

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدٍ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

Tasbeeh of Bibi Fathima

Radi Allahu 'Anha

One day, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali *May Allah be pleased with him* mentioned to his servant, “Shall I not inform you of one incident which pertains to Sayyidah Fatima *May Allah be pleased with her*?” His servant asked him to please relate this incident.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali *May Allah be pleased with him* related that due to her using the grinding wheel, her hands had become blistered. Due to her carrying water, the string from the container had also made a mark on her shoulders. At the same time, because she used to clean the house, her clothing had also become stained.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali *May Allah be pleased with him* said, “One day, a few females arrived in the blessed court of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* and I advised her, “This is a good opportunity that you should request Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings*

upon him to give you a female slave so that the house work becomes easier for you.’ She then accepted my advice and went to the blessed court of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him*. However, when she saw that there were many people already waiting in the court of the Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* she returned without speaking to him.

“The next day, Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* himself came to our house and asked his daughter the reason she had come. She remained silent. I then replied, ‘O Prophet of Allah! Fatima is someone who grinds the (flour) wheel, she brings water herself (from far) and her hand has become blistered and carrying this container of water has also left a mark on her shoulders and because she also cleans the house, her clothes are also becoming stained. This is the reason that I advised her that she should bring a servant so that it becomes easier for her while doing her housework.’”

“After listening to me, Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* replied, ‘My daughter Fatimah! Continue to fear Allah *Almighty*. While you are performing your housework, also complete your duty to Allah *Almighty* and when you are about to sleep, then read the following, ‘Subhan Allah’ and ‘Al Hamdulillah’ thirty three times and ‘Allahu Akbar’ thirty four times. This is better than for you than to get a servant.’ After she heard this, Sayyidah Fatimah *May Allah be pleased with her* replied, “I am satisfied with the Pleasure of Allah *Almighty* and the pleasure of His beloved Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him*.” (Bukhari Shareef)

Lesson

From this incident, we come to realise and understand that to do one’s own house work is the Sunnah of the beloved daughter of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* and also something which was encouraged by Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *salal laahu alaihi wa sallam*. Therefore, we can say that those Muslim sisters who did their house work with their own hands are actually practising on the Sunnah of Sayyidah Bibi Fatimah *May Allah be pleased with her*.

However, today we find that many Muslim sisters make sure that they distance themselves from those things which attain the Divine Pleasure of Allah *Almighty* and the pleasure of the Sayyiduna Rasoolullah *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him*. At the same time, even if some of them do perform these activities, they do so with such complains that the blessing no longer exists. As a matter of fact, most of them make sure that they keep a servant so that they can find enough time to back-bite about other people. They also find immense pleasure in these types of un-Islamic behaviour. At the same time, those who have servants in their house, actually consider themselves higher and mightier than those who do not have servants.

Therefore, Muslim sisters are urged to perform their house duties with their own hands as this is also a great blessing in the house. At the same time, when they do perform these duties, they should not do so with the purpose of arguing and fighting with anyone else.

Muslim sisters also urged to read that before sleeping which was the Sunnah of Sayyidah Bibi Fatima *May Allah be pleased with her*. Allama Mulla Ali Qari *May Allah be pleased with him* has stated that, “It is a proven fact that whosoever reads this Tasbeeh before going to sleep, they will never experience tiredness the entire day and on the following day and they will also increase in strength.” (Mirqaat)

Our advice also is that the Muslim sisters of the present age should make Sayyidah Bibi Fatima *May Allah be pleased with her* their role model in their everyday activities.