

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ ادْمَنَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضِي بْنُ يُصَلِّي 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

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## Excellence of Knowledge

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All praises, the praise of the grateful due to Allah, Lord of all the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon our master Muhammad and upon his household and all his companions.

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship besides Allah the only one who has no partner, and I testify that our master Mohammad is his slave and messenger whom he has sent with the true religion and guidance.

'O believers! obey Allah and obey the messenger, and those who have power of command amongst you.

'O believers! Fear Allah as rightly He is to be feared, and do not die ever save as Muslims.

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ

Only those of His bondmen who possess knowledge fear Allah.  
(Fatir 35, Verse 28)

يَعْنِي بِالْعُلَمَاءِ الَّذِينَ يَخَافُونَ قُدْرَتَهُ، فَمَنْ عَلِمَ أَنَّهُ عَزُّ وَجَلٌ قَدِيرٌ أَيْقَنَ بِعِاقَبَتِهِ عَلَى الْبَعْصِيَّةِ، كَمَا رَوَى  
عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَلْحَةَ عَنْ أَبْنِ عَبَّاسٍ إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ قَالَ: الَّذِينَ عَلِمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ.

**Tafseer:**

i.e. Those learned men who fear the power of Allah, so whoso knows that Allah has power over everything believes in His accountability over disobedience; as it is narrated from Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas – may Allah be pleased with them – who said: It is about those who know that indeed Allah Almighty has power over everything.

(Tafseer Qurtubi under the verse)

**Hadeeth:**

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated:

رَأْسُ الْحِكْمَةِ مَخَافَةُ اللَّهِ عَزُّ وَجَلٌ

Principal of wisdom is the fear of Allah Almighty.

(Shu’ab al-Iman of Imam Bayhaqi # 730)

*Knowledge and Taqwa are inseparable and intertwined with each other; one cannot be achieved without the other.*

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – was once asked: O Prophet of Allah – may Allah send peace and blessings upon you, which action is the best? He said: Knowledge. He was then asked: Which Knowledge do you mean? He said: Knowledge about Allah Almighty. They said: We ask you about action but you speak of knowledge. The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said: With your knowledge of Allah Almighty, a

few actions will suffice but with your ignorance about Allah Almighty it will not suffice even though actions are numerous.

He said: On the Day of Resurrection, Allah Almighty will raise up the worshippers and the learned men. He will say: O the congregation of learned men, I have not imbued you with My knowledge but for My knowledge about you. I have not placed knowledge in you in order to punish you. Go, I have forgiven you.

أَنَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ كَانَ يُحَدِّثُ إِنْسَانًا فَأُوحِيَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَمْ يَقِنْ مِنْ عُمْرِهِذَا الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي تُحَدِّثُهُ إِلَّا سَاعَةً، وَكَانَ هَذَا وَقْتُ الْعَصْرِ، فَأَخْبَرَهُ الرَّسُولُ بِذَلِكَ فَأَضْطَرَهُ الرَّجُلُ وَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ دُلِّنِي عَلَى أَوْفَقِ عَيْلٍ فِي هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ، قَالَ اشْتَغِلْ بِالِتَّعْلِيمِ فَاشْتَغَلَ بِالِتَّعْلِيمِ، وَقُبِضَ قَبْلَ الْمَغْرِبِ، قَالَ الرَّأْوِيُّ: فَلَوْ كَانَ شَيْءٌ أَفْضَلَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ، لَأَمْرَأَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِهِ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِِ.

Once the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – was having a conversation with a man and Allah Almighty revealed upon him that nothing more than an hour has been left of his life. It was the time of Asr and the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – informed him. He became anxious and said, “O Allah’s Messenger, advise me on how I can make the best out of this remaining timespan?” He replied, “Engage in seeking knowledge.” He continued to study until his soul was captured before Maghrib. The narrator of this Hadeeth says that had there been anything else more rewarding than seeking knowledge, the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – would have recommended it for him in that time.

(Tafseer Kabeer Vol. 1)

الْبَالِ وَالْعِلْمُ حَاكِمٌ وَالْبَالُ مَحْكُومٌ عَلَيْهِ وَالْبَالُ تَنْقُصُهُ النَّقْفَةُ وَالْعِلْمُ يَرْكُوْبُ بِالْإِنْفَاقِ

Sayyiduna 'Ali ibn Abi Talib – may Allah be pleased with him – said to Sayyiduna Kameel: O Kameel, knowledge is superior to wealth. Knowledge protects you whereas you protect the wealth. Knowledge rules whereas the wealth is ruled over. Wealth decreases by spending whereas knowledge increases by spending.

(Ihya Uloom al-Deen Vol. 1)

*O Allah, grant us the beneficial knowledge that can take us closer to You.*

*O Allah, increase me in my knowledge.*

*I seek Allah's forgiveness for me, for you and for all the Muslim males and females. Verily, He is All-forgiving, the Merciful.*

## فَضْلُ الْعِلْمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ حَمْدَ الشَّاكِرِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى أَهْلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا أَعْبُدُهُ وَرَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَى وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ

أُرْسَلَةُ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اطِّبِعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِّبِعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولَئِكُمْ هُمُ الْمُنْكَرُ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْمَجِيدِ:

إِنَّمَا يَحْشِي اللَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ

يَعْنِي بِالْعُلَمَاءِ الَّذِينَ يَخَافُونَ قُدْرَتَهُ، فَمَنْ عَلِمَ أَنَّهُ عَزُّ وَجَلٌّ قَدِيرٌ أَيْقَنَ بِمُعَاقَبَتِهِ عَلَى الْبَعْصِيَّةِ، كَمَا

رَوَى عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَلْحَةَ عَنْ أَبْنِ عَبَّاسٍ إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ قَالَ: الَّذِينَ عَلِمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ

شَيْقِدِيرٍ

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

رَأْسُ الْحِكْمَةِ مَخَافَةُ اللَّهِ عَزُّ وَجَلٌّ

كَانَ الْعِلْمُ وَالشَّقْوَى مُتَلَازِمَانِ؛ لَا يُحَصِّلُ أَحَدٌ دُونَ الْأَخْرِيِّ

وَقِيلَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَعْلَمُ الْأَعْمَالِ أَفْضَلُ فَقَالَ الْعِلْمُ بِاللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فَقِيلَ أَعْلَمُ الْعِلْمِ تُرِيدُ دَقَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ

وَسَلَّمَ أَعْلَمُ بِاللَّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ فَقِيلَ لَهُ نَسْأَلُ عَنِ الْعِلْمِ وَتُجِيبُ عَنِ الْعِلْمِ فَقَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّ

فَقِيلَ الْعِلْمَ يَنْفَعُ مَعَ الْعِلْمِ بِاللَّهِ وَإِنَّ كَثِيرَ الْعِلْمِ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَعَ الْجَهْلِ بِاللَّهِ

وَقَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَبْعَثُ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ الْعِبَادَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ يَبْعَثُ الْعِلَمَاءَ ثُمَّ يَقُولُ يَا مَعْشَرَ

الْعِلَمَاءِ إِنَّمَا أَضَعُ عِلْمِكُمْ إِلَّا لِلْعِلْمِ بِكُمْ وَلَمْ أَضَعْ عِلْمِي فِيمِكُمْ لَا عَدِيلَكُمْ إِذْهَبُوا فَقَدْ غَرَّتْ لَكُمْ

أَنَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ كَانَ يُحَدِّثُ إِنْسَانًا فَأَوْحَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَمْ يَقُلْ مِنْ عُرِهَنَّا الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي تُحَدِّثُهُ  
إِلَّا سَاعَةً، وَكَانَ هَذَا وَقْتُ الْعَصْرِ، فَأَخْبَرَهُ الرَّسُولُ بِذَلِكَ فَاضْطَرَّ بِالرَّجُلِ وَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ دُلْنِي عَلَى

أَوْفَقِ عَيْلِ لِي فِي هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ، قَالَ اشْتَغِلْ بِالِتَّعْلِمِ فَاشْتَغَلَ بِالِتَّعْلِمِ، وَقُبِضَ قَبْلَ الْمَغْرِبِ، قَالَ

الرَّاوِي: فَلَوْ كَانَ شَيْءٌ أَفْضَلَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ، لَأَمَرَهُ الَّذِي صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِهِ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوُقْتِ.

قَالَ عَلَيْهِ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ: أَبِي طَالِبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ لِكَيِّلِ يَا كَيِّلِ الْعِلْمِ حَيْرُكَ وَأَنْتَ تَحْمِسُ

الْبَالَ وَالْعِلْمُ حَاكِمٌ وَالْبَالُ مَحْكُومٌ عَلَيْهِ وَالْبَالُ تَنْقُصُهُ النَّفَقَةُ وَالْعِلْمُ يَزِّكُونَ بِالْإِنْفَاقِ

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا عِلْمًا نَافِعًا يَقِيرُ بِكَ

اللَّهُمَّ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهِ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ