

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يَحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful

All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

Three Beloved Things of Allah & His Beloveds

One day, the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – was seated among his beloved companions, and he – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – stated:

حُبِّبَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ دُنْيَاكُمْ ثَلَاثٌ

Three things of your world are dear to me

الطِّيبُ، وَالنِّسَاءُ وَجُعِلَتْ قُرَّةُ عَيْنِي فِي الصَّلَاةِ

Fragrance, women (His pure wives) and the coolness of my eye is in Salah

فَقَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ الصِّدِّيقُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ صَدَقْتَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

Then Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddeeq – may Allah be pleased with him – said, “You spoke the truth, O Allah’s Messenger.”

وَحُبِّبَ إِلَيَّ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا ثَلَاثٌ

“And three things of the world are also dear to me

النَّظَرُ عَلَى وَجْهِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، وَانْفَاقُ مَالِي عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَأَنْ يَكُونَ ابْنَتِي تَحْتَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

Looking at the face of Allah's Messenger, spending my wealth on Allah's Messenger and that my daughter be in the marriage of Allah's Messenger."

فَقَالَ عُمَرُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ صَدَقْتَ يَا أَبَا بَكْرٍ

Hazrat Umar – may Allah be pleased with him – said, "You have spoken the truth O Abu Bakr."

وَحُبِّ إِلَيَّ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا ثَلَاثُ

"Three things of the world are also dear to me

الْأَمْرُ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ، وَالنَّهْيُ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَالشُّبُّ الْخَلْقِ

Giving righteous commands, stopping from evil and wearing old and torn clothes."

فَقَالَ عُثْمَانُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ صَدَقْتَ يَا عُمَرُ

Hazrat Uthman – may Allah be pleased with him – said, "You have spoken the truth, O Umar."

وَحُبِّ إِلَيَّ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا ثَلَاثُ

"Three things of the world are also dear to me

إِشْبَاعُ الْجُوعِ وَالْكَسْوَةُ الْعُرْيَانِ وَتِلَاوَةُ الْقُرْآنِ

Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and reciting the Quran."

فَقَالَ عَلِيٌّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ صَدَقْتَ يَا عُثْمَانُ

Hazrat Ali – may Allah be please with him – said, "You have spoken the truth, O Uthman."

وَحُبِّ إِلَيَّ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا ثَلَاثُ

“Three things of the world are also dear to me

الْخِدْمَةُ لِلضَّيْفِ، وَالصَّوْمُ فِي الصَّيْفِ وَالضَّرْبُ بِالسَّيْفِ

Serving the guest, fasting in summer and fighting with sword.”

فَبَيْنَاهُمْ كَذَلِكَ إِذْ جَاءَ جِبْرِيلُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَقَالَ

We were still together when Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – came and said:

أَرْسَلَنِي اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى لَهَا سَبْعَ مَقَالَاتِكُمْ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ تَسْأَلَنِي عَمَّا إِنْ كُنْتُ مِنْ أَهْلِ

الدُّنْيَا

Allah Almighty has sent me when he heard your conversations and commanded that you should ask me if I were from the residents of the world

فَقَالَ مَا تُحِبُّ إِنْ كُنْتُ مِنْ أَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا

He – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – asked, “What would you like if you were from the residents of the world?”

فَقَالَ إِرْشَادُ الضَّالِّينَ، وَمَوَانَسَةُ الْغُرَبَاءِ الْقَاتِلِينَ وَمُعَاوَنَةُ أَهْلِ الْعِيَالِ الْمُعْسِرِينَ

He replied, “Guiding the lost, sympathizing the travellers that are obedient to Allah and helping the poor that have children.”

وَقَالَ جِبْرِيلُ يُحِبُّ رَبُّ الْعِزَّةِ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ثَلَاثَ خِصَالٍ

Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – said, “The Almighty Lord of Supreme power likes three habits of His slaves

بَذْلُ الْإِسْطِطَاعَةِ، وَالْبُكَاءُ عِنْدَ النِّدَامَةِ وَالصَّبْرُ عِنْدَ الْفَاقَةِ

To contribute one's strength in Allah's path as per one's capacity, crying when ashamed on sins and observing patience at the time of hunger.

(This Hadeeth is narrated by Imam Ibn Hajar 'Asqalaani Rahimahullah in his book Munabbahaat)

Alhamdulillah we now have analyzed through the texts and the translation of the Hadeeth as to what are the beloved things of the holy Prophet, Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Umar, Hazrat Uthman, Hazrat Ali, Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – and Allah Almighty – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him, his noble Household and all his Companions.

They are the things that are always loved and admired by everyone having common sense, and there is no doubt that for a believer, who loves all seven of them, it's a great treasure to keep within the fold of his heart, and hence, the beloved things of the beloved are also beloved, therefore one who has been enlighten with true faith and Imaan will definitely love those 21 things.

Three Things That Are Dear To The Holy Prophet – May Allah Send Peace And Blessings Upon Him:

1. Fragrance:

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him has stated:

لَا تَرُدُّوا الطِّيبَ فَإِنَّهُ طَيْبُ الرِّيحِ خَفِيفُ الْحَمَلِ

Do not return the gift of fragrance, for it is pure light air.

(Al-Mustatraf)

2. His wives:

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – loved and cared for his wives so well that despite having so many wives, none of them ever complained about not receiving enough attention and care and support from his side, and he – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – also taught his Ummah to treat the wives with love and affection and stated:

اسْتَوْصُوا بِالنِّسَاءِ خَيْرًا

Accept my advice to treat the women with goodness.

And stated at another occasion as follows:

خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لاهِلِكُمْ

The best amongst you is the one who is best in his family's eyes.

3. Salah:

Last but not the least, the third most beloved thing to him is the Salah. The love and devotion he had for Salah is not hidden from any believer.

The Sahaba and his blessed wives reported that he loved performing all the five times Salah and would not miss Tahajjud (It was Fard on him but optional for us) and performed limitless Nawaafil. He would immediately engage in Salah whenever he felt sad or worried, and he would also engage in Salah whenever he had something important to do or make an important decision. Allahu Akbar!

The love we have for the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – demands loyalty from us that we love the beloved things of his and it will be a great means for receiving Allah's great bounties and blessings in this world as well as in the hereafter inshaAllah, for He the Almighty has stated:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ

ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٣١﴾

'O beloved! Say you, 'O people! If you love Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you and forgive your sins and Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

(Aale 'Imraan 3, Verse 31)

ہمیں کرنی ہے شہنشاہ بطحا کی رضا جوئی

وہ اپنے ہو گئے تو رحمت پروردگار اپنی

Hame Karni Hai Shahenshaahe Bataha Ki Raza-Joi

Wo Apne Ho Gaye To Rahmate Parwardgaar Anpi

All we need to do is to strive in seeking the pleasure of the King of Makkah
Mukarramah

For, if he is on our side then Allah's blessings will also be on our side

The Three Beloved Things Of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddeeq – may Allah be pleased with him:

1. Looking At The Face Of Allah’s Messenger

A glance at the blessed face of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – is such a great and peerless, unique and unparalleled blessing that no other virtuous action can be better than this.

Everyone is aware of the fact that no matter how high one may reach in the station of knowledge, sainthood, Ma’rifah and become Ghaus or Qutub but he can never reach the status of a Sahaabi.

We should think that how much Hazrat Abu Bakr loved the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – that he became the greatest human being in status after the status of Allah’s Prophets. SubhaanAllah!

2. Spending Wealth On Allah’s Messenger

Hazrat Abu Bakr – may Allah be pleased with him – sacrificed all his wealth at the feet of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – and the Islamic History is evident that at the time of embracing Islam he had 40,000 Dirham, 35,000 of which he spent to help the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – in Makkah Mukarramah prior to Hijrah and the remainder five thousand also he sacrificed at his feet after the Hijrah to Madinah Munawwarah. Allahu Akbar!

3. And For His Daughter To Be in the Marriage of Allah’s Messenger

Look at the third wish he had, and that too, for his beloved daughter, the mother of believers, apple of his eye, Hazrat Sayyidatuna Ayesha – may Allah be pleased with her – to always remain married to the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him.

SubhaanAllah! What an example of love and devotion! All his wishes were inspired by the deep love for the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – in his heart. It is for this reason, that the love of Hazrat Abu Bakr – may Allah be pleased with him – is the soul of every believer’s Imaan and is a must for a believer whose heart has the treasure of Imaan.

The Three Beloved Things Of Hazrat Umar Farooq – may Allah be pleased with him:

1. Giving Righteous Commands

2. Stopping From Evil

What a great and blessed and ambitious his thoughts were! SubhaanAllah!

These are the very qualities based on which Allah Almighty has blessed the Ummah of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – with the title of being the “Best of Ummah” in the Glorious Quran and considered this quality as a criteria.

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

You are the best among all those nations appeared unto mankind, you command to good, and forbid evil, and keep faith unto Allah.
(Aale ‘Imraan 3, Verse 110)

3. Wearing Timeworn Clothes

It is narrated that there used to be seven patches in his clothes. He himself worn old and torn clothes but made arrangements for new clothes for the poor people of the Ummah and provided clothings for the naked, and would never stand to see anyone not having clothes and hungry. This quality is so praiseworthy that even the Holy Quran states speaking of its significance and excellence as follows:

وَيُؤْتِرُونَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ

And they prefer them above their souls, even though they be badly in need of.

(Al-Hashr 59, Verse 9)

i.e. they remain hungry but provided others. These qualities that were loved by Hazrat Umar significantly and the other Sahaba as well at large are the pride of Islam.

It is of utmost importance for us to revive this Sunnah of Hazrat Umar – may Allah be pleased with him – and spread the word so that we may help the society and support the poor, needy and hungry despite not having great amount of wealth.

The Three Beloved Things Of Hazrat Uthman Ghani – may Allah be pleased with him:

1. Feeding The Hungry

These virtuous actions are in fact the keys to paradise SubhaanAllah!

It is such a great practice to feed the hungry that the Holy Quran has regarded and entitled them to be the Abraar i.e. pious beings. Allah Almighty stated in the Holy Quran:

وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا وَأَسِيرًا ﴿٨﴾

And they feed, for love of Him, the poor, the orphan and the prisoner.

(Al-Dahr 76, Verse 8)

And the reward, they are given for doing this great and virtuous deed, is also interpreted by the Holy Quran as follows:

وَجَزَاهُمْ بِمَا صَبَرُوا جَنَّةً وَحَرِيرًا ﴿١٣﴾

And recompensed them for their patience with a Garden, and silken clothes.

مُتَّكِئِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ ۚ لَا يَرُونَ فِيهَا شُمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا ﴿١٢﴾



They will be reclined upon couches in the Garden; neither they will see therein sunny heat nor excessive cold.

(Al-Dahr 76, Verse 12-13)

2. Clothing The Naked

The second beloved thing is also a virtuous deed like feeding the hungry and a means of great reward. It has been mentioned in the Hadeeth of Mishkaat that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated:

أَيُّهَا مُسْلِمُ كَسَا مُسْلِمًا ثَوْبًا عَلَى عُرْيٍ كَسَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ خُضْرِ الْجَنَّةِ

Any Muslim who puts a garment on a naked Muslim Allah Almighty will put the green clothes of paradise on him.

(Mishkaat Shareef, Fadl Al-Sadaqah)

3. Reciting The Quran

Lost for words about this one. Quran recitation, nothing further need be said. It is mentioned in the Hadeeth Shareef as follows:

الْجَنَّةُ تَشْتاقُ إِلَى أَرْبَعَةِ نَفَرٍ، تَالِيَ الْقُرْآنِ وَمُطْعِمِ الْجِيعَانَ وَحَافِظِ اللِّسَانَ
وَالصَّائِمِ فِي شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ ❁

The paradise anticipates four types of people:

1. Who recites Quran
2. Who feeds the hungry
3. Who protects his tongue (from speaking evil and tasting Haraam) and
4. Who keeps fast in the month of Ramadan.

The Three Beloved Things Of Hazrat Ali Murtuza – may Allah be pleased with him:

1. Serving The Guest

It is such a beloved Sunnah about which the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated:

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ

Whoso believes in Allah and on the Last Day must honor his guest.

(MIshkaat, Baab Al-Diyaafah)

Which means that one who is a Muslim must have this beautiful quality.

2. Fasting In Summer

The significance of fasting in summer any Muslim can understand that, how virtuous this action is! The more the heat, the more the thirst and the more the patience and pleasure in Allah's pleasure. SubhaanAllah! SubhaanAllah! How great!

3. Fighting With Sword

Jihaad in the path of Allah Almighty for the upliftment of Allah's Deen and to fight for it with the sword. Who is not aware of its excellence? It is stated to such extent in the Hadeeth Shareef that the foot which is covered by the dust of the battlefield in Jihaad the fire of Hell is forbidden from burning it. The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated the following in a Hadeeth:

إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ مِئَةَ دَرَجَةٍ أَعَدَّهَا اللَّهُ لِلْمُجَاهِدِينَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ مَا بَيْنَ الدَّرَجَتَيْنِ كَمَا
بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ

Indeed, 100 stations in paradise are such that are prepared for the ones that make Jihaad in Allah's path. Between every two stations the distance is like that of the earth and the sky.

(Mishkaat, Baab Al-Jihaad)

The Three Beloved Things of Hazrat Jibreel Ameen – peace be upon him:

1. Guiding The Lost
2. Sympathizing The Travellers That Are Obedient To Allah
3. Helping The Poor That Have Children

The three beloved things of Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – are so significantly beautiful that if practiced the believers can revolutionize the world and make it a better place and the community will be peaceful. These are the angelic characteristics which Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – loves practicing, SubhaanAllah. There is lesson in it for all of us to learn from.

The Three Beloved Things That Allah Almighty Loves in His servants:

1. To Contribute One's Strength In Allah's Path As Per One's Capacity

This quality encompasses hundreds of great qualities which is apparent that it means that the servants must contribute their strength by all means whether it's physical strength, financial, social, intellectual etc. to the best of our capabilities. When one will strive in Allah's path and make his contribution in Allah's path in so many ways then he will become a great embodiment of Allah's obedience, and then definitely Allah's mercy and blessings will descend on him and he will be loved by Allah in the world as well as in the hereafter.

2. Crying When Ashamed of Sins

The second most admired quality in a servant which Allah Almighty considers as beloved is crying when ashamed of one's wrongdoings i.e. when one happens to commit a sin and then feels ashamed about it and repents, and

while repenting one must cry with tears flowing which is so beloved in Allah's court that the droplets of the tears that are apparently tears but in reality they are the oceans of Allah's mercy which can wash the entire server of sins in one wash. It is mentioned in Hadeeth Shareef that whoso remembers Allah Almighty in privacy and tears roll down his eyes Allah Almighty will grant such a person a place under His 'Arsh of mercy when it will be extremely sunny and hot on the Day of Judgment.

3. Observing Patience At The Time Of Hunger

The third quality loved by Allah in His servants is one's patience in the state of extreme hunger. What a glad tiding for the patient ones! Allah Almighty has stated in the Holy Quran:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٣﴾

No doubt, Allah is with the Patients.
(Al-Baqarah 2, Verse 153)

SubhaanAllah! Allah Almighty helps and is with the patient ones, and if this is the case then who can do anything to them who already have Allah's support?

To have patience is the significance of Allah's Prophets, hence, Allah Almighty addressed His beloved Messenger – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – in the Holy Quran and stated:

فَاصْبِرْ كَمَا صَبَرَ أُولُوا الْعِزْمِ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ

Have you patience then, as had the resolute Messengers.
(Al-Ahqaaf 46, Verse 35)

Similarly, Allah Almighty stated:

وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾

By the time of the beloved (Prophet).

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾

Undoubtedly, man is necessarily in loss.

(Al-'Asr 103, Verse 1-2)

And then he stated:

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا

بِالصَّبْرِ

But those who believed and did good deeds and stressed one another to accept truth and counselled one another to be patient.

(Al-‘Asr 103, Verse 3)

Meaning, one will be in loss except if they also be patient along with doing other virtuous actions.

Conclusion:

These 21 are the beloved things of Allah Almighty, His Beloved Messenger – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him, Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – and the four Major Sahaba – may Allah be pleased with them all, and by practicing them one becomes Allah’s beloved, therefore it’s of great excellence for every Muslim to love them and apply them into their daily lives, so that they may become loved by Allah Almighty in both the worlds as well as they will also be loved by Allah’s creation in general, for the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated in a Hadeeth that, Allah Almighty commands Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him, “O Jibreel, I love this servant, therefore you must also love him, and then Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – begins to love him, and then he is blessed with the miracle of “Qabool Fil Ard” i.e. he is revered on earth by all and sundry and the entire creation of Allah begins to love that individual.

May Allah Almighty grant us the divine help and opportunity to practice on what has been mentioned from the blessed Hadeeth. Ameen!

(Qurani Taqreeren by Hazrat Allamah Abdul Mustafa Azmi – may Allah descend mercy on him, p. 252-274)