

Obedience to the Prophet ﷺ & Virtues of Salat-un-Nabi/

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Allah says in Quran

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And obey Allah and the messenger, that You may find mercy.

(3:132)

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

Say, (O Muhammad, to mankind): If you love Allah, follow me; Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

(3:31)

... وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

And whatsoever the messenger gives you, take it. And whatsoever he forbids, abstain (from it). And keep your duty to Allah. Verily! Allah is stern in reprimand

(59:7)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ

بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَنْ تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ

O You who believe! Raise not up your voices above the voice of the Prophet, nor shout when speaking to him as you shout one to another, lest your works be rendered vain while you perceive not.

(49:2)

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّى يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِي مَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِمَّا

قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

But no, by your Lord, they will not believe until they make you judge of what is in dispute between them and find within themselves no discomfort/dislike of that which you decide, and submit with full submission.

(4:65).

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّى فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا

He who obeys the Messenger, obeys Allah; But if any turn away, We have not sent you to watch over them

(4:80)

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said

لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ

None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind
(Bukhari)

كُلُّ أُمَّتِي يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ، إِلَّا مَنْ أَبَى. "قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَأْبَى قَالَ " مَنْ
أَطَاعَنِي دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ، وَمَنْ عَصَانِي فَقَدْ أَبَى

All my followers will enter Paradise except those who refuse." They said, "O Allah's
Messenger ﷺ Who will refuse?" He ﷺ said, "Whoever obeys me will enter Paradise, and
whoever disobeys me is the one who refuses (to enter it).
(Bukhari)

إِنَّ أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، أَكْثَرُهُمْ عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً

Those who are nearest to me on the Day of Resurrection are those who invoke many
blessings on me.
(Tirmidhi)

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرَ صَلَوَاتٍ وَحُطَّتْ عَنْهُ عَشْرُ
خَطِيئَاتٍ وَرُفِعَتْ لَهُ عَشْرُ دَرَجَاتٍ

Whoever sends salah upon me once, Allah (SWT) will send salah upon him tenfold, and will
erase ten sins from him, and will raise him ten degrees in status.
(Sunan-an-Nasai)

الْبَخِيلُ مَنْ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ ثُمَّ لَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ

The miser is the one in whose presence I am mentioned, then he does not send Salah upon
me.
(Imam Ahmad)

...فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ...

...and he does not send Salah upon me.

[Tafsir Ibn Kathir]

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said

رَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ، وَرَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ دَخَلَ عَلَيْهِ
شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ ثُمَّ انْسَلَخَ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ، وَرَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ أَدْرَكَ عِنْدَهُ أَبَوَاهُ
الْكِبَرَ فَلَمْ يُدْخِلَاهُ الْجَنَّةَ»

May he be humiliated, the man in whose presence I am mentioned and he does not send Salah upon me; may he be humiliated, the man who sees the month of Ramadan come and go, and he is not forgiven; may he be humiliated, the man whose parents live to old age and they do not cause him to be granted admittance to Paradise.

(Tafsir Ibn Kathir)

ما جلس قوم مجلساً لم يذكروا الله تعالى فيه، ولم يصلوا على نبيهم فيه، إلا
كان عليهم ترة؛ فإن شاء عذبهم، وإن شاء غفر لهم

Whenever a group of people sit in a gathering in which they do not remember Allah the Exalted, nor send salah/blessings on their Prophet, such a gathering will be a cause of grief to them. If Allah wills, He will punish them, and if He wills He will forgive them.

(Tirmidhi)

الدُّعَاءُ مَوْقُوفٌ بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، لَا يَصْعَدُ حَتَّى يُصَلَّى عَلَيَّ، فَلَا تَجْعَلُونِي
كُغْمَرِ الرَّأْكِبِ، صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ، أَوَّلَ الدُّعَاءِ وَآخِرَهُ وَأَوْسَطَهُ

A supplication remains suspended between heaven and earth and does not ascend any further until a person sends Salah on me. Do not treat me like a spare water container, send Salah upon me at the beginning of your supplication, at the end and in the middle.

(Tirmidhi/ Tafsir Ibn Kathir)

**This was also narrated by Mu`adh bin Al-Harith from Abu Qurrah from Sa`id bin Al-Musayyib from `Umar, as a saying of the Prophet. It was also recorded by Razin bin

Mu`awiyah in his book, where he also attributed it to the Prophet ﷺ

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said

أَيُّ مَارِجُلٍ مُسْلِمٍ لَمْ يَكُنْ عِنْدَهُ صَدَقَةٌ فَلْيَقُلْ فِي دُعَائِهِ: اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ وَصَلِّ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ (فَاتَّهَازَ كَأُ)
وَقَالَ: لَا يَشْبَعُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ خَيْرٍ حَتَّى يَكُونَ مِنْتَاهَا الْجَنَّةُ

If a person does not possess anything to give in charity he should ask the blessings in the following manner: "O Allah shower your blessings upon Muhammad ﷺ Your Servant and Messenger and blessings on believing men and women". This will be a purity or زكاة (substitute for charity) and the believer is not satisfied from doing goodness until he enters the furthest point of paradise.

(Ibn Hibban, Sahih or sound)

مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَيَّامِكُمْ يَوْمُ الْجُمُعَةِ، فِيهِ خُلِقَ آدَمُ وَفِيهِ قُبِضَ، وَفِيهِ النَّفْخَةُ، وَفِيهِ
الصَّعْقَةُ، فَأَكْثِرُوا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ فِيهِ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَيَّ

One of the best of your days is Friday; on this day Adam was created and died, on this day the Trumpet (Sur) will be blown and (they) will swoon away. So on this day send plenty of Salah upon me, for your Salah will be presented to me.

(Imam Ahmad).

They said, 'O Messenger of Allah, how will they be shown to you after your body has dispersed into the earth' He ﷺ said,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ تَأْكُلَ أَجْسَادَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

Allah has forbidden the earth to consume the bodies of the Prophets

(Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah and An-Nasa'i)

إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَلَائِكَةً سَيَّاحِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ يُبَلِّغُونِي مِنْ أُمَّتِي السَّلَامَ

Indeed Allah has angels who roam the earth and they convey to me the greetings (Salaam) of my 'Ummah (nation).

(An-Nasa'i, Al-Hakim 2/421, Hisn al Muslim)

Note: The above 3 Hadiths have also been recorded in Abu Dawood

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said

« إِذَا سَمِعْتُمْ مُؤَدِّئًا قَوْلًا مِثْلَمَا يَقُولُ، ثُمَّ صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ، فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ بِهَا عَشْرًا، ثُمَّ سَلُوا اللَّهَ لِي الْوَسِيلَةَ، فَإِنَّهَا مَنْزِلَةٌ فِي الْجَنَّةِ لَا تَنْبَغِي إِلَّا لِعَبْدٍ مِنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ، وَأَرْجُو أَنْ أَكُونَ أَنَا هُوَ، فَمَنْ سَأَلَ لِي الْوَسِيلَةَ حَلَّتْ عَلَيْهِ الشَّفَاعَةُ »

When you hear the Mu'adhhdhin, repeat what he says, then send Salah upon me, for whoever sends Salah upon me, Allah will send Salah upon him tenfold. Then ask Allah to grant me Al-Wasilah, which is a status in Paradise to which only one of the servants of Allah will be entitled, and I hope that I will be the one. Whoever asks Allah for Al-Wasilah for me, it will be permitted for me to intercede for him.

(Abu Dawud, At-Tirmidhi and An-Nasa'i)

Other occasions when we should send Salah upon the Prophet include

When Entering Masjid

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

(O Allah! Send Your Mercy on Muhammad ﷺ)

O Allah, forgive my sins and open for me the gates of Your mercy)

When Exiting Masjid

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ فَضْلِكَ

(O Allah! Send Your Mercy on Muhammad ﷺ)

O Allah, forgive me my sins and open for me the gates of Your bounty)

(Tafsir Ibn Kathir)

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said

At-Tirmidhi recorded that Ubayy bin Ka`b said: "When two thirds of the night had passed, the Messenger of Allah would get up and say

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، جَاءَتِ الرَّاجِفَةُ تَتَّبِعُهَا الرَّادِفَةُ، جَاءَ
الْمَوْتُ بِمَا فِيهِ، جَاءَ الْمَوْتُ بِمَا فِيهِ

O people, remember Allah, remember Allah, the Rajifah (convulsion) is coming followed by the Radifah (convulsions), death and what it comprises is coming, death and what it comprises is coming

Ubayy said, "I said, `O Messenger of Allah, I send a lot of Salah/Darood upon you, how much of my prayer should be Salah/Darood upon you' He صلى الله عليه وسلم said

مَا شِئْتُ

Whatever you want

I said, `A quarter'? He صلى الله عليه وسلم said

مَا شِئْتُ، فَإِنْ زِدْتَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكَ

Whatever you want, but if you increase it, it will be better for you

I said, `Half'? He صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

مَا شِئْتُ، فَإِنْ زِدْتَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكَ

Whatever you want, but if you increase it, it will be better for you

I said, `Two thirds'? He صلى الله عليه وسلم said

مَا شِئْتُ، فَإِنْ زِدْتَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكَ

Whatever you want, but if you increase it, it will be better for you

I said, `Should I make my whole prayer for you' He صلى الله عليه وسلم said

إِذْنٌ تُكْفَى هَمُّكَ، وَيُغْفَرُ لَكَ ذَنْبُكَ

In that case it would be sufficient for relieving your distress and earning forgiveness of your sins.'

(Tafsir Ibn Kathir)

Note: At-Tirmidhi has classified this Hadith as Hasan