

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوُلْدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Do not turn away this Student

Uztadul Hadith, Imam Faraadi, narrates that:

“Once a person approached me and he informed me that he had seen the Holy Prophet – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - in a dream and that the Holy Prophet – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - instructed him that he should go to Imam Faraadi and inform him that there will be a young man who will come to him. He will be tan in complexion. The great Imam must not turn him away. He will also come in search of learning the Ahadith.

“As per this instruction, the young man that finally approached Imam Faraadi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was Imam ibn Asaakir - *may Allah be pleased with him*. As a matter of fact, it is mentioned that when Imam ibn Asaakir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to attend the classes, Imam Faraadi - *may Allah be pleased with him* – paid special attention to this young man and as long as this student did not get up from

his seat, Imam Faraadi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - himself never used to get up from his seat.”

Such was the eminence of Imam ibn Asaakir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - that he attended the classes of over one thousand three hundred Mashaa'ikh and became one of the greatest of Muhaddith of his era. He has also written many books on this subject with numerous volumes.

One of this special qualities was that besides spending time in writing, teachings and learning, Imam ibn Asaakir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - also spent most of his time in Ibadah and the performance of Nawafil Salaah. He made sure that he attended the Congregational Salaah at his local Masjid. Every year, he spend time in I'tikaaf on the eastern Minarah of Masjidul Aqsa during the month of Ramadaan. He lived in Syria and passed away in 571 A.H. (Tadkiratul Huffaaz)