

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِي بَأْنُ يُصْلِي 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*

Love for the Holy Prophet

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Hishaam - *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates:

We were once in the blessed company of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and he was clutching the hands of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*. Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then said, "O Prophet of Allah! Besides my own life, you are more beloved to me than anything else."

However, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - replied, "No! I swear by that Divine Being in Whose Divine Power is my life! Not until and unless I become more beloved to you than your own life."

Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then declared, "O Prophet of Allah! Now you are more beloved to me than my own life."

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* -replied, “Only now, O ‘Umar.” (has your Imaan become complete). (Bukhari Shareef)

One of the pre-conditions of being a complete believer is that we should love, honour and respect the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - more than our own life and being.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “None of you can be a true (and complete) believer until and unless I more beloved to him than his parents, his children and all of mankind.” (Bukhari Shareef)