم

وَبِكَ أَدْرَأُ فِيْ نُحُوْرِ الْاَعْدَاءِ وَالْجَبَابِرَةِ

O Allah only with your help do we repel the enemies and oppressors.

(Al- Hizbul A'zam pg.235)

Sunnats and Aadaab of Dua

1. Commence the Dua by praising Allah Ta'ala and then reciting Durood upon Harat Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Thereafter, in all humility and respect, present your needs before Allah Ta'ala.
2. Raise your hands parallel to your chest (i.e. in line with your chest).
3. When raising your hands in dua, your palms should face upwards, towards the sky.
4. Keep a slight gap between the palms.
5. Express your total inability, helplessness and weakness, and beg Allah Ta'ala in a soft tone with complete humility.
6. Do not adopt an approach of uncertainty.
7. Have complete hope in the mercy of Allah Ta'ala while making Dua. Make Dua with conviction that your Dua will be answered.
8. Your heart and hopes should be turned towards Allah Ta'ala alone. Do not place your hope on anything besides Allah Ta'ala. Do not think that through a certain person or a certain thing, your need will be fulfilled.

9. Your heart should be full focused and attentive towards Allah Ta'ala and not negligent and unmindful.
10. Ask Allah Ta'ala for all your needs, whether big or small.
11. Make dua at all times, in adversity and prosperity, not only when you are faced with difficulties.
12. After completing your dua, say Aameen.
13. After completing your Dua, recite Durood Shareef.
14. Upon completion of the Dua, rub your palms over your face.
15. Do not make dua for anything that is impermissible or impossible (e.g. to become a Nabi)

(Adapted from The Blessed Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم v.3 pg.51)

Poem

صل يا رب على من هو في عصمته

يعصم الحق محبيه من الخناس

O My Rabb send Durood upon the one in whose protection Allah Ta'ala protects his lovers from the devil and wicked people.

(Guldistah-e- Adhkaar pg.29)

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Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم Replying to Our Durood

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه عن النبي من صلى علي بلغتني صلاته وصليت عليه و كتبت له سوي ذلك عشر حسنات (المعجم الأوسط الرقم:1642)

Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever recites Durood upon me, his Durood reaches me (via the angels), and I reply to his Durood, and ten good deeds are written for him."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.66)

Mufti Abdullah Mia's رحمه الله Attachment to Durood Shareef

Mufti Abdullah had a passion for travelling and had travelled far and wide. Some of the places he had travelled to were: Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Bukhara, Samarkand, Russia, England, Malaysia and Indonesia. Mufti Saheb also performed many Umrahs and was blessed with the opportunity to perform Hajj fifteen times.

He had visited the graves of many Ambiyaa عليهم السلام and Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم. He had also taken a special trip to visit the Qabr of Imaam Bukhari and Imaam Tirmidi رحمهما الله. He remarked on his return, that he cried profusely at the Qabr of Imaam Bukhari رحمه الله, pondering on the great contribution he had made to the Ummah.

Pearls of Advice:

- Make Intention before carrying out any act, even if it is buying a loaf of bread for your family. As the Fuqaha have written, "There can be no reward without Niyyah."
- Complete four actions before you leave the world:
    1. Build a Masjid.
    2. Sponsor a borehole.
    3. Publish a Kitaab.
    4. Be the means of bringing someone into the fold of Islam.

These will serve as Sadaqah Jaariyah for you perpetually.

- Recite at least 3000 Durood daily, as this amounts to a million Durood per year.

- Mufti Abdullah رحمه الله encouraged everyone he came into contact with, to recite in abundance

لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللهُ اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Mufti Saheb رحمه الله practiced upon the Hadith wherein Rasulullah said,

"Make Salaam to everyone. Feed people. Perform Tahajjud Salaah. Keep your tongue moist with the Thikr of Allah. Give Charity by night and by day, secretly and openly."

On many occasions, Mufti Saheb narrated to us the words of Allama Banuri, that it is the duty of every 'Aalim to wake up for Tahajjud Salaah and cry for the Ummah.

Hazrat Mufti Saheb رحمه الله recited a Juz of the Quraan Shareef daily and recited between **10000 to 15000 Durood daily**, apart from the other Athkaar, he also performed Salaatut Duhaa daily and recited Surah Sajdah, Surah Mulk and Surah Waqi'ah during Salaatul Awwabeen.

(Ulama Profiles pg.154)

Some Sunnats and Aadaab of Sitting in a Deeni Discourse

1. You should sit with complete and utmost rexpect during the discourse.
2. Consider the Deeni discourse as a means of spiritual medication and consider the advices to be directed to yourself.
3. You should listen attentively to the speaker.
4. While the Deeni discourse is in progress, you should not engage in any other activity or ibadah eg. Making Zikr, reciting the Quran Majeed, etc.
5. It is not permissible for one to attend a Deeni discourse where any law of Shari'ah is violated e.g. a gathering wherein photography, videoing, intermingling of sexes, etc. are found.
6. If you are unclear regarding any aspect discussed during the Deeni discourse, then after the talk, you should enquire from the speaker regarding that aspect in a polite and respectful manner.
7. If you have to leave the gathering during the talk, then you should do so in a manner that will not disturb others.

8. You should make an effort to impart and share what you have learnt with your family as well as others.
9. When you hear the name of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله then out of respect, you should say "Allah Azza wa Jall" or "Allah Tabaaraka wa Ta'ala" or "Subhanallah", etc. Likewise, when you hear the name of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, then say "sallallahu alaihi wasallam", and when you hear the name of a Sahaabi then say "Radhiyallahu anhu"
10. When the name of Hazrat Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم is mentioned in the Deeni discourse or in any gathering, then it is waajib (compulsory) for you to recite Durood upon Hazrat Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم the first time that it is mentioned. Thereafter, whenever the blessed name of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم is taken again, it is mustahab (preferable) to recite Durood.
11. Upon the conclusion of the gathering, you should recite:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَّا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوْبُ إِلَيْكَ

Glory be to You, O Allah, with all praise! I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except You, I seek Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance

12. If you wish to hear a deeni discourse over a CD, radio, receiver, etc. then it is important for you to first find out the reliability of the person who had delivered the discourse as well as the subject matter that had been discussed in the talk. Lack of caution in this regard leads to confusion being created in one's Deen.

    Hazrat Muhammad bin Seereen رحمه الله had stated, "Indeed this knowledge is your Deen, so be careful from whom you acquire your deen."

13. It is waajib (compulsory) for one to remain silent while the khutbah is being delivered e.g. the khutbah of Jumu'ah, nikaah, Eid, etc. If one speaks during the khutbah, one will be sinful.

(Adapted from "The blessed Sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم" v3 pg,277)

Final Illness and Demise of Hazrat Jee, Moulana Maseehullah Khan Sahib رحمه الله

During the Ramadaan of 1412 AH (corresponding to March 1992) the spiritual clinic of Jalalabad was teeming with throngs of saalikeen. The daily discourses of Hadhrat were in full swing. On 28 Ramadhaan, corresponding to 12 April 1992, Hadhrat conducted his majlis as usual, without any undue difficulty. However, this turned out to be his last complete formal majlis. The very next day, Ramadaan 29 Hadhrat was overcome by severe weakness, a symptom that remained with him till his last moments. On the 1st Shawwaal (5 April) Eid Salaah was held in the Munniwali musjid for Hadhrat's sake.

On Saturday 20 Shawwaal (24 April) Hadhrat conducted the inauguration of Bukhari Shareef for that year. During that illness this was probably the only occasion when the general public were allowed to meet Hadhrat. Otherwise, the doctors had advised him to rest during the day and avoid meeting people. In spite of this, the residents in the khaanqah, as well as outside visitors were allowed to meet Hadhrat after Asar in the Majlis Khaana. In this time his recitation of Durood Shareef had increased tremendously.

Hadhrat only spoke a few words when necessary. This state of affairs continued up to 16 Jumaadal Ula 1413 AH (12 November

1992). On Thursday night, 17 Jumadal Ula Hadhrat offered his Esha Salaah with indications of the head as usual (due to extreme weakness), as well as four rakaats of Tahajjud Salaah. Present in Hadhrat's company that night were, Bhaijaan (Hadhrat's noble son), the respected Moulana Enayatullah of London, Moulana Aarzu Mia (Hadhrat's nephew), Dr. Muhammad Naeem Siddiqi, Moulana Tauqeer Ahmed Saahib, and a few others. Because of heavy coughing and excess phlegm Hadhrat's breathing had become very heavy. Excessive dryness in the mouth and throat made them continuously administer sips of ordinary water as well as Zam-zam.

Moulana Inayatullah Saahib recited Surah Yaseen, while Hadhrat continously remained fully engaged in the remembrance of Allah by means of Pass Anfaas. He was also indicating with his head towards the heart (an act done in zikr). A few moments prior to the end he raised his shahaadat finger (forefinger) several times as is done when reciting tashahhud. He kept on bringing the hand up to ensure his topi was in place. In this state he uttered one final word: "ALLAH", and simultaneously breathed his last. Thus, this celestial soul departed from this earthly abode, and so this Imam of Sulook, this Soother of broken hearts having ministered cure to

thousands of spiritually ailing patients passed on to "The Highest Friend." *Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raaji'oon!*

This deeply distressing event transpired on Thursday night, 17 Jumadal Ula 1413, corresponding to 13 November 1992.

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Mercy and Blessings on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, his Wives and Progeny

عن عمرو بن سليم الزرقي قال أخبرني أبو حميد الساعدي أنهم قالوا يا رسول الله كيف نصلي عليك فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قولوا اللَّهُمَّ صل على محمد وأزواجه وذرياته -فِي حَدِيثِ الْحَارِثِ- كما صليت على آل إبراهيم وبارك على محمد وأزواجه وذريته- قالا جميعا كما باركت على آل إبراهيم إنك حميد مجيد (نسائي رقم 1294)

Hazrat Amr bin Sulaim Zuraqi رحمه الله narrates from Hazrat Abu Humaid Sa'idi رضي الله عنه that the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم asked: "O Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, how should we send salaat upon you?" The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied: 'Say:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah, shower mercy upon Muhamad صلى الله عليه وسلم, his wives and progeny as You showered mercy upon the family of Ibrahim عليه السلام and send blessings upon Muhammad and his wives and progeny as You sent blessings upon the family of

Ibrahim عليه السلام. Indeed You are praiseworthy and most glorious.'"

The Demand of Islam

Allah Ta'ala has blessed us with a perfect, comprehensive and complete Deen, and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and his Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم have left us a sublime and beautiful example to emulate and follow. From our eating and sleeping, to our acts and rites of worship and even our business dealings, domestic lives and social interactions – a Muslim is totally distinct from the disbelievers as every dimension and department of his life radiates and reflects the beauty of Islam and the sunnah. Among the aspects in which a believer is totally distinct from the disbelievers is the occasions of happiness and celebration. The disbelievers celebrate Christmas, Easter, New Years, and other similar occasions, while a Muslim's occasions of joy are the day of Jumu'ah, the two Eids, etc.

In this regard, it is vital for a believer to show utmost importance and significance to the auspicious and joyous occasions of the Muslims, while totally refraining from showing any importance, significance or inclination towards the special celebrations of the disbelievers. Therefore, a

Muslim should not utter words such as “Merry Christmas” and “Happy New Year”, nor should one admire the Christmas trees or fireworks that are on display, or wait until midnight and participate in the countdown for the new year. To do so is to identify with the disbelievers, who are the enemies of Allah Ta’ala, and to show an inclination to their ways, instead of the way of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. This is such a detestable action that it causes one to attract the anger of Allah Ta’ala!

In this regard, Sayyiduna Umar رضي الله عنه once mentioned, “Refrain from (mixing with) the enemies of Allah Ta’ala, the Jews and Christians, in their celebrations on the day in which they gather, for indeed the anger of Allah Ta’ala descends upon them. I fear that (if you participate in any of their celebrations,) the anger of Allah Ta’ala will descend upon you.” (Shu‘abul Imaan #8940)

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The Love of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم for his Ummah

وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيْكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضٰى ؕ

And soon will your Rabb will bestow you with such abundant favours that you will be pleased.

In this verse, Allah Ta'ala informs his beloved Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم that He will fulfil his wishes and desires until he صلى الله عليه وسلم will become pleased.

Among the wishes and desires of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was that Islam should progress and spread throughout the world and that the Muslims should gain victory over their enemies. All these are included among the special favours that Allah Ta'ala promised.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas رضي الله عنهما mentioned in the Tafseer of this verse that the happiness of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is that his entire ummah be entered into Jannah (and saved from the fire of Jahannum).

From this, we can gauge the great love which Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم had for his ummah.

Such is his intense love for his ummah that he will not find pleasure and happiness so long as even one individual of his ummah is burning in Jahannum.

In other words, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has so much of love for the ummah that he wishes to see each and every member of his ummah entering Jannah. Hence, on the Day of Qiyaamah,

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will intercede before Allah for and every one of his ummatis to enter Jannah.

The Demand of Love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has unimaginable love for his ummah. The love of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم for every ummati demands that we also show our loyalty and allegiance to him at all times. In this regard, two things are important and necessary.

The first demand of love is that we adhere to his Mubaarak Sunnah in all facets of our lives and completely abstain from all those things which are displeasing to him and which he prohibited us from. In this manner, through fully adhering to his Mubaarak Sunnah, we will be showing our full appreciation and gratitude to him.

The second demand of love is that we recite Durood Shareef in abundance, especially on Fridays. This will bring happiness to the mubaarak heart of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(Tafseer of the Quran Majeed pg.52)

May Allah Ta'ala bless us with hearts brimming with love for the sunnah, tongues moist with zikr and Durood, abhorence for the ways of the disbelievers, and companionship of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and the Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم on the Day of Qiyamah, Aameen.

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"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى اللهُ عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Eighty Durood Forgives Eighty Years of Sins

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: الصلاة علي نور على الصراط ومن صلى علي يوم الجمعة ثمانين مرة غفرت له ذنوب ثمانين عاماً

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه *narrates that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Reciting Durood upon me will be a light on the Bridge (Pul-Siraat), and whoever recites Durood upon me eighty times on Friday, eighty years of his sins are forgiven."*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.90)

The Steadfastness of the Muhadditheen رحمهم الله on Durood Shareef

When the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is taken or heard more than once in a gathering then it is Waajib to recite Durood Shareef the first time and mustahab to recite it every time thereafter.

Who can mention the Mubaarak name of Rasulullah more than the Muhaditheen and Imams of Hadeeth رحمهم الله as their occupation, all day, every day is the Mubaarak Hadith of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. The practice of all the Imaams of Hadeeth is that they recite and write Durood Shareef each and every time Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم name is mentioned and appears. The books of Hadith all testify to this. They were not perturbed that this repetition of Durood Shareef would significantly increase the volume of the kitab. Often short Ahadith appear where the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم appears every one or two lines. Sometimes the Mubaarak name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is mentioned multiple times in one line. Despite this one will never find the Muhadditheen رحمهم الله leaving out Durood Shareef anywhere.

(Ma'ariful Quran v.7 pg.224)

Mufti Ahmad Saadiq Desai Sahib حفظه الله– 30 Million Durood Daily

- He set up a system in Makaatibs where three hundred thousand students recite a hundred Durood daily. Thus, thirty million Duroods are gifted to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم daily through the hard work of Moulana.

- A total of his printed publications over four decades exceeds five million copies of newspapers and kitaabs.

(The man behind the Majlis Part 4)

"Begin and conclude every lesson with Durood upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Durood is always accepted, Insha allah whatever is in between (i.e. the entire lesson) will also be accepted."

The First 60 Seconds of Every Lesson...

A senior Ustaadh from a renowned Darul Uloom continuously encourages excessive recitation of Durood Shareef on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. For decades, this respected Alim has been encouraging his students and others to recite Durood shareef excessively. Presently, it is his daily practice to get his students to reach for their tasbeehs and recite 100 Durood for 60 seconds at the commencement of every lesson. This Alim has acknowledged the immense Barakaat perceived both by himself as well as the students. May Allah Ta'ala inspire us to also think of different ways to motivate ourselves and our subordinates to keep our tongues moist with Durood Shareef

and be committed to the Sunnat of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.
Aameen

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىْ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

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May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Mercy in the Universes

عن أبي مسعود الأنصاريّ قال أتانا رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ونحن في مجلس سعد بن عبادة فقال له بشير بن سعد أمرنا الله تعالى أن نصلي عليك يا رسول الله فكيف نصلي عليك قال فسكت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم حتى تمنينا أنه لم يسأله ثم قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قولوا اللَّهُمَّ صل على محمد وعلى آل محمد كما صليت على آل إبراهيم وبارك على محمد وعلى آل محمد كما باركت على آل إبراهيم في العالمين إنّك حميد مجيد والسلام كما قد علمتم(مسلم رقم 908)

Sayyiduna Abu Masood Ansari رضي الله عنه narrates, "Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم came to us whilst we were in the gathering of Hazrat Sad bin Ubadah رضي الله عنه and Hazrat Bashir bin Sad رضي الله عنه asked him, 'O Rasulullah, صلى الله عليه وسلم Allah Ta'ala has commanded us to send Salaat upon you so how should we do so?' Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم remained quiet until we wished that he did not ask the question. Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, "Say;

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah تبارک و تعالی, shower Your mercy upon Muhammad صل الله عليه وسلم and the family of Muhammad صل الله عليه وسلم, as You showered Your mercy upon the family of Ebrahim عليه السّلام. O Allah تبارک و تعالی, shower Your blessings upon Muhammad صل الله عليه وسلم and the family of Muhammad صل الله عليه وسلم as You showered Your blessings upon the family of Ebrahim عليه السّلام in the universes. Indeed, You are praiseworthy and most glorious."

and Salam is as you know"

Develop a Relationship with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم!

Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله once gave the following advices,

"Every Ummati should develop a relationship with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. To achieve this, we should recite as much Durood Shareef as possible. A person who has some free time should continue reading Durood Shareef. There is no need to count. How pleased will Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم become if such a huge gathering will recite Durood Shareef which will be presented in the court of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم."

Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله also mentioned

"We should attach great importance to this and also encourage others to be punctual on this. May Allah Ta'ala give me and you all the ability.

Durood Ibrahim for Obstacles in Marriage

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَجِيْدٌ اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَجِيْدٌ

O Allah تبارک و تعالی, shower Your mercy upon Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, as You showered Your mercy upon Ebrahim علیہ السّلام and the family of Ebrahim علیہ السّلام. Indeed, You are praiseworthy and most glorious. O Allah تبارک و تعالی, shower Your blessings upon Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and the family of Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم as You showered Your blessings upon Ebrahim علیہ السّلام, and the family of Ebrahim علیہ السّلام. Indeed, You are praiseworthy and most glorious."

A male or female who is experiencing obstacles in getting married and is unable to find a suitable partner or is not receiving marriage proposals at all, should recite Durood Ibrahim 500 times after Fajr and Maghrib Salah and make Dua. Allah Ta'ala will swiftly make arrangements for a pious

proposal and all obstacles will be removed. This Amal may be done by his/her mother also.

(Aap Ki Pareshaniya awr Durood Shareef me un ka Hal pg.28)

Hadhrat Mufti Sadullah Sahib Muradabadi رحمه الله

Towards the end of his life Hazrat was invited for the post of a judge by the chief of Bhopal which he accepted. He was preparing to relocate to Bhopal in the month of Ramadhan. However, he reached the end of the road in this temporary abode. His soul surrendered to the call of death on the 14th of Ramdhan whilst fasting and delivering the lesson on Qasidah Burdah.

إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون

(Husn Khatmah ke Ruh Parwar Waqiat pg.15)

Reflections

Mufti Sahib رحمه الله must have enjoyed a special relationship with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and Durood Shareef for receiving the honour of taking his last breaths teaching Qasidah Burdah which is a peom which brims with the love of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

یارب جسم میں میرے جب تک جان رہے

O Allah so long as there is life in my body

تجھ پے صدقے تیرے محبوب پے قربان رہے

May it belong to you and be sacrificed for your beloved صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم

(Husn Khatmah ke Ruh Parwar Waqiat pg.12)

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Earning One Qeeraat of Reward

عن علي بن أبي طالب رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال من صلي علي صلاة كتب الله له قيراطا والقيراط مثل احد (مصنف عبد الرزاق الرقم 153)

Hazrat Ali bin Abi Taalib رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever sends Durood upon me once, Allah Ta'ala will record one qeeraat of reward for him, and one qeeraat is equal to the mountain of Uhud."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.46)

Durood Shareef in Spare Time

Hazrat Moulana Abdul Hameed Sahib حفظه الله narrates,

"A person wrote to Shaikhul Hadith, Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Sahib رحمه الله saying: "When I complete my Wazifahs, my Ma'mulat and my Tilawah etc. many times I still have some time. What should I do in that time?"

Hazrat replied: "Recite Durood Shareef in that time." So we should try and keep our tongues moist with Durood Shareef."

(The importance and Significance of Durood Shareef pg.30)

A Durood for Jumu'ah from Moulana Abdul Hameed Sahib حفظه الله

This special Durood for the day of Jumu'ah has such great rewards, which our minds cannot even conceive, and it takes nothing more than three seconds to recite it. The Durood is:

اللّٰھُمَّ صل علی محمد واله الف الف مرة

"O Allah, send salutations upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and his family a thousand, thousand times."

A thousand × a thousand is a million

In three seconds every person, whether healthy or invalid, old or young, old Muslim or a new comer into Islam, everyone can become millionaires.

We are advised to recite the above mentioned Durood Shareef a thousand times on the day of Jumu'ah. This will take approximately half an hour.

A thousand × a million is a billion

If a person recites this Durood Shareef a thousand times on Jumu'ah, he can become a real billionaire in half an hour.

To make a hundred rands in this Dunya is an effort. To become a millionaire of the Dunya is a major job, and those millions that are accumulated are also unreal because at the time of death not a cent will go with. When the real balance sheet comes out in the grave, not a penny from the Dunya's millions will be there. Yes, the Durood Shareef that you recited in three seconds only will be there. The daily Tilawah of the Qur'an Shareef will be there. The Salah, the Akhlaq and all the good deeds will be there.

(The importance and Significance of Durood Shareef pg.28)

Free Time for Durood Shareef

Hazrat Moulana Saleem Dhorat Sahib حفظه الله mentions,

"The buzurgs say,

ہر درد کی دوا ہے صل علی محمد

Hazrat Shaikh Zakariyya رحمه الله, together with giving different remedies for people's problems, would also advise recitation of Durood Shareef."

Moulana also advises,

“On the Day of Jumuah, Durood Shareef should increase. Through this the love for Nabi صلي الله عليه وسلم will increase and Nabi’s صلي الله عليه وسلم attention will turn towards us. In fact, the old people who sit at home and have more free time should read much more Durood Shareef. 5000 times 6000 times 7000 times.”

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Durood and Dua When Entering and Leaving the Masjid

عن فاطمة رضي الله عنها قالت كان رسول الله صلّى الله عليه وسلم إذا دخل المسجد يقول بسم الله والسلام على رسول الله اللّٰهُمَّ اغفر لي ذنوبي وافتح لي أبواب رحمتك وإذا خرج قال بسم الله والسلام على رسول الله اللّٰهُمَّ اغفر لي ذنوبي وافتح لي أبواب فضلك

(ابن ماجة رقم 771)

Hazrat Faatima رضي الله عنها *reports that when Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *would enter the Musjid, he would recite the following dua:*

بِسْمِ اللهِ وَالسَّلامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

And when he used to leave the Musjid, he would recite the following dua:

بِسْمِ اللهِ وَالسَّلامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ فضلِكَ

In the name of Allah Ta'ala. May peace descend upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. *O Allah, forgive my sins and open for me the doors of Your bounties.*

(Ihyaauddeen.co.za)

The Importance of Dua

Hazrat Muslih-ul-Ummat, Moulana Shah Wasiyyullaah Sahib رحمه الله, in his renowned written work, "Wasiyyat-ul-Akhlaaq", regarding the importance of Dua, writes the following:

"This is such a branch that is, in actual fact, a shoreless ocean. To encompass it is beyond human ability. For the attainment of servitude, complete need and want is essential. The Duas of goodness and protection are clearly indicative of complete need. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم has made Dua for goodness in all aspects and has also sought protection from all evil. The Duas of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم encompass all branches of life, like beliefs, worship, character, monetary dealings, social interactions, aspects pertaining to Religion and mundane affairs, goodness of this world and the next and inner as well as outer conditions. Just as these they also serve as lessons for the Ummah of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم."

Hazrat رحمه الله, in "Wasiyyat-us-Saalikeen", also writes:

"In this era, I deem it imperative for Muslims to establish a firm connection with Allah Ta'ala, as well as with His Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم. The felicity of both the worlds is hidden therein and that is the cure for all their calamities.

The manner of establishing a connection with Allah Ta'ala is performance of Salaah and recitation of the Qur'an (the speech of Allah). People need to afford Salaah its due importance and, with complete honour and cognisance of all the etiquettes and presence of heart, recite the noble Qur'an.

The manner of establishing a firm and correct bond with Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم is adherence to the Sunnah of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. A person should endeavour to keep all his statements and actions in conformance with the Sunnah. Included in that is that a person should make it a habit to recite all those Duas daily that have been proven to have been recited by Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم at all the relevant times."

Hence, the learned scholars of Islaam have compiled special books, comprising of all those Duas that are mentioned in the Quran, as well as all of those that are narrated in the Ahadith.

Therefore, after reading the introduction of the book, "Munaajaat-e-Maqbool", that comprises of praise of Allaah Ta'ala and Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, the person should, with complete focus, attention and hope of acceptance read the Duas. Finally, the person should then terminate his

Dua by praising Allah Ta'ala and sending Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Allah Ta'ala is only one who grants ability.

(Abridged from Guldistah-e- Adhkaar pg.152)

A Beautiful Durood

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ مَا فِيْ عِلْمِ اللهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللهِ

O Allah send Durood upon our leader and master, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم in proportion to whatever is in the knowledge of Allah Ta'ala, perpetual Durood that will last for as long as the kingdom of Allah Ta'ala does.

(Guldistah-e- Adhkaar pg.142)

The Specialities of Durood Shareef

Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه says, "The acceptance of all Duas remain pending until Durood is sent upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and upon his family."

Hazrat Umar Farooq رضي الله عنه says that Dua remains suspended between the sky and the earth and does not ascend as long as Durood is not sent upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Note: That is why one should ensure to send Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم before commencing his Dua, as well as before terminating it. If that is done, then, by virtue of the intermediary of the Durood, the Dua will be blessed with the honour of acceptance.

(Guldistah-e- Adhkaar pg.137)

Virtue of Durood Shareef

Hazrat Moulana Qamruzzaman حفظه الله mentions, "It becomes apparent from certain narrations that, for the fulfillment of objectives, if a person, besides all the other Wazaa'if and Duas, only sends Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم then his affairs will be solved from the unseen."

(Guldistah-e- Adhkaar pg.136)

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمَاً أَبَدًا عَلَىْ حَبِيْبِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمِ

"O Sustainer, shower Salaat and Salaam forever and ever upon Your beloved, who is the best of all creation."

جَزَى الله عَنَّا نَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْه وسَلَّمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَهلُهُ

May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Glad Tidings from Allah Ta'ala for those who Recite Durood

عن عبد الرحمن بن عوف رضي الله عنه قال خرج رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فاتبعته حتى دخل نخلا فسجد فأطال السجود حتى خفت أو خشيت أن يكون الله قد توفاه أو قبضه قال فجئت أنظر فرفع رأسه فقال ما لك يا عبد الرحمن قال فذكرت ذلك له فقال إن جبريل عليه السلام قال لي ألا أبشرك إن الله عز وجل يقول لك من صلى عليك صليت عليه ومن سلم عليك سلمت عليه (مسند أحمد، الرقم: ١٦٦٢)

Hazrat Abdur Rahmaan bin Auf رضي الله عنه reports: On one occasion, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم left his home and I followed him, until he entered a date orchard and fell into prostration. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم made such a lengthy sajdah that I feared that Allah Ta'ala had taken away his life. I thus went forward to see if anything had happened to Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم then raised his blessed head from sajdah and asked me what the matter was, to which I expressed to him my fear and worry (of him passing away in sajdah). Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, "(The reason for me making such a lengthy sajdah was that) Jibraeel عليه السلام came to me and said, 'Shall I not give you the glad tidings that Allah

Ta'ala says, 'The one who recites Durood upon you, I send My mercy upon him, and the one who recites Salaam upon you, I send peace and blessings upon him."'

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.43)

Hajj of Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi رحمه الله

From the time Hadhrat رحمه الله was released from prison, his heart was desirous of going to the Haramain, but he had no means to go. His living conditions were very poor hence there was no way of him fulfilling this great ambition.

His heart was wanting to go to the Ka'bah Shareef and make tawaaf of Baitullah and drown himself in the love of Allah Ta'ala. He desired to stand at the Raudha Mubaarak of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and convey salaat and salaam directly to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. His heart was now ignited with the love of Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم. However, in the dire circumstances that he was in, he kept himself busy in the zikr of Allah. His room would be echoing with the sounds of Allah! Allah! Allah! throughout the day and night. A lover taking the name of the beloved. He was seen sitting in the masjid with a tasbeeh in his hand reciting durood and salawaat upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم with tears

streaming down his cheeks in the yearning for Madinah Munawwarah. He was soaked in love and signs of uneasiness could be seen on his face and body. The only way to receive peace of mind would be to present himself in the Haramain Shareefain. Apparently, there were no means for him to go but this did not deter him from begging Allah Ta'ala day and night to take him to the land of the beloved. It was now a matter of time to witness the hand of Allah come into motion and go against all apparent means to take him miraculously to Makkah Mukarramah and Madinah Munawwarah. (May Allah increase them both in respect and honour.)

Allah Ta'ala in His greatness and mercy always looks at His servants favourably. He always makes the means to fulfil their ambitions in life and why will He not help and assist His favourite servants. Allah Ta'ala makes arrangements for His special servants from places where one cannot even imagine.

In Rampur there was a wealthy person by the name of Deputy Abdul Haq Rampuri. He was very desirous of going for Haj, but he wished to go with some pious Ulama. He hoped that he will be blessed with a Haj Mabroor through the barkat of a saintly person. Two people were in his mind. He was ready to do whatever it takes to have these two Ulama accompany him on this journey. One of them was from his town Rampur by the

name of Hakeem Ziyaaud Deen Rampuri and the other was Hadhrat Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi رحمه الله. He expressed to them his desire to go for Haj and that he wanted them to go with him so that they could guide him along the journey. He would take the responsibility of all their expenses. When he presented this to Hadhrat Moulana رحمه الله, he happily accepted this as a favour from Allah Ta'ala to him.

(Imaam-e-Rabbani Hadhrat Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi رحمه الله pg.99)

Useful Advice for Travellers to Madinah Munawwarah

Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Saleem Dhorat Sahib حفظه الله mentions,

- Love for Madinah

"We should have immense love for Madinah, the area around it and all those things connected to it."

- Seerah of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم

"Before going to Madinah Munawwarah, and during your journey, study a book about the life of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه

وسلم. Through this, love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will increase and the reality and awe of his great personality will be created in your heart. You should also make a special effort to practice as many sunnahs of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم as possible throughout the journey."

- Eṣale Sawab

"Aim to send as much Sawab to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم as you can before you reach Madinah. If you are travelling from Makkah then perform an umrah/ṭawaf on behalf of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. If you are travelling to Madinah first, then send sawab by reciting the Quran or by giving ṣadaqah. The respected Shaykh Ḥaji Faruq رحمه الله would advise those travelling to Madinah to recite Surah Kawthar at least 1,000 times during the course of the journey and send the sawab to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. This may seem a large number but it is a very short surah which can be recited with ease. As Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will receive the reward of what you recite, you will, Insha Allah, be able to derive more benefit from your visit."

- Ṣalat Alan Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم

“Try to recite ṣalat alan nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم in abundance on your way to Madinah Munawwarah. It is mentioned in a ḥadith: “There are angels of Allah Ta’ala who convey to me the salutations of my ummah.” (An-Nasai) So it would be beneficial for your salutations to reach the beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم even before you arrive at his blessed grave.”

- How Many Times?

“Fix a target number of ṣalat alan nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم to be recited during your journey to Madinah, and stick to it. If you do not fix a target, Shayṭan will mislead you into thinking that you have recited ṣalat alan nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم many times. In reality, you will have only recited it a few times and wasted the rest of the time in futility. Keep prayer beads in your hand constantly as this will act as a reminder and help you achieve your target. The time spent going and coming from the Masjid can be invested wisely in sending salutations upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. For example, if you recite the shortest ṣalat alan nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم continuously from your hotel room to the masjid, it is likely that you will be able to complete 500 repetitions. Thus, in one trip to and from the Masjid 1,000 ṣalat alan nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم can be recited. In a day, this equates

to 5,000. The benefit of such a strategy is that you will be able to recite ṣalat alan nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم without even having to allocate any extra time.

Try to recite the *Ṣalat & Salam* booklet at least once after every ṣalah, and even more if possible. It is a compilation of those Salat and Salam that are narrated in the Aḥadith.

- The Last Salam

It is mentioned that the farewell Salam should be recited as normal, but with the following words added to the end:

الْوِدَاعُ يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ

Al wida Ya Rasalallah.

Farewell! O Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

However, the respected Shaykh Ḥaji Faruq رحمه الله used to say that when he would go for the farewell Salam, instead of saying 'farewell' he would say:

الْوِصَالُ يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ

Al wiṣal Ya Rasulallh.

Reunion! O Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم.

"Even though I may be separating from you physically, my way of life will always be in accordance with your teachings and sunnah." It is like saying: "I am not parting but coming together with you forever." This is because the one who practices the teachings of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم becomes the beloved of Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم.

(Adapted from *Useful Advice for Travellers to the Ḥaramayn pg.34)*

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Durood Shareef presented in the Court of Allah Ta'ala

عن عائشة رضي الله عنها قالت قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ما من عبد صلي علي صلاة إلا عرج بها ملك حتي يحيي بها وجه الرحمان عز وجل فيقول ربنا تبارك وتعالي اذهبوا بها الي قبر عبدي تستغفر لقائلها وتقر بها عينه (القول البديع ص١٢٤)

Hadhrat Aaishah رضي الله عنها reports that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "When a person sends Durood upon me, an angel rises with it to the heavens until he presents it in front of Allah Ta'ala. Our Rabb then says. 'Take it to the grave of my servant who will seek forgiveness for the one who recited it, thereby granting him comfort.'"

Commentary

Zaadus Saeed quotes from the book Mawaahibul Ladunniyyah that when a Mumin's good deeds will be too light to weigh down the scales in his favour, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will place a piece of paper upon the pan of the scale, which will be the size of a fingertip. This will immediately cause the pan of good deeds to weigh heavier. "May my parents be sacrificed for you!" the believer will exclaim, "Who are you, O most handsome and graceful one?" Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم will

reply, “I am your Nabi and upon this piece of paper is the Durood that you had recited upon me. I have presented it at the time you needed it the most.”

It is useless to object to the fact that a small piece of paper can weigh down the scales of good deeds because it is really the strength of sincerity that weighs heavy in the sight of Allah Ta’ala. The more the sincerity, the more weight does a deed carry. We have quoted the Hadith of Bitaaqah which speaks about the tiny note with the Kalimah written upon it. The Hadith makes it clear that this little note would outweigh 99 registers of sins, each register being so large that it stretches out for as far as the eye can see.

(Adapted from Fazaail Durood pg.47)

Hadith of Bitaaqah

عن أبي عبد الرحمن المعافري ثم الحبلي قال سمعت عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص يقول سمعت رسول الله ﷺ يقول إن الله سيخلص رجلا من أمتي على رؤوس الخلائق يوم القيامة، فينشر عليه تسعة وتسعين سجلا كل سجل مثل مد البصرثم يقول أتنكر من هذا شيئا؟ أظلمك كتبتي الحافظون؟ يقول لا يا رب فيقول أفلك عذر؟ فيقول لا يا رب فيقول: بلى إن لك عندنا حسنة وإنه لا ظلم عليك اليوم فيخرج بطاقة فيها أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأشهد أن محمدا عبده ورسوله فيقول احضر وزنك فيقول يا رب ما هذه البطاقة مع هذه السجلات فقال فإنك لا تظلم قال فتوضع السجلات في كفة والبطاقة

في كفة فطاشت السجلات وثقلت البطاقة ولا يثقل مع اسم الله شيء (ترمذي الرقم ٢٦٣٩)

Hadhrat Abdullah ibnu Amr ibnul Aas رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "On the Day of Qiyaamat, Allah Ta'ala will select a man from my Ummat and will call him in the presence of all mankind, and then 99 registers of his sins will be opened before him, each register as long as one can see. He will then be asked if he denies anything recorded in his account of deeds, or whether the Malaaikah who were appointed to record his deeds had been unjust to him in any respect. He will reply in the negative (i.e. he will neither deny anything nor blame the Malaaikah for any injustice to him). Then Allah Ta'ala will ask him if he can justify his misdeeds, but he will reply that he has no excuse to offer. Then Allah Ta'ala will say, "Well, there is indeed one virtue to your credit. Today no injustice will be done to you." Then a small piece of paper with the Kalimah written on it will be handed over to him, and he will be asked to go and get it weighed. He will submit that this small piece of paper will be of little avail against so many lengthy registers. Allah will say, "This day, no injustice will be done to you." Then all the registers will be placed in one pan and the piece of paper in the other pan. The pan with the registers will fly up in the air on account of the excessive weight of that piece of paper. The truth of the matter is that nothing is weightier than the name of Allah Ta'ala."

Commentary

This is purely the blessed result of Ikhlas that, a single recitation of the Kalimah Tayyibah with sincerity can outweigh all the misdeeds recorded in so many registers. Therefore, it is necessary that one should not look down upon any Muslim and think himself to be superior to him. Who knows that Allah Ta'ala may accept from him some deeds which may suffice for his salvation. And, on the other hand nobody can be sure about himself whether any of his deeds will be found worthy of acceptance.

(Fazaail Amaal pg.604)

Many Ahaadith tell us that sincerity weighs heavily in the sight of Allah Ta'ala.

One Durood...

We conclude that Zikrullah and Durood Shareef plays a great role in earning the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and must therefore be recited very often. Who knows when or whose recitation will be accepted. In fact, a single Durood Shareef or Kalimah Tayyibah may be the cause for our salvation from Jahannum and entrance into Jannah.

(Adapted from Fazaail Durood pg.155)

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Reciting Durood When Entering the Home

عن سهل بن سعد رضي الله عنه قال جاء رجل إلى النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فشكا إليه الفقر وضيق العيش أو المعاش فقال له رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم إذا دخلت منزلك فسلم إن كان فيه أحد أو لم يكن فيه أحد ثم سلم علي واقرأ قل هو الله أحد مرة واحدة ففعل الرجل فأدر الله عليه الرزق حتى أفاض على جيرانه وقراباته (القول البديع ص ٢٧٩)

Hazrat Sahl bin Sa'd رضي الله عنه *reports that on one occasion, a Sahaabi came to Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *and complained of poverty and difficulty in earning a livelihood. Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said to this Sahaabi, "When you enter your home then make Salaam, regardless of whether there is anyone in the home or not. Thereafter,* ***send Salaam upon me*** *and recite Qul-Huwallah (Surah Ikhlaas) once." The Sahaabi did as instructed by Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *and Allah Ta'ala blessed him with such abundant sustenance that he even began to spend upon his neighbors and relatives."*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.57)

5 Actions When Entering the Home

- Bismillah

- Salaam

- **Durood Shareef**

- Surah Ikhlaas

- Dua for Entering the Home

11 Deeds for Barakah and Safety at Home

- Make Dua that Allah Ta'ala make your house a source of happiness and comfort

- Be Punctual on Salah

- Make Taleem at home

- Recite Surah Baqarah or the last two verses of Surah Baqarah

- Ten aayat of Surah Baqarah ie, The first four, Ayatul with the two aayaat after it and the last three ayaat of the Surah.

- Call out the Azan

- Recite Quran

- Perform Nafl Salah

- Keep Dates in the Home

- Invite friends and family for a meal

- Keep the Kitab Shifa

Beautiful Advice

Reciting durood and salaam is a must in every home. The way of the Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم and the pious was that each person would recite durood shareef in his individual time. Hence, it is more important that you do the durood shareef daily in your own time than doing it weekly in a group.

In fact, this practise of reciting Durood Shareef at home is such that some pious people have such an environment of Durood Shareef at home that both husband and wife have their own formulae for Durood which shows to us the importance love and attachment which the couple have with Durood Shareef.

Below is an excerpt from Hazrat Moulana Saleem Dhorat's حفظه الله kitab on Durood Shareef.

Moulana mentions...

However, a person who is empty from every aspect and forever desirous to find any good deed that may be accepted in the Court of Allah Ta'ala and thus become a means of acquiring forgiveness and the intercession of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم on the day of resurrection, what can he do other than cling on to any straw of hope he finds? It is this very need and eagerness that created a desire in the heart of this lowly one, to present a compilation of ṣalat and salam as a gift in the court of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, despite not being worthy. The Grace of Allah Ta'ala remained on my side and a small compilation was prepared. In it, an effort was made to send ṣalat and salam upon the Beloved of the Rabbul- Alamin, the Leader of the prophets and messengers, the Seal of all the prophets, our Master صلى الله عليه وسلم, using formulae that contain the ismuttafḍil (superlative tense). When my wife came to know of this, she showed me her own compilation which she had put together in order to present ṣalat and salam in the court of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and which she had included in her mamulat (daily practices). This compilation included formulae which contained ṣalat and salam along with the lofty characteristics and qualities of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه

وسلم. I liked this compilation and thus decided to include it in this booklet too. I request the readers to include both of these compilations of ṣalat and salam in their mamulat, make it a point to recite them during journeys of umrah and ḥajj, especially in Al-Madinah AlMunawwarah, and utilise them in other special moments and places too, to send ṣalat and salam to the court of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. This will be a great favour upon us both. Jazakumullahu Khayra.

(Gift of Salat and Salam preface pg.2)

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May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله reward our Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on our behalf such a reward that is due to Him.

Keeping the Scribes of Reward Busy for a Thousand Days

Hazrat Jaabir رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "A person will keep the scribes of rewards busy for a thousand days when he recites;

اللّٰهُمَّ رَبَّ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاجْزِ مُحَمَّدًا

O Allah, the Sustainer of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, shower mercy on Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, and on the family of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and reward Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم such a reward that is his due.

Virtue of Writing Durood Shareef

Q: I have seen some books that are printed for people to write durood. Can a person use these books for writing durood and will one be rewarded?



A: It is permissible to use these books for writing durood. Verbally reciting durood as well as writing durood, both are established in the Mubaarak Ahaadith. Hence, it is permissible for one to use these books for writing durood and one will be rewarded for writing the mubaarak durood of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. The virtue mentioned in the Hadith for writing durood is as follows:

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever sends durood upon me through writing the durood in a kitaab, the angels continue seeking forgiveness on his behalf as long as my name remains in that kitaab." *(Al Mujamul Awsat # 1835)*

From this hadith, we understand that writing durood is a virtuous deed and as long as the durood remains in the book, the angels will continue seeking forgiveness on behalf of the writer.

The great muhaddith of our recent times, Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله has mentioned the following incident in his kitaab, "Fazaail Durood":

A reliable friend of mine informed me regarding a scribe of Lucknow. He would commence his daily work after writing

durood on a sheet of paper which he had reserved for this very purpose.

At the time of his death, he was overcome with fear of the Hereafter saying, “What will become of me after I depart from this world?” On saying this, a majzoob (a saintly personality who constantly engaged in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala) appeared and said, “Why are you so worried? The sheet of paper (upon which you would write durood) is with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and is being adorned.” *(Fazaail Durood, pg. 153)*

And Allah Ta'ala (الله تعالى) knows best.

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: من صلى علي في كتاب لم تزل الملائكة تستغفر له ما دام اسمي في ذلك الكتاب (المعجم الأوسط للطبراني، الرقم: 1835، وسنده ضعيف كما في كشف الخفاء، الرقم: 2518)

عن أنس بن مالك قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم من صلى علي صلاة واحدة صلى الله عليه عشر صلوات وحطت عنه عشر خطيئات ورفعت له عشر درجات (سنن النسائي، الرقم: 1297، وسنده حسن كما في المطالب العالية 785/13)

عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: من صلى علي واحدة صلى الله عليه عشرا (صحيح مسلم، الرقم: 408)

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محمد أشرف الأعراب والعجم

محمد خير من يمشى على قدم

Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the most noble from Arabs and Non-Arabs

Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the best person to walk on the face of the earth

(Wazaif Ush-Shaqir Rasul صلى الله عليه وسلم pg.100)

Mufti Ebrahim Desai's رحمه الله Love for Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.

We cannot truly describe the amount of love Mufti Ebrahim had for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. To say the least, Mufti Ebrahim رحمه الله was very particular about writing out the entire salutations after the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in the fatawa. He would say that even if this fatwa is not accepted in the sight of Allah, perhaps these salutations will

be, and in blessings of that, the fatwa too will be accepted. His love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم knew no limits. He was particular about sending Durood upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم daily and he would also hold weekly Durood gatherings every Thursday night. It was this love that would drive him often to visit Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. You could see the joy on his face when the time would come near.

Mufti Ebrahim رحمه الله would look forward to the day of Eid al-Adha. He would offer multiple optional sacrifices (udhiyah/qurbani). He would sacrifice one for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and one for Sayyiduna Ibrahim عليه السلام. This was out of the love he had for them. As I read the last page of Surah an-Nahl where Allah mentions the many great qualities of Sayyiduna Ibrahim عليه السلام, I cannot help but think of how Mufti Ebrahim Sahib رحمه الله was an embodiment of these qualities.

(Mufti Ebrahim Desai رحمه الله- a Brief Biography and Tribute pg.132)

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Making Musaafahah with Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم on the Day of Qiyaamah

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم من صلى علي في يوم خمسين مرة صافحته يوم القيامة (القربة لابن بشكوال، الرقم 87، وقد سكت عنه السخاوي في القول البديع ص289، ويفهم من سكوته ان الحديث معمول به عنده، ولذلك ذكره في كتابه)

It is reported that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever recites Durood upon me fifty times daily, I will make Musaafahah (shake hands) with him on the Day of Qiyaamah."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.54)

Protection from Fitnahs – Haji Ahmed Nakooda Sahib رحمه الله

Hazrat Haji Sahib رحمه الله used to be continuously concerned about ways to attain protection from Fitnahs.

On one occasion, he mentioned, I asked Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith رحمه الله, "How can a person protect himself from current Fitnahs?" He replied,

• “Abundant Istighfaar

• Abundant Durood Shareef

• Following the Sunnah.

This is sufficient to serve as a protection from Fitnahs.”

(Gumbad Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.165)

Prescription for Brain Tumour

Haji Ahmad Nakooda Sahib رحمه الله was informed of a person who developed a brain tumour to which he mentioned a prescription for after every salah of Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله,

- 7 times Durood Shareef
- 7 times Surah Fatiha
- 7 times Durood Shareef once again

Thereafter blow with a little saliva into the hands and rub it over the head.

(Gumbad Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.166)

Encouragement to recite 500 Durood Shareef

Hazrat Haji Nakooda رحمه الله used to say “Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi رحمه الله mentioned,

“A wonderful prescription for a person’s permissible ambitions of this world and the next is reciting Durood Shareef 500 times.”

When people used to present their problems to Hazrat Shaykh Zakariyya رحمه الله, Hazrat would tell them to recite Durood Shareef 500 times keeping their needs in mind, facing the Qiblah, in the condition of Wudhu. They would later return and acknowledge that their needs were fulfilled and problems solved.”

(Gumbad Khazra ke Saaye Mein pg.166)

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ خَلْقِكَ، وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ رِضَاءَ نَفْسِكَ، وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ زِنَةَ عَرْشِكَ، وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ مِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنْفَدُ،

O Allah, grant your special mercy to our Noble Master, Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم equal to the number of Your creation and to the extent of Your pleasure. Send salutations upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم equal to the weight of Your Throne and send salutations equal to the ink used to write Your words which never end.

(Hizbul Azam pg.311)

Enjoying special attention of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم through the Barakah of Durood Shareef

Moulana Muhammad Saleem Dhorat حفظه الله writes,

It was the practice of Hazrat Bakhtiyar Kaaki رحمه الله to recite 3000 Durood before sleeping daily. This was his practice before getting married. After getting married this practice was left out for a few days. When a person gets married then commitments increase a little. Through following the sunnah, being punctual on the shariah, love for spiritual reformation, zikr and abundant Durood Shareef, Hazrat Bakhtiyar Kaaki رحمه الله in his youth, had already built such a relationship with Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم that when the practice of Durood Shareef stopped for three days, his closest friend whose name was Raees saw the Prophet of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم in his dream. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Convey my Salaam to Bakhtiyar Kaaki and tell him, the gift that you used to send every night has not reached me for the past three nights."

Allah Akbar! May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله bless us also with this type of a relationship with our Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Ameen

(Rahmatul lil Alameen pg.41)

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Needs of the Dunya and Akhirah Fulfilled Through Reciting Durood on Jumuah

عن أنس بن مالك خادم النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: إن أقربكم مني يوم القيامة في كل موطن أكثركم علي صلاة في الدنيا من صلى علي في يوم الجمعة وليلة الجمعة قضى الله له مائة حاجة سبعين من حوائج الآخرة وثلاثين من حوائج الدنيا ثم يوكل الله بذلك ملكا يدخله في قبره كما يدخل عليكم الهدايا يخبرني من صلى على باسمه ونسبه إلى عشيرته فأثبته عندي في صحيفة بيضاء (شعب الإيمان، الرقم: ٢٧٧٣)

Hazrat Anas bin Maalik رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Those of you who recite the most Durood upon me in the dunya will be closest to me on the day of Qiyaamah, at every juncture. The one who recites Durood upon me during the night of Jumuah and the day of Jumuah, Allah will fulfil one hundred of his needs; seventy needs of the Aakhirah and thirty needs of the dunya. After the Durood is recited, Allah will entrust it to an angel who will bring it to me in my grave, just as your gifts are brought to

you. The angel informs me of the person who recited the Durood by telling me his name and his family lineage. I then keep the Durood by me on a white scroll."

(The Gift of Durood and Salam pg.61)

Durood Shareef for Various Needs

1. Fulfillment of Debts and freedom from Accountability

The person who recites the following Durood Shareef 100 times after the Zuhr Salah will receive the following three things;

- He will never be in debt.
- If he does have any debt, it will be fulfilled no matter the amount.
- He will not be taken into account on the day of Qiyaamah.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

(ذريعة الوصول الى جناب الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم صفحة نمبر 199، مطبوعة مكتبه لدهيانوية)

2. A Universal Painkiller and the cure for every disease

To remove every pain and sickness do the following;

- Recite the following Durood Shareef;

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ بِعَدَدِ كُلِّ دَآءٍ وَدَوَآءٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

- Read Surah Fatihah with Bismilllah
- Read Surah Ikhlaas thrice
- Recite the above Durood Shareef again

Do this Amal and Make Damm. Insha Allah they will be cure from every sickness.

(ذریعة الوصول الی جناب الرسول صلی الله علیه وسلم صفحة نمبر 197، مطبوعة مکتبه لدهیانوية)

The Dream of Allamah Qastallani رحمه الله

Hazrat Abu Abdillah Qastallani رحمه الله narrates that he saw Rasulullah صلی الله علیه وسلم in a dream in which he complained to Nabi صلی الله علیه وسلم about his poverty. Rasulullah صلی الله علیه وسلم instructed him to recite the following Durood,

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَهَبْ لَنَا اللّٰهُمَّ مِنْ رِزْقِكَ الْحَلَالِ الطَّيِّبِ الْمُبَارَكِ مَا تَصُوْنُ بِهِ وُجُوْهُنَا عُنِ التَّعَرُّضِ إِلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ ، وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا اللّٰهُمَّ إِلَيْهِ طَرِيْقاً سَهْلاً مِن غَيْرِ تَعْبٍ وَلَا نَصَبٍ وَلَا مِنَّةٍ وَلَا تَبِعَةٍ وَجَنِّبْنَا اللّٰهُمَّ الْحَرَامَ حَيْثُ كَانَ وَأَيْنَ كَانَ وَعِنْدَ مَنْ كَانَ، وَحُلْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ أَهْلِهِ وَاقْبِضْ عَنَّا أَيْدِيَهُمْ، وَاصْرِفْ عَنَّا قُلُوْبَهُمْ حَتَّى لَا نَتَقَلَّبَ إِلَّا فِيْ مَا يُرْضِيْكَ، وَلَا نَسْتَعِيْنَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ إِلَّا عَلَى مَا تُحِبُّ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ

O Allah Ta'ala send salutations upon Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the family of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and grant us O Allah from your Halal, pure, blessed sustenance that much which will protect us from asking anyone else from your creation. O Allah pave for us an easy path to it without any fatigue, exertion and difficulty. O Allah keep us far away from Haram wherever and whoever may possess it. O Allah you be a barrier between us and the people involved in it and hold back their hands, control (and influence over us) and turn their hearts away from us until we only involve ourselves in acts that please you and we only seek assistance using your bounties in the manner that pleases you O Most Merciful of those who show Mercy.

(Al Qawlul Badee pg.279)

The Extreme Thirst of Hazrat Ebrahim bin Khawaas رحمه الله

It is reported from 'Nuzhatul Basaateen' that Hazrat Ebrahim bin Khawaas رحمه الله says;

"Once while on journey, I felt such extreme thirst that I fell down unconscious. While I lay there, I felt someone sprinkling water on my face. When I opened my eyes, I saw a handsome young man on horseback near me. He gave me water to drink and begged me to accompany him. After having travelled for a little while, he asked me; 'What do you see?' I replied; 'This is Madinah Tayyibah.' He then said; 'You may descend here. Go to the Mubaarak grave of (Sayyiduna) Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and convey to him my salaams. Tell him that his brother, Khidar, has conveyed salaams to him.'"

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.125)

Reflections

We can understand what an intense ta'alluq Hazrat Ebrahim bin Khawaas رحمه الله had with Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. It is the right of Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم that we find solace, guidance and comfort in his blessed teachings. May Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله make our lives in conformity with the

blessed Sunnah and may Allah Ta'ala inspire us to attatch ourselves and the entire ummah to Durood Shareef. Ameen

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Reciting Durood When Hearing the Blessed Name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

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The Blessing of the Mubaarak Ahaadith of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

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world and the next, after the knowledge of the kitaab of Allah Ta'ala, is the knowledge of the Mubaarak Ahaadith of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. One will acquire the most blessings through the Mubaarak Ahaadith on account of the abundant Durood that he will recite on Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم when reading the Mubaarak Ahaadith. The Mubaarak Ahaadith of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم are like orchards and gardens in which you will find every form of goodness, righteousness, virtue and zikr." *(At-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb 2/335)*

No Compromise on Durood Shareef

Hazrat Mufti Ebrahim Salejee حفظه الله mentioned:

The Muhadditheen never compromised in the writing of durood. At times, one-third of a page in the kitaab is taken up by the durood. Moreover, in a time when writing was not as easy as it is nowadays.

Read and write the durood as a manner of expressing our gratitude to Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Secondly, hold firmly to the sunnat and thirdly, pass it on to others. Think of the sunnats of the different occasions, sunnats of dealing with children, parents, etc. and endeavour to inculcate them.

Moulana Gangohi advised that one should recite a minimum of 300 durood daily. Our elders emphasised the excessive recitation of durood on account of their extreme love for Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. The durood does not have to be a lengthy durood, even a short durood is sufficient. However, recite with total love and concentration.

No other person in the world enjoys this favour - that his name is taken in every part of the world, and not a second passes without his blessed name been taken. Millions across the globe are named after him and abundant salutations are perpetually sent upon him daily. There is no person whose life, qualities, actions and statements have been meticulously recorded, documented and discussed in the manner in which Rasulullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم seerah has been collated...

Furthermore, Allah Ta'ala has made Deen such, that the majority of the time, when we take the name of Allah Ta'ala, we also take the blessed name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, whether it be when reciting the kalimah or the shahaadah, or when calling out the azaan and iqaamah, or when reciting the khutbah or on other occasions. This is indeed a great honour for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. (Tafseer Qurtubi vol 22, pg. 357)

أهل الحديث أهل النبي وإن

لم يصحبوا نفسه أنفاسه صحبوا

Those Occupied with Hadith are the people of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Although they were not in his company, they in the company of his way of life.

(The Ettiquette of Studying Hadith pg.22)

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(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.159)

External Etiquettes of the Science of Hadith

1. Spend all your energies and resources for the acquisition of this science.

2. Be very particular about attendance and punctuality. Do not be absent for any lesson.

3. Be particularly about purity and being in the state of Wudhu.

4. Apply perfume

5. Study the preliminary sciences

6. Take the names of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله, Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, the Sahaba رضي الله عنهم and the Imams رحمهم الله with respect. Add the words Ta'ala, Jalla jalaluhu wa amma nawaluhu etc. to Allah's جل جلاله name, durood shareef with the name of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم, Radiyallahu anhu with the names of Sahaba رضي الله عنهم and Rahimahullah with the names of the Tabi'un and Imams رحمهم الله. When reading durood shareef, raise your tone slightly.

7. Use honorable words when mentioning the name of your shaykh and teacher.

8. Have respect for your teacher from the bottom of your heart.

9. Respect the instruments and means which are used for the acquisition of knowledge.

10. Practice on the Ahadith which you have already learnt.

11. Convey the knowledge which you have acquired thus far.

12. There must be neither shyness nor pride when acquiring knowledge.

13. Consult your teachers in all your affairs especially religious and academic matters.

14. Pay a lot of attention to praiseworthy characteristics.

15. Pen your lessons and note everything that your teacher says. Abstain from being selective in this regard.

(By Hazrat Moulana Saleem Dhorat Sahib حفظه الله)

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Receiving Ten Blessings

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Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever sends salutations upon me once, Allah will send salutations (i.e. reward him and shower His mercy) upon him ten times."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam)

Commentary

Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Sahib رحمه الله writes:

"A single mercy from Allah Ta'ala is sufficient for the entire world. Here, Allah Ta'ala is sending ten mercies to the person who sends a single Durood upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. What greater rewards can one hope for? How fortunate are those pious whose routine it was to recite Durood 125 000 times daily as is the case of the elders in our family." (Fazaail Durood pg.24)

Reaching Lofty Positions through Writing Abundant Durood

Hazrat Ja'far bin Abdullah رحمه الله relates:

"On one occasion, I saw Imaam Abu Zur'ah رحمه الله (a famous scholar of Hadith) in a dream. I saw him in the heavens leading the angels in salaah. I asked him, "O Abu Zur'ah رحمه الله, how did you reach this high position of honour?" He replied, "With this hand of mine, I have written one million Ahaadith, and whenever I wrote the blessed name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, I also wrote Salaat and Salaam, and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, 'Whoever recites Salaat on me once, Allah Ta'ala bestows ten mercies upon him.'"

According to this calculation, it would mean that (through him writing the Durood one million times), the mercies from Allah would amount to ten million upon him. One can well imagine that when only one mercy from the side of Allah is more valuable than everything on earth, then how fortunate will be the person upon whom ten million mercies of Allah rain upon!

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.159)

Allamah Suyuti رحمه الله– A Durood Devout

The Pious predecessors have mentioned that one worldly benefit of reciting Durood Shareef is that the person who

recites abundant Durood Shareef, Allah Ta'ala will bless him with the honour of seeing Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم in his dream.

Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi رحمه الله writes in his book Nashrut Teeb, "For people who have not seen Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم whilst awake, it is a great consolation and bounty to be able to see him in a dream instead." (Fazaail Durood pg.90)

Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani حفظه الله mentions, "It is written regarding Allamah Jalaaluddeen Suyuti رحمه الله, a pious scholar of a very high calibre, that Allah Ta'ala blessed him with the vision of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم thirty-five times in his life in a wakeful state. Seeing Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم whilst one is awake is a type of Kashf (a miraculous vision experienced by the pious with the permission of Allah Ta'ala). Somebody asked Allamah Suyuti رحمه الله "Hazrat, we have heard that you have seen Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم thirty-five times in your life in a wakeful state? Inform us on account of which action did Allah Ta'ala granted you such a favour?" He رحمه الله replied, "I don't do any special action. However, it is Allah Ta'ala's special grace upon me that throughout my life, I recite Durood Shareef upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم in abundance. It has been my continuous effort to recite Durood Shareef upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم walking, standing, sitting, sleeping, and awakening (in all conditions). It

is perhaps due to the blessing of this action that Allah Ta'ala has honoured me in this manner. (Islaahi Khutbaat v.6 pg.104)

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Receiving Ten Good Deeds

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Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه وسلم *said, "Whoever sends salutations upon me once, Allah Ta'ala* جل جلاله *will write for him ten good deeds (in his book of deeds)."*

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.44)

The Ramadhaan of Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thaanwi رحمه الله

Hazrat Sheikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله, has compiled, from various articles, various aspects describing the manner in which Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thaanwi رحمه الله would spend his time during the blessed month of Ramadhaan. Below is regarding Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi's رحمه الله Taraaweeh:

During Ramadhaan, Hazrat Thaanwi رحمه الله himself used to recite the Qur'aan Majeed in taraaweeh. Without a genuine

excuse, he never left out personally leading the taraaweeh. He would generally recite one-and-a-quarter paras every night for the first half of Ramadhaan, and would thereafter recite one para per night, thus completing the khatam on the 27th night.

The beauty of Hazrat's رحمه الله recitation could be fully appreciated by listening to him recite. In taraweeh, he would recite the Qur'aan Majeed at the same pace that is normally recited in the fardh salaah. If he occasionally recited at a fast pace for some reason, then his recitation was still done with the correct pronunciation of the letters (tajweed), just as he would do when reciting slowly. The length of the ruku and the sajdah in his taraweeh was the same as the length during other salaahs.

As for his 'waqfs' (pausing the recitation in appropriate places) and his tune when reciting, then the high level of consideration that he showed to these aspects was such that it can be found among very few people.

Hazrat Thaanwi رحمه الله was also blessed with a good memory, and hence it was very seldom that he ever became confused by mutashaabihaat (verses that closely resemble one another with

slight variations in the wording). He naturally had such a close attachment to the Qur'aan Majeed that when he recited (from memory), then from the beginning to the end of his recitation, it would seem as though he was reciting with the Qur'aan Majeed open before him. Similarly, if he was ever asked regarding where a certain verse could be found in the Qur'aan Majeed, he would be able to immediately and spontaneously give the correct answer.

In the pause between every four rakaats, Hazrat Thaanwi رحمه الله would recite durood shareef twenty-five times. When he was asked as to why he recited durood shareef twenty-five times during these pauses, he replied, "There is no zikr stipulated from the side of shari'ah to be recited in these pauses. I recite durood shareef upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم because in my opinion, it is most virtuous, and I recite it twenty-five times so that if someone has to depart to fulfil some need, such as drinking water, he will have sufficient time to return before we continue the salaah."

A Blessed Durood Sharef for Anxiety, Blood Pressure and Heart Ailments

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الطَّاهِرِ الزَّكِيِّ صَلَاةً تُحَلُّ بِهِ الْعُقَدُ وَ تُفَكُّ بِهَا الْكُرَبُ

O Allah Shower special mercy upon Hazrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم the unlettered, pure, sinless Nabi. Such mercy that through its blessings problems are solved and worries are removed.

Whoever's heart begins to panic unnecessarily and he experiences unexplained fear or is a high blood pressure patient should recite this Durood Shareef 313 times after Fajr and Maghrib Salaah and blow on his chest. He should also blow on half cup of water and drink it. Insha Allah he will have recover quickly and will attain peace of heart. It is also very effective for heart diseases.

(Aap ki Pareshaniya aur Durood Shareef mein un ka Hal pg.61)

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عن عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص رضي الله عنهما أنه سمع النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول إذا سمعتم المؤذن فقولوا مثل ما يقول ثم صلوا علي فإنه من صلى علي صلاة صلى الله عليه بها عشرا ثم سلوا الله لي الوسيلة فإنها منزلة في الجنة لا تنبغي إلا لعبد من عباد الله وأرجو أن أكون أنا هو فمن سأل لي الوسيلة حلت له الشفاعة (صحيح مسلم، الرقم: ٣٨٤)

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The Love of Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم for Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

A person once asked Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه, "How much of love did the Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم really possess for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم?"

Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه replied, "I take a qasm on Allah Ta'ala! Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was more beloved and dearer to us than our riches, our children and our mothers, and his company was more cherished than a drink of cold water at the time of the severest thirst." (Ash-Shifaa 2/52)

Longing and Desire

نسبت جو مجھے ہے تیرے کوچے کی زمین سے

میں دفن کہیں ہوں، مگر اٹھونگا وہیں سے

It is the (blessings of) the attachment which I have with that piece of Land

No matter where I be buried, (Insha AllahI will rise from there. (Madinah Munawwarah)

Hazrat Moulana Haroon Abbasomar's رحمه الله Value for Time

Hazrat رحمه الله was indeed a great "Zakir" (one who remembers) Allah Ta'ala.

In fact, he impressed this on the little children of his family as well. When he would hear them singing nursery rhymes or uttering useless sentences, he would instruct them as well, to rather make Dhikr, or recite Durud Sharif. He would explain to them the incentive of Zikr being a means of acquiring trees in Jannah.

Moulana رحمه الله always encouraged abundant recitation of Durud Sharif saying that by a person doing this they can continue earning countless blessings from Allah Ta'ala and perpetually remain in the mercy of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله.

Shaikh Awwaamah's حفظه اللهValue for Time

His son writes, "I've been with my father in his travels and when he was at home and when he was healthy and sick but I don't remember any time going by without him having a book in his hand or a pen and paper or him being involved in an 'ilmi discussion and if the time or place wasn't suitable for these then he would have a tasbih in his hand making istighfar

and durud." This should also be the condition of students of Deen that they spend their time in two things تعلم and ذكر. He also writes that there is a statement that his father lives by:

الوقت كالسيف، إن لم تقطعه قطعك

"Time is like a sword, if you don't cut it, it will cut you."

Reflections

The mubaarak day of Jumah coinciding with the 27th of Ramadan gives us all the more reason to value every moment of the remaining moments of Ramadan. Let us send millions of Durood upon Nabi عليه الصلاة والسلام.

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Gaining the Special Proximity of Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه و سلم on the Day of Qiyamah

عن أبي أمامة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله أكثروا علي من الصلاة في كل يوم جمعة فإن صلاة أمتي تعرض علي في كل يوم جمعة فمن كان أكثرهم علي صلاة كان أقربهم مني منزلة (شعب الإيمان، الرقم: ٢٧٧٠)

Hazrat Abu Umaamah رضي الله عنه *reports that Hazrat Rasulullah* صلى الله عليه و سلم*said, "Recite abundant Durood upon me every Jumuah, for certainly the Durood of my Ummah are presented before me every Jumuah. The one who recites the most Durood upon me will be the closest to me (on the day of Qiyamah)."*

Those Who Were Occupied with Hadith will be Closest to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه و سلم on the Day of Resurrection

Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Saleem Dhorat Sahib حفظه الله mentioned,

Now listen to another virtue: Rasulullah صلى الله عليه و سلم said:

أولي الناس بي يوم القيامة أكثرهم علي صلوة

Those who send the most salutations to me shall be closest to me on the day of Resurrection.

There is very great virtue and merit in this for the Muhaddithin (Hadith scholars), those occupied in the service of Hadith, and those studying and teaching Hadith. Ibn Hibban رحمه الله says that this Hadith clearly states that the closest to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه و سلم on the day of Resurrection shall be those who were occupied with Hadith. This is because there is no group which sends more salutations to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه و سلم. They read Hadith, they translate it, they explain it, and the audience listens to it. Whenever the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه و سلم is mentioned, they send salutations to him. We do not know the countless number of times they send salutations in each Hadith lesson.

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(The Ettiquette of Studying Hadith pg.18)

The Blessings of Salaat on Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Sheikhul Hadith Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Sahib رحمه الله has written in 'Virtues of Durood' that Ka'ab Ahbaar رضي الله عنه, a great scholar of the Tawrah said;

"Allah جل جلاله revealed to (Sayyiduna) Moosa عليه السلام saying,

"O Moosa, if on this earth there were no such people to glorify and praise Me, I shall not cause one drop of water to descend from the heavens, and I shall not cause one seed to grow;" and He mentioned several other things and then said, "O Moosa, do you desire to be nearer to Me than speech is to your tongue, or thought is to your heart, or nearer than your soul to your body, or nearer than your eyesight to your eyes?"

(Sayyiduna) Moosa عليه السلام replied, "Yes indeed O Allah."

Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله said; "Then recite much Salaat on the Rasul Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم."

(Fazaail Durood pg.170)

Acquiring Forgiveness through Writing Durood

Hazrat Ibnu Abi Sulaimaan رحمه الله mentions:

I saw my father in a dream after his demise. I asked, "How did Allah Ta'ala deal with you?" He replied, "Allah Ta'ala forgave me." I asked, "Due to which deed did He forgive you?" He answered, "I used to write Durood after the name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in every Hadith." *(Jilaa-ul-Afhaam Pg. 411)* (ihyaauddeen.co.za)

ہر پیمبر ہے امت کا اپنی امام

Every messenger is the leader of his nation.

میرے پیارے نبی ہیں امام انام

(Whereas) my beloved Nabi is the leader of all creation.

میرے آقا ہیں محبوب رب انام

My Master is the beloved of the Rabb of creation.

سب سے اعلیٰ ہے میرے نبی کا مقام

My Nabī holds the loftiest station

سارے عالم میں مشہور ہے ان کا نام

His name is known throughout the entire world

ان پے لاکھوں درود۔ ان پے لاکھوں سلام

Upon him be hundreds of thousands of Salat and Salam.

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Durood in the Beginning, Middle and End of Ones Speech

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Durood Shareef at Every Juncture

It is the common habit of authors, Muhaditheen, Mufassireen and Muftiyan Kiraam that they always begin their works, kitabs or fatawa, with Durood Shareef. The words حامدا ومصليا (Haamidan wa Musalliyan) are always found at the beginning of Fatawa signifying a condition of continuously praising Allah Ta'ala and reciting Durood Shareef.

This beautiful habit of starting an action with Durood Shareef is firmly embedded into the pious. It is the habit of Hazrat

Moulana Ismail Bayat Sahib حفظه الله that even when offloading a container of books delivered to the Talimi Board Office, Moulana goes around saying to the students volunteering to carry boxes to the storage room, **"Read Durood Shareef, read Durood Shareef"**

Antidotes for Our Toxic Environment

Moulana Imtiaz Kathrada حفظه الله mentioned the following antidotes for the poison pumped through secular education,

- "Ensure the child has a strong Deeni foundation, the maktab and madrasah.
- Tap into the heart of the child through communication
- Link your son to a pious, learned elder or an Aalim he can speak and open up to.
- Make sure you bring your son to the Masjid
- When you make Ta'leem at home, together with reading Fazaail Amaal, Fazaail Sadaqaat, sit as a family and read Astaghfilrullah, Laa ilaaha illa Allah, Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam and make some Dua.
- Make the child read some Quran Shareef Daily."

Failing to Complete Mamoolaat Causes One to Fall into Calamities and Fitnah

باسمه تعالي

My Respected friend (May Allah Ta'ala protect and grant you aafiyat)

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

I received your hand written letter. I was unable to give an immediate response due to teaching responsibilities.

I am deeply hurt that you missed your Mamoolaat. Recite two rakat Salaatut Tawbah, seek repentence for your sins of the past and make dua, "O Allah you had granted the special enjoyment of your Zikr. Due to my sins, I have now been deprived of this great bounty. O Allah, forgive my sins and grant me punctuality in future." Thereafter recite;

- 11 times Durood Shareef
- 13 times surah ikhlaas
- convey the sawaab to the pious elders of the spiritual chain

and immediately commence Zikr Jahri (Loud Zikr). A person falls into calamities and fitnah by missing Mamoolaat.

Let me know in your response if you practiced or not. Remember that everything can be attained through Mamoolaat. And nothing without it. I make Dua for you.والسلام

(Mufti) Ahmad عفي عنه Khanpuri

10 Rajab 1418 ه

(Mahmoodul Makaatiib vol1 pg.222)

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The Angel that Stands at the Blessed Grave of Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم to Convey the Durood of the Ummah

وعن عمار بن ياسر رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : إن لله ملكا أعطاه أسماع الخلائق فهو قائم على قبري إذا مت فليس أحد يصلي علي صلاة إلا قال يا محمد صلى عليك فلان ابن فلان قال فيصلي الرب تبارك وتعالى على ذلك الرجل بكل واحدة عشرا (القول البديع ص246)

Hazrat Ammaar bin Yaasir رضي الله عنه reports that Sayyiduna Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

"Indeed, Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله has appointed an angel whom He has given the ability to hear the voices of the entire creation. This angel will remain standing at my blessed grave from the time I pass away. There is no person who will recite Durood upon me once except that

this angel will say, "O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم So-and-so, the son of so-and-so, has recited Durood upon you." Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله will then shower ten mercies upon that person in exchange of every Durood that he will recite upon me."

Why Should we send Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم?

Ibn AbdisSalam رحمه الله explains why we should send Durood,

"Our Durood upon Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم isn't an intercession by us for him, for people like us we can't intercede for someone like him; rather, Allah Ta'ala has commanded us to try to repay anyone who has conferred a favour upon us. If we can't repay them, then we suffice upon making Dua for them. So, Allah Ta'ala has guided us towards this action of sending Durood, as He knows our incapability of actually repaying Nabi صلي الله عليه وسلم for all his favours upon us..." (Al-Qawl Al-Badī')

(Wifaqul Ulama Newsletter C009)

Three Intentions When Reciting Durood Shareef

- It is the command of Allah Ta'ala.

- A testification that Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the final Rasul of Allah Ta'ala.
- To increase our love and desire to be with him صلي الله عليه وسلم.

(Points adapted and summarized from a discourse of Hazrat Moulana Abdul Hameed Sahib حفظه الله)

Poetry of Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Sahib

آگیا سامنے روضہ محترم

The Raudhah Mubarak has come before me.

جس کی زیارت کو یارب ترستے تھے ہم

the Ziyarat of which we longed for O my Rabb.

رحمتِ دوجہاں کا ہے فیضِ اتم

It is the spiritual blessings of the one who is a Mercy of both the worlds صلي الله عليه وسلم.

جن کے صدقے میں مسلم و مومن ہیں ہم

By the blessings of who we all are Muslims.

آپ ہی کے شرف سے یہ مرتبہ ملا

It is only through your Nobility O Rasulullah صلي الله عليه وسلم that we received this rank,

امتِ مسلمہ ہے جو خیر الامم

that we, the Muslim Ummah are the best Ummah.

The Scribe of Durood

Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رحمه الله mentioned:

"A reliable friend of mine informed me regarding a scribe of Lucknow. He would commence his daily work after writing durood on a sheet of paper which he had reserved for this very purpose. At the time of his death, he was overcome with fear of the Hereafter saying, "What will become of me after I depart this world?" On saying this, a majzoob (saint constantly engaged in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله) appeared and said, "Why are you so worried? The sheet of paper (upon

which you would write Durood) is with Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم and is being adorned."

(Fazaail Durood Pg. 153)

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A Means of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم Becoming Happy

عن أبي طلحة الأنصاري رضي الله عنه قال أصبح رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يوما طيب النفس يرى في وجهه البشر قالوا يا رسول الله أصبحت اليوم طيب النفس يرى في وجهك البشر قال أجل أتاني آت من ربي عز وجل فقال من صلى عليك من أمتك صلاة كتب الله له عشر حسنات ومحا عنه عشر سيئات ورفع له عشر درجات ورد عليه مثلها (سنن النسائي، الرقم: 1283، ورجاله موثقون كما في القول البديع صـ 248)

Hazrat Abu Talhah رضي الله عنه relates: One morning, Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم came to us in a state of happiness, to such an extent that the joy and happiness beamed from his blessed countenance. The Sahabaah رضي الله عنهم enquired, "O Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم we notice that you are very pleased today. The happiness can be clearly seen on your blessed face."

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, "Yes indeed, a messenger came to me from my Lord with the following message, 'Whosoever from amongst your Ummah recites Durood upon you once, Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله will record for him ten righteous deeds, erase and pardon ten

sins, raise his rank in Jannah by ten stages and reply to his Durood in a similar manner (i.e. Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله will send ten mercies and blessings upon him).'"

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.44)

Glad Tidings from the Side of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

Hazrat Muhammad Utbi رحمه الله relates:

I entered Madinah Munawwarah, and presented myself before the mubaarak grave of Hazrat Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم.
Subsequently, I had seen a villager arrive. He seated his camel at the door of the Musjid and presented himself before the mubaarak grave of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. He offered his Salaam with utmost humility and love, and supplicated to Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله in dua in a beautiful way.
He then said, "O Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, may my parents be sacrificed for you! Indeed, Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله had divinely selected you as his final messenger and revealed wahi (revelation of the Quraan Majeed) to you. He revealed to you such a unique book (the Quran Majeed), that encompasses the knowledge of the former and the latter Ambiyaa and Rasuls

عليهم السلام. Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله has stated in the Quraan Majeed, and His word is the truth:

وَلَوْ اَنَّهُمْ اِذْ ظَّلَمُوْٓا اَنْفُسَهُمْ جَآءُوْكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللّٰهَ

وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُوْلُ لَوَجَدُوا اللّٰهَ تَوَّابًا رَّحِيْمًا ۝

And if, they (the servants of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله) after wronging themselves (through committing sins), had come to you, [O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم], and begged Allah Ta'ala's forgiveness, and the Messenger had sought forgiveness on their behalf, they would have surely found Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Surah An Nisaa:64)

The villager then said, "O Nabi of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, I have come to your grave in compliance with the verse of Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله. I admit that I have wronged myself by committing excessive sins and I beg you to intercede on my behalf before Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله." He then turned to the mubaarak grave and poured out his heart reciting the following couplets:

يَا خَيْرَ مَنْ دُفِنَتْ بِالْقَاعِ أَعْظُمُهُ

فَطَابَ مِنْ طِيْبِهِنَّ الْقَاعُ وَالْأَكَمُ

O the greatest from all those who are buried beneath the earth! From the splendid fragrance emitting from your mubaarak limbs, the mountains and plains become fragranced.

نَفْسِيْ الْفِدَاءُ لِقَبْرٍ أَنْتَ سَاكِنُهُ

فِيْهِ الْعَفَافُ وَفِيْهِ الْجُوْدُ وَالْكَرَمُ

May my life be sacrificed for that grave wherein you are residing, in it is buried the embodiment of purity, nobility and generosity.

أَنْتَ النَّبِيُّ الَّذِيْ تُرْجٰى شَفَاعَتُهُ

عِنْدَ الصِّرَاطِ إِذَا مَا زَلَّتِ الْقَدَمُ

You are that Nabi whose intercession is hoped for at the crucial moment when the feet will slip on the bridge over Jahannum (i.e. the pul siraat)

وَ صَاحِبَاكَ لَا أَنْسَاهُمَا أَبَدًا

مِنِّيْ السَّلَامُ عَلَيكُمْ مَا جَرٰى الْقَلَمُ

I will never forget your two illustrious companions (Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنهما). May salutations and Salaams be conveyed to you all from my side as long as the pen (of taqdeer) continues writing.

After reciting these beautiful words in praise and honour of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, the villager mounted his conveyance and began to leave.

Muhammad Utbi (the narrator of the incident) says, "I was overcome by sleep, and in a vision, I was blessed with the vision of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم addressed me saying, 'O Utbi! Hasten towards the villager and give him the glad tidings from my side that Allah Ta'ala has forgiven his sins.'"

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.132)

A Speciality of Durood

Hadhrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi رحمه الله writes in his Zaadus Sa'eed that the sweetest and most delightful speciality of reciting Durood Shareef is that one gets the opportunity to see our beloved Rasul in a dream.

(Fazaail Durood pg.86)

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A Means of Purification

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال صلوا على فإنها زكاة لكم واسألوا الله لي الوسيلة فإنها درجة في أعلى الجنة لا ينالها إلا رجل وأرجو أن أكون أنا هو (مسند أحمد، الرقم: ٨٧٧٠)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that Hazrat Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Recite Durood upon me, for certainly it is a form of purification for you. Ask Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله to grant me the position of "waseelah", which is a rank in the highest stages of Paradise that is reserved for only one person, and I hope that I am the one who is blessed with this honour and position."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.47)

Being Blessed with the Clothes of Jannah

Hazrat Sufyaan bin Uyainah رحمه الله narrates that Khalaf رحمه الله said:

I had a friend with whom I used to study Hadith. After he passed away, I saw in a dream that he was wandering freely, wearing a new pair of green clothes. I asked him, "We used to

study Hadith together, so how then did you reach this high station of honour and dignity?" He replied, "Yes, we did write Hadith together, but whenever I came across the blessed name of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, I would write صلى الله عليه وسلم underneath. In return for this deed, Allah Ta'ala جل جلاله granted me this honour that you see."

(The Gift of Durood and Salaam pg.174)

Poetry

من أراد رضا مولاه

فليكثر الصلاة علي مصطفاه

The one who desires the pleasure of his Mawla

then let him abundantly send salawaat upon his Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم

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