

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ 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*

Who is Ala bin Ziyad Matar?

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ala bin Ziyad bin Matar Adawi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - is considered as among the eminent Muhadditheen of Basrah. He was also a Taaba'een. He left Basrah and settled in Syria.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ala bin Ziyad bin Matar Adawi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - has also narrated Ahadith from his father and also from Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Huraryah, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Zarr Ghifaari - *may Allah be pleased with them*, etc. He also attained knowledge from Awliya like Hadrat Sayyiduna Hasan Basri - *may Allah be pleased with him*. There were eminent scholars that were also his students.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ala bin Ziyad bin Matar Adawi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - liked privacy and was rarely seen in public. He only appeared in public for Salaah and was never seen in any other gathering. He was overtaken with fear for Allah. He used to weep day and night in fear of Allah to such a degree that it actually affected his eyes.

One of his miracles is that he used to stay away from food and drink for weeks at a time.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ala bin Ziyad bin Matar Adawi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was extremely humble and simple. While he was alive, someone narrates that they saw him in Jannah and went and informed him about this. However, the Saint was very angry and scolded him and mentioned that this was nothing but a joke which was been played by Satan. In other words, his intention was to remain humble and simple.

During his lessons, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ala bin Ziyad bin Matar Adawi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to always advise his students to remain on the right path. He said, "You people are in a such a time which very few people with be blessed with. In fact, this is such a blessed time that people will find only one tenth of their religion has been destroyed. And there will come a time when there will be very few people whose one tenth of religion has actually remained or has remained intact. (We can clearly see this in the present period and as time progresses).

He passed away in 94 A.H (Tabaqaat, Tahzeeb)