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Hadith Lesson: The Significance of Jama'ah Prayer

As-Salāmu 'Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

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1- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

فَضْلُ صَلَاةِ الْجَمِيعِ عَلَى صَلَاةِ الْوَاحِدِ، خَمْسُ وَعِشْرُونَ دَرَجَةً، وَتَجْتَمِعُ
مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّيْلِ وَمَلَائِكَةُ النَّهَارِ فِي صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The virtue of a prayer performed in Jama'ah is 25 levels more superior over the virtue of a prayer performed alone.”** It is 25 times more virtuous and 25 times more thawab. **“Angels of day and night,”** the angels of night and day are different, **“they come together in the morning prayer.”** Both angels of day and night come together in the morning prayer performed in Jama'ah. The Fajr prayer in Jama'ah is very beneficial, very important and has very big Thawab.

2- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لَقَدْ هَمَمْتُ أَنْ أَمَرَ رَجُلًا يَصَلِّي بِالنَّاسِ ثُمَّ أَحْرَقُ عَلَى رِجَالٍ يَتَخَلَّفُونَ عَنِ
الْجُمُعَةِ بَيْوتَهُمْ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“I felt like ordering the man to pray and burn down the houses of those who don't perform Jum'ah prayer.”** Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is so - he ﷺ didn't want to lead the prayer but wanted to see who didn't come to pray. And he ﷺ felt like burning down their houses. It is that important to pray Jum'ah prayer.



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3- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لَيَنْتَهِيَنَّ رَجُلٌ عَنْ تَرْكِ الْجَمَاعَةِ أَوْ لِأَحْرِقَنَّ بَيْوتَهُمْ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Men who don’t participate in Jum’ah prayer should either quit their habit, or I will burn their houses.”** In the time of our Holy Prophet ﷺ, who were together with our Holy Prophet ﷺ but didn’t come to Jum’ah deserved this. But our state nowadays, may Allah ﷻ help us, even if we pray alone, Shukr to Allah ﷻ for that. But we should not lose that virtue.

4- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

الْفَرِيضَةُ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ وَالتَّطَوُّعُ فِي الْبَيْتِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Fard prayer is performed in Masjid and Nafl prayer is performed at home.”** It is better to perform Fard prayer in Jama’ah. But if you want to pray Nafl, it is alright to do it at home. No need to go to a mosque to pray Nafl. You can pray it at home. This is what it means.

5- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

الْمُؤَذِّنُ يُغْفَرُ لَهُ مَدَى صَوْتِهِ وَيَشْهَدُ لَهُ كُلُّ رَطْبٍ وَيَابِسٍ، وَشَاهِدُ الصَّلَاةِ يُكْتَبُ لَهُ خَمْسٌ وَعَشْرُونَ صَلَاةً وَيَكْفَرُ عَنْهُ مَا بَيْنَهُمَا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Mu’adhin will be forgiven as far as his voice can reach.”** Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says calling Adhan and being a Mu’adhin is a very big virtue. If they knew how important it is, they would compete and beat each other to call Adhan, says our Holy Prophet ﷺ.

They have made up something now. Only one Mu’adhin calls Adhan. So many Mu’adhins are jobless. One Mu’adhin makes it from one place for the whole district or town. Just one Muadhin recites it, and others are deprived from Thawab. May Allah ﷻ improve them.



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“Everything dry and wet will testify for him.” Wherever the voice of the Mu’adhin reaches, they will say “It reached up to here. I heard it.” Dry things which are stones, trees, grass, animals and insects will hear it. People don’t hear it, but they hear it. **“And whoever prays in Jama’ah, Thawab of 25 prayers will be written for him, and sins between two prayers will be erased.”** Sins will be erased between those two prayers.

6- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لَا صَلَاةَ لِجَارِ الْمَسْجِدِ إِلَّا فِي الْمَسْجِدِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“A person who is a neighbor to Masjid has no other place to pray apart from Masjid.”** He ﷺ is encouraging the person who lives near the mosque if he is lazy and doesn’t pray in the mosque but at home, if he neglects it as if it is difficult. Therefore, his prayer is considered incomplete, says our Holy Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam.

7- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

أَتِمُّوا الصُّفُوفَ؛ فَإِنِّي أُرَاكُمْ خَلْفَ ظَهْرِي

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Complete the rows.”** When you make a row in Jama’ah, don’t leave an empty space. Don’t make a half row and make another row behind. Complete your row. **“Indeed, I see you from behind.”** One of the miracles of our Holy Prophet ﷺ is seeing the back just like he ﷺ sees the front.

8- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

أَتِمُّوا الصَّفَّ الْمَقْدَمَ، ثُمَّ الَّذِي يَلِيهِ، فَمَا كَانَ مِنْ نَقْصٍ فَلْيَكُنْ فِي الصَّفِّ الْمُوَخَّرِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Complete the first row and then the second row in the prayer.”** Complete the rows. **“If there is an empty space in the row, that should not be in the first row but in the last row.”** First row must be proper. Then the second row, and those who come later may stand behind even if it’s less. But the first row must be full.



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9- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

أَحْسِنُوا إِقَامَةَ الصُّفُوفِ فِي الصَّلَاةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Make the rows in a prayer properly.”** People should pay attention. The prayer is performed in the presence of Allah ﷻ. Even at school, teachers align you at the back and in front. And the prayer is something more important.

10- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

اسْتَوُوا وَلَا تَخْتَلِفُوا، فَتَخْتَلِفَ قُلُوبُكُمْ، وَلِيَلِينِي مِنْكُمْ أُولُو الْأَحْلَامِ وَالنُّهَى، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Keep your rows properly. Don’t stand differently in the rows so that your hearts don’t get confused.”** Stand properly. When you stand crooked and uneven, your heart won’t be proper too, says our Holy Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam.

“The clever and mature ones among you should stand behind me,” sane people with older age, **“then those who come after them. Then those who come after them.”** They should stand accordingly. If there is a big Jama’ah, ‘Alims and old men should stand in front. And then the rest should stand going behind each other.

11- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

اسْتَوُوا تَسْتَوِي قُلُوبُكُمْ وَتَمَاسُوا تَرَاحُمُوا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Keep your rows properly so that your hearts are proper too. Don’t leave empty space in the rows to be merciful towards each other.”** Rows must be proper. Sometimes there is an empty space. Shoulders should touch each other, says our Holy Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam.



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12- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

اصْطَفُوا وَلِيَتَقَدَّمَكُمْ فِي الصَّلَاةِ أَفْضَلُكُمْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَصْطَفِي مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا وَمِنَ النَّاسِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Make a row behind the Imam in the prayer. And let the most virtuous among you get in front.”** ‘Alims or Hafiz, a person whose voice is nice should go in front. **“Because Allah Almighty chooses representatives from angels and humans.”** They are the chosen ones from among you. Therefore, the best among you should be an Imam for you in the presence of Allah ﷻ, says our Holy Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam.

13- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

أَقِيمُوا الصُّفُوفَ وَحَادُوا بِالْمَنَاكِبِ وَأَنْصِتُوا، فَإِنَّ أَجَرَ الْمُنْصِتِ الَّذِي لَا يَسْمَعُ كَأَجْرِ الْمُنْصِتِ الَّذِي يَسْمَعُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Make the rows properly. Keep your shoulders in the same line. And keep quiet. Because Thawab of a person who doesn’t hear anything and keeps quiet is like Thawab of a person who hears something and keeps quiet.”** Keep the rows properly and shoulders aligned.

Stupid Salafi people have made up a new trend that has nothing to do with Sunnah or mind. Because our Holy Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam tells to make shoulders touch each other. What do they do? They spread their legs so wide that there is no chance for the shoulders to touch each other. Where did they get it from? They say it is Sunnah. It is not Sunnah. If it was Sunnah, where was it till now? It has appeared recently, just 10-15 years ago. It is the worst of Bid’ah. They are the people of Bid’ah. Beware of doing that. No one should think it is something right.

We see some people from Ahlu s-Sunnah who spread their legs thinking it is Sunnah. According to Hanafi Madhhab, you may spread up to four fingers, or let it be eight fingers. Shafi’ Madhhab may spread a bit wider. But when you spread them too wide, shoulders will never touch. Therefore, those who say it is Sunnah



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for something that is not Sunnah commit a sin. We must be careful about it. Therefore, this is important. And it is the holy word of our Holy Prophet ﷺ Lāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam.

Sadaqa RasuluLlah fī ma qal, aw kama qal.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ says the truth in what he ﷺ said or as he ﷺ said.



Ihda’ – Dedication:

Ziyadatan ila sharafi’ ‘n-Nabi, sallaLlahu ‘alayhi wa sallam wa Alihi wa Asahabihi l-kiram, wa ila arwahi jamee’i al Anbiya’i wa l-Mursalin wa Khudama’i sharai’ihim wa ila arwahi al ‘Aimmati al arba’a, wa ila arwahi Mashayyikhina fi t-Tariqati n-Naqshbandiyyati l-Aliyyah, khassatan Imamu t-Tariqah wa Ghawthu l-Khaliqah Khwaja Bahauddin Muhammad al-Uwaisiyi l-Bukhari, Sayyidina Abdul Khaliq al Ghujduwani, Mawlana Shaykh Sharafuddin al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Abdullah al Faiz al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Muhammad Nazim Adil al Haqqani, wa sai’ri Sadatina wa s-Siddiqiyun, wa man nahnu fi hadratihim wa jiwarihim, for the souls of all our passed ones, for the souls of all Shaheeds, for happiness here and hereafter. Li-Llahi Ta’ala, Al-Fatiha.

[(**Translation**) To the honor of the Prophet, Prayers and Peace be upon Him, and his family, and his companions, and the souls of all the prophets as well as of His messengers and of those who served their Sharia, and to the souls of the four Imams. And to the souls of our Mashayikh of the Most Distinguished Naqshbandi Tariqa, in particular to the soul of the Imam of the Tariqa Ghawth al-Khaliqa (the Help of Creation), Khwaja Bahauddin Muhammad al-Uwaisiyi l-Bukhari, Sayyidina Abdul Khaliq al Ghujduwani, Mawlana Shaykh Sharafuddin al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Abdullah al Faiz al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Muhammad Nazim Adil al Haqqani, and the rest of our masters and Siddiqiyun, and to whom we are in their presence and near them, for the souls of all our passed ones, for the souls of all Shaheeds, for happiness here and hereafter. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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