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## FOREWORD

In this Kitaab Hadrat Maulana Abdul Hamid Saheb D.B. has discussed the need and importance of following the Sunnats of Rasulallah ﷺ in great detail, as in following the Sunnats lie the solution to our problems and the success of both worlds.

Due to western influence, unfortunately we have been made to believe that success, peace and contentment lie in following the latest fashion, driving flashy cars, living in luxurious home. However, this is a total deception as the highest rates of suicides are committed in first world countries, whereas these things are at their disposal.

The Sunnats of Rasulallah ﷺ are the easiest to practice upon, most beautiful, and absolutely perfect, in fact the complete way of life that Allah ﷻ loved, He blessed it to Rasulallah ﷺ. We do hope that every person derives maximum benefit from this book and thereafter makes a resolution to act upon every Sunnat of Rasulallah ﷺ. Ameen!

## VERSES OF THE QURAAAN

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

*Say (O Muhammad ﷺ), "If you love Allah then follow me (Muhammad ﷺ), Allah will then love you (He will reward you and grant you numerous material and spiritual blessings) and forgive your sins. Allah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful."*

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

*There is definitely an excellent example in Allah's Rasool ﷺ (in the manner in which he stood his ground and faced the enemy with determination) for the one who fears Allah and the Last Day, and who remembers Allah abundantly.*

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِيهِمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَمَن يَتَوَلَّ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ

*There was certainly an excellent example in them for those of you who believe in Allah and the Last Day. As for him who turns away (from Imaan and Islaam), Allah certainly is Independent (not in need of his worship), Most worthy of praise.*

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا

*Hold fast to what (commands) the Rasool ﷺ gives you and refrain from what (actions) He prevents you (because whatever he instructs you is from Allah).*

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

*Whoever obeys the Rasool ﷺ (Muhammad ﷺ) obeys Allah (because Rasulullaah ﷺ conveys the message of Allah)*

وَإِنَّكَ لَتَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

*Without doubt (using the Qur'aan and the revelation We sent to you), you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) guide (others) towards the straight path...*

وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا فَاتَّبِعُوهُ

*And (tell them, O Muhammad ﷺ) "This (obeying all these commands) is indeed my straight path, so follow it.*

وانك لتهدى الى الحق

*And verily you guide towards the truth*

وانك لتهدى الى صراط مستقيم

*And verily you guide towards the straight path*

عن عرياض بن سارية ، قال : قال رسول الله ﷺ : عليكم بسنتي وسنة الخلفاء

الراشدين المهديين من بعدي وعضوا عليها بالنواجذ

Those that will live after me will see a lot of differences then follow my sunnat and the sunnat of the khulafaa-e-Rashedien. Hold on to it with your Nawaajiez (molars), and be warned of innovations, for every innovation is misguidance.

عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله { ﷺ } قال كل أمتي يدخلون الجنة إلا من أبي قبيل ومن يأبى قال من أطاعني دخل الجنة ومن عصاني فقد أبى

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “Every ummati will enter Jannat but he who denies.” He ﷺ was asked, “Who is it that denies?” Rasulul lah ﷺ said, “He who obeys me will enter Jannat and he who disobeys has denied.”

## THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING SUNNATS IN THE AHADITH

وخير الهدى هدى محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم

*And the best of ways/methods are the ways/methods of Rasulullah*



فمن رغب عن سنتي فليس مني

*Whoever turns away from my Sunnat is not from me*

من دعا إلى هدى كان له من الأجر مثلُ أجورِ من تبعه

*Whoever calls towards guidance will get the reward similar to the reward of the one that follows (i.e.the one that acts upon it)*

بدأ الإسلام غريبا وسيعود غريبا كما بدأ فطوبى للغرباء

*Islam began as a strange (Deen) and it will once again become strange, blessedness for the strangers.*

فعليكم بسنتي وسنة الخلفاء الراشدين المهديين ، تمسكوا بها ، وعصوا عليها بالنواجذ ، وإياكم ومحدثات الأمور ، فإن كلَّ محدثَةٍ بدعةٌ ، وكل بدعةٌ ضلالةٌ

*Hold firmly onto my Sunnat and the Sunnat of the rightly guided Khulafaa, hold onto it and bite onto it with the molars, and beware of inventing new things, for verily every invention is a Bid'ah, and every Bid'ah is misguidance.*

لا يؤمن أحدكم حتى يكون هواه تبعا لما جئت به

*None of you can be a true believer until his desires well be according to that which I had brought*

فمن أحيا سنتي فقد أحبني ومن أحبني كان معي في الجنة

*Whoever revives a Sunnat has certainly loved me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Jannat*

التمسك بسنتي عند فساد امتي له اجر مائة شهيد

*The one that holds firmly onto my Sunnat at the time of corruption in my Ummat will receive the reward of hundred martyrs.*

تركت فيكم أمرين لن تضلوا ما تمسكنم بهما كتاب الله وسنة نبيه

*I have left two things with you, You will never be misguided as long as you hold firmly onto it, Kitaab of Allah and Sunnat of His Nabie ﷺ*

مَنْ كَانَ مُسْتَنَّتًا ، فَلَيْسَتْ بِن مَنْ قَدْ مَاتَ ، فَإِنَّ الْحَيَّ لَا تُؤْمِنُ عَلَيْهِ الْفِتْنَةُ ، أَوْلَيْكَ  
أَصْحَابُ مُحَمَّدٍ - ﷺ - ، كانوا أفضل هذه الأمة : أبرها قلوبًا ، وأعمقها علمًا ، وأقلها  
تكلفًا ، اختارهم الله لصحبة نبيه ، وإقامة دينه ، فاعرفوا لهم فضلهم ، واتبعوهم على  
أثرهم ، وتمسكوا بما استطعتم من أخلاقهم وسيرهم ، فإنهم كانوا على الهدى المستقيم

*Whoever wants to hold onto a path then he should hold onto the path of those that have passed away, for verily the living are not safe of Fitna, Those are the companions of Muhammad ﷺ, they were the most virtuous of this Ummah, with the most pious of hearts, most deep in knowledge, with the least amount of formalities, Allah ﷻ had chosen them for the companionship of His Nabie and for establishing His Deen, recognize their virtue, follow their footsteps, and hold firmly onto their character and ways according to your ability, for verily they were upon the straight path.*

## FOLLOW THE SUNNAT NOT AHADITH

We are commanded to follow the Sunnats of Rasulallah ﷺ not the Hadith! For example, in the Hadith it is mentioned:

فمن أحيا سنتي فقد أحبني

*Whoever revives a Sunnat has certainly loved me*

فعلبيكم بسنتي

*Hold firmly onto my Sunnat*

فمن رغب عن سنتي فليس مني

*Whoever turns away from my Sunnat is not from me*

من أحيا سنتي عند فساد امتي له اجر مائة شهيد

*Whoever revives my Sunnat at the time of corruption in my Ummat will receive the reward of hundred martyrs.*

So we are commanded to follow the Sunnats not Hadith! Sunnats are the normal lifestyle and continuous habits and ways of Rasulallah ﷺ; while Hadith refers to specific occasions and practices, not the normal trend and habit!

We read, for example that Rasulallah ﷺ urinated on one occasion, while standing, for some reason. So this was one occasion and it is a

hadith, whilst the Sunnat of Rasulullah ﷺ was always to sit and urinate! Similarly on one occasion Rasulullah ﷺ performed Salaah without a topie for some reason, this is also a hadith, he used the topie as a sutraa on that occasion, yet the permanent Sunnat was to perform Salaah with a topie. if a person insists that he wants to perform Salaah without a topie, then he should remain in the state of ihraam; for in ihraam, a number of Salaah are performed without topie, and that is the command of Allah ﷻ!

Similar is the instance of performing Salaah with shoes, standing and drinking water, not lifting the hands after Salaah for Dua. This is similar to our situation when we are in a hurry, such as we have to board the plane, or perform Salaah on the plane, then at such times we leave out the Dua after Salaah yet under normal circumstances we make Dua.

Baitul Muqaddas was conquered in such a manner that the priests of Baitul Muqaddas said we will not fight you, rather we will hand over the keys of the city to you, on condition that Amirul Mu'mineen, Sayyedena Umar ﷺ comes personally. Finally, when Hadhrat Umar ﷺ arrived, the Muslims said to him that these are cultured people so Hadhrat Umar ﷺ should change his clothes and conveyance.

## RESPECT LIES IN FOLLOWING ISLAM

Hadhrat Umar ؓ said,

أنا كنا أذل قوم فأعزنا الله بالإسلام فمهما نطلب العز بغير ما أعزنا الله به أذلنا الله

*Verily we were most humiliated of nations, then Allah ﷻ granted us Izzat (honour) with Islam, whenever we will seek respect in other than that which Allah ﷻ has granted us respect with, Allah ﷻ will humiliate us.*

We are a nation honoured by Islam; if we seek honour in anything besides Islam, Allah ﷻ will disgrace us! So our honour is in following our Dien - Al Islam! We must follow the Quraan and the Sunnah of Rasulallah ﷺ! If we look for honour in luxurious homes, flashy motor cars, brand names and latest fashion clothing, etc. in the way of other cultures, east or west, in the ways of our fore fathers, etc. in name and fame, in pomp and power, etc. Allah ﷻ will humiliate and disgrace us.

Hadhrat Hakim Saheb ؒ says,

گر سنت نبوی کی کرے پیروی امت  
طوفان سے نکل جائیگا پھر اسکا سفینہ

*If the Ummah follows the Sunnah of Rasulallah ﷺ,*

*then their ship will come out the storm.*

The priests of Baitul Muqaddas said, "It was written in detail that Hadhrat Umar ؓ will enter the city with patched clothing and a

simple conveyance which he will be leading and his slave mounted upon.” His personal description was also given in complete detail!

## POEMS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING SUNNATS

Our Sheikh, Aarif Billaah, the Rumi of the time, the second Tabrez, the Mujaddid of our era, Hadhrat Maulana Shah Hakim Muhammad Akhtar Saheb ؒ has been inspired to say many poems with regard to the importance, benefits and virtues of the Sunnats of Rasululllah ﷺ. One particular couplet which Allah ﷻ in His special Kindness has made famous in the world is,

نقش قدم نبی کے ہیں جنت کے راستے  
اللہ سے ملاتے ہیں سنت کے راستے

*A person will reach Jannat by following the footsteps of Rasululllah ﷺ,*

*A person will reach Allah ﷻ by following the path of Sunnat.*

By treading the path of Sunnats is the road to Jannat (i.e. a person gets connected to Allah ﷻ by following the Sunnats.) Hadhrat's poetry is all in conformity with Quraan and Hadith! For example, in this poem Hadhrat ؒ has said that by following Sunnats one will get Jannat.

It is narrated in the Hadith that he who revives (acts) on a Sunnat has given life to me, and he who has given life to me has made love to me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannat, thus in conclusion by following Sunnats we will get Jannat.

In the second line Hadhrat ﷺ says that by following Sunnat we will get Allah ﷻ! In the Quraan Sharif Allah ﷻ says, “Follow my Rasul ﷺ - Allah ﷻ will love you! So by following Sunnats one will get Allah ﷻ! Getting Allah ﷻ immediately means that one will enjoy special closeness to Allah ﷻ. (i.e. the help of Allah ﷻ, His protection, etc. will be with a person. It is as though Allah ﷻ is with you in Dunia and going to take you to Jannat. He has come, so to say, to fetch you to accompany you to Jannat! If only we can realise and appreciate the value of Sunnats!

Just like a person who follows a sign board of a certain town will reach that town. Exactly in that way a person who will follow 'the sign board' of Sunnats, i.e. who follow the Sunnats of Rasulullah ﷺ will reach Jannat. And a person who will bring the Sunnats in his life will get connected to Allah ﷻ as well. So by following Sunnats we will get two great benefits, one is we will get Jannat and the other is that we will get connected – attain Nisbat - with Allah ﷻ! However, there are two great differences as well.

The first is that we will receive Jannat but at a later stage, we will have to live our whole lives, then remain in the Qabr for a lengthy duration, how many people are in their Qabrs for thousands of years already, pass the long day of Qiyaamah, which is 50,000 years long and then, insha’Allah, Allah ﷻ will grant us, the whole Ummat and all Muslims Jannat! What a long wait! By following Sunnats we will get Allah ﷻ immediately.

## JANNAT HOLDS LESS VALUE IN COMPARISON TO ALLAH ﷻ

The other difference is that Jannat is the creation of Allah ﷻ, while Allah ﷻ is the Creator, there is nothing and nobody like Him! If a person has a soap factory which produces 10,000 cakes of soap a day, a candle factory, a few filling stations, supermarkets, blocks of flats, etc. What is the value of one cake or soap compared to the owner?! Similarly what is the value of Jannat in comparison to Allah ﷻ, though it is such a great creation of Allah ﷻ, amongst all of Allah ﷻ's creation? By following Sunnats we will get Jannat.

Generally for most of us, that is the height of our aspirations; and, no doubt, Jannat is desired, (sar aankho par), we want it whole heartedly, but when compared to getting Allah ﷻ, Jannat is secondary. If we get Allah ﷻ we have got Jannat and we have got everything else. A poet says,

ایک تو میرا تو ہر شے میری، فلک میرا زمیں میری

ایک تو نہیں میرا تو کوئی شے نہیں میری

*If you are mine, everything is mine, the earth is mine, the heavens are mine; if You are not mine, nothing is mine.*

### THE IMPORTANCE OF POSSESSING QUALITIES

The king Mahmood Ghaznavi ﷺ had a slave by the name of Ayaaz. Ayaaz was an ordinary street man, but he had great qualities, therefore the king chose him for himself and he very soon became a favorite of the king, this made the other courtiers jealous of him.

Qualities that a person has are his real assets not material things. Sadly, most of us only think of material possessions, and think that to be the 'be all' and 'end all'. Our Sheikh ﷺ should say that if material things and this life was the object then why do we die and leave everything of Dunia behind us? This proves that this life is not the object of our lives!

The Aakherat is where we will return to and live there forever, so we should be preparing for Aakherat. If material things make us valuable then in our beautiful mansions there may be some mice, rats, flies and mosquitoes who may be thinking that this belongs to me; then they too should be so proud that they are also living in such a beautiful mansion! Or in our, top of the range, and the latest model Merc or BMW, there is a fly also, so it should also be proud that it is riding in such a smart car! i.e. if material things make us valuable! So things don't make us valuable, qualities do.

There was a man living in a village, who lived hand to mouth, He had a wife and 4 sons who lived of whatever he had cultivated on his little piece of land. When he died, the eldest son thought to himself that soon he will be married and his 3 brothers will follow suit - this little farm will not be able to sustain them all. So off he went to the town to look for some job opportunity and found a job in a shop. The shop owner very soon discerned that this man has got great qualities. His father did not leave them any material things really - what he left them with, were qualities. He had ingrained in them honesty, hard work, loyalty, kindness and affection, etc. seeing his qualities and potential the shop owner, who also possessed good qualities did not exploit him, but rather sold him the shop to be paid

for over a period of time, which really amounted to giving him the shop, as the shop will be paying for itself. He needed more staff, so he called his other brother from the village. His business just kept growing, soon he had more shops and all his brothers from the village were with him, each one managing a shop for him. Each one's children came of age and entered the business with their respective fathers. He noticed that the children had a different temperament and were a new generation, who did not see the hard days their fathers went through, and did not appreciate the riches after the rags; who were born in plenty and comfort. He realised they don't have the sense of appreciation as their elders and their level of thinking is different, so he called all his brothers and gave over each shop which they were managing, to them. In this way all were very happy and love and understanding increased between them!

By possessing the qualities of sharing, sympathy, etc. he kept all happy. So qualities are things to be sought and appreciated, not material things! Moulana Thanvi ﷺ said,

سامان راحت اور جيز ہے اور راحت اور جيز ہے

*The things of comfort are something else and comfort is something else.*

In order to understand this, take the example of a person who has about 10 thousand Rand in his pocket, he can go to a furniture shop to buy the best bed, but he cannot buy sleep anywhere. Sleep is neither in sleeping pills nor in injections! It might help for a while, but afterwards has no effect; a person lands up in a mad hospital and finally commits suicide, many times after killing his whole

family! Anyway having the best bed is something else and sleep is something else! Things of comfort are something else and comfort itself is something else.

We have been fooled and deceived to understand and belief that to have material things of comfort is having comfort itself. What a hoax and we have been fooled! A person is sleeping comfortably on his bed, but a thought comes from nowhere to him that my mattress is old therefore I must change it. Having bought the new mattress with the hope of getting a good sleep, now, in view of the new mattress, the base and head board look old and outdated, so he buys a new bed and headboard. Now the carpet looks old and worn out, so that has to be replaced, then the curtains have to be changed and the room has to be painted! Now the kitchen has to be upgraded, then the rest of the house and then the garden, and finally the car requires upgrading. Now the friends also change to modern type people.

It all started with the thought of the mattress! Now there wasn't money for all the other things, so they were purchased with money from the bank, and a person falls in the sin of interest! Now he cannot meet the monthly installments and they start repossessing his things. He is ashamed in front of his friends and neighbours! The sweet sleep he used to get on his old mattress, he is robbed of it and now suffers from insomnia, worrying about what's going to happen tomorrow. So never be fooled by the things of comfort! Live a simple life and have total comfort, peace of mind and comfort of the heart! May Allah ﷻ let us understand and differentiate between things of comfort and comfort itself!

Our way of life has become such that we buy things that we don't need; with money that we don't have ; to impress people that we don't like!

## **THE STORY OF THE SEVEN MAMAS**

There was a shrewd, rich nephew who had 7 (maternal) simple minded, down to earth uncles. In his shrewdness he wanted to extol more money from his uncles. For this he decided to invite them to meals, he bought a horse at the same time for Rs 200, and told his wife that when you feed the horse it's hay, put some coins also with. The horse ate everything, swallowing the coins as well. He invited his uncles, who were very pleased and said yes nephew its a long time that we did not have a good meal, Jazaakumullahu Khairan for inviting us! They had their meals. He then brought his horse to show them his new asset, he started beating it because of which it started excreting and coins also started to come out. Their eyes popped out. What a horse that excretes money? They said, O Nephew give us this horse. He said, "My uncles! how can I give you the horse, it is my source of income." They said, "O nephew! you are a rich man and have many other sources of income as well! They argued and finally settled on buying the horse for Rs 1000. He made a huge profit! They were happy that in a few days we will recover our Rs1000 and then we will just milk our new investment!

The eldest uncle took the horse for the first day and whipped it until no coins were left inside! All the other uncles got nothing! The last and youngest uncles beat it so much that the horse died. They realised that he had deceived them!

At home he told his wife, "My uncles will stay away for 7 days, but on the 8th day they will all be here." On the 8th day, all in their rage and fury, were on their way to their nephew to sort him out. He, in the mean time, bought 2 rabbits, exactly the same size, colour, etc. twins, for Rs 15. He fastened the one at home and told his wife to prepare a certain menu of food. He took the other rabbit on his arm and set off on the same path his uncles were coming on. Seeing them from a distance, he said O my uncles how wonderful is it not that you have come again, come along, let us go and have some delicious meals again, just hearing about food they forgot how he deceived them and all their anger vanished - sadly, that is our condition today, we are being deceived over and over again by the West, but just for dunia's entertainment and pleasure, we forget all their deception and go head long, deeper and deeper into their pit of deception; hook, line and sinker! As they approached closer, he told the rabbit on his arm, go and tell aunty at home to prepare this, this and the other for lunch (which he had already informed her about). He let the rabbit go, where will it go - in the jungle - obviously! But when they got home they found all that food prepared which he instructed the rabbit to inform at home. They found the other rabbit fastened there (the other rabbit, which they thought was the same rabbit); after meals his uncles said nephew you have deceived us with regard to the horse, we forgive you, but please you must give us this rabbit. He said how can I give it to you, I am person who is out of the house most of the time and have to send messages home all the time. They said we also have to work on our farms the whole day and also have to send messages home all the time. After much deliberation he sold them one rabbit for Rs 1,000. He told his wife that none of his uncles will come tomorrow

here, but the day thereafter all will be here again. In the mean time, the next day, all the uncles, testing their newly acquired latest technological gadget - the rabbit - their cell phone - told it to go and give a message at each one's home, what they would like to eat for lunch and that must be prepared. Somebody ordered biryani, somebody akhnie, daar chaawal, kari kichri, etc. Of course the rabbit when to its freedom in the jungle! When they got home their normal daar and boemlo, lentils and dry fish, a very simple meal, was prepared. They become very angry and said we had sent a message that such and such food must be prepared; the wives asked, "With whom did you send the message?" Nobody came and gave us any message? They said, "We sent a message with the rabbit." The wives asked, "Are your heads taking right?" Does a rabbit bring messages? They realised that they have been deceived again! In the mean time the nephew told his wife his uncles will be there again the next day.

He slaughtered a chicken and filled the blood in the intestines and told her I will hang this around your neck as a necklace and on the pretence that you do not listen to me, I will cut it, making it look that I have killed you. His uncles came the following day, very angry and determined to take revenge from him. As he saw them he said, "O so wonderful, my uncles are here to visit me again, and commanded his wife to prepare some wonderful dishes for them. Hearing about the wonderful dishes they forgot all their anger again - when man becomes a slave to his desires, comfort and luxury - he loses his self respect, honour and everything! On the other hand his wife pretended that she is extremely furious and angry and said, "Am I a slave?! Am I a machine?! Must I cook everyday for your

uncles?" He pretended to be very upset about all this and said you talk like this to me, you disobey me! He took a sword and showed that he killed her, but merely cutting those intestines resulting in blood flowing everywhere, with her collapsing! The uncles intervened and said, "O nephew you can't do that! How can you kill her just for refusing to cook." He said, "I won't tolerate a woman who speaks to me like that, I just kill."

They explained to him further so he said there isn't any problem, I will bring her back to life again! He took the same sword and passed it by her throat a few times saying, "The sword that kills, brings back to life again, and she immediately jumped up alive! The uncle's eyes popped out again; they said nephew you did us down with the horse and rabbit, but please give us this knife, we are desperately in need of it. He said can't you see, my wife, your niece, only stays under control with it, otherwise she will sit on my head! They said, "O nephew! your aunties treat us very badly and boss us, we will be able to control and correct the situation with this knife! After much deliberation the knife he bought for Rs 10, he sold it to them for Rs 1,000. They were happy that they will now be able to control their wives! The eldest uncle tried it first, he repeated a thousand times: the knife that kills; brings back to life again, but just nothing happened! All the uncles tried it on their wives! All became widowers! Nobody can be so stupid, but the West has made us even more stupid as will be explained just now. Now their anger knew no limits! They were on their way to kill him, for once and for all.

In the mean time, he told his wife that none of my uncles will come for the next 7 days. On the 8th day all will be coming. Aabaad! They were coming to him on the 8th day, all in fury and anger. He went

on the same road, and as he saw them approaching he said O my uncles, what good fortune! The king has invited me and said you can bring with you whom you want to as well. Come, lets go for the king's Dawat! They were overtaken by this again and said, "The king's dawat"?! We will never get this opportunity again. They forgot all their terrible history and how they have been robbed and deceived and made widowers on top of that! All just for the love of dunia and imaginary gain of it! Anyway, off they were to the king's palace for the meals. During the meals, where all the utensils were of gold and silver, the uncles thought if each one of us put a golden teaspoon in his pocket, nobody will notice or miss it! Each one puts a teaspoon in his pocket. The nephew noticed it. After meals he said, O king salaamat! Did you hear of the jadu (black magic) of our place? He said yes, it is very extraordinary! He said should I display something of it to you. The king said, please! He said, "See I will take these 7 gold teaspoons from the table and put them in my pocket and they will come out from my uncles pockets, one each." He put them in his pocket and when the pockets of the uncle were checked; one, one teaspoon came back on the table from their pockets! They were infuriated, but could do nothing here. He slipped away and told his wife his uncles, determined to take revenge, will be here first thing in the morning! All my ploys have come to an end. He said, "I will build a turbat, a raised grave here, and leave a little window open in it. You must tell them he is dead and this is his grave and he said whatever your needs are you must ask of him from this window." (As is the wrong practice of some ignorant people). They came and she informed them accordingly. The eldest uncle went and put forward his request, the nephew cut his nose, the nose been cut, proverbially means one has been disgraced,

humiliated. So he covered his nose and went and sat in a corner. The next uncle followed suit, and so did all. The last uncle, the youngest of all, mu'fat (very simple, daring and bold) said his alive in this turbat and he is cutting our noses. Break this turbat and take him out and throw him in some well and get rid of him for once and for all! They broke the grave, took him out, put him in a bag and were on their way to throw him in some unused well! On the way the one uncle had a taqaadhaa (a need) of relieving himself, another for tea, water, etc. they decided to leave him there and fulfill their needs. A shepherd passing thereby and seeing a person in a bag and lamenting and screaming for help asked him, "What's the matter?" He said, "My uncles are taking me to marry me to the princess by force and I don't want to marry her, are you interested?" He said, "Of course I am interested." Who won't be interested? He said open this bag, let me get out and you get in. He got out, took all that shepherds animals and went home, here in the meantime the uncles returned, took the bag and threw it into some well. The uncles thought our nephew is dead, we should pay condolences to his wife. They went to his house and found him hail and healthy and even richer than before with all those animals! They asked him. Nephew how did all this happen? We threw you in the well, how come you are here and wealthier than before? He said, my uncles where you people threw me, it was a very shallow place in the well and I found all these animals there, I looked down in the well and saw much more animals there. Of went all the uncles and started falling in the well one after the other in want of those plenty animals! This is just a story, a parable, for us to take lessons and morals from.

Unfortunately, most of us remember such a story, but we don't take the lessons from it, which we have to take! One great lesson is that we know nobody can be so stupid as these uncles, but really the West is making us even much more stupid! Rasulallah ﷺ taught us the golden, simple path to Jannat and the pleasure of Allah ﷻ! But alas, we have traded it in, left it, for the ways of the kuffar, left it for the path of Jahannum - isn't that person even more stupid than those 7 uncles?!

## **PRICE OF FUEL**

In many places that I have been to, I usually ask them the price of a litre of petrol and the price of a liter of coke - in most cases it is just about the same, some places a bit less or more. I then explain to them that see petrol is a thing which present day society cannot do without. Without oil these fans, Aircons, cars, trains, airplanes - nothing will work! And on the other hand coke is a complete useless, harmful thing!

From a health point of view it is nothing but poison through and through - a good friend of mine, the Imam of a Masjid, and just one point about his background, he was very witty and had an answer ready for everything. He made Imaamat for 17 years, without being late for a single namaz, for a minute even - whether it was Eid or any other social gathering of the family, etc. The Masjid committee then decided to keep a second Imam, so that he can be relieved at times. They informed him, saying that Moulana we have hired a second Imam, who can relief you, for you are also human and have needs to be seen to - Moulana immediately exclaimed: Alhamdulillah you

realised that I am also human after 17 years. What did you think I was for the last 17 years?!

However, on one occasion we were visiting him, he took off his Topie and showed me a hole the size of a tennis ball at the back, right side of his head and said this is all the effect of coke - Moulana should drink a lot of coke - he was under heavy medication, should jog quite a bit, on the treadmill, etc. - nothing helped him, he died quite young. I usually say that if the Moulanas give up coke, it will bring the American economy right down! Anyway coke is a total useless thing and oil is a valuable, indispensable commodity in our times. We usually compare things by value and say is it value for money? Consider coke, which is only poison from a health point of view, and after your health is destroyed you have to go on medication again filling the coffers of the enemies of Islam and the medicine with its side effects (a patient went to doctor, doctor gave him some tablets, he started breaking the sides off, doctor asked him what are you doing? He said breaking off the side effects!), it causes other diseases and the vicious cycle does not end until you reach the grave!

Anyway coke has got no value for money, but it's value is equated with petrol! Petrol is a thing man cannot do without in the present world! - no fan will work, no car will move, no Aircon will work, no ship will move, no phone, no computer will work - the world will come to a grinding halt without it, yet it is equated with the value of coke. If the price of coke is its value for money then petrol should be 10 times more, at least, of coke's value! If petrol is its correct value for money, then coke should be at least 10 times lower than petrol's price! Most of the oil has been kept in Muslim lands, what the west

has done, in their robbing shrewdness, is that they just bartered, taking the oil and in return supplying poisonous coke, with all its diseases and side effects, of the resultant medication for the initial diseases. They have totally robbed us of even our great material assets!

## **FOLLOWING DOGS**

Those who take their dogs for walks on a leash, and when it wants to urinate or relief itself, they will wait patiently for it; they walk behind the dog, having made it their Imam! We are so naive and stupid and base that we have made those people our Imams who have made dogs their Imams. We are following those people who have made dogs their gods! We follow their fashion and culture in which a person pays more for torn and patched jeans than a good one, where a person pays more for half socks than full ones. Where women wear high heeled shoes, and in fact, very high heeled ones, which cause permanent, irreversible damage to their toes (causing them to wind and weave over one another like the roots of trees), feet and legs, are permanently harmed, as well as muscles and veins! No sane person trades in a new good condition car for an older, inferior car or anything! But we have traded in our most superior Dien for the dirt and filth of this useless, temporary Dunia! Alas when man regards poison as medicine and medicine as poison what faintest hope can there be of good health?!

## **THE HARMS OF CONTARDICTING THE TEACHINGS OF RASULULLAH ﷺ**

When we are spending so lavishly and wastefully and in total opposition to the Dien of Allah ﷻ on weddings! Where, just to walk the bride to the stage in a hall, a film actor is hired from Bollywood and paid a million rand! Where is our Imaani ghairat (Imaani honour) gone?! Having a non Muslim walk our daughter to the stage?! Where a wedding gown is imported from Spain at a cost of 80 thousand rand, then, to outdo the bride, the bridegroom gets a suit of 95 thousand rand! Where the nikah is made up in a helicopter and breaks before the helicopter comes down! Where the wedding customs carry on for 3 days and, at the end, a dispute arises whether the Nikah was even made or not! Where the religious customs of others are also practised! The 'holi' and mendhi parties of hindus, the vows of christians, singing and dancing shows, bridal showers, etc. When the foundation of the sacred institution of Nikah is plundered in this way, then there should be no surprise at the divorce rates and marriages without any love or feeling! We have proven ourselves more stupid and naive than even those 7 simple minded uncles!

The calamity of the matter is we regard ourselves as very clever, educated (or rather ejudated) when studying in their institutions, where the height of their education is to gain a PHD, which really means 'permanent head damage' or ' pheraa hua dimaagh' (head screwed on the wrong way) and following in their life styles and look down upon the people of true knowledge - knowledge of Wahi and

revelation from Allah ﷻ and those following the beautiful and perfect lifestyle of Rasulullah ﷺ.

When we start following and making our Imam those people who have made dogs their imams, i.e. when they go for their walks and take their dogs with them, they walk behind their dogs, when the dog wants to urinate, etc. they patiently wait behind it, so they have made dogs their imams and we have made them our imams! What a shame upon us! whereas in Africa and the East we see the situation, even in rural areas, that the dogs follow the people and walk behind them!

### **THE INTELLIGENCE OF AYAAZ**

Anyway Ayaz had qualities! To demonstrate this to the other courtiers the King spread out some of his treasures in the chamber of his palace: gold, silver, diamonds, emeralds, rubies, etc. and announced that whoever puts his hand on whatever; it will be his! All went pell-mell, running to and fro, gathering as much as each one could take! However, Ayaz just stood still! The King said, "Ayaz! Did you not hear or understand my order?" He said, "Your majesty, please repeat your order." The King repeated that whoever puts his hand on whatever, it will be his! Ayaz asked, "Are you sure, O King?" He said, "Of course." Ayaz walked up to the king and placed his hand on him and said, "If you are mine everything you have is mine." What you have put out in the chamber today is hardly a fraction of a fraction of what you have. If I have you then everything belongs to me! So if we have Allah ﷻ then everything will be ours.

ایک تو میرا تو ہر شے میری، فلک میرا زمیں میری

ایک تو نہیں میرا تو کوئی شیء نہیں میری

*If you are mine, everything is mine, , the heavens are mine the earth is mine; if You are not mine, nothing is mine.*

So by following Sunnats we will have Allah ﷻ, and we will have Him, NOW cash. We will have the world and all conditions in our favour, as well as Jannat and all its pleasures.

Another aspect of having Allah ﷻ is that our shops, wives, etc. are ours, but if we have Allah ﷻ, i.e. if we have pleased Him, he will use all these things to please us. Our shops will be a great asset and benefit to us. So will our wives, children, everything will be in our favour! But if we have displeased Allah ﷻ, then everything will be against us. Allah ﷻ says,

فَلَا تُعْجِبْكَ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُهُمْ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ بِمَا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَتَزْهَقَ أَنْفُسُهُمْ وَهُمْ كَافِرُونَ

*So (O Muhammad ﷺ) do not let their (large amounts of) wealth and children impress (or overawe) you. Allah intends to punish them with these (punish them by means of their wealth and children) in this worldly life and (Allah intends) that their souls depart (from this world) while they are Kaafiroon. (Wealth and children therefore become a major cause of difficulty, anxiety and cause of destruction for people when Allah uses them as a form of punishment.)*

## **THE HARMS OF DISOBEYING ALLAH ﷻ**

Our shops will be owned by us, but we will have major problems in them, Al-amaanul Hafiz (May Allah save us)! The shop, for example,

will be going down and down. We will be borrowing more and more money and pumping it into the business, but it will just be going down! We won't be able to sell the business and it is not an asset to us, in fact, a great liability! May Allah ﷻ protect us. Our wives are ours, but if we have displeased Allah ﷻ; Allah ﷻ will use these very wives to torment and punish us! We won't be able to divorce them and yet we will be tormented by them, our children, etc. We must remember that our greatest, and in fact our only enemy is to sin and earn the displeasure of Allah ﷻ.

When we sin and thereby displease Allah ﷻ; Allah ﷻ uses some of His creation to warn and or punish us. Allah ﷻ clearly says

مَا يَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ بِعَدَابِكُمْ إِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ وَأَمَنْتُمْ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ شَاكِرًا عَلِيمًا

*What must Allah punish you for if you are grateful (for His favours to you) and have Imaan? Allah is Most Appreciative (of every good act and will reward you tremendously for it), All Knowing (all good is known to Him).*

What will Allah ﷻ gain (by punishing you - giving this one a heart attack, an accident to this one, family problems to this one, someone's son getting involved in drugs, someone's daughter eloping, getting divorced, etc. etc.), we must remember all conditions, good and bad, are from Allah ﷻ! You just be thankful and believe in Allah ﷻ - be obedient to Him, sincerely, outwardly and inwardly, and see how Allah ﷻ will keep you happy - one will experience the enjoyments of Jannat now, in this very world! What to say then of that Jannat when we will enter it?! And remember that Allah ﷻ is most Thankful and All Knowing!

In another Ayat Allah ﷻ says,

وَكَذَلِكَ نُؤَيِّ بِغَضِّ الظَّالِمِينَ بَعْضًا بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ

*In a like manner (as We have made some humans the friends of some evil Jinn) We make some of the oppressors companions of others because of the (evil) deeds that they perpetrate (sinners committing the same sin will suffer the same punishment in the Akhirah).*

In this way, when people disobey Allah ﷻ and Allah ﷻ wishes to punish them, He uses the greater wrong doers to punish the lesser wrong doers. Remember that no country or nation is our enemy - it is only Allah ﷻ using some of His creation to punish His other creation. The same it is with floods, droughts, earth quakes, hurricanes, etc., but sadly when the light of Imaan is dimmed or extinguished, then we don't see it in that light and we pass it off as natural phenomena.

## **CORRECTING ONE'S MATTERS WITH ALLAH ﷻ**

من اصلح ما بينه وبين ربه اصلح الله ما بينه وبين خلقه

*Who corrects his relationship between himself and his Rabb, Allah ﷻ will correct (the relationship) between him and the creation.*

He who corrects his matters between himself and Allah ﷻ; Allah ﷻ corrects his matters between him and His creation. One brother usurped the land of his other brother. The wrong doer, the Zhaalim, will be acknowledged by all to be the one who usurped the land of his brother. In Dunia the matter will also be dealt with in this matter.

The Qaadhi will find the brother who usurped the land of his brother to be guilty. But, in reality, it is the brother whose land was usurped was the Dhaalim and wrong doer! Because he had done some wrong (in most cases) therefore, Allah ﷻ used his other brother to cause him harm and inconvenience!

So an easy way, a very easy way is to bring Sunnats into our lives and win the love of Allah ﷻ and His favours! Hadhrat Moulana Shah AbraarulHaq Saheb ﷺ use to say,

سنت کا طریقہ اسہل طریقہ ہے

*the way of Sunnat is the most easy way (of doing any and everything).*

سنت کا طریقہ اجمل طریقہ ہے

*the way of Sunnat is the most beautiful way (of doing any and everything).*

سنت کا طریقہ اکمل طریقہ ہے

*The way of Sunnat is the most perfect way to do any and everything!*

So whatever a person wants to do, whether it is a wedding, funeral, dressing, whatever, just do it the Sunnat way and see for yourself how easy, beautiful and perfect the Sunnat way is! Mufti Zainul Abedien Saheb ﷺ in one Tablighi Ijtimaa asked the gathering whether having a wedding according to our ways and customs - the lengthy and extravagant preparations, inviting so many people, preparing and serving so much food to so many people, etc. is this

not very difficult and hard? All of them admitted that it is so. He then asked, "Do you people do all this? All said yes! He said because this is what is in vogue, it is the fashion and the way of the day! Then he asked to have the wedding according to Sunnat, in which there is the least expenses and effort, just the nikah and a simple walimah, there is no need to call so many people, just a few people are sufficient, making sure there are some poor people, is this not easy, in fact, very, very easy? All admitted yes it is so. He then asked, "Will you do it according to the Sunnat?"

All said, " That is very hard, our noses will get cut." i.e. people will scorn at us and look down upon us, they will say is this a wedding (where there is merry making, laughter and joking, etc. or is it a funeral, so simple, in dressing, style, and the mood so somber and dry, etc.)! He said because the Sunnat way is not in vogue, it's not the fashion of the day, therefore it is very hard. So we should make effort to do everything according to Sunnat and make it the common way, so that everyone can follow accordingly, easily. Life will become so easy for the poor, while all will get the Barkat of a Nikah according to Sunnat. If the foundation is correct, the whole, everlasting structure will also be correct. But, if the foundation, the very wedding, is wrong, the whole structure will be wrong, one of suffering and heart aches, may Allah ﷻ forbid! The second point is:

سنت کا طریقہ اجمل طریقہ ہے

*That the way of Sunnat is the most beautiful way of doing any and everything.*

For example, to treat one's wife with love, kindness and to accommodate her. Where this is the command of Allah ﷻ it is the

Sunnat of Rasulallah ﷺ and his practical life style - and this is so beautiful! Rasulallah ﷺ said, "The best amongst you are those are the best to their wives and I am the best to my wives." The third point is:

سنت کا طریقہ اکمل طریقہ ہے

*That following the Sunnat is the most perfect and complete way of doing any and everything.*

For example making salaam, where one makes the complete salaam, in which is included, salaam (peace), rahmat (mercy) and barkat (blessings)! May Allah ﷻ bless us, firstly, with the knowledge of each and every Sunnat, for this, we should study kitaabs on the Sunnats of Rasulallah ﷺ. For example the beautiful kitaab of our illustrious Sheikh, Hadhrat Maulana Shah Hakim Muhammad Akhtar Saheb ﷺ; Piare Rasulallah ki Piarie Sunnate - The Beautiful Sunnats of our Beloved Rasulallah , which is a small pocket size kitaab in which daily Sunnats from morning to night, birth to death have been written in a very simple and easy way. It can be downloaded from the website, Khanqah Ashrafia Imdadia, and there are so many other beautiful kitaabs.

## **STUDY THE KITAABS OF SUNNAT**

May Allah ﷻ, secondly, grant us the love of every Sunnat, for this to develop in us we should study kitabs on the seerat - life of our beloved Rasulallah ﷺ, a beautiful kitaab in this field is 'Seerat Khatamur Rasulallah ﷺ' by Mufti M Shafi Saheb ﷺ or a Kitaab a bit more in detail ' Seerat - e- Mustapha' by Hadhrat Moulana Idries Kandhelwi Saheb ﷺ, thirdly may Allah ﷻ give us the Taufeeq to

practice upon each and every Sunnat, a kitaab on Seerat and one on Sunnats will also be very beneficial.

Fourthly may Allah ﷻ bless us with the Taufeeq of teaching, propagating and spreading every Sunnat of our Beloved Rasulullah ﷺ to the whole world till the day of Qiyamah!

What a great reward is not there for this! : reward of a 100 martyrs plus who ever will make Amal (act) on it, we will get that thawaab as well! This Shaheed does not die, he still lives and can make amal on so many other Sunnats! So anyway, by following Sunnats we will get Jannat also - what an easy way to get Jannat! Sunnats are so easy to follow and there are so many benefits, we get Jannat even. In fact Allah ﷻ makes our lives of dunia a life of Jannat.

## THE BOUNTIES OF JANNAT

Jannat is that wonderful place with regards to which Allah ﷻ says:

وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهِي أَنْفُسُكُمْ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَدْعُونَ

*There (in Jannah) you shall have whatever your heart desires, and you shall have whatever you ask for."*

You will get whatever you desire there in, and you will get whatever you ask for there in, this is entertainment from Him who is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful.

فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ لَّبَنٍ لَّمْ يَتَغَيَّرْ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ حَمْرٍ لَّدَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ  
وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ عَسَلٍ مُّصَفًّى

*it has rivers of water that never putrefy (will never be contaminated nor deteriorate in quality), rivers of milk the taste of which never spoils (never goes off), rivers of (pure) wine that is extremely palatable to those who drink it (without intoxicating them) and rivers of the purest honey*

In Jannat there will be rivers of water that will never be contaminated, nor polluted ; and rivers of milk whose taste will never change, and rivers of wine delicious for the drinkers and rivers of pure honey.

وَفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ

*And an abundance of fruit (of all types)...*

لَّا مَقْطُوعَةٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعَةٍ

*that will not come to an end (because another fruit will immediately grow in the place of a plucked one) and will not be restricted (they will have as much as they please).*

And abundance of fruit, never will the season come to end nor will you ever be forbidden from them.

وَفَاكِهَةٍ مِّمَّا يَتَخَيَّرُونَ

*And (they will be served) a variety of fruits to choose from...*

وَلَحْمٍ طَيْرٍ مِّمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ

*...and the meat of the birds they desire.*

وَأَنْخُورٍ عَيْنٍ

And (in addition to all of this, they shall have) fair large eyed damsels  
(as their wives)...

كَأَمْثَالِ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الْمَكْنُونِ

...who are like preserved (protected) pearls (because of their beauty,  
complexion and purity).

And fruit of your choice, and the flesh of birds which you desire, and  
Hur-ul-Ain like hidden pearls!,

إِنَّا أَنْشَأْنَاهُنَّ إِنِشَاءً

Indeed We have created these damsels (whom the “people of the  
right” shall marry) very specially (without any impurities in their  
bodies or their behaviour).

فَجَعَلْنَاهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا

And We have made them all virgins...

عُرُوبًا أَسْرَابًا

...most beloved (every facet of their appearance and behaviour will  
be pleasing to their husbands) and of equal age...

We have raised the women of Jannat in a wonderful way (they have  
wonderful figures), permanent virgins, experts in love making and of  
same ages. In Jannat there will be, amongst others 2 particular  
gardens with spreading branches and 2 fountains flowing with  
water, and every kind of fruit in pairs, the inhabitants of Jannat will

be reclining upon couches lined with silk brocade and the fruit of both gardens will be just at hand. Therein will be those of modest gaze, whom man nor jinn has touched, they will be like emeralds and pearls - IS THE REWARD OF GOODNESS, NOT ONLY GOODNESS?! - And besides these gardens will be another particular 2 gardens, dark green with foliage, with 2 strong springs with abundant water, with all types of fruit, in which there will be the good and beautiful women, fair ones, closely guarded in pavilions, whom no man or jinn has ever touched or seen, they will be reclining on green cushions and fair carpets!! Lo! The righteous will drink of a cup whereof the mixture is Kafur, a spring wherefrom the slaves of Allah drink, gushing forth abundantly with water! Reclining therein upon couches, no heat, nor cold, the shade thereof will be close upon them and they will have clustered fruit bowing down upon them! Goblets of silver will be served to them and beakers as of glass, bright as glass, but made of silver. They will be given cups of drink the mixture of Zanjabil, and the drink of a spring - salsabil! They will be served by eternal youths that will appear like scattered pearls, you will witness their bliss and high estate! Their clothing will be fine green silk and gold embroidery, wearing bracelets of silver, and their Lord will give them pure drinks! It will be said to them this is your reward and your efforts are being rewarded!

Lo! The righteous are surely in delight, resting on couches looking around with delight and pleasure! You will recognise in their faces the radiance of delight, they are given to drink a pure wine, sealed, the seal is of musk - For this, let all those who strive, strive for! And their drink will be mixed with the taste of Tasnim, it's a spring from where those near Allah ﷻ drink!

## THE DAMSELS OF JANNAT

The Hur-ul-Ain (the black eyed damsels of Jannat) are made of musk, anbar, za'fran and camphor! If they have to show one part of their one finger to the sun, the sun will lose all its brightness and luster! If they have to spit in the sea, the entire 7 ocean's water will become sweeter than honey! If they have to speak to the dead they will become alive. If they have to speak to the living their hearts will split apart. If they have to wave their scarves in the air, the whole world will be filled with fragrance. If they have to break one of their hair and drop it in the earth, the whole world will light up. When they talk the bells of Jannat start ringing. When she walks and lifts up one leg, then from her joints a 100,000 styles, graces, coquetry, amorous and enticing beauty captivate you!

She wears 70 dresses, so fine, that they will pass through a ring, from the outside of the dresses, you will see the marrow in the bone and your love written in her heart! When you will look at them 40 years will pass, without winking an eye or looking right or left! She will say, "Are you only going to look, then he will embrace her for 70 years, her saliva will be so sweet that if just one drop has to fall in the ocean, all 7 oceans will become sweeter than honey! Jannatatul Firdous has been made by Allah ﷻ Himself, 5 times a day it's beautified and greater fragrance put in it. It is commanded:

ازدادی طیباً لاولیاءى وازدادى حسناً لاولیاءى

*Increase in fragrance for my Aulia and increase in beauty for my Aulia!*

Then Allah ﷻ will say, “You have enjoyed Jannat, now come to Me, see Me, see how beautiful your Allah ﷻ is! What beauty, what perfection! What magnetic pull! A person will forget Jannat, it's mansions, it's food, it's gardens and waterfalls, it's Hur-ul-Ain! He will be so absorbed in the beauty and love of Allah! All the entertainment of Jannat will be there, the beauty of Jannat, it's decorations, the clothes of Jannat, the food, the fragrance.

## THE RECITATION

Then Allah ﷻ will say to the Hur-ul-Ain, these are those of My servants who never listened to music in the world, let them hear your singing, the whole of Jannat will change into music, the musical instruments of the Hurs, their beauty, their melodious voices, their fragrance - the men of Jannat will even forget themselves! All the Hur-ul-Ain will sing together in chorus, it will be the praises of Allah ﷻ! Allah ﷻ will ask, “Did you ever hear anything like this before?”!

Allah ﷻ will ask, “Must I let you hear something more better?” O Dawood ؑ, “Come sit on the throne and let the people hear your melodious voice! The voice of Dawood ؑ and the beauty of Jannat! Allah ﷻ will ask, “Did you ever hear something like this?” Then Allah ﷻ Himself will be there in front and reciting the Quraan!

Allahu Akbar!! The eyes will be relishing the beauty of Allah ﷻ! The ears will be relishing the golden, melodious voice! Allahu Akbar!! the soul will dance within itself! A person will be so overtaken with the beauty of Allah ﷻ that he will forget Jannat, he will forget all the pleasures of Jannat, he will forget the Hur-ul-Ain, he will forget the

palaces, he will forget the food and drink of Jannat! Forgetting himself he will say, "O Allah! When You are so beautiful, please permit me to make Sajda to You." Allah ﷻ will say, "The Salaah that you made in Dunia, those Sajdas are enough, you are excused from making Sajda." Salaah should not be missed in Dunia!

ذَلِكُمْ اللهُ رَبُّكُمُ الْحَقُّ

*That is Allah, your Rabb, the Truth!*

So,

فَفِرُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ

So run to Allah ﷻ, the running of a person (to Allah ﷻ), is like a person who runs away from an enemy (Shaytaan, ﷻ Nafs and Dunia) - very, very fast!. The flavours of the drinks of the fountains of Jannat, Salsabiel, will be zanjabel (ginger). Three fountains will gush from Jannat:

عَيْنًا فِيهَا تُسَمَّى سَلْسَبِيلًا

*A fountain whose name is Salsabiel.*

And another fountain

بِأَكْوَابٍ وَأَنْبَارٍ مِّمَّنْ مَعِينٍ

لَا يُصَدَّعُونَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُنزِفُونَ

*...with goblets and jugs and glasses filled with flowing wine.*

*Neither will they have headaches with it (with this wine), nor will they be intoxicated (because it will be unlike the impure wine of this world).*

Another fountain is Rahieq!

يُسْقَوْنَ مِنْ رَحِيقٍ مَحْمُومٍ

*They will be given pure sealed (preserved) wine to drink (completely unlike the impure and intoxicating wine of this world)...*

خِتَامُهُ مِسْكٌ وَفِي ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ الْمُتَنَافِسُونَ

*...the seal of which is musk. It is for this that competitors should compete (instead of competing for the inferior things of this world).*

They will be given drinks with seals on them - the seals of Musk; it is in these things that people should race and vie with each other! This water is such that if one drop is dropped below the skies the whole world will be fragranced by it! This is what we should be racing for with one another. Not this Dunia which has been cursed, which is so temporary and so inferior in quality! All this we can acquire by following Sunnats, which will bring the rest of Dien also in our lives and the very top quality of Dien! When we on that path Allah ﷻ will make our worldly lives also an example of Jannat - Peace of mind and contentment of heart.

لَا حَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

*There shall be no fear (about the future), nor shall they grieve (about their past).*

فَلْنَحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً

*We will certainly grant them a good (peaceful and contented) life (in this world)*

We will grant them a beautiful enjoyable life (in this world).

## **IS CONTENTMENT IN THINGS OF THE WORLD?**

There is absolutely no doubt that by following Sunnats a person will definitely get all the enjoyment of this dunia - a peaceful and happy life - a happy, enjoyable life should not be misunderstood for a filthy lifestyle of dunia, of night clubs, fashion, modernism, T.V, videos, video games, stupid naked, filthy dressing, where torn and patched jeans cost more than normal ones, where half socks cost more than full ones and where the less your clothing is (i.e. minis and bikinis) the more you pay for it, which is a life of rape, crime, drugs, etc. total sexual vulgarity and violent crime. How many of our young girls admire, perhaps openly, perhaps secretly in their hearts career, professional, business women, women out in the corporate world. Women driving cars, wearing sun glasses, one hand on the steering wheel and a cell phone on the ear, handbags dangling from their shoulders, popping out their credit cards from their smart purses! All looks like a rosy picture, behind this rosy front is tension, greed, depression, dissatisfaction with others and in fact with oneself too, all this and more leads to restlessness, resentment, psychiatric treatment, mad hospitals and suicide! They went out looking for happiness, peace of mind and contentment of heart, but looked for it in the wrong place - in status, money, position, dunia. Whereas peace of mind and contentment of heart is not in status or any other material thing, it is, without any fear of contradiction, in a pure Dienie life.

A poor person lost his gold coin, which was his only possession in his life. He searched for it under the bright street lamp, but could not find it, a friend came along and asked what he was looking for. He said, "My gold coin, which was my only asset." He also helped him look for it, after a while, not finding it, as is common, his friend asked, "Where did you lose it?" He said, "In my hut/tin shanty." He said then why are you looking for it here? He said there are no lights in my hut! He can look for it under the bright street lamp post, till the cows go home, he will never find it there. He will have to look for it, where he lost it, in his shanty. Even if he uses a little candle or a lamp, or even just move his hands around in the dark - he will find it where he lost it, and not where he didn't lose it!

## **CONTENTMENT**

A villager was sleeping under a tree with the tree leaves blowing in the wind, serving as a wonderful air conditioning with no side effects, and a wonderful, permissible melodious tune. He was fast asleep with a brick under his head for a pillow. A man of the city, a graduate or 'grajuate' came along, woke him up and asked, "What are you doing." Surprised, he said, you are such a big graduate can't you see I'm sleeping and enjoying my sleep! He said, "No, you mustn't sleep." He asked, "What must I do?" He said, "You must be constructive, creative, useful, productive, you must do something!" He asked, what? He said get a chopper and chop wood and sell it, you will make money! He asked, "Thereafter, what must I do?" He said, "Buy another chopper and get somebody to work for you, then you will be a boss." Then get another 5/10 people to work for you. Now you will be a big Laani. Then you will buy a truck, then you will build a beautiful mansion and modern up to date offices. He asked,

“Then what?” He said, “You will live a wonderful peaceful life.” He asked, “What am I doing now?” Am I not living a wonderful peaceful life?! You want to take me on this long, difficult journey and bring me back right where I am? In the process, I will have so many jealous people of me, enemies, robbers will be after me, the tax man will be after me, and whenever someone will walk in my office with a briefcase I will think his the tax man. I will have endless problems and hardships. It will just be an outward picture of peace and happiness, but inside I will have great, great problems such as restless nights, insomnia, high blood, sugar and so many other problems. No time for myself, for resting, for my family, everything will be lost - it will just be a total outward show! No, thank you! You keep your advice for yourself!

So we have to look for our peace of mind and comfort of the heart where it is! We will find it there! In living a life of Sunnats! Sayyedena Umar  said 'We are a nation whom Allah  has honoured by Islam, if we look for our honour in anything besides Islam, Allah  will disgrace us!' And we will never find it where it is not - in a way of life which is alien to Islam and true Muslims! In lofty mansions, flashy cars, big businesses, night clubs, casinos, big wasteful, immoral and haraam wedding functions, etc. Unfortunately people regard such a life style as the in thing, the way to go.

If it is the way to go - it is the way to go to hell fire! The way of Sunnat guarantees and will give a beautiful life in this world and the great ne'mats of Jannat! In this world a person will be connected with Allah . It is narrated in a Hadith,

من أصلح فيما بينه وبين الله أصلح الله فيما بينه وبين الناس

*He who corrects his matter between himself and His Rabb, Allah ﷻ  
will correct all his matters between him and the creation.*

## **HOW TO CORRECT OUR MATTERS WITH ALLAH ﷻ**

What an easy way to correct our matters with Allah ﷻ - just follow the Sunnats, and all your matters with other people will be corrected! By following Sunnats a person will get Jannat, and by getting Jannat, already in this world he will start enjoying the effects and fruits of Jannat. And, of course he will have Allah ﷻ also, now cash in this world. So his enjoyable life of Dunia is also guaranteed! Every person likes what is best. If he can afford it and it is available, he will choose the best. Seeing this Allah ﷻ has given him the best in himself, for example, every person likes first class. First class is having a nice soft seat amongst other things, so Allah ﷻ has given every person his own attached soft seat that goes with him wherever he goes; he does not even have to carry it separately!

A Pathaan - Khan Saab - having completed his Chilla (40 day period) in jamaat was returning from Raiwind to Peshawar. His Imaani level was on a high. At a station he got off to perform his Asr Salaah. With his Imaan being at a high he took his time and performed his Salaah with devotion and concentration, in the mean time the train started moving, he thought Allah ﷻ is the doer of everything, doesn't matter if the train is moving, I must take my time and perform my Salaah. When he completed the 1st class coach came in front of him. He jumped on - the conductor pulled him down, saying it is illegal to

board a moving train. He complied and got down, the conductor started boarding the moving train, Khan Saab pulled him down, saying if it is forbidden for me, it is forbidden for you also! The conductor pulled out his red flag and waived the train driver to stop, and then he jumped on. Khan Saab also jumped on and said, "It is OK for me also to jump on now?" The conductor said, "yes".

When he sat down the conductor asked him for his ticket so he showed it. The conductor said, "Khan Saab you can't sit here." He asked the reason? He said, "Is this train not going to Peshawar and is my ticket not for Peshawar?" He said, "Yes, but your ticket is for 3rd class and this is first class." He asked, "What's the difference?" He replied, "The 3rd class has got hard wooden seats, while 1st class has these soft padded seats. He thought for a while, then threw the padded cushion out of the window and asked the conductor, is it OK now as I'm sitting on the hard wooden bench? Seeing his temperament the conductor said, "Yes Khan Saab, it is OK", fearing that he might be thrown out next! Anyway, everyone likes the best and we all can get the best by following the Sunnats - it's that easy. But, unfortunately, common sense has become so common that no one is interested in it!

## POEMS OF HADRAT HAKIM SAHEB

Some other poems of Hadhrat Hakim Saheb ﷺ regarding Sunnats:

جو چلا تیرے نقش قدم پر

کام ران ہے وہ دونوں جہاں میں

*Whoever walked in your foot steps (following your Sunnats) - He is  
successful in both the worlds!*

مومن جو فدا نقش کف پائے رسول اللہ ہو

ہو زیر قدم آج بھی عالم کا خزینہ

*That Mu'min who sacrifices himself to follow the Sunnats of  
Rasulullah ﷺ - The world's treasures will be under his feet, even  
today!*

گر سنت نبوی کی پیروی کرے امت

طوفان سے نکل جائیگا پھر اسکا سفینہ

*If the Ummat will follow the Sunnats of ﷺ It's ship will come out of  
the storms once more!*

ہر ایک امر میں راہ سنت پے چل کر

خدا کی کرم سے میں منصور ہوگا

*By following Sunnats in every matter - I will be helped by the  
Kindness of Allah.*

## **SUNNATS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL**

If a person travels anywhere and sees a beautiful ladies hand bag, shoes or dress, etc. he desires to have it for his wife and feels that she will look so beautiful in it when she wears it. He buys it and gives it to her, when she wears it he feels very happy and nice. Similarly, what Allah ﷻ liked the most for His creation, he gave to Rasulullah ﷺ and ordered us to adorn it, when we follow that - Allah ﷻ loves us - Fattebu'ani yuhbibkumullah. Follow in the way of Rasulullah ﷺ and Allah ﷻ will love You!

## **DESIRE FOR ISLAM IN THE WORLD**

Mufti Taqi Uthmaani D.B says, Muslims want Islamic law to be enforced in the world, they want governance according to Islam. They march, demonstrate demanding establishment of Islamic law in the country, govern according to Islam in our country, etc! These aspirations are noble, sublime and required, but the method used is not correct. Mufti Saheb D.B explains the correct method is that every person is a country of his own with so many provinces - the province of the head, brains, heart, eyes, tongue, hands, legs, etc. and you are the life-long president or prime minister of this country, not only for 4/5 years, you don't have to canvass for votes and fight an election! And you have no opposition in this parliament; just bring Islam and Sunnats in each of these provinces. If everyone does this, Islam will become alive in the whole world. We won't require a huge budget for this, nor huge buildings, an army, government or anything. Just everyone brings every Sunnat in his life and Islam will flourish in the whole world immediately. But, unfortunately simple solutions are too simple for us sophisticated people.

Look at the great impact of Sunnat on us and the whole of society and the whole world - no wonder Allah ﷻ, Rasulallah ﷺ and the the Ulama Haq Rabbaanien stress so much on Sunnats. May Allah ﷻ grant us the understanding in our hearts, minds and lives. Aamien.

## **WE ARE VALUABLE AS LONG AS WE HOLD ONTO SUNNATS**

It is not a long time ago, we all must still be remembering that time, when we bought rice there were little stones, twigs of grass, etc. with the rice. We knew this, yet we bought the rice and paid for the little stones which are heavier than rice at the price of the rice. Also we paid for the twigs of grass which are lighter than rice, the price of rice! Why?! Because they were in the 'company' of the rice. After buying the rice we looked after it from weather conditions, the sun, rain, etc. from somebody stealing it, from animals eating it, etc. all this because those stones and twigs were in the company of the rice - with the rice. But when the house ladies set and cleaned the rice and separated the rice from the stones and twigs, etc. and threw the stones and twigs away - now nobody will buy it for even a cent, or look after the stones and twigs, they are trampled on by everyone, people and dogs urinate on it - it has lost all it's value by getting separated from the rice. Similarly as long as we were 'in the company of the Sunnats' we were 'paid for' and looked after by Allah ﷻ at the price of Sunnats. We were and are worse and lower than those stones and twigs, but by the nisbat, connection of Sunnats we had this great value by Allah ﷻ. Nobody separated us from the Sunnats, we separated ourselves. We seperated ourselves from the Masaajid, the Quraan, Islamic Education and Knowledge,

Islamic Dressing, etc. Just let us bring the Sunnats back into our lives and see how Allah ﷻ will return our lost honour and position! Just as we paid the price of rice for the stones and twigs, Allah ﷻ will 'pay' our price according to the value of Sunnats: that is the reward of 100 martyrs, the love of Allah ﷻ, Jannat, getting connected to Allah ﷻ, etc.! And as we look after the stones and twigs that are with the rice, Allah ﷻ will look after us! But when we separate ourselves from the Sunnats we are not looked after - then the eaters of swine and the drinkers of wine trample on us, murder and maim us, rape our women, slaughter our babies and humiliate us in the most terrible ways. We bring disasters on ourselves and chop our own feet with our own choppers!

## **PROOF OF THE LOVE OF ALLAH AND HOW TO ACQUIRE IT?**

When the Jews claimed their love for Allah ﷻ, in reply Allah ﷻ said, "A true lover of Allah ﷻ follows the ways of Rasulallah ﷺ."

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ

*Say (O Muhammad ﷺ), "If you love Allah then follow me (Muhammad ﷺ), Allah will then love you*

O Rasulallah, Say to them that if they love Allah ﷻ then they must follow you, then Allah ﷻ will love them. So Allah ﷻ has made the criteria of the love of Allah ﷻ the following in the ways of Rasulallah ﷺ. A person may claim his love for Allah ﷻ or he wants to have, cultivate, that love; in either case the way to acquire it, or prove it, is

to follow the Sunnats of Rasulullah ﷺ. It is not enough to just make a claim of the love for Allah ﷻ, etc.

لكل قول حقيقة

*There has to be a proof for every claim!*

Also the display of love differs from person to person and occasion to occasion. For example, a person loves his mother, wife, sister and daughter; but the expression of that love will differ from person to person! His love for his mother will be different from the love for his wife. His love for his sister will be different from the love for his daughter!

A person loved his pets and they also loved him. On his return from work a dog expressed its love for its master by jumping on him. Seeing this donkey thought that this was the way of showing love, so it also jumped on the master, knocking him down and killing him there and then! So we have to learn the method of showing love! The Sunnats are the correct expression for the true love of Allah ﷻ and His Rasulullah ﷺ.

Some people claim great love for Nabi ﷺ but express it in various forms of Bid'aat (innovations). This is not love, but rather the anti thesis of it. True love is to follow the Sunnats. To keep a beard according to the Sunnat – to adopt all the Sunnats inwardly and outwardly.

A Buzurg and great lover of Rasulullah ﷺ was in the habit of shaving his beard. He was asked about it. He said, "My piety lies in the fact

that I do not hurt the feeling of anyone.” He was told, “Whenever you put the razor on your cheeks, it is like cutting the heart of Rasulallah ﷺ. He was genuine in his love, but wrong in his approach. He immediately made Tauba and kept a proper Sunnat beard.

On the other hand are those who are on the opposite extreme, those who belittle regard as un-important and insignificant and even go to the extent of mocking the Sunnat (Wali’yaazu Billah). In between these two extremes is the perfect middle part of the Ulama of Deoband! Somebody correctly said, “Deoband stands for correct and true Tauheed, love and practice of Sunnat and adorning a simple lifestyle.

So important are the Sunnats that they are the very criteria of proof for the love of Allah ﷻ and so powerful are they that they will create the love of Allah ﷻ, and in return a person will get the love of Allah ﷻ! Allahu Akbar!

## **THE BENEFIT OF OUTWARD IMITATION**

Just imagine, just by following the Sunnats a person will become the beloved of Allah ﷻ. In the time of Moosa ﷺ the magicians came out against Moosa ﷺ by the order of Firoun. However, they had 2 qualities in them, one was Adab (respect) which they offered Moosa ﷺ, by asking Moosa ﷺ, whether they must first show their magic or will Moosa ﷺ first show his (which they thought was magic, but in reality it was a miracle from Allah ﷻ); and the other quality they had was that they dressed like Moosa ﷺ! Allah ﷻ loved that imitation - a poet says:

میں تیری محبوب کی شہادت لیکے آیا ہوں  
حقیقت اسکو تو کر دے میں صورت لیکے آیا ہوں

*O Allah I have only come with a similarity of Your beloved, You make  
it into a reality!*

So the magicians came with the outward imitation of Moosa ﷺ, Allah ﷻ loved it so much that Allah ﷻ made it a reality immediately! Allah ﷻ blessed them with that Iman, which they announced when they saw the miracle of Moosa ﷺ of the stick turning into a snake and then swallowing up all their imaginary snakes which they presented to the people by mesmerising their eyes and minds, filling the whole stadium with serpents! Then the snake turned back into a stick. On seeing this immediately they were blessed with Imaan by Allah ﷻ, and what strong Imaan?! Firoun threatened them that if they belief in Allah ﷻ and Moosa ﷺ, he would cut their one hand and the opposite leg, leave them hanging from trees and that they would die like this! They knew that Firoun's threats were not empty threats but that he would do what he threatened them with. In spite of this, they were blessed with such a strong Imaan - by just dressing and imitating Moosa ﷺ that they immediately and with one voice said:

لا ضير

*it does not matter!*

They also said,

فَأَقْضِي مَا أَنْتَ قَاضٍ  
So do as you decide.

Do what you want to do!

قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِرَبِّ هَارُونَ وَمُوسَى  
“We believe in the Rabb of Haaroon and Moosa.”

We have brought Imaan on the Rabb of Moosa and Haroun ﷺ. We are concerned of our eternal, everlasting life of the Aakherat) You can do what you want.

It is narrated that Firoun did inflict this punishment, whose numbers are between 10,000 and 120,000. So just imagine that if by imitating Moosa ﷺ they were blessed with such Imaan; if we imitate our Rasulullah ﷺ, who is Imaamul Ambiyaa, what won't Allah ﷻ bless us with?! And not only that, Allah ﷻ further announces His love for those who follow the Sunnats of Rasul ﷺ! Just imagine if you have the love of any person, the lover goes out of his way for his beloved, he will do whatever is in his power to make his beloved happy and comfortable. Don't we see a mother who loves her baby so dearly will stay awake at night tending to her child; if the child messes it's clothes and the bed, the mother will clean the child and make it sleep in a clean dry place and sleep herself in the wet, dirty place.

She will get up so many times at night concerned about her child, she will see to all her house work and child and other children, straining herself and coming under pressure - without any complain

- in fact happy and smiling - all this, and much more is solely because of her love for her child and children! A mother can do so much and that's it! She is human and her capacities are limited! So what to say of the person who gains the love of Allah ﷻ, Who's love is unlimited as He is unlimited. What and what won't Allah ﷻ do for a person who has gained the love of Allah ﷻ! And through living our lives according to Sunnat it is so easy to acquire this love! And not only this, but Allah ﷻ further promises forgiveness of sins on following the Sunnats! Subhanallah!

## **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Allah ﷻ is fully aware that you are full of faults and weaknesses, but just by following Sunnats, Allah ﷻ promises to love you and forgive all your sins. From this let us also understand the importance and value of nisbat (connection). That is, just by connecting ourselves with Sunnats, we are still those weak, filthy sinners, but Subhanallah just by the barkat of the connection to Sunnats we have become the beloveds of Allah ﷻ and gained forgiveness of all our sins from Allah ﷻ directly!

## **THORNS AND ROSES**

Moulana Jalaaluddin Rumi ؒ gives an example of a rose in the garden. So to say the thorns under the rose petals complained to Allah ﷻ that You made us thorns, nobody likes thorns in his garden, when the gardener will service the garden he will throw us out. So to say Allah ﷻ said, "O My thorns, I made you thorns, nobody will throw you out of the beautiful garden, you just remain under the roses and nobody will dare touch you or throw you out." When a

lover will give a rose to his beloved the thorns will go with! When a person buys a rose, for whatever price, the thorns will be purchased at the price of the roses. This is just because they are with, under the roses! This is the value of Nisbat (connection) and on the other side the value of Sunnats!

We are worse than thorns, but just keep the connection with the pious, bring Sunnats in our lives, we will be accorded the value of Sunnats. On the other hand look at the great value of Sunnats, by just having them in our lives we will be treated and regarded on the value of Sunnats!

## THE MERCY OF ALLAH ﷻ

At the end of the Aayat Allah ﷻ says,

وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

*Allah ﷻ is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful!*

The mere translation in the English language cannot do justice to the meaning of the Aayat, nor can anyone! My Ustaad, Hadhrat Moulana Shah Anzhar Saheb Kashmiri ﷻ said, "If a person commits a sin, nothing is lost, you don't have to be so perplexed; for when a person commits a sin in the terminology of the Quraan he is called a Zhaalim (a friend who has done wrong, sinned - believers are the friends of Allah ﷻ) for which you should make sincere Taubah and Istighfaar. If you have become a Zhaalim you will find Allah ﷻ to be Ghaafir (The Forgiver). And if you have committed many sins, you are then Zhallaam (A great sinner), make sincere Taubah and Istighfaar and you will find Him to be Ghaffaar! The Very Great

Forgiver of sins, and if you have committed unlimited sins then you are regarded as Zhaloom, then repent and seek forgiveness and you will find Allah ﷻ to be Ghafoor. In the Arabic language we have singular, dual, plural and the very great plural (Muntahal Jumu). So if you have become such a great sinner - a Zhalum - then also no real problem, just make sincere Taubah and Istighfaar. You have become such a great sinner, a Zhalum, you will find and Allah ﷻ is Ghafoor (in which there is mubaalagha - the great superlative of Forgiveness)! Subhanallah!

If you are Zhaalim you will find Allah ﷻ to be Ghaafir, if you are Zhallaam, you will find Allah ﷻ to be Ghaffaar, and if you are Zhalum, you will find Allah ﷻ to be Ghafoor! Where is there or where can we find anyone like our Beloved, Unique, One and Only Allah ﷻ? We should really become die hearts and sacrifice our everything for our Most Merciful, Forgiving, Kind Allah ﷻ! Haraam insurance companies and panel beaters can say your car is a write off, beyond repairs and only fit for the scrap yard! Allah ﷻ will never write off any person and say he is only fit for the fire of hell - never! Just make sincere Taubah and Istighfaar and in an instance see how Allah ﷻ raises you from the filthy gutter lines of raw sewerage and urine, pus and filth to the highest pedestals of Wilaayat, even higher than the Malaa'iekah!

## **THE VALUE OF KALIMAH TAYYIBA**

The Kalimah of Islam - Laa ilaaha illal lah - is a kalema e kimia, i.e. kalema of alchemy (alchemy is a false believe that by it a stone can be changed into gold), however, here without any doubt, this

Kalimah changes a Jahannami into a Jannati, a hated person into a most beloved person and a rejected person into an accepted person, immediately. In Bukhaari Sharif we read of the person who killed 99 people, then he decided to make Taubah. He asked an Aalim who was not a Alim Rabbaani (one connected to Allah and knowing the qualities of Allah ﷻ), he said where can there be forgiveness for a person who has killed 99 people, you are destined to hell, he gave him a strict ruling according to the book – strict laws! -becoming despondent and frustrated he killed him as well - completing his century.

After some time he asked an Aalim-e-Rabbaani (an Aalim who had knowledge of the book of Allah and who knew Allah ﷻ as well), he said no problem, just make sincere Taubah and Allah ﷻ will definitely forgive you, but go to Nasarah (a town where pious people lived). Whilst proceeding to the town he passed away. The angels of Jannat as well as the angels of Jahannam came to fetch his Rooh to take him to their respective places. The angels of Jannat argued that he should be going to Jannat, whilst the angels of Jahannam argued that he should be going to Jahannam. Allah ﷻ sent an angel in human form to settle their dispute. He decided that they should measure the distance of his home town, Fajarah, from where he was coming and the distance to the town he was going to, Nasarah. In actual fact the distance to the town he was going to was longer than his home town from where he was coming, but Allah ﷻ shortened the distance to Nasarah when they were measuring. This is the fadhli (unwarranted, undeserving Mercy) of Allah ﷻ. Adal is justice and this is Fadhl! So he was sent to Jannat! So this was Fadhl in the form of Adal! (kindness and mercy in the form of justice). This

is as explained by Hafiz ibne Hajr Asqalaani ﷺ in Fathul Baari as explained to us many times by our illustrious Sheikh ﷺ. So this is the forgiveness and Mercy of Allah ﷻ - all this can be acquired by following the Sunnats, as declared by Allah ﷻ Himself! Also we should note that Allah ﷻ is Karim and our Rasulullah ﷺ is also Karim - this also as explained by our honourable Sheikh ﷺ!

## **THE DIFFERENT MEANINGS OF KAREEM**

Hadhrat explains 4 meanings of Karim:

الذى تفضل علينا بدون استحقاق

*He Who showers mercies on us, without us being worthy of it*

الذى تفضل علينا بدون سؤال ومنة

*He who showers His mercies on us without asking or begging from  
Him*

الذى تفضل علينا فوق ما نتمني به

*He who showers His Mercies on us without any fear of His Mercies  
getting finish or diminishing*

الذى تفضل علينا بدون خوف ان ينفد ما عنده

*He Who showers His mercies on us, more than we hope for*

That is our Allah ﷻ! And we can take from Him, all by just following the beautiful, practical and beneficial Sunnats of our beloved and great Rasulallah ﷺ! At the end of the Aayat Allah ﷻ says that He is Rahim as well. Rahim is also the superlative of Rahm (the Mercy of Allah ﷻ), which means that He is extremely, very Merciful! Allah ﷻ is Rahmaan as well as Rahim. In Rahmaan that mercy of Allah ﷻ is referred to, which is displayed in this small world, which is for believers and non believers, in which there may be some pain, difficulty and hardship as well. Like a person has to undergo an operation or take some bitter medicine. The end result, will hopefully be one of mercy, that he will be cured from his ailment, but, the operation or bitter medicine is disliked. Whilst in Rahim is that Mercy of Allah ﷻ which will be displayed in the everlasting, fascinating, huge Aakhirat - it is so great that it seems unbelievable (to the non believers), but of course we fully and from the bottom of our hearts believe in it! This Mercy is exclusive to the believers, it is something special and there is no pain, difficulty or hardship in it.

## **FORGIVENESS IN RECITING A DUA**

It is like you have a wonderful, delicious, sumptuous meal and then read the Dua

الحمد لله الذي أطعمني هذا و رزقنيه من غير حول مني و لا قوة

*All praise is due only to Allah ﷻ Who gave this to me to eat without any effort, nor energy from my side.*

On reciting this one's past sins are forgiven, so a person had a wonderful meal and got his sins even forgiven, no getting up for

tahajjud, etc. and crying to Allah for forgiveness - enjoying a sumptuous meal and getting forgiven as well- what great sweet Mercy of Allah ﷻ! A similar Dua is taught when wearing clothes,

الحمد لله الذي كساني هذا من غير حول مني و لا قوة

*All praise is due to Allah ﷻ, Who clothed me with this, without any effort from my side nor any energy.*

That just by reading this dua, one's past and future sins are all forgiven - what great Mercies and Forgiveness of Allah ﷻ! Or it is mentioned in the Hadith,

الطَّاعِمُ الشَّاكِرُ كَالصَّائِمِ الصَّابِرِ

*A person who eats and is thankful, gets the reward of a person fasting and making Sabr.*

Making Sabr on his fast is significant, that he is really feeling the pangs of hunger and the hardship of thirst in his fasting! Anyway the one who eats, but is thankful to Allah ﷻ gets the same reward as the fasting person, experiencing all these difficulties! Allahu Akbar, what mercies of Allah?! Eat and enjoy and get the rewards of a fasting person, experiencing hardship in his fast. This is Rahim! Just by following in the Sunnats we can get all these bounties of our Rahman, Rahim, Allah ﷻ! How can we deprive ourselves of these bounties? Impossible! May Allah ﷻ give us the Taufieq to:-

1) Acquire the knowledge of every Sunnat.

- 2) Love of every Sunnat.
- 3) The Taufieq to make Amal on it.
- 4) To spread it throughout the world till Qiyaamah!

A person cannot know everything, nor every Sunnat, so we must be in a continuous learning process.

1. To acquire the knowledge of every Sunnat. To acquire this we should have Taaliem daily, individually or collectively, and have Taaliem at home discussing a kitaab on the Sunnats of Rasulullah ﷺ. One very easy, practical such kitaab is the 'Beautiful Sunnats of our beloved Rasulullah ﷺ' by Hadhrat Maulana Shah Hakim Muhammad Akhtar Saheb ؒ which is a very simple, basic, pocket size, practical kitaab on the Sunnats from morning to night and birth to death. This can be found on the website 'Khanqah Ashrafia Imdadia'. A practical way of doing this Taaliem is to read the same Sunnat for about a week, discuss and remind about 10 friends about it daily, personally, by phone, email, etc. in this way ours will become strong in memory and practice. Another very good kitaab, more in detail, is 'Sunnats' by Mufti Ebrahim Salejee of Escourt, KZN. These are in English, there are other kitaabs on this subject as well, but make sure they are authentic and by authentic writers / compilers.

2. To have the love of every Sunnat. We may not be able to practise on every Sunnat, but we can and must have love for every Sunnat. On one occasion Mufti Zainul Abedien Saheb ؒ mentioned it will not be practical to travel by camels today, nevertheless, we should still have the love of it and cherish it in our hearts, that if only we

could also travel, exactly as Rasulullah ﷺ travelled. Similarly it will be with every other Sunnat that we may not be able to practise on. To develop this love we should read Durood Sharief in abundance with concentration, devotion and love and also include in our Taaliem a kitaab on the Seerat of Rasulallah ﷺ or do it individually.

3. To practise on every Sunnat. Once the love of Rasulallah ﷺ will be developed and the love for the Sunnats, to practise upon them will become, not only easy, but natural, loving and desirable! Practise upon every Sunnat on the relevant occasions, this will draw other Sunnats as well into our lives, don't leave out any Sunnat, regarding it as trivial or due to laziness - this will cause a deprivation of further Sunnats coming into our lives and also the fear that Sunnats, which we are practicing upon, may depart from us. Abstain from all things that are in place of a Sunnat - like using a tooth brush in place of the miswaak - by this practice the Sunnats will depart from our lives.

4. To spread every Sunnat in the whole world till the day of Qiyamah. We should make this Niyyat and then try to do this as much as it is practical. One is we personally encourage others, by mentioning the virtues, benefits, etc. another is to distribute the Kitaabs on the Sunnats to others, another is to have cards, etc. printed on which one, one Sunnat is mentioned, together with its benefits and distribute them amongst people. May Allah ﷻ give us Taufieq and accept from us. Aamien.

It is mentioned in a Hadith,

من احب سننتي عند فساد اُمّتي له اجر مائة شهيد

*A person who brings to live a Sunnat at the time of corruption in my Ummat, for this he will get the reward of a 100 Shahids!*

Mulla Ali Qari ﷺ says by 'Man ahyaa' is meant 'Ay man amila bihaa'. To make it alive means to practice on it. Allahu Akbar! Just to practise on a Sunnat in these times of corruption a person will get the reward of 100 shahids! So sunnats are so easy and practical to practise upon and once the love of Rasulullah ﷺ has been cultivated, what a pleasure to practise on the Sunnats, a person will become a die heart to practise on the Sunnats and he will get the reward of 100 martyrs. The reward of 1 martyr is so, so great, then what to say of the rewards of a 100 martyrs. Allahu Akbar, this Shahied does not even die. The Shahied (martyr) on the battle field, once martyred he is dead, his record of deeds are closed, he cannot do any more good deed. But this Shahied remains alive, he can make Amal again on another sunnat and get the reward of another 100 Shahids! What a great earning for the eternal, precious life of the Aakherat! Also he feels no pain in this Shahaadat, in fact, he experiences great joy and pleasure. The question may arise as to why is there such a great reward for reviving a Sunnat? To actually attain martyrdom on the battlefield and to revive a Sunnat are both sources to bring the whole of Dien alive in the whole world. So by practising on the Sunnats the sublime and great objective of reviving the whole Dien in the whole world will be achieved, henceforth the great rewards! This can be acquired without any huge buildings, a huge budget, armies, offices, etc! Really it is that simple - every, person can bring all Sunnats in his life and Islam will come in the whole world.

## **SIMPLE THINGS DO NOT APPEAL TO US**

The only problem is that common sense and logic is that it is too common which does not appeal to anyone as people are too sophisticated and of a very high position - our pride has made us blind and has killed us - spiritually! May Allah ﷻ open our blind eyes of the heart! For this we need to go to the spiritual doctors, who will remove the cataract of the eyes of the heart, a Sheikh. A Khalifah of Hadhrat Moulana Abraarul Haq Saheb ؒ was in a hospital in Mumbai. His doctor wanted him to sign a document so they could operate on him, he said, "I will ask my spiritual doctor first." His doctor was surprised and asked, "Who is your spiritual doctor and what is a spiritual doctor?" I am your doctor! He said gather all the doctors of the hospital and I will explain to you who a spiritual doctor is. All gathered, he told them you people continuously take our blood and test it for sugar, cholesterol, etc. Tell me can you test my blood to check how much of anger I have in me, how much of pride, hatred, malice, etc.? They said, "No!" He said, This is a spiritual doctor who will diagnose and treat you for all spiritual maladies.

## **DIVISION OF THIS UMMAT**

In the Hadith we read that this ummat will be divided into 73 groups, all will be destined to the fire of Jahannam besides one. Rasullullah ﷺ was asked, "Who is this group?" He replied,

ما أنا عليه وأصحابي

That group that will be on the Sunnats of Rasulullaah ﷺ and who will be on the practices of the Sahabaah ﷺ - which is known as the Ahlus Sunnah (People of Sunnah) wal Jamaa'ah (The jamaat of the Sahaabah, those who follow them). From this also we understand the great importance and value and necessity of Sunnah! When telephones were just still introduced in the world, and calls were still connected via the exchange. King Faisal Marhum of Saudi Arabia invited a top telephone engineer from Pakistan to set up their telephone system. The same engineer took a Jamaat in those days to Japan. There were hardly any Muslims and no Masjids. There approached a priest of a Buddhist temple requesting accommodation to stay there. He welcomed them with open arms. They asked how much he will charge. He said, "You are Godly men, you stay here as long as you wish and free of charge." On the 2nd or 3rd day, he and his whole Family accepted Islam!

He told them I know you are going to ask me why I have accepted Islam. Let me tell you before you ask me. For this give me the strongest man in your jamaat, who is physically and spiritually the strongest. They chose one person. He asked him to stand facing the wall. In a minute, he dropped him to the ground from a distance by his power, which he acquired by his exercises. He then said, "You have seen my power, which I have acquired by my spiritual exercises, which is termed as Riyaadhaat! But in these 1-2 days I have seen that every Sunnat which you people are practising on, is much, much more powerful. May Allah ﷻ grant the understanding of Sunnat and Taufeeq of Amal. Ameen!







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