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Hadīth Lesson: On Witr Prayer

As-Salāmu 'Alaykum wa RahmatuLlahi wa Barakatuh.

A'udhu BiLLāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajim. BismiLLāhi r-Rahmāni r-Rahīm.

Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salamu 'alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Ṣayyidi l-Awwalina wa l-Akhirin.

Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sadati Aṣḥābi RasūlLlah, Madad yā Mashayikhinā,

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Naẓīm al-Haqqāni. Madad.

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

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

صلاة الليل مثنى مثنى، فإذا خفت الصبح فأوتر بواحدة فإن الله وترحب الوتر

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Night prayers are performed two by two rak'ahs.**” The nāfilahs are performed two by two. “**If you fear the approach of the Fajr prayer, then perform one rak'ah last.** Allāh ﷺ is One, and He ﷺ loves oneness.”

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

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

صلاة الليل مثنى مثنى، والوتر كعُّة في آخر الليل

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**The night prayer is two by two, and the witr prayer is one rak'ah at the end of the night.**” That is, as we said, not the Hanafi but the Shafī'i can pray one rak'ah. But us, those who follow the Hanafi Madhhab pray all three rak'ahs at once.

3- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

الوتر حُقٌّ، فمن لم يوتر فليسَ مَنَّا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Witr is a right,**” it is wājib. “**Whoever does not perform it is not one of us.**” Considering it a nāfilah and skipping it is wrong. It is wājib. Everyone must perform it.

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

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَسْعَةٌ وَّتِسْعِينَ اسْمًا مَّئَةً غَيْرَ وَاحِدٍ لَا يَحْفَظُهَا إِلَّا دُخُلُّ الْجَنَّةِ وَهُوَ وَرَّ

يَحْبُّ الْوَتْرَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Surely Allāh ﷺ has 99 Names, that is, one less than 100.**” Allah Azza wa Jalla has 99 Names. “**The person who memorizes these will definitely enter Paradise. Allah ﷺ is one, He ﷺ loves what’s odd.**” He who memorizes the 99 names will enter Paradise. Even those who haven’t memorized it can read it from something.

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

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَسْعَةٌ وَّتِسْعِينَ اسْمًا مَّئَةً غَيْرَ وَاحِدًا، إِنَّهُ وَرَّ يَحْبُّ الْوَتْرَ، وَمَمَّنْ عَبَدَ

يَدْعُو بِهَا إِلَّا وَجَبَتْ لَهَا الْجَنَّةُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Surely Allāh ﷺ has ninety-nine Names, that is, one less than a hundred.**” The Names of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla revealed to our Prophet ﷺ are numerous, but ninety-nine Names are given specially to his ﷺ ummah. “**Allah ﷺ is One and loves the odd.**” He ﷺ loves the odd, not what’s even. Therefore, these 99 names are the names that Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla gave to our Prophet ﷺ. “**Paradise is guaranteed for every servant who makes du’ā with these Names of Allāh ﷺ.**” As we said, it is good to memorize them. Even if one doesn’t memorize them, reciting them will make one among the people of Paradise.

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

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

الْوَتْرُ كَعْثُ فِي آخِرِ الْلَّيْلِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**The Witr prayer is one rak’ah at the end of the night.**” So, the last is the Witr prayer.

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7- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

لَا وَتَرَانَ فِي لَيْلَةٍ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“You cannot pray two Witr prayers in one night.”** So, you cannot pray one Witr prayer after Isha then another before Fajr or during Tahajjud. Witr must be once.

8- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

زَادَ فِي صَلَوةِ الْوَتَرِ، وَهِيَ الْوَتَرُ، وَوَقْتُهَا مَا بَيْنَ الْعِشَاءِ إِلَى طَلَوْعِ الْفَجْرِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“My Lord has added a prayer to the five daily prayers,”** it is especially for our Prophet ﷺ. **“And that is the Witr prayer, and its time is from ‘Isha until Fajr.”**

9- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

الَّذِي لَا يَنْامُ حَقِيقًا يُوَتَّرُ حَازِمٌ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The one who does not sleep without performing the Witr prayer is a cautious person, one who has secured his affairs.”** That is, in fear of forgetting it later, or falling asleep, the one who performs it before going to bed is one who is secure in his affairs.

10- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

مَنْ لَمْ يَوْتِرْ فَلَا صَلَاةَ لَهُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“He who does not perform the Witr prayer has no other prayer either,”** not complete, missing. Prayers without the Witr prayer are incomplete.

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11- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

مَنْ نَامَ عَنْ وَتْرِهِ أَوْ سَيَّهِ، فَلَيُصَلِّهِ إِذَا أَصْبَحَ أَوْ ذَكَرَهُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Whoever misses the Witr prayer because of falling asleep or forgetting it, should perform it when he wakes up or remembers it.**” He should perform it later.

12- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

اسْتَعِينُو بِطَعَامِ السَّحَرِ عَلَى صِيَامِ النَّهَارِ، وَبِالْقَلِيلِ لَهُ عَلَى قِيَامِ اللَّيْلِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Seek help by eating Suhur for fasting that day,**” the person who is going to fast must eat Suhur meal so that fasting becomes easier for them. “**And by taking a brief rest (at midday) for praying at night for night prayersb.**” That is, after noon till before Asr time, of course; whenever one sleeps then is called a Qaylūla. It makes it easier for a person a to wake up for the night prayer.

13- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

أَقْلُوا الْخُروجَ بَعْدَهُدَّةِ الرَّجُلِ؛ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى دُوَابٌ يَبْثُثُ فِي الْأَرْضِ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Do not go out much when there are few people about.**” So our people like to go out and wander around at night. But our Prophet ﷺ says, “Reduce that.” “**Reduce so for Allah the Exalted scatters abroad of His beasts in that hour.**” That is, there are unseen creatures, so it’s not good to go out at that time. It’s more preferable to stay at home.

14- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam*

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

إِيَاكُمْ وَالسَّمْرُ بَعْدَهُدَّةِ الرَّجُلِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ لَا تَدْرُونَ مَا يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ فِي خَلْقِهِ

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Beware of conversation after the sound of footsteps has ceased on the road and in the street at night.**” So, don’t get lost in conversation, says our Prophet ﷺ. “**For you don’t know what Allah ﷺ will send from His ﷺ creations.**” Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla has many creations. You might be struck, or something else might happen. May Allāh ﷺ protect us.

15- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

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

قِيلُوا، فِإِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ لَا تَقِيلُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Take a nap at midday, (have a Qaylūla) for the shayṭāns do not take a nap at this time.**” The shayṭāns do not like the Qaylūla. So you both perform a Sunnah of our Prophet ﷺ and rest.

16- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

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

مَنْ قَرَضَ بَيْتَ شِعْرٍ بَعْدَ الْعَشَاءِ؛ لَمْ تُقْبَلْ لَهُ صَلَاةُ تِلَكَ الْلَّيْلَةَ حَتَّى يُصْبِحَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Whoever reads/composes a verse of poetry after the Isha prayer, his prayer will not be accepted that night until morning.**” This means that unnecessary things should not be done, our Prophet ﷺ says. As Muslims, we can do many things, but we need to be mindful of certain things.

17- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

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

خُفْفُوا بِطُونَكُمْ وَظُهُورَكُمْ لِقِيَامِ الصَّلَاةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**Keep your stomach and back light for the night prayer. Do not fill your stomach completely.**” If you fill it completely, you will fall asleep and it will be difficult to get up.

18- *Qala RasuluLlah salsa Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

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

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نَهَىٰ عَنِ النَّوْمِ قَبْلِ الْعِشَاءِ وَالْحَدِيثِ بَعْدِهَا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ forbid sleeping before the ‘Isha prayer and unnecessary talking after it. There is no need to sleep between Maghrib and ‘Isha prayer. It’s even not good to sleep after Asr. Our Prophet ﷺ says that. Also, he ﷺ forbid vain talk later in the night. Of course, this is what the Companions were capable of. When it comes to us, may Allāh ﷺ forgive us all, in shā’ā Llāh.

Sadaqa RasuluLlah fi ma qal, aw kama qal.

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



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(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. To the souls of all the ones who’d passed away. To the souls of all Shaheeds. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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