

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*

Origin of the Adhan

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Zaid - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that, “The order was given to call people to Salaah using the bell. However, before this was done, on the same night, I saw a strange dream. I saw a person in this dream who was walking with a bell and I asked this person whether he was prepared to sell this bell. He then asked me what would I do with this bell and I replied that I would call people for Salaah. He then asked me, ‘Should I not teach you something which is far better than this?’ I replied why not. He then mentioned the words of the Adhan to me.

“In the morning, whatever I had seen the previous night in a dream, I mentioned this to Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. He then replied, ‘If the Allah Almighty Wills, certainly this seems to be a truthful dream. You should go and stand with Bilal and reveal to him whatever (words) you had heard in your dream. In this way, he can sound the Adhan. I am saying this to you because the voice of Bilal is much louder.’

“I then stood with Hadrat Sayyiduna Bilal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and revealed the words of the Adhan to him. When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - heard these words while he was still in his house, he appeared dragging along his clothes and said to Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*, ‘O Prophet of Allah! I swear by that Divine Being who has sent you with the truth. I have also seen such a dream as was seen by Abdullah bin Zaid.’ Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - then declared, ‘We should therefore give thanks to Allah for this.’” (Musnad Ahmed, ibn Habban, Abu Daud, etc).

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Amar bin Al Aas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “When you hear a person reading the Adhan, you should repeat the same words as he is saying. Thereafter, you should recite the Durood Shareef upon me. The reason is that whoever recites a single Durood Shareef upon me, Allah Almighty will bless him ten times. After that, you should seek for my Wasilah. Wasilah is a certain stage in Jannah which will be given to one servant of Allah Almighty from among His servants. And I have hope that, that servant will be me. Whoever seeks Wasilah for me, my intercession for him has become Halaal.” (Sahih Muslims Shareef, Jamia Tirmidi Shareef)