

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ كَمَا هُوَ اَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ اٰدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضٰى بِاَنْ يُصَلِّىَ 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*

Their Thirst for Ibadah

It is reported that once the Khalifah of Mujaddid Alif Thani - *may Allah be pleased with him*, - namely Hadrat Sayyiduna Moulana Abdul Wahid - *may Allah be pleased with him*, remarked to someone, “There will be no Salaah in Jannah?” The person replied, “Why would there be Salaah in Jannah? It is a place where people are rewarded for their actions in this world.” When he heard this reply, he heaved a huge sigh of regret and declared, “How will we continue to pass our time in Jannah without Salaah?” (Fadaa’il As Salaah)

It is mentioned that once a certain lady died and her brother was also part of the people who took part in her Janazah. It so happened that during the burial process, a valuable pouch also fell in the grave. At first, nothing was known about it but later on this person realised what had happened. He then opened the grave to retrieve the purse. However, when he opened the grave, he found that it was full of flames. He returned to his mother weeping because of what he had seen in the grave of his sister. She remarked, “She used

to be lazy in performing the Salaah and used to make Qada of Salaah.” (Fadaa’il As Salaah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ata - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that once he entered the market place and noticed a female slave who was been sold. People also considered her as someone who was completely insane. He then purchased her for seven Dinaars. When he brought her home, he noticed that during the night she awoke, performed the Wudu and spent the entire night in Ibadah. She also wept a lot during her Salaah. (Fadaa’il As Salaah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sirri Saqti - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that, “During the time of Tahajjud when she used to make Du’a, she used to utter the following words, “O Allah! Satan is also Your creation and he is also within Your Divine Control. He is able to see me and I am unable to see him. You are able to See all of his actions and he is also under Your Divine Power. He is also unable to change anything in Your Divine Control. O Allah! If he wishes to mislead me, please remove this evil and if he wishes to deceit me, then punish him for this. I seek Your Protection from his evil and through Your Divine Assistance only, I am able to chase him away.”

After making this Du’a, she used to weep to such a degree that she lost vision in one eye. People then advised her to be careful so that she does not lose vision in her other eye. However, she used to say to them, “If these eyes are meant for Jannah, then Allah Almighty will bestow better vision and if these eyes are meant for the Fire of Hell, then it is only right that they are destroyed.” (Fadaa’il As Salaah)

Hadrat Abu Amir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that he once saw a female slave being sold very cheaply. She was also extremely thin and it seems like her back was also with her stomach due to her weakness. Her hair was also dishevelled.

After he had purchased her, he once informed her to join him in buying some goods from the marketplace for the coming month of Ramadan.

However, she replied, “I make Du’a to Allah that He has made all months equal to me.”

She also spent the night in Ibadah and the day fasting.

One day before Eid, he asked her to join him so that they could purchase some goods for Eid. However, she mentioned, "I had become guilty of the trappings of this world," and went in the house and started her Salaah. She then started to recite one specific verse of the Qur'an which explains the vile drink which will be given to the people of Hell. She screamed and passed away. (Fadaa'il As Salaah)

It is mentioned that Hadrat Sayyiduna Hinaad - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was considered a very eminent Muhaddith of his era. One of his students explain, "He used to weep a lot. One morning, after teachings us, he re-performed the Wudu and busied himself in Ibadah. He continued to read his Salaah until the time of Zawaal. He then returned home and after a few minutes returned for the Zohar Salaah. He continued reading Nafil Salaah until the Asr Salaah. He then continued reading the Qur'an until the time of Maghrib. After Maghrib, he again returned. I once asked his neighbour, 'This person performs such immense Ibadah?' His neighbour replied, 'This has been his behaviour now for nearly seventy years. In fact, if you see his Ibadah at night, you will be even more surprised and shocked.'" (Fadaa'il as Salaah)

It is mentioned that once Hadrat Husaam - *may Allah be pleased with him* - asked the great Sufi, Hadrat Sayyiduna Hatim Zaahid Balkhi - *may Allah be pleased with him*, as to how he performs his Salaah. The great Sufi replied, "When the time for Salaah appears, I perform the Wudu as calmly as possible. I then go to the spot where I am about to perform the Salaah and stand still at this spot. I then imagine that the Ka'ba is in front of me and my feet are on the Pul Siraat. On my right is Jannah and on my left is the Fire of Hell. I also picture the Angel of Death standing in front of me. I also feel that this is my last Salaah and that I will never get the chance to perform another Salaah again. I then read the Takbeer and then concentrate on each word which I recite. I then perform the Ruku in humility and the Sajdah in the same manner. I also perform the Salaah having great hope in the Divine Mercy of Allah Almighty and great regret for my sins and transgressions." When Hadrat Husaam - *may Allah be pleased with him* - heard this, he made Du'a that he also performs his Ibadah in this manner. (Fadaa'il as Salaah)

It is mentioned that once for some reason, Hadrat Sayyiduna Hatim - *may Allah be pleased with him* - missed his Salaah in congregation. He was greatly disturbed by this.

Only one or two came to sympathise with him. When he saw this, he began to weep and declared, "If my son had died, half the population of Balkh will come and sympathise with me but I have missed a Salaah in congregation and only one or two people have come to sympathise with me!" The reason that these great Saints thought in this manner is because they considered the calamities of this world as having no importance. (Fadaa'il as Salaah)

It is mentioned that Hadrat Sa'eed Tanukhi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was also considered as being among the pious. He was a very holy person and spent most of his time in Salaah. As long as he performed his Salaah, tears used to toll down his cheeks. (Fadaa'il as Salaah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Yazeed Qurtabi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions, "I have heard that a person who recites the words 'La ilaaha illal laahu' seventy thousand times, he will gain salvation from the Fire of Hell. When I heard this, I recited this once for my wife and a few times for myself.

"There was also a young man staying near us and it was known to everyone that this young man had inspirational knowledge or Kashf and he knew the people of Jannah and Hell. However, I was still in doubt about this young man. One day, the same young man was eating with us when he took a deep breath and started to weep. He stated that his mother was burning in the Fire of Hell and that he was able to see her in this state."

Shaikh Qurtabi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then narrates that he conveyed the Thawaab of one of his recital of the seventy thousand Kalimah to the mother of this young man and one of the reasons was to find out whether he could actually see the Unseen. He also admits that no one knew of his inner intend except Allah Almighty. Suddenly, the young man replied that he could now see his mother in Jannah. This proved the power of this Wazeefah and it also proved that indeed the young man could see into the Unseen. (Fadaa'il as Salaah)

It is mentioned that Shaikh Ahmed bin Khadrawiyah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was considered a very famous Saint. Every moment of his was spent in Ibadah and spiritual exercises. It is reported that when he was about to leave this world someone sitting near him decided to ask him a question. Suddenly the Saint began to weep. He

then mentioned to person, “Keep silent. After so many years a door is going to be opened. I have no idea whether it is going to be a door of success or damnation.” (Fadaa’il as Salaah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Zun Nun Misri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, “Once, I went to Syria. On the way, I noticed a green and very beautiful orchard. I also noticed that under a certain apple tree a young man was reading his Salaah. I approached him and made Salaam but he did not reply. The second time when I made Salaam to him, he silently wrote something on the ground which was, ‘The tongue has been restricted to speak because it is a cave of many evils and something which draws one towards destruction. Therefore, when you speak, only utter the Divine Praise of Allah and you should continue to do this.’”

The great Saint mentions that when he read these words, he also began to weep and wrote the following words on the ground himself which were, “Everyone who writes will one day become a part of the sand but his sustenance would continue. Therefore, never write anything except that which will bring you happiness and joy on the Day of Judgement.”

The great Saint further mentions that when the young man read these words, he screamed and fell to ground and passed away. He also wanted to perform the last burial rites for the young man when he heard someone declared to him, “O Zun Nun! leave him alone. Allah Almighty had promised him that his last burial rites would be performed by the Angels.”

The great Saint mentions that he then retired to one corner and started to read his Salaah under a certain tree and after completing a few rak’ah when he turned around no sign remained of the young man.