

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
مَا بَعْدَ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## THE MONTH OF THE PROPHET ﷺ

**Once**, Sayyiduna Sheikh Abu Bakr Shibli رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

went to visit Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, a prominent Scholar of Baghdad. When Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ saw him instantly, he stood up, embraced him, kissed him on the forehead and then very respectfully seated him by his side. The people who were present politely asked Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, “Until now, yourself, and the people of Baghdad have been calling this person a madman, and today you are respecting him so much?” Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ replied, “I haven’t done this without a reason. Alhamdu-Lillah عَزَّوَجَلَّ last night in my dream, I saw a faith enlightening scene. I saw that Sayyiduna Sheikh Abu Bakr Shibli رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was present in the blessed court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stood up, embraced him, kissed him on the forehead and then seated him by his side, I politely asked ‘Ya Rasool ullah

عَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, why are you so affectionate towards Shibli?’ The Beloved of Allah ﷺ replied, (by telling the unseen), ‘After every salaah, he recites the verse لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ and then recites Durood upon me.’” (*Juzbul-Quloob Urdu, P271*)

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ ! صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا

### A GREEN SLIP

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Once, on the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha’baan, the leader of the Muslims, Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul-Aziz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was busy worshipping. When he raised his head, he found a green slip. Its light was spreading out towards the sky and it was written, “هَذِهِ بَرَاءَةٌ مِّنَ النَّارِ مِنَ الْمَلِكِ الْعَزِيزِ” لِعَبْدِي عُمَرَ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ Meaning this is a note of forgiveness from the flames of hell from the Owner Allah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ to His servant Umar bin Abdul-Aziz عَزَّوَجَلَّ (*Tafseer Rooh-ul-Bayan, V8, P402, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

Subhan-Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! **Dear Islamic Brothers!** In this incident, the excellences of Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul-

Aziz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ have been expressed as has the greatness and solemnity of Shab-e-Bara'at as well. Alhamdu-Lillah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, this blessed night is to receive freedom (Bara'at) from the blazing flames of Hell. This is the reason why it is called 'Shab-e-Bara'at'. It is not only this esteemed meritorious night which holds blessings but rather the entire month of Sha'baan is blissful and fruitful. The greatness and virtues of this month can be understood by the fact that this is the month of The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said,

**“Sha’baan is my month and Ramazan is the month of**

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(Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, Hadith 4889, P301, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah, Beirut)

## **THE BLESSINGS AND BRILLIANCE OF SHA'BAAN**

The word Sha'baan (in the Arabic script) is spelled with five letters: ش, ع, ب, ا and ن. Ghous-e-Azam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says, “The ش stands for sharaf (nobility), the ع for 'uluww (sublime), the ب for birr (piety), the ا for ulfa (harmonious intimacy) and the ن for Noor (radiant light). These all are the gifts from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ to His servants in this month. It is a month in which treasures of good deeds are laid open, blessings are sent down, faults are

forgiven, sins are expiated and in which Du'rood is multiplied upon The Holy Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the best of human creatures.” (Ghunya-tut-Talibeen, VI, P246, Dar-ul-Ihya-u-turathil-a'rabi Beirut)

## ENTHUSIASM OF THE BLESSED COMPANIONS عليهم الرضوان

**Sayyiduna** Anas bin Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says, “When the Companions of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw the new moon of Sha’baan, they would immerse themselves in reciting the Holy Qur’an, and pay the Zakah, thereby providing the means for the weak and the poor to fortify themselves in preparation for the fasting of the month of Ramazan. The governors would summon the prison inmates to carry out the sentence on those convicted of major offences under Islamic law and to set the rest free. Businessmen would set about paying their debts and collecting their dues. Then, when they saw the moon of Ramazan, they would perform ghusl and (some) would sit in I’tikaaf.” (Ghunya-tut-Talibeen, VI, P246)

## THE ENTHUSIASM OF TODAY’S MUSLIMS

**Subhan-Allah** عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The earlier Muslims loved worshipping, but sadly! Today’s Muslims are generally interested in gaining wealth & monetary possessions. The earlier Muslims, who possessed the Madani thinking,

worshipped Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in abundance in the sacred months and strived to gain the proximity nearness and closeness of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, but unfortunately nowadays, in the blessed months especially in Ramazan, today's Muslims often think of various schemes of earning the disgraceful wealth of this world. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, out of Mercy and compassion towards His slaves tremendously increases the virtues and rewards, but on the contrary, the unfortunate traders increase the price on their items in the blessed month of Ramadan and rip off their own Muslims brothers.

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Our beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ loved to fast abundantly in the blessed month of Sha'baan.

## THE FAVOURITE MONTH FOR OPTIONAL FASTS

**Sayyiduna** Abdullah bin Abi Qais رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that he heard Sayyidatuna Ayesha Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا saying “Sha'baan was my beloved husband's صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ favourite month. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ fasted in this month and then would join it with Ramazan.” (*Abu Dawood, V2, P319, Hadith 2431, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

**Sayyiduna** Osama bin Zaid رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says, “I asked the Holy Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, ‘Oh

Messenger of Allah ﷺ وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, I have seen you fasting in the month of Sha'baan so frequently that I have never seen you fasting in any other month.' The Holy Prophet ﷺ وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Sha'baan is a month between Rajab and Ramazan which is neglected by many people. It is a month in which an account of the deeds (of human beings) is presented towards the Lord of the universe وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ, so, I wish that my deeds be presented at a time when I am in a state of fasting.'" (Nasai, Hadith 2353, V4, P207, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

**Sayyidatuna** Ayesha Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا says, "I have never seen The Holy Prophet ﷺ وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ fasting in a month more frequently than he ﷺ وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ did in Sha'baan. In fact, he ﷺ وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ fasted all through Sha'baan and would say, 'perform actions according to your strength and ability because Allah وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ does not withhold His mercy and bounty as long as you do not tire'."

(Sahih Bukhari, V2, P298, Hadith 1970, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

## IT IS SUNNAH TO FAST FOR THE WHOLE OF SHA'BAAN

**Dear Islamic Brothers!** As mentioned in the narration of Bukhari Shareef, it is the blessed Sunnah of the Noble Prophet ﷺ وَعَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to fast for the whole of

Sha'baan. If you are able to, try to act on the blessed Sunnah by fasting for the whole month of Sha'baan, every year, or at least once you had better act upon this sunnah by fasting whole month of Sha'baan in your lifetime.

## NAMES OF THE ONE WHO ARE GOING TO DIE

**Sayyidatuna** Ayesha Siddiqa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا says, “Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to fast for the whole of Sha'baan. She says I politely asked him, ‘Oh Messenger of Allah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, is Sha'baan your favourite month for fasting then all other months?’” He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘In this month, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ prescribes the list of the persons dying this year. Therefore, I like that my death comes when I am in a state of fasting’.” (*Musnad Abu Ya'la, V4, P277, Hadith 4890, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## NIGHTS OF GOODNESS

**Sayyidatuna** Ayesha Siddiqa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا says that I heard the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying, “Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showers down goodness on four nights: **(1)** night of Eid-ul-Aza, **(2)** night of Eid-ul-Fitr, **(3)** night of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan when Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ records times of the one who

are going to die and allots provisions and lists the pilgrims and (4) night of 'Arafa (9<sup>th</sup> Zul-Hijja) until the Azaan of Fajr. (*Durr-e-Mansoor, V7, P402, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

## DELICATE DECISION

**Dear Islamic Brothers!** The 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan-ul-Mu'azzam is indeed very delicate! Who knows what will be written in his fortune. Ah! Sometimes a person is negligent and who knows what is written for him. It is stated in Ghunya-tut-Talibeen, "The shroud of many people are washed and ready but the people who are going to wear that shroud are wandering around in the markets, there are many people whose graves have been dug and are ready but they are lost in happiness, some people be laughing even though the time of their destruction is close, many people are busy building houses but they die before the construction is completed." . (*Ghunya-tut-Talibeen, VI, P251*)

## FAVOUR UPON THE SINNERS

**Sayyidatuna** Ayesha Siddiqa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا narrates that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "Jibra'eel السَّلَام عَلَيْهِ came to me and said, "This is the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan. In this night, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ frees a large number of people from the fire, more than the number of the hair growing on the sheep of the tribe of bane Kalb. But He عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not even look at a person who associates partners with Allah

عَزَّوَجَلَّ, or at a person who nourishes malice in his heart (against someone), or at a person who cuts off the ties of kinship, or at a man who leaves his clothes extending beyond his ankles (as a sign of pride), or at a person who disobeys his parents, or at a person who has a habit of drinking wine.”

(*Shu'aulbul-Imaan, V3, P383, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

The narration which Sayyiduna Imam Ahmad رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has taken from Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Umar ibn Zaid رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا mentions a murderer as well.

(*Musnad Imam Ahmad, V2, P589, Hadith 6653, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

Sayyiduna Murra رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha’baan, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives everyone on the earth except the disbelievers and those who nourish malice in their hearts (against someone).

(*Almatjar-ur-raabih, P376, Hadith 769, Dar-Khizr Beirut*)

## THE DUA OF SAYYIDUNA DAWOOD عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would often go outside on the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha’baan. Once, as usual, he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ came out, looked up towards the sky and said, “Once, the Prophet of Allah, Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام looked upwards on the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha’baan and said, ‘This is the time of (acceptance), whosoever had supplicated to

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for anything, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has accepted his supplication (Dua). Whosoever had asked for forgiveness, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has forgiven him provided he is not an ‘Ushshaar (a person who unjustly demands tax money), a sorcerer, fortune teller, cruel policeman, tale-teller in front of a ruler, a singer, or a musical instruments player.’

Then he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام prayed **اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ دَاوُدَ إِغْفِرْ لِمَنْ دَعَاكَ**

**Meaning!** ‘Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ أَوْسْتَغْفِرُكَ فِيهَا

Oh Lord of Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام! Whoever supplicates to you or seeks your forgiveness, forgive him.’

## DEPRIVED PEOPLE

**Dear Islamic Brothers!** Shab-e-Bara’at is a very important night because who knows what will be written in their destiny. Therefore, this night should not be spent in negligence. Mercy falls in abundance on this night. In this blessed night, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives more people from the nation of The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ than the amount of hair on the goats of the tribe of Bani Kalb. It is narrated in books that the tribe of Bani Kalb had more goats than any other tribe in Arabia. However, there are still some unfortunate people who will not get forgiven on Shab-e-Bara’at meaning the night of freedom. Hujja-tul-Islam Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ says, (1) An alcoholic, (2) an adulterer, (3) the

one who disobeys his parents, (4) the one who breaks relations, (5) the one who creates trouble and (6) the one who tells tales will not be forgiven on this night. (In one narration, the person who creates trouble has been replaced with the one who draws pictures. (*Mukashifa-tul-Quloob*, P304, *Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiya Beirut*) Similarly, a wizard, a magician, the person who keeps his shalwaar or tehband below his ankles due to pride, the one who creates trouble between two Muslims and the one who has malice in his heart for another Muslim will not be forgiven on this night. If any Muslims are committing any of these or any other sins, they should repent sincerely and fulfil any person's rights before Shab-e-Bara'at. Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan sent his follower a letter whose composition is exactly presented to you.

### MESSAGE OF IMAAM-E-AHLE SUNNAT رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

Shab-e-Bara'at is near. In this night, the deeds of everyone are presented to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. For the sake of the dignified Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives the sins of the Muslims, however, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says to those two Muslims who have mutual tension due to worldly reasons, "leave them as they are", until they do not reconcile and make up. Offer each others rights or otherwise forgive them so that (with the permission of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ) when the book of deeds is presented to Allah

عَزَّوَجَلَّ, it is clean from the sins pertaining to violating public rights. For violating the rights of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, a 'true repentance' is sufficient. **لَا ذَنْبَ لَهُ** (whosoever repents from his sins, is as though he didn't commit the sin in the first place), with this condition (by the permission of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ) there is a strong hope of complete forgiveness and salvation, provided the beliefs are correct. **وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ**. This Sunnah of reconciliation and creating unity between brothers, also pardoning or begging pardon for violated rights, is Alhamdu-Lillah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, continuously running here year after year. I hope that you will also impose this upon the Muslims and hence act in accordance with this (narration):

مَنْ سَنَّ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ سُنَّةً حَسَنَةً فَلَهُ أَجْرُهَا وَأَجْرُ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ لَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ أَجُورِهِمْ شَيْءٌ

(The one who innovates a good innovation in Islam will get its reward and the reward of those who will practice it until the Day of Judgment without Lessing the rewards of those who practice it.)

Make Dua for this beggar's<sup>1</sup> salvation and for his prosperity in both worlds. This beggar supplicates and will continue to supplicate for you (In'shaa-Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ).

Reconcile, unite, and forgive each other truly and whole heartedly because an insincere tongue and hypocrisy are

disliked in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَالسَّلَامُ

Faqeer Ahmad Raza Qadiri, from Bareilly

<sup>1</sup> It's the habit of honourable scholar that they call themselves beggar but as humility. Never means here common on beggar who ask for money etc

## FAST OF THE 15 TH OF SHA'BAAN

**Sayyiduna** Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “When the night of the fifteenth arrives, stay standing (in worship) and fast during the day because from sunset, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ looks down at the earth from the sky and says, ‘Is there anyone that seeks my forgiveness so that I may forgive him! Is there anyone that seeks my sustenance so that I may provide it to him! Is there anyone with problems so that I may remove them! Is there anyone like this! Is there anyone like this!’ And He عَزَّوَجَلَّ says this until sunrise.”

(Sunan Ibn-e-Maja, V2, P160, Hadith 1388, Dar-ul-Ma'rifa Beirut)

## SOMETHING BENEFICIAL

**The** record of deeds is changes on Shab-e-Bara'at, therefore, if possible, try and fast on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan-ul-Mu'azzam so that the last day of your record of deeds has a fast written on it. Stay in the Masjid after Salaa-tul-

Asr on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan with the intention of Nafli (voluntary) I'tikaaf so that the last moments of your record of deeds has I'tikaaf written on it and the beginning of Shab-e-Bara'at will begin in the merciful atmosphere of the Masjid.

## 6 NAFL AFTER MAGHRIB

To read six nafl after the farz and sunan etc. is one of the activities of the pious رحمهم الله. After reading the farz and sunan etc, read six rak'ats of nafl in sets of two. Before reading the first two rak'ats, intend: 'Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! With the blessing of these two rak'ats, grant me a good long life.' Before the second two rak'ats, intend: 'Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! With the blessing of these two rak'ats, save me from any problems.' Before the third two rak'ats, intend: 'Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! With the blessing of these two rak'ats, do not make me needy of anyone apart from yourself.' After every two rak'ats, recite Sura Ikhlāas twenty one times or Sura Yaseen once but if possible try and recite them both. It is also possible that one Islamic brother recites Sura Yaseen while the rest listen. Keep in mind that the other brother(s) do not read along. In'shaa-Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ you will have piles of good deeds just as the night begins. After each Sura Yaseen, recite the Dua of Sha'baan.

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## REQUESTS OF SAG-E-MADINA

**Alhamdu-Lillah عَزَّوَجَلَّ!** It is my habit to read six nafl and to do tilawat every year. This form of worship after Maghrib is voluntary. It is not farz or Wajib and there is no restriction in Shariah about nafl and tilawat after Maghrib therefore, if possible, each Islamic brother should organise this in their local Masjid and gain good deeds in abundance. Islamic sisters should read these nafl at home.

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**On the 15<sup>th</sup>** night of Sha'baan, get seven leaves from a berry tree, boil them in water and perform ghusl with that water (adding plain water if needed). In'shaa-Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ you will be saved from magic all year round.

*(Islami zindagi, P113, Maktaba Islami, Markaz-ul-Auliya Lahore)*

### SHAB-E-BARA'AT AND VISITING GRAVES

**Sayyidatuna Ayesha Siddiqa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا** narrates. "One night I did not see The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ but I found him in Baqi'. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to me, 'Were you afraid that Allah and His Messenger عَزَّوَجَلَّ و صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would take your

rights?’ I politely replied ‘Oh Messenger of Allah ﷺ و عَزَّوَجَلَّ، I thought that you had probably gone to one of your other blessed wives.’ The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ‘On the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha’baan, Allah ﷻ descends to the lowest of skies and grants pardon to the people more than the number of hair growing on the sheep of the tribe of bani Kalb’.”

*(Tirmizi, V2, P183, Hadith 739, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)*

## **BURNING CANDLES ON THE GRAVES**

It is Sunnah for Islamic brothers to visit the graveyard on Shab-e-Bara’at (according to Shariah, Islamic sisters are not allowed). You cannot burn candles on the graves. However, if you intend to recite the Holy Qur’an and need some light, then out of necessity, you may light the candle but it must be away from the grave. Likewise, there is no harm in burning incense sticks away from the grave with the intention of providing fragrance to the people present. It is permissible to cover the shrines of the blessed saints with decorative sheets and to light a lamp near it because in this way, people will become more attentive, focused, and the respect and reverence of the saints will develop inside their hearts and inevitably they will come to receive enlightenment. If the graves of the public and the saints are the same, lots of religious benefits will be lost.

## WHO INVENTED FIREWORKS?

**Dear Islamic brothers!** Alhamdu-Lillah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Shab-e-Bara'at is a night to gain freedom and salvation from the fire of Hell but what has happened to the Muslims of today! Instead of gaining freedom from the Fire, they spend their money on buying fire i.e. fireworks for themselves, and setting them off. In this manner, they seriously breach the honour and blessedness of the night. In the book entitled 'Islami Zindagi', Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الْمَنَّانِ says, "The tyrant king Namrood invented fireworks. When Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلِي نَبِيِّنَا عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ was placed inside the fire, the fire cooled and turned into a garden of flowers so Namroods people filled anaar (type of firework) with gunpowder, set them on fire and threw them at Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ."

## FIREWORKS ARE TABOO

**Sadly**, the filthy tradition of fireworks is strengthening amongst Muslims. Every year, Muslims waste Millions of their rupees just on buying fireworks. Every now and again it's reported that so many houses have been burnt and so many people have tragically lost their lives as a result of fireworks. Not only do fireworks pose a risk to life and limb, they're a complete waste of money and there is also a risk of your house burning. This act is also disobedience of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan عَلَيْهِ

رَحْمَةُ الْمَنَانِ says, “Making, purchasing (personally or through someone) or setting off fireworks (personally or through someone) are all forbidden.”

*(Islami Zindagi, P63)*

## DUA FOR MID-SHA'BAAN

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ط

اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْمَنِّ وَلَا يَمُنُّ عَلَيْهِ ط يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ط يَا ذَا  
 الطَّوْلِ وَالْإِنْعَامِ ط لِإِلَهِهِ إِلَّا أَنْتَ ظَهَرَ اللَّاجِينَ ط وَجَارِ  
 الْمُسْتَجِرِينَ ط وَآمَانُ الْخَائِفِينَ ط اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ كَتَبْتَنِي  
 عِنْدَكَ فِي أُمَّ الْكِتَابِ شَقِيًّا أَوْ مَحْرُومًا أَوْ مُطْرُودًا أَوْ مُقْتَرًا عَلَيَّ  
 فِي الرِّزْقِ فَامْحُ اللَّهُمَّ بِفَضْلِكَ شَقَاوَتِي وَحِرْمَانِي وَطَرْدِي  
 وَاقْتِنَارَ رِزْقِي ط وَوَاثِبِي عِنْدَكَ فِي أُمَّ الْكِتَابِ سَعِيدًا مَرْرُوقًا  
 مُوَفَّقًا لِلْخَيْرَاتِ ط فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَقَوْلُكَ الْحَقُّ فِي كِتَابِكَ  
 الْمُنزَّلِ ط عَلَى لِسَانِ نَبِيِّكَ الْمُرْسَلِ ط يَمْحُوا اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ  
 وَيُثَبِّتُ وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ ۝ إِلَهِي بِالْتَّجَلَى الْأَعْظَمِ ط فِي  
 لَيْلَةِ النِّصْفِ مِنْ شَهْرِ شَعْبَانَ الْمَكْرَمِ ط الَّتِي يُفَرِّقُ فِيهَا كُلَّ  
 أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ وَيُبْرِمُ ط أَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنَّا مِنَ الْبَلَاءِ وَالْبُلُوَاءِ مَا نَعْلَمُ  
 وَمَا لَا نَعْلَمُ ط وَأَنْتَ بِهِ أَعْلَمُ ط إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْأَعَزُّ الْأَكْرَمُ ط  
 وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
 وَسَلَّمَ ط وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝

## Translation:

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the name of The Most Affectionate, the Merciful.

Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! You shower favours on everyone and no-one can do You any favour! Oh possessor of majesty and honour! Oh distributor of bounty and rewards! There is none worthy of worship except You. You help the fallen and provide refuge to the refugees and give peace to those who are in fear. Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! If in the mother of all books that is with You, You have written me down as someone who is doubtful of achieving salvation, or deprived, or rejected or without enough sustenance, then Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! With Your grace, remove all of these misfortunes from me and in the mother of all books that is with You, establish me as someone who is blessed with abundant provision and charitable good deeds. Indeed, what You said in the book You sent through the tongue of Your blessed Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is true that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ changes and establishes what He wants and with Him is the mother of all books. **Kanzul Iman!** Oh my Lord (عَزَّوَجَلَّ)! For the sake of Your divine manifestation on this fifteenth night of the blessed month of Sha'baan in which You issue all wise and irrevocable decrees, remove from us all calamities and hardships, those that we know about as well as those that we don't, while You know everything. Truly, You are the most powerful, most generous. And may Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ shower blessings and peace on Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and on his family and his companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and all praises is for Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Lord of the worlds.

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صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٌ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ!

## THE BLESSINGS OF SUNNAH-INSPIRED SPEECHES

What follows is the summary of a **Pakistani** Islamic brother's sworn statement:

From 1987 to 1990 I was affiliated with a political movement. The increasing corruption and mischief (in Pakistan) made my family talk me into leaving the country, so I ended up travelling to Amman, and on 3/11/90 I started work in a garment factory in **Muscat** (the capital).

In 1992 an Islamic brother associated with **Dawat-e-Islami** joined our factory as a labourer. As a result of his **Infiraadi Koshish** (individual effort) Alhamdu-Lillah عزوجل I began to pray my salah.

The environment in the factory wasn't any good at all, in just our department there were about 8 or 9 cassette players and songs were played all the time in several different languages, Urdu, Punjabi, Pashtu, Hindi, Bengali etc, with the volume always turned up.

Alhamdu-Lillah due to the blessings of the company of this **Ashiq-e -Rasool** I had begun to hate music; so we both decided that we would buy sunnah-inspired cassettes distributed by Maktaba-tul-Madina and play them in the factory.

In the beginning we faced objections and criticism, but we didn't give up, and Alhamdu-Lillah عزوجل I began to see the blessings of these sunnah-inspired speeches; the speeches that inspired me the most were

**The First Night in the Grave, Colours of the World, Unfortunate Groom, The Talking Grave, and 3 Graves** (all in Urdu).

(You can buy these recorded speeches from bookstalls called Maktaba-tul-Madina in your own countries)

I began to contemplate about the afterlife, and hate sins. The speeches inspired a few others as well who began to approach the movement.

The **Ashiq-e-Rasool** who had created this Madani transformation inside my heart left his job and returned to Pakistan. I had 90 sunnah-inspired cassettes sent over from Pakistan.

**To begin with, there were only 50 or 60 men in the factory who would pray their salah but as a result of listening to these speeches Alhamdu-Lillah عزَّوَجَلَّ this number had increased to somewhere between 200 and 250.**

We contributed to buying an expensive 400 watt speaker that we fixed to the wall so that we could listen to the speeches with ease. We decided that we would listen to Qur'an recitation from 7:00 - 8:00 in the morning, poetry in praise of our dear Master صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ from 8:00 - 9:00, and then a sunnah-filled speech from 9:00 - 10:00.

Slowly and gradually we formed a collection of 500 cassettes. Apart from me, **5 other Islamic brothers** had decided to join Dawat-e-Islami.

**Alhamdu-Lillah** عَزَّوَجَلَّ we began a Masjid Dars, and then slowly and gradually we started a **sunnah-inspired weekly Ijtima** (gathering) in our factory which would be attended by approximately 250 Islamic brothers. Then we started a **Madrassa-tul-Madina** (for adults). Islamic brothers (within the factory) began to practice the sunnah; several of them adopted the blessed sunnah of growing a beard, a symbol of love for our Beloved Madani Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, 20 to 25 Islamic brothers began to wear the blessed **turban**.

Our manager used to object to us listening to the cassettes at first but the sound of the speeches vibrated in his ears again and again and eventually he too was influenced and began to pray his salah; he also grew a fist long beard.

The Islamic brother further says: I have returned to Pakistan and at the moment I am trying to serve the sunnah as a servant (Nigraan) of the Mushaawarat of a division in Karachi. Sunnah-inspired cassettes sold by Maktaba-tul-Madina brought an enormous change in my life and that is why I wish every Islamic brother and Islamic sister would listen to at least one sunnah-inspired speech or **Madani Muzakara** (answers-questions) every single day, In'shaa-Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ this will bring huge blessings in both worlds.