

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate, The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon

His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, his Family & Companions

THE BLESSED PARENTS OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD

Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam

The first proof:

In Surah Al An'am, verse 124, the Qur'an declares:

اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ حَيْثُ يَجْعَلُ رِسَالَتَهُ

“Allah knows well where to place His Messenger-ship.”

From this Qur'anic verse a very simple lesson is being taught to us. Allah *azza wajal* is fully aware where He must place His Prophets. Logically, if we have the choice to place something which is very dear and beloved to us, we will also make sure that we place it in a place which is very dear and beloved to us. This is the reason that Allah *azza wajal* has never made a lowly person a Prophet and what can be more disgraceful or lowly than Shirk? There is no doubt that a Mushrik has been considered as ‘najas’ in the Qur'an which clearly suggests that they are considered as “unclean and impure”.

The beloved Mother of the Faithful trembled with fear!

It is reported that one day, Sayyidah Ayesha *Radi Allahu 'Anha* found herself trembling with the fear for Allah *azza wajal* and this continued for a lengthy period. At that moment, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas *Radi Allahu 'Anhuma* observed this and declared, “Do you think that Allah *azza wajal* has even created a single piece of burning coal in Hell for a beloved spouse of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*?” (In other words, how is it possible for a wife of the beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* to enter the Fire of Hell?) When she heard this, she replied, “O ibn Abbas! You have removed my sadness and may Allah *azza wajal* also remove your sadness.”

In addition, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has also declared that, “Allah *azza wajal* has refused to bestow on me (any wife) except a wife from Jannah for marriage.”

In another report, it is explained that, “(In other words), my wife can only be a Jannati.” (ibn Asaakir).

When we know that Allah *azza wajal* has never chosen anyone as a wife for his beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* except a Jannati, how is it possible that Allah *azza wajal* would choose to place His beloved Prophet in the loin and womb of unclean people? If one wants to preserve some milk in a container will one choose an unclean container or a clean container? It will obviously be a clean container. If this is the case, then how can we even imagine that Allah *azza wajal* would place His Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* in an unclean womb of a female and allow him to be preserved and sustained by unclean blood? A person with even a little amount of common sense will tell you that this is not possible.

Second proof

In Surah Baqarah, verse 221, Allah *azza wajal* declares that:

وَلَعَبْدٌ مُؤْمِنٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ مُشْرِكٍ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكُمْ

“And no doubt, a Muslim slave is better than an idolater, though he may please you”.

According to an authentic Hadith Shareef, there has to be seven believers in every era or generation.

This is narrated from Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas *Radi Allahu 'Anhuma* and presented by Abdur Razaq and Ibn Manzar that, “After Nabi Nuh *Alayhis Salaam*, the earth has never remained empty of seven believers. It is through them that the earth is protected from complete destruction and annihilation”. The words of Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* are, “if this was not the case, then the earth and everyone on earth would have been destroyed.”

In the “Sahih Bukhari Shareef”, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has declared that, “From the time of Nabi Adam *Alayhis Salaam*, I have been always sent among the best of people until the time I was to be born.”

From the above Qur'anic verse and Ahadith, we clearly comprehend that the ancestors of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* were the chosen and special servants of the Allah *azza wajal* in their respective eras. We also realise that no matter how noble a disbeliever may seem, however, he is not even equal in status to a Muslim slave. If this is the case, how can we even for one moment think that this blessed being, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, be actually passed from one disbeliever to another! It boggles the mind to think that

someone would actually even have a thought like this!

Third Proof

In Surah Shurah, verse 219, the Qur'an declares:

وَتَقَلُّبَكَ فِي السُّجُدِينَ ﴿٢١٩﴾

“And your movements among those who offer prayer.”

Imam Fakhrudeen Razi *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* uses the above Qur'anic verse to substantiate that the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* moved from one pure generation to another and these were those blessed souls who spent their life in making Sajdah and bowing only to the Allah *azza wajal*. In the same manner, distinguished Islamic scholars such as Imam Suyuti, Imam ibn Hajar and Imam Zarqani *Radi Allahu 'Anhuma* have all proven that every ancestor of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* was a believer. This has been substantiated by Imam Abu Na'eem from a report by Hadrat Sayyiduna Abullah ibn Abbas *Radi Allahu 'Anhum*.

In one Hadith Shareef, as reported by Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn 'Umar *Radi Allahu 'Anhuma*, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has stated that, “Allah *azza wajal* has always conveyed me from one pure loin to a pure womb until my parents had given birth to me.”

This clearly proves as bright as the sun that every ancestor of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, including his blessed parents, were genuine believers and genuine Muslims and that every single one of them was pure of Shirk and Kufr.

Fourth proof

In Surah Duha, verse 5, the Qur'an declares,

وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيَكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَى ﴿٥﴾

“And undoubtedly, soon your Lord shall give you so much that you shall be satisfied”.

In a Hadith-e-Qudsi, it is mentioned that, “(In other words), your Lord will make you happy in respect of your Ummah and will not allow you to be sad or troubled.”

Let us ask this simple question. If the entire Muslim nation was forgiven but only the parents of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* were sent to the Fire of Hell, will the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* be happy? Certainly not! Is it possible that a son be

happy while he sees his parents entering Hell? Again, certainly not! When it is undoubtedly established that the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has immense care and love for his Ummah, then it is only logical that the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* would have immense love and care for his parents as well.

As a matter of fact, they are more deserving of his love and protection than even his Ummah. When it comes to describing his love and care for his Ummah, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has been described as “Raoof” and “Raheem.” Imagine his mercy, love, kindness and protection that the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* would display for his parents!

Fifth proof

In Surah Hud, verse 46, the Qur'an declares:

قَالَ يَنُوْمُخْ إِنَّهُ لَيَسَّ مِنْ أَهْلِكَ

“He said, 'O Nuh; he is not of your family,'”

This verse explains to us the story of “Kin’aan” who was the son of Nabi Nuh *Alayhis Salaam*. There are certain people who make the word “moron” look embarrassed. They claim that from this verse we understand that when there is belief and disbelief, than all family connection is broken. They no longer remain valid inheritors of each other’s wealth, etc. Yet, these same morons fail to see the statement of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* which is that, “I am the offspring of Nadr bin Kinaanah and our lineage has not been separated from our fathers”. (Abu Daud) The Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has on numerous occasions explained his lineage until twenty one ancestors.

O Sa’ad, may my parents be sacrificed for you!

In one battle, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is said to have stated to Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’ad *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, “O Sa’ad! Throw, may my parents be sacrificed for you.” The Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is reported to have also mentioned these same words to Hadrat Sayyiduna Zubair bin Awwaam *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. The first report is mentioned in the “Sahih Bukhari Shareef.”

It is also reported that the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* had once mentioned this to those females who had openly and generously spent in the cause of Islam. It is apparent that this was considered as a statement of respect by those who received it. As an example, if you perform some noble deed, some may say some good words about you in appreciation.

Imagine this!

Imagine if you had performed a good and noble deed and after performing this deed, someone came to you and said, “May my donkey or dog be sacrificed for you”. Would you be pleased with this statement? Obviously, you would not consider this statement as a sign of respect and gratitude. In your heart you would be thinking that this person thinks nothing of me. However, if you mention to the person that you are prepared to sacrifice something very precious for him as a sign of appreciation for his dedication, then that person would become happy and joyous. At the same time, the Qur'an tell us that the Mushrik is unclean or Najas. Now if the blessed companions believed that his blessed parents were “Mushirks”, Ma'azzalah, would they object to this statement of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and say, “O Prophet of Allah! You know that a Mushrik is unclean, so how can you say that your parents be sacrificed for us.” Yet, by them firstly remaining silent and, secondly accepting this as a sign of indebtedness clearly proves that they also firmly believed that his parents were Muslims and genuine believers!

Question:

In the Muslim Shareef, a statement by the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* is mentioned that he once requested to Allah *azza wajal* to make Istighfaar or seek pardon for his parents and Allah *azza wajal* had allowed him to visit their grave but not to make Istighfaar!

Answer:

Again, we ask those idiots who are the enemies of the brain: as a Muslim, are you allowed to visit the grave of a non-believer or Mushrik? If your answer is no, then how is it that the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* was allowed to visit the grave of his parents in the first place! And that too, by the permission Allah *azza wajal* Himself! This clearly proves that they were genuine believers which is why the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* was allowed to visit their blessed graves. As for him not been allowed to make Istighfaar, the 'Ulama explain that the reason for this is that they have already been pardoned in the first place! Since they are the means and Wasila of countless number of people entering Jannah, what is the purpose of making Istighfaar for them in the first place?

They were also from the Ahle Fitrat

In the Qur'an it is clearly mentioned that Allah *azza wajal* will not punish those to whom a Prophet was not sent. When the blessed parents of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* passed away before he announced his Prophethood, how can they can be held accountable for not accepting the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*? If they did not follow his Shari'ah because they were not in this world at that time, how can we say that they will be punished for this? We have seen that even a still-born child or a child which died at birth would intercede for their parents and will their pulling their hands and lead them into Jannah.

When one can accept this fact, one will be stupid enough to imagine that the Holy Prophet

Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam would remain silent while his parents are led into Hell (Ma'azallah). The question or debate of them being Muslims or not should never even arise in your homes if you are true Muslims. If you believe that your parents are Muslims and believe otherwise about the blessed parents of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, then you definitely need to re-exam your so-called Imaan because we can guarantee you that it is not Imaan but so-called "Imaan" which you possess.

Any object which he touched, never burnt!

Everyone knows the incident that when the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* once visited the house of Hadrat Anas *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* to partake of food, the cloth which he used to wipe his blessed hands never caught fire. Whenever it became soiled, it was placed in fire and when it was retrieved it used to be absolutely clean. If this is the state of a cloth which touched the Holy Prophet's *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* blessed hands and face, what must the state of his parents whose bodies he touched! Can any sane person say that these people will enter the Fire of Hell (Ma'azzalah).

Once, during the Battle of Hunayn, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* declared, "I am a true Prophet and I am the son Abdul Mutallib." A person might claim that since Abdul Mutallib was a leader in his era, therefore the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* called himself the son of Abdul Mutallib. How can anyone even insinuate something like this? A Nabi does not need self-glory. He is already made famous by the Divine REVELATION which comes to him. At the same time, pride or self-conceit is not allowed in Islam which is why he has stated that an Arab is not superior to a non-Arab and vice versa except in piety. Therefore, if his ancestors were not true believers, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* would have never attributed himself to them.

The Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has also declared that, "In ancestry and lineage, in every generation, I am the best among you."

It is mentioned that after many years, when the authorities removed the blessed body of the Holy Prophet's *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* father from the area around Masjidun Nabawi with the purpose of extending the Masjid, they were surprised to find that his blessed body was still fresh and had a sweet fragrance emanating from the blessed body. How clear an indication is this that they were true believers!

Abu Na'eem in the "Dalaailun Nubuwah" presents a report from Umme Samaa'a binte Abi Raham, who reports from her mother, who was present during the final moments of the blessed mother of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. At that time, the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* was about five years old and was sitting on the right hand side of his mother close to her blessed head. When she looked at his beautiful countenance, she declared, "For everything which is alive, there is death. Everything which is new becomes old. For everything ancient, it will cease. I am also to leave this world, but my remembrance will remain. Without doubt, I have left the best behind and have given birth to the most pure of

children.” After that, she passed away. They report that at the same time, they could hear the Jinns also weeping and also singing the praises of Hadrat Sayyidah Amina *Radi Allahu 'Anha*.

The Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* has also declared that, “Whatever I seek from my Lord for my parents, He will bestow that upon me.” This is an explanation of the 5th verse in Surah Duha. Will you ask Allah *azza wajal* to make sure that your parents enter Hell? You will never do that. How can you therefore even imagine that the blessed parents of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* will enter Hell!

Our parents are respected because of them!

Whatever respect our parents possess, they have attained this respect through the Wasila of the blessed parents of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*! Look at the state of the old people in the West. When they become old, they are placed in old age homes and no one even visits them. Yet, how fortunate are old and aged Muslim parents. Most of them are respected and supported because they adhere to the advice of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* who has stated that, “Those who show no mercy to his young ones and no respect to his elders, he is not from us or from among us.”

If this is the state of a parent, how much of respect and adab we should have for the blessed parents of the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* through whom the world received Islam. If we insult them and look for all types of fancy statements to degrade them, what face will we show to the Holy Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* on the Day of Judgement?

Will you really be able to seek the Holy Prophet’s *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* intercession on this momentous day, while you were the one who insulted his blessed parents while you were in this world? Therefore, we should display caution and respect when we come to a sensitive issue such as this.