

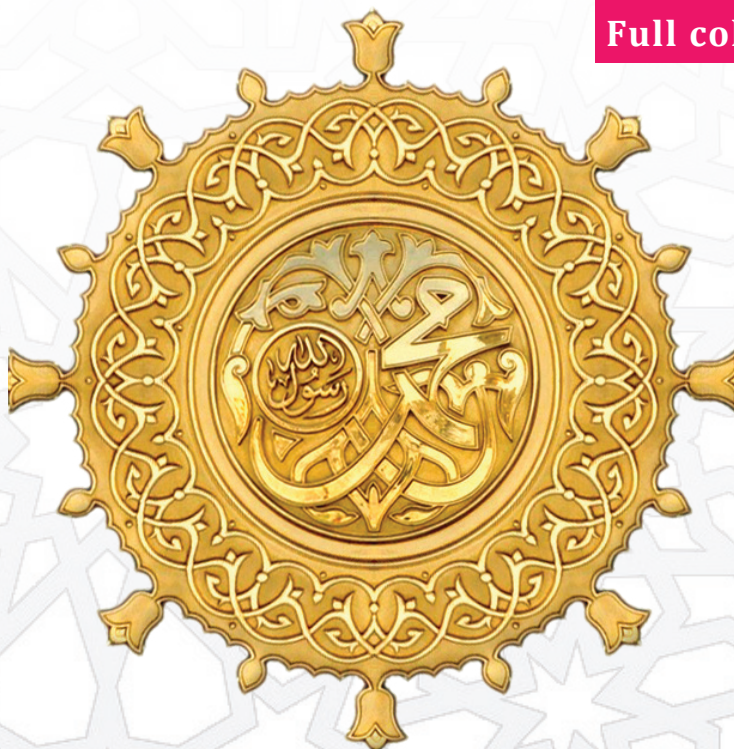
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Firstly, we thank Allāh, the Lord of all the worlds, for making this book possible. We ask that He accepts this humble effort and place it in the scales of good deeds.

This book was inspired by the memory of my late father Hafiz Muhammad Atāur Rahmān and my late grandfather Maulana Muhammad Mīzānur Rahmān.

My grandfather was a scholar of his time in Assam, India. After graduating from the Dar-Al-Hadīth Rahmāniya which was linked to the prestigious Rahimiya institute in Delhi, India, he moved back to Assam and served his community in teaching and spreading the Islamic Dawah.

My father, like his father before him, was a pillar of the community. He dedicated his time and effort to the education and welfare of his community in the UK and his native country, Bangladesh. He completed his Hifz and Qirah with Ijaza from Jamia Muhammadia institute, Gurjanwala, Pakistan. Later he graduated (Kamil) in the sciences of Hadīth. Throughout his life, he founded many Madrasah and helped establish Masjids in many places in Bangladesh.

After moving to the UK in the early 1980s, he formed a Bangladeshi Islamic community and later established a Masjid (Jame Masjid Quba that later became the Old Hill Masjid) for the local Muslims. My father strictly adhered to the Qur'ān and Sunnah and his Dawah was according to the path of the way of the Salaf-as-saliheen (Early righteous Muslims). His legacy continues in the many students he inspired and taught to be in the service of Islām.

My appreciation goes out to all the staff and students of Old Hill Madrasah (OHM), Madeenah Institute (Coventry, UK) and affiliates of Markazi Jamia Ahle Hadīth UK (MJAHI) for proofreading and their invaluable contributions. Many others assisted in this work and are too many to mention; I pray that their efforts and times are also rewarded, Aameen.

All praise is for Allāh, the Lord of all the worlds and may He bless the last Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ) and his companions.

Amīnur Rahmān

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Foreword

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All perfect & complete praise with love and veneration is exclusive for Allāh, and may the Salāh & Salām be with the final and last Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ), Muhammad bin Abdullāh Al-Qurayshi.

I was requested to review the “Short & Simple” series of books compiled for children on the topics of Aqīdah, Hadīth, the Prophet's prayer described, and important supplications by Amīnur-Rahmān, the son of the late Bangladeshi Salafi scholar Hafiz Muhammad Atāur-Rahmān (d.2020). I sent my corrections and suggestions to Amīnur-Rahmān who accepted them wholeheartedly and was extremely grateful for my correspondence and amendments.

Allāh the Most-High, separated from His creation in a manner which befits His majesty states in His noble book:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا
النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ
اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ

O you who believe! Ward off from yourselves and your families against a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allāh, but do that which they are commanded.

(At-Tahrim: 6)

Allāh the Almighty also states:

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ

And warn your tribe (O Muhammad) of near kindred

(As-Shuara: 214)

With regards to the importance of Salāh, Allāh, the Most High states:

وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا

And enjoin As-Salāt (the prayer) on your family, and be patient in offering them [i.e. the Salāt (prayers)].

(Taha: 132)

The Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) said:

كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالْأَمِيرُ رَاعٍ وَالرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا وَوَلَدِهِ فَكُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ

“All of you are guardians and are responsible for your wards. The ruler is a guardian and the man is a guardian of his family; the lady is a guardian and is responsible for her husband's house and his offspring; and so all of you are guardians and are responsible for your wards.”

(Al-Bukhārī No. 853 & Muslim No. 1829)

عَنْ جُنْدُبِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، قَالَ: كُنَّا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - وَنَحْنُ فِتْيَانٌ حَزَاوِرَةٌ، فَتَعَلَّمْنَا الْإِيمَانَ قَبْلَ أَنْ نَتَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ، ثُمَّ تَعَلَّمْنَا الْقُرْآنَ، فَازْدَدْنَا بِهِ إِيمَانًا

Jundub bin 'Abdullah said: "We were with the Prophet (ﷺ), and we were strong youth, so we learned Īmān before we learned Qur'an. Then we learned Qur'an and our faith increased thereby."

(Sunan Ibn Mājah No: 61: Sahih)

Children of the Muslims must start to learn about Tawhīd (knowledge of the oneness of Allāh as the creator, He deserving to be worshipped alone and His unique attributes) before they even start to learn how to recite the Qur'ān as Jundub bin Abdullah mentioned in the above Hadīth.

Amīnūr-Rahmān belongs to a family of Ahlul-Hadīth scholars. His grandfather was the Allamah Mīzānūr-Rahmān Rahmāni (d.1947-48) a graduate of the great Ahlul-Hadīth Institute Darul-Hadīth Rahmāniya, Delhi, India. He was a senior to our sheikh, the muhaddith, Zahirud-Din Mubarakpuri. He was given the name Mīzānūr-Rahmān by his teachers because he was very concise and balanced with regard to any issues he spoke about.

After Allamah Mīzānūr-Rahmān Rahmani graduated he returned to Assam where he settled and established a Madrasah and modelled it according to Darul-Hadīth Rahmāniya.

Amīnūr-Rahmān's late father Sheikh Hafiz Atāūr-Rahmān was a graduate of Jamiah Muhammadiyah, Gujranwala where he travelled to study in 1963 and was a student of the great scholar of Hadīth Allamah Abul-Barakāt Ahmed al-Madrasi successor of Imam Al-Hafidh Al-Gondalwi. I spoke to his father on one occasion about his teacher and all the scholars he met and studied within Pakistan and it was an inspiring conversation over a video call lasting over an hour.

Sheikh Hafiz Atāur-Rahmān founded many institutes in Bangladesh spreading the Salafi Dawah in many areas of Bangladesh. In the UK he established Bangladeshi Islamic Community in 1992 later known as the Bangladeshi Islamic Cultural Society. In addition to this, he built a Masjid known as Jame Masjid Quba, Cradley Heath in 1996 which later moved premises to become Old Hill Masjid in 2016 which Amīnur-Rahmān currently heads.

The legacy of cultivating the people and educating them upon the Madhab of Ahlul-Hadīth from Assam to Bangladesh to the UK through this noble family reflects the revival (At-Tajdid & As-Sahwa) of the Madhab of Ahlul-Hadīth in the sub-continent due to the efforts Sheikul-Islām Nazir Hussain Dehlawi which has reached Old Hill, UK with the infinite mercy of Allāh alone.

I am honoured to write such a forward and advise Amīnur-Rahmān to continue seeking knowledge at the feet of the scholars and return his and the Masjid affairs back to them, in addition, to strictly adhere to the Salafi Creed & methodology in all his affairs.

There is a great need for Islamic books to be simplified for young children so that they can understand and read them according to their comprehension and level, just like Amīnur-Rahmān did when he simplified the book of Sheikh Albani on the Prophet's Prayer. The efforts of Amīnur-Rahmān are commendable, especially when they are in accordance with the Madhab of Ahlul-Hadīth.

I kindly request all those who want their children to be nurtured upon the Sunnah to teach their children this "Short & Simple" series of books.

May Allāh grant him success and may this be a means of sadaqah jāriyah for himself, his father Sheikh Hafiz Atāur-Rahmān and his grandfather Allamah Mīzānur-Rahmān Rahmāni.

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Preface

All praise belongs to Allāh, the lord of the Universe, and peace and blessings of Allāh be upon the last of His Messengers, our Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), his Household and Companions.

The messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) said:

يَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

"Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence..."

(Al-Bukhārī No. 3461)

It is a therefore essential part of our faith to know and understand the religion and its teaching from the messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) and pass on this message to others. One way to do that is to learn the Ahadīth (tradition) of the Prophet (ﷺ).

Hadīth linguistically means a story or report and Islamically means the reports and stories that spoke of the actions and sayings of the Prophet (ﷺ) and what was transmitted on the authority of the Prophet (ﷺ) from the time of the companions till our time.

The Ahadīth have various grading levels in terms of their authenticity which is beyond the scope of this short book. The most authentic of those Ahadīth are in the collections of 'Sahih al-Al-Bukhārī' and 'Sahih Muslim'. All the Ahadīth used in this book are authentic to the best of our knowledge and they are graded as 'Sahih' (authentic) or 'Hasan' (good), apart from the two collections mentioned above which are generally regarded as Sahih.

This book from the "Short & Simple" Series, the "Book of Hadīth part 1", is a compilation of 40 authentic Ahadīth inspired by the famous "40 Hadīth of Imaam Nawawi" but something more easier and shorter to help the learner and the reader be able to memorise them easily and quickly.

This book has been divided up into 5 chapters each of which deals with a different topic but all related to each other. Each chapter includes valuable and relevant Hadīth on the topic of the chapter.

In the latest edition, to make it easy to practice and learn the Ahadīth, we have made commentary notes for each Hadīth. The commentary notes are a concise summary explaining the context of the Hadīth being discussed.

We encourage individual Muslims or Qur'ān school classes to use this book to learn and teach as Alhamdulillah we put it through trial in a few Qur'ān Schools / Madrasahs and the feedback from the learners whether Children or Adults has been very positive, showing that this booklet is a good starting point to learning Ahadīth.

The main focus of this book was to teach children basic foundational, easy to memorise, Hadīth (authentic traditions of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)) which are essential for every Muslim.

In-Shaa-Allaah we are working on compiling part 2 as an addition to this book to aid the process of learning and memorising the Ahadīth of the Prophet (ﷺ) enjoyable.

Much thought and care have been taken to make this book look appealing to the reader by using large, easy to read and colourful text.

We pray that the reader finds this book an enjoyable experience and at the same time beneficial.

We ask Allāh to reward all with Jannat-ul-Firdows and make it as a means of ongoing charity for us and the reader and Allāh knows best.

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CHAPTER 1

Faith & Sincerity

1. DEEDS ARE JUDGED ACCORDING TO YOUR INTENTION

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Inna-mal-a'maalu bin-niyyaat

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Certainly, deeds are only judged according to your intentions.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 1)

- All of our actions and everything that we do will be judged according to our intentions.
- All our intentions behind any action must conform with the teachings of the Qur'ān and Sunnah (authentic prophetic traditions).
- Allāh is all knowledgeable and all aware of our inner thoughts. He knows what we do and why we do them.
- When you pray, make sure you pray to Allāh only and know He is the only one that can answer your prayers and only expect reward from Him. Do not pray to anyone except Allāh nor pray to show off in front of people. Always follow the Prophet's (ﷺ) example (Sunnah) before doing any act of worship also.

2. ALLAH LOVES GOODNESS AND PURITY

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Innallaaha tayyibul-laa yaqbalu illaaa tayyibaa

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Indeed, Allāh is pure and good; He will only accept what is
pure and good.

(Muslim No. 1015)

- Allāh is perfectly pure and good and therefore Allāh only accepts actions that are done with sincerity for His sake.
- If you give something in the way of charity, then give that which is pure and clean from Halal (lawful) source. When you eat, only eat that which is pure and lawful only. When you speak, only speak that which is good and when you do an action, do that which is good.

3. ALWAYS KEEP CLEAN

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الطَّهْرُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Attahooru shatrul-imaan

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Cleanliness and purification are part of Imaan

(Muslim No. 223)

- A good Muslim must always have a clean heart inwardly and outwardly; he should be clean from impurities.
- Keep your heart clean from evil thoughts and doubts. When you go to the toilet, make sure you clean yourself with water if it is available. Keep your body and your clothes clean from impurities.

4. SHYNESS IS PART OF FAITH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الْحَيَاءُ شُعْبَةٌ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Al-hayaa-u sh'ubatum-minal-eemaan

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Modesty (shame) is part of Imaan.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 9 & Muslim No.35)

- It is good to be modest in every situation as Allāh loves modesty and concealment.
- A Muslim knows that Allāh sees and hears everything and therefore he is shy to do anything evil in front of Allāh.
- When you meet people greet them gently with good manners and when you speak do not shout nor be rude by using bad language. When you dress, you should dress in appropriate clothing that is loose and that covers and conceals your nakedness (Awrah).

5. HAVE SHAME FOR BAD DEEDS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِذَا لَمْ تَسْتَحِ فَاصْنَعْ مَا شِئْتَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Idhaa lam tastahi fas-n'a maa-shi'ta

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
If someone feels no shame, then he does as he wishes.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 3484)

- A sign of faith (Īmān) is that a person feels shame and discomfort whenever he/she does any evil/sin.
- Those who have no shame do whatever their hearts desire as they don't feel they are accountable for their actions and as such they do not have faith in the hereafter.

6. LEAVE THINGS THAT DON'T CONCERN YOU

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِنَّ مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيهِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Inna min husni islaamil-mar'i tarka-hu maa-laa y'aneeh

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Verily, from the perfection of Islam is that a person leaves
what does not concern him.

(At-Tirmidhī No. 2317 & Muwatta Malik No. 3)

- A sign of a good Muslim is that he/she is concerned about correcting his/her affairs first.
- One should not involve or interfere in other peoples lives unless asked to do so or where such involvement will bring about good.

7. ALWAYS SPEAK GOOD

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الْكَلِمَةُ الطَّيِّبَةُ صَدَقَةٌ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Al-kalimatutayibatu sadaqah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Saying something good is charity.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 2989 & Muslim No. 1009)

- Speak always the truth and do not lie. Say something that is beneficial for people or remain silent.
- Allāh rewards for every good word that you say as a charitable action.
- If someone asks for advice, then give advice sincerely to the best of your knowledge without hiding anything. If someone asks for directions on the road then point them in the right direction. If you see anyone unhappy, speak to them with kindness and use good words to make them happy.

8. ALWAYS DO GOOD ACTIONS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
كُلُّ مَعْرُوفٍ صَدَقَةٌ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Kullu m'aroofin sadaqah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Every act of goodness is charity (Sadaqah).

(Al-Bukhārī No. 6021)

- Always do good actions that please Allāh and stay away from doing bad things.
- Even small acts of goodness are rewarded as a charitable action by Allāh.
- Help people whenever they need your help. Help your parents, your own family and your friends. If someone asks for your help with anything good, then help them without expecting anything back from them but do not help someone do bad things.



CHAPTER 2

Reliance & Remembrance

9. ACCEPT ISLAM AND BE FIRM

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
قُلْ آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ ثُمَّ اسْتَقِم

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Qul: aamantu billaahi, thumma-astaqim

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

Say: I believe in Allāh and stay steadfast.

(Muslim No. 38)

- Believe in Allāh alone, then stay strong in your faith.
- If you accept Islam as your way of life you will be successful in this life and then you will be in Paradise in the next life.
- Obey the commands of Allāh and fulfil your obligations and stay firm on the religion.
- Worship Allāh alone and direct all worship to Him. Do your daily prayers, give charity, observe the fasts and do other voluntary acts of worship. Also, meet, greet and treat people with kindness and respect.

10. BE MINDFUL OF ALLAH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِحْفَظِ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظَكَ
إِحْفَظِ اللَّهَ تَجِدَهُ تُجَاهَكَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Ihfadhillaha ya'hfadhka, Ihfadhillaha tajidhu tujaahak

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Be mindful of Allāh and He will preserve you.
Be mindful of Allāh and you will find Him before you.

(At-Tirmidhī No. 2516: Hasan)

- Be careful about the commands of Allāh by following them, and in return, Allāh will protect you.
- Allāh preserving you is a sign that Allāh is pleased with you, and therefore He will bless you in this life and the next.
- Carry out your duties without being lazy. Do good deeds without delay. Be mindful of Allāh by reading Qur'ān and doing Adhkar. Pray on time before the time for it passes. If you are conscious of your duties and you are careful not to fall short of them, then Allāh will bless your life, assist you and reward you with Paradise.

11. ASK ONLY FROM ALLAH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِذَا سَأَلْتَ فَاسْأَلِ اللَّهَ
إِذَا اسْتَعَنْتَ فَاسْتَعِنْ بِاللَّهِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Idhaa sa-alta fas-a-lillaah Idhaa ista'anta fasta'in billaah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

When you ask (for anything), ask from Allāh.

If you seek help, seek help from Allāh.

(At-Tirmidhī No. 2516: Hasan)

- Direct all your prayers and supplication to Allāh alone and ask for your needs from Him because He is the only one that can answer your prayers.
- You may seek help from people around you who are capable of helping you but you must also understand that ultimately Allāh is the source of all help.

12. ALWAYS PRAISE ALLAH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
أَفْضَلُ الذِّكْرِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
أَفْضَلُ الدُّعَاءِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Afdhaludh-dhikri laa-ilaaha illal-laah Afdhaludh-du'aa-il-
hamdu lil-laah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

The best dhikr is to say 'There is no deity except Allāh'
(Laa-ilaaha illal-laah).

The best Duā (supplication) is 'All Perfect Praise be to
Allāh' (Alhamdu-lillaah).

(At-Tirmidhī No. 3383: Hasan)

- The best way to remember Allāh is to acknowledge that He is the one in control of you and everything around you, and He is the only one deserving of your worship.
- Allāh is the only one deserving of your perfect praise and gratitude, so always thank him for all the blessings.

13. DUA IS PART OF WORSHIP

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الدُّعَاءُ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Addu'aa huwal-'ibaadah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
The supplication is worship.

(Abu Dāwūd No. 1479: Sahih)

- Every good action is considered as an act of worship as long as it conforms with the Qur'ān and the teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ).
- The Prophet (ﷺ) taught us supplication (Duā) for all occasions e.g. eating, drinking, before going to the toilet, leaving the house, meeting and greeting people etc.
- Supplication is one way of asking Allāh what you want and need. It is also a way of being grateful and glorifying Him for His blessings.
- Allāh loves the servant who calls on Him and remembers Him through supplication and this is also a form of worship.

14. ALWAYS REMEMBER ALLAH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا يَزَالُ لِسَانُكَ رَطْبًا مِنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Laa yazaalu lisaanuka rotbam-min dhikrillaah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Keep your tongue moist with the remembrance of Allāh.

(At-Tirmidhī No. 3375: Hasan)

- Remember Allāh in all situations so that Allāh will answer your call when you need Him.
- Remember Allāh by counting His blessings and praising Him through His many glorious names and attributes.
- If you are aware of Allāh in all your affairs then all your affairs are blessed and as such become part of worship. This is something easy and not difficult for a person who feels overcome with many responsibilities and is falling short in other acts of worship.

15. REMEMBER ALLAH BEFORE YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
مَنْ كَانَ آخِرُ كَلَامِهِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Man kaana aakhiru kalaamihi laa-ilaaha illal-laah dakhal-
al-jannah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

If anyone's last words are "There is no deity (worthy of worship in truth) except Allāh", he will enter Paradise.

(Abu Dāwūd No. 3116: Sahih)

- Whoever believes in Allāh and worships him alone, leading a righteous life, then Allāh will enter him to Paradise.
- If you worship Allāh alone sincerely, without believing in anything else besides Him, then He will aid you to say the 'Shahadah' before you die. On the other hand, if you live a life of disobedience towards Allāh, then it is unlikely that you will be able to say these words before you die.

16. DO NOT COMMIT SHIRK WITH ALLAH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
مَنْ مَاتَ يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا دَخَلَ النَّارَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Mam-maata yushriku bil-laahi shay-an dakhalan-naar

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Whoever ever dies whilst associating others with Allāh
(Shirk), will enter hell-fire.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 1238)

- Whoever does not believe in Allāh or associates partners with Allāh or joins in worship someone other than Allāh will enter Hell-fire.
- If anyone lives a life of rebelling and disobedience, then they will enter the Hell-fire.
- If you think that anything else has powers or capabilities like Allāh and you believe that, then you will be committing shirk. Believing that magic, magicians, idols, saints, amulets and other objects that have special powers like Allāh, are all types of shirk. If you do not ask Allāh for forgiveness from Shirk before you die, then you will be in Hell-fire in the next life.



CHAPTER 3

Good Morals & Manners

17. MUSLIMS ARE BROTHERS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Al-muslimu akhul-muslim

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
A Muslim is a brother to another Muslim.

(Muslim No. 2580)

- Brotherhood in Islam is like one family or one Ummah of brothers and sisters. There is no racism or caste system in Islam.
- All Muslims should be treated the same with fairness and justice like they would be in a family of brothers and sisters.
- A rich man should be treated the same as a poor man. A black man has the same right as a white man. An non-Arab has the same honour as an Arab. There should be no hatred, animosity or jealousy between Muslims.

18. BELIEVERS SHOULD HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الْمَرْءُ مَعَ مَنْ أَحَبَّ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Al-mar'u ma'a man ahabba

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Everyone will be with those whom he loves.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 6170 & Muslim No. 2639)

- On the Day of Resurrection, you will rise with those whom you love and are close to in this life.
- Keep good company and be around good people that remind you of Allāh and your obligations towards Him.
- You will be influenced by the friends that you have and so keep close to friends who are righteous and do good.

19. SPREAD THE GREETING OF SALAAM

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
أُعْبُدُوا الرَّحْمَنَ وَأَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
U'budur-rahmaan Af-shus-salaam

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Worship the Most Merciful (Allāh) and Spread the Salaam
(greeting of peace)

(Ibn Mājah No. 3694: Sahih)

- Worship only Allāh by obeying his commands.
- Always greet people kindly with the greeting of 'Salaam' (Peace).
- Spreading the greetings of 'salaam' is a means to enter Paradise.
- Keep up with your obligations of daily prayers and other responsibilities towards people who depend on you. Spread the greetings of peace to the people you know and the ones you don't know. It is one of the best actions because it increases love between people and brings them together. It shows good manners and kindness towards people.

20. DEAL ALL MATTERS WITH GENTLENESS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الرِّفْقَ فِي الْأَمْرِ كُلِّهِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu ‘alayhi wa-sal-lam
Innallaaha uhibbur-rifqa fil-amri kullih

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Be gentle and calm as Allāh likes gentleness in all affairs.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 6395 & Muslim No. 2165)

- Be kind and soft with people when you talk to them or generally when you have any dealings with them so that they become attracted to you and feel comfortable around you.
- Deal with people how you would like to be dealt with. Forgive people who do you wrong and Allāh will forgive you in return for your mistakes.
- Allāh is kind and merciful to those who are kind and merciful to others.

21. BE THANKFUL TO OTHERS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
مَنْ لَا يَشْكُرُ النَّاسَ لَا يَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Man-laa yashkurinnaasa laa yashkurillaah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
One who does not thank others is thankless towards Allāh.

(At-Tirmidhī No.1954: Sahih)

- Always be grateful to people and thank them for being good to you.
- If you are grateful to people by showing appreciation then you are showing gratefulness towards Allāh.
- Remember that all blessings come from Allāh.
- Appreciate acts of kindness and other favours by thanking them by saying 'Jazak-Allahu Khairan' and returning the favours. If someone has been good to you, then thank them by giving them a gift.

22. HAVE MERCY ON OTHERS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا يَرْحَمُ اللَّهُ مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ النَّاسَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Laa yarhamullaahu man-laa yarhamunnaas

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Allāh does not have mercy on those who do not have
mercy on others.

(At-Tirmidhī 2047: Sahih)

- Always be kind to people by showing mercy and forgive people for any mistakes that they make against you.
- If you are kind and forgiving towards people, animals and the environment then Allāh will show you kindness, mercy and forgive you for your mistakes.
- If you see someone making a mistake by doing something bad then advise them and show mercy and guide them to something better. If someone speaks badly of you and hurts your feelings then forgive them and Allāh will forgive you for anything bad that you may do.

23. WISH FOR OTHERS WHAT YOU WISH FOR YOURSELF

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يُحِبَّ لِأَخِيهِ
مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Laa yu'minu ahadukum hatta yuhibba li-akheehi maa
yuhibbu li-nafsih

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother
that which he loves for himself.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 13)

- Desire the best for other people as you would for yourself.
- Remember, all Muslims are brothers and sisters of one family or 'Ummah' (one people).
- If you like to be rich and wealthy then pray for other Muslims to be the same. Remember that whatever you pray for others, Allāh grants you that also. If you wish for the best life for the Muslims, then Allāh will grant you that also. Do not speak bad or harm others as you do not like it if someone spoke bad about you or harmed you in any way. Always be forgiving and merciful towards your fellow Muslim brothers and sisters.

24. MAKE THINGS EASY FOR PEOPLE

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
يَسِّرُوا وَلَا تُعَسِّرُوا وَسَكِّنُوا وَلَا تُنْفِرُوا

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Yassiroo wa-laa tu'assiroo wa-sakkinoo wa-laa tunaffiroo

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

Make things easy for the people, and do not make it difficult for them; make them calm and do not repulse them.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 6125 & Muslim No. 1734)

- Invite people towards good and make it easy for them to understand and carry out their Islamic duties.
- Teach people one step at a time with wisdom, good manners and kindness and don't be harsh with them.
- When people see something easy to do, they will be more likely to do that instead of doing something they find hard to do. Accommodate people as much as you can and be easy with them regarding their religion. If you are rude and hard-hearted with people, they will move away from you and lose interest in the religion because of you.



CHAPTER 4

Bad Morals & Manners

25. DON'T BE ANGRY

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا تَغْضَبْ لَا تَغْضَبْ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Laa tagdhab Laa tagdhab

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

Do not be angry. Do not be angry

(Al-Bukhārī No. 6116)

- Anger will result in you being unable to think properly by making wrong decisions and taking wrong actions and it has bad consequences.
- Anger comes from the Shaitaan so seek Allāh's protection from the devil.
- If you are upset about something and feel frustrated and angry then take a moment to sit down. If that does not help then lie down for a moment and calm yourself by doing Wudū'. Only say something or do something when you are calm and your mind is at ease. Never lose your temper by giving in to the whispers in your mind because you will regret your actions later and even worse, others around you maybe hurt by your behaviour.

26. DON'T HARM OTHERS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Laa dharara wa-laa dhiraara

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Do not cause harm or return harm.

(Muwatta Malik No. 36:31)

- Do not harm anyone with what you say or what you do, and do not cause harm to yourself or others.
- If someone harms you, then try to forgive them and do not harm them.
- If anyone speaks badly about you or tries to harm you by fighting you, then resist fighting them and move away from them. Ask for help from someone to break up the fight if possible. Only defend yourself if you cannot move away quickly but never start a fight or harm someone first. Do not put yourself or others in danger or harms way.

27. DON'T CHEAT

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
مَنْ غَشَّنا فَلَيْسَ مِنَّا

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Man ghash-sha fa-Laysa minnaa

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
The one who cheats is not part of us.

(Muslim No. 101)

- Always be open and clear with people. Don't hide anything from people that should not be hidden.
- The one who cheats is not a true Muslim.
- Be always truthful and honest in business or with general dealings with people. Do not cheat in your exams because Allāh sees and hears everything. Do not even cheat while you are playing games.

28. DON'T BACKBITE

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَتَّاتٌ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Laa yadkhulul-jannata qattaat

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
The backbiter will not enter Paradise.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 6056)

- Always speak well about people when they are not present. If you have nothing good to say, then remain silent.
- Back-biting wrongfully is injustice and it may prevent you from entering Paradise.
- If you say something about your Muslim brother that is true but he does not like it then this is back-biting. If you say something about them that is not true, then this is even worse and it is slander and a crime. Always ask for forgiveness from people whom you talked about behind their backs. If you do not, then they will hold you accountable on the Day of Judgment.

29. DON'T HARM ANYONE VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Al-muslimu man-salimal-muslimoona min-lisaanihee wa-yadih

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
A Muslim is he whose fellow Muslims are safe from his
tongue and hands.

(An-Nasāi No. 4996: Sahih)

- As a Muslim when you speak do not use bad language against anyone and when you do something make sure that it doesn't cause anyone harms directly or indirectly. You should not speak bad about anyone or try to fight them.
- You can only be a true Muslim if people around you feel safe from your speech and your actions. It applies not only to fellow Muslims but people of all faiths and backgrounds.
- If you are talking to someone, then speak respectfully with kindness, otherwise keep silent. Do not do a bad action like sell drugs because that will harm the person who takes it and the people around him will also suffer.

30. DON'T ABUSE OR FIGHT ANYONE

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
سَبَابُ الْمُسْلِمِ فُسُوقٌ وَ قِتَالُهُ كُفْرٌ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Sibaabul muslimi fusooqun wa-qitaaluhu kufr

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
To abuse and insult a Muslim is sinful and to fight him and
kill him is disbelief.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 7076)

- It is a crime to abuse a Muslim or anyone. You must not speak evil about anyone wrongfully.
- Anyone who wrongfully fights with a Muslim or anyone and kills him is not a true Muslim.
- Don't be harsh with people and look down on them by speaking to them with insults. Avoid fighting at all costs and only defend yourself if necessary. Remember, if you insult someone, they may insult and fight you, and if you fight and kill someone, then you will be accountable for your crime.

31. DON'T BREAK AWAY FROM FAMILY

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاطِعٌ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Laa yadkhulul-jannata qaati'

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
The one who severs the ties of kinship will not enter
Paradise.

(Muslim No. 2556)

- You must keep a close relationship with your family members. Always be on good terms with your family and do not abandon them.
- If you break away from your family, for no good reason, then Allāh will be displeased with you and you will not enter Paradise until Allāh punishes you in Hell-fire for your mistakes or forgives you.
- If you have an argument in the family, then try to make up by forgiving each other's mistakes. Ask for help from a friend if you cannot sort out your problems. Never run away from home and break up the family. Always respect your elders and take their advice.

32. DON'T HARM YOUR NEIGHBOURS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ لَا يَأْمَنُ جَارَهُ بَوَائِقَهُ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Laa yadkhulul-jannata mal-laa ya'manu jaaruhu
bawaa-iqah

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
A person whose neighbours are not safe from his evil will
not enter the Garden (Jannah).

(Muslim No. 46)

- Be good neighbours by showing respect, honour and don't expose their private matters.
- The neighbours should be protected from any harm from you or anyone else.
- Be kind and considerate to your neighbours by giving gifts and sharing your food. Do not harm your neighbours by fighting them or speaking badly about them.



CHAPTER 5

Virtues of Noble Character

33. ALLAH LOVES PERFECTION IN ALL THINGS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ الْإِحْسَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu ‘alayhi wa-sal-lam
Innallaaha katab-al-ih’saana ‘ala kulli-shay

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
Verily Allāh has prescribed Ihsan (perfection) in all things.

(Muslim No. 1955)

- Do everything to the best of your abilities as Allāh loves to see the Muslims make an effort and strive to perfect their good actions.
- Whenever you do any work, do it well by working hard. Try your utmost to complete what you start. If you are studying for exam, then ask Allāh to help you and strive hard but do not lose hope.

34. THE PROPHET WAS SENT TO PERFECT OUR MANNERS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ حُسْنَ الْأَخْلَاقِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Bu'ithtu li-utammima husnal-akhlaaq

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
I was sent to perfect your good manners.

(Muwatta Malik No. 47:8)

- The prophet (ﷺ) was the best role model and example for mankind in all aspects of life.
- The prophet (ﷺ) had the best character, manners and morals.
- When you meet people, then greet them with 'Salaam'. Speak with people gently and make them feel comfortable. Be hospitable towards people and invite them for food if they are hungry. Be charitable towards people if they need your help.

35. BEST ARE THOSE WITH GOOD MANNERS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِنَّ مِنْ خِيَارِكُمْ أَحْسَنَكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Inna min khiyaarikum ahsanakum akhlaaqaa

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
The best among you are those with the best manners.

(Al-Bukhārī No. 3559)

- Having good character is essential for every Muslim
- The best of the Muslims are those who have good character.
- If someone greets you then greet them back with something equal or better. Comfort people by meeting them with a smile. If someone helps you with anything then be grateful by thanking them or by returning the favour. If someone invites you for food, accept their invitation and take some gifts for them.

36. VIRTUE IS GOOD MANNERS

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

الْبِرُّ حُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ وَالْإِثْمُ مَا حَاكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ
وَكَرِهْتَ أَنْ يَطَّلِعَ عَلَيْهِ النَّاسُ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Al-birru husnul-khuluqi wal-ithmu maa haaka fee nafsika
wa-karihta ay-yattali'a a'layhin-naas

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

Virtue is good manners and vice is uneasiness in your
mind and that you don't want people to know.

(Muslim No. 2553)

- Being righteous and upright are part of good manners and also being just and fair when dealing with people are part of good morals.
- Vice are the deeds that make you feel guilty and cause you unrest in your heart and also that you feel ashamed about.

37. GOOD CHARACTER WEIGHS HEAVY ON THE SCALES

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

مَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ أَثْقَلَ فِي الْمِيزَانِ مِنْ حُسْنِ الْخُلُقِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Maa min shay'in athkalu fil-meezaani min-husnil-khuluki

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

There is nothing heavier than good character put in the scale of a believer (on the Day of Resurrection).

(Abu Dāwūd No. 4799: Sahih)

- All our deeds are recorded and will be weighed on the 'Mizaan', the scales which will fill up with our good deeds on one side and bad deeds on the other.
- Good manners and character enable one to perform good deeds by being good to people and increasing the reward.

38. GOOD CHARACTER CARRIES GREAT REWARD

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لَيُذْرِكُ بِحُسْنِ خُلُقِهِ
دَرَجَةَ الصَّائِمِ الْقَائِمِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam
Innal-mu'mina la-yudriku bi-husni khulukihi darajatas-
saa'imil-qaa'im

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

A believer by his good character will attain the degree of one who prays during the night and fasts during the day.

(Abu Dāwūd No. 4798: Sahih)

- Good character is part of a Muslim's identity. Therefore a Muslim is known for his good manners.
- Good behaviour carries great rewards in this life and for the hereafter. Having good manners is from the character of the Prophet (ﷺ).
- By emulating the Prophet, you are copying the best of mankind and thereby following his way or his 'Sunnah' that is part of worship like praying and fasting.

39. GOOD MORALS LEADS TO PARADISE

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
أَكْثَرُ مَا يُدْخِلُ الْجَنَّةَ تَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَحُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Aktharu ma yudkhilul-jannata taqweyallaahi wa-husnuul-khuluq

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:
The fear of Allāh and good morals (Akhlaq) are the two
major characteristics that lead to Paradise.

(At-Tirmidhī No. 2135: Sahih)

- The Muslim who is conscious of Allāh and who has good character is rewarded by Allāh by making his path to Paradise easy.
- Most people will enter Paradise because of good morals and manners.
- Allāh loves the Muslim who fears Him and is conscious of Him from doing anything wrong. If you are conscious of Allāh, then you will be careful in your speech, actions and your behaviour towards others. When you are good around people, the people will think good of you and pray for your goodness.

40. FEAR ALLAH AND HAVE GOOD CHARACTER

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِتَّقِ اللَّهَ حَيْثُمَا كُنْتَ
وَأَتَّبِعِ السَّيِّئَةَ الْحَسَنَةَ تَمْحُهَا
وَخَالِقِ النَّاسَ بِخُلُقٍ حَسَنٍ

Qaala Rasoolul-laahi, sal-lal-laahu 'alayhi wa-sal-lam

Ittaqillaah haythumaa kunta wa-atbi'issayi-at-alhasanata
tamhuhaa wa khaaliliqin-naasa bi-khuluqin hasan

The Messenger of Allāh praise and peace be upon him said:

Fear Allāh wherever you are, follow a bad deed with a
good deed and it will erase it, and behave with good
character towards people.

(At-Tirmidhī No. 1987: Hasan)

- Remember Allāh in all of your actions at all times, do a good deed after sinning to wipe it and always be good to people around you by treating them like you would like to be treated.
- If you fall short and make a mistake, then even out the scales by doing some good action. Always behave with people with good manners by showing them respect and honour. If you follow these three steps then you will be successful in this life and entering Paradise will be easy for you in the next life.



Final Advice

Dear Student,

All perfect and complete praise with love and veneration is exclusive to Allāh and may the praise in the most noble of gatherings and His peace descend upon the Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ).

We all must know that learning the Hadīth of the Prophet (ﷺ) is one of the best ways to learn about your religion. Therefore, these are some specially selected, easy to memorise, short Ahadīth to help you have a good foundation in learning the Islamic tradition (Sunnah).

Remember that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

“...so you must keep to my Sunnah and to the Sunnah of the Khulafa ar-Rashideen (the rightly guided caliphs), those who guide to the right way. Cling to it stubbornly [literally: with your molar teeth]. Beware of newly invented matters [in the religion], for verily every bidah (innovation) is misguidance.”

(Abu Dāwūd No. 4607: Sahih)

So, therefore, to be guided in this life we must learn the authentic Hadīth of the Prophet (ﷺ) to know what is the correct and the best way to live. We must not make things up and live as we desire and we must also avoid practices which go against the Prophets way (Sunnah).

May Allāh guide us always closer to the truth; All success is from Allāh alone. We ask Allāh to forgive us for our mistakes and give us success in this life and the next, Aameen.

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Notes

إِنَّ مِنْ خَيْرِكُمْ أَحْسَنَكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا

It is an essential part of our faith to know and understand the religion and its teaching from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and pass on this message to others. One way to do that is to learn the Ahādīth (tradition) of the Prophet (ﷺ).



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