

Being close to the Prophet

مُرَافَقَةُ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ، وَرَفَعَ دَرَجَتَهُ فِي عِلِّيَّينَ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

Allah swt says:

أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ⁽¹⁾

“The companions of Paradise - they are the attainers [of success].”

(Al-Hashr: 20)

Dear Listeners:

Being in the company of the Prophet (PBUH) in the hereafter is a privilege and highest degree that one may seek to attain.

So, let us advise one another to the deeds which can be helpful to achieve this status and can take us closer to our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the hereafter InshaAllah.

1. Love of The Prophet ﷺ

رب العالمین تک پہنچنے کیلئے رحمۃ للعالمین کی پیروی ضروری ہے۔

It was narrated that Anas Ibn Malik (R.A.) reported that a man once asked the Prophet pbuh:

مَتَى السَّاعَةُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟

When will the Hour be established, O Messenger of Allah?"
The Messenger of Allah pbuh said:

مَا أُعِدُّتْ لَهَا؟

“What have you prepared for it?” The man said, “I haven’t prepared for it much of prayers or fast or alms, but I love Allah and His Apostle.”

The Prophet pbuh said:

أَنْتَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحَبَّيْتَ⁽¹⁾

“You will be with those whom you love.”

In this sense, the true love of the Messenger of Allah pbuh is reflected in adhering to his Sunnah, his instructions, following his ethics and guidance, and exalting his status.

The companions of the Prophet pbuh have really set a good example on this. For instance, it was narrated that Thawban (R.A.) once came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said, “O Messenger of Allah! Indeed, you are dearer to me than myself. And you are dearer to me more than my family. And you are dearer to me more than my children. When I am at home and if I were to remember you, I cannot bear it till I come and see you. When I think of my death and yours, I know that you will enter Paradise in the rank of the Prophets. But, if I enter Paradise, I am afraid that I will not be able to see you again.”

The Prophet pbuh did not answer him at all until Jibril (Gabriel) puh revealed to him:

(1) متفق عليه .

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ
وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا⁽¹⁾

“Those who obey Allah and the Messenger are with those whom Allah has blessed, namely, the prophets, the Siddiqīn, the Shuhadā’ and the righteous. And excellent are they as companions”.

(An-Nisaa: 69)

2. Taking care about five pillars of Islam - ارکان اسلام کی پابندی

One other means of drawing closer to the Prophet pbuh on the Day of Judgment and accompanying him in Paradise is to fulfil the pillars of Islam.

An evidence on this is the following story when a man came to the Prophet pbuh and said, “O Messenger of Allah! I testified that there is no deity save Allah and that you are His Messenger, I prayed the five (obligatory) prayers, paid my Zakat and established fasting in Ramadan.” The Prophet pbuh said: “Whoever dies on this (path), he will be with the prophets.....and he joined his two (index and middle) fingers and said “unless he was disobedient to his parents.” So, whoever fulfils his duties towards Allah the Almighty and is dutiful towards their parents, they will be blessed, by Allah’s grace, with the company of the Prophet pbuh in Paradise.

3. Making a lot of prostrations (Prayers) - کثرت سجد

More to the point, prayer is one of the greatest pillars of Islam. Whoever maintains obligatory prayers and observes Nawafil (voluntary prayers) often, they will be amongst the companions of the Prophet pbuh in Paradise. To this, it was narrated that Rabiaa Ibn Kaab Al Aslami, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “I used to stay some nights at the Messenger of Allah’s home. One night, I brought him water for his ablution and his purification. He said to me, ‘Tell me your request.’ I said, ‘I seek to be your companion in Paradise.’

(1) الطبرانی في المعجم الأوسط 150/1 ، والآية من سورة النساء : 69 .

He pbuh said, ‘Is there anything other than that?’ I said, ‘It is only that.’ He said:

فَاعِيَّ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ بِكَثْرَةِ السُّجُودِ⁽¹⁾

‘Then help me over yourself by observing (frequent prayers and) prostration.

4. **Good Manners** - حسن اخلاق

Embracing good manners is something that also earns the love of the Messenger of Allah pbuh and draws closer to him in Paradise. An illustration of this can be seen in the following Hadith on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Amr Ibn Al Ass (R.A.) that he heard the Prophet pbuh saying:

أَلَا أُخْبِرُكُمْ بِأَحَبِّكُمْ إِلَيَّ، وَأَقْرَبَكُمْ مِنِّي مَجْلِسًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ؟

“Shall I tell you about who among you I love the most and the one who will be seated closest to me on the Day of Resurrection?”

The people were silent, so he repeated that two or three times. Then the people said, “Yes, Messenger of Allah.” He pbuh said,

أَحْسَنُكُمْ خُلُقًا⁽²⁾

“The one among you with the best manners.”

This is because good manners have a great positive impact on the harmony and cohesion of the community, as well as in strengthening the bonds of affection and love amongst its members.

5. **Taking care of Daughters** - بیٹیوں کی کفالت

Furthermore, one other means of accomplishing the great status of accompanying the Prophet pbuh in Paradise is taking care of one’s daughters and being kind to one’s sisters. On this account, it was narrated that Anas Ibn Malik, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Messenger of Allah pbuh said:

(1) مسلم : 489 .

(2) البخاري في الأدب المفرد : 272 ، وأحمد : 6906 .

مَنْ عَالَ ابْنَتَيْنِ أَوْ أُخْتَيْنِ أَوْ ثَلَاثَ أَخَوَاتٍ حَتَّى يَبْنَ - أَيْ يَتَزَوَّجَنَّ - أَوْ يَمُوتَ عَنْهُنَّ، كُنْتُ أَنَا وَهُوَ كَهَاتَيْنِ». وَأَشَارَ بِأَصْبُعَيْهِ السَّبَّابَةِ وَالْوُسْطَى (1)

“Whoever brings up two daughters, or two sisters, or three sisters, till they reach the age of marriage, or dies before that, then he and I will become (on the Day of Resurrection) like this,” and he joined his index and middle fingers.

This means, whoever look after and take care of his daughters or sisters, they will be admitted to Paradise with the Messenger of Allah pbuh on the Day of Judgment. In this, there is an indication to the virtue of being kind to daughters and sisters and taking care of their matters and needs.

6. Taking Care of Orphans - كَفَالَتِ يَتِيمٍ

It is also good to know that looking after the orphans is amongst the widest doorways of goodness, the greatest kinds of Takaful (solidarity) and the highest levels of cooperation that earns its doers the company of the Prophet pbuh in Paradise. Looking after orphans can be done by bringing them up, taking care of their needs and protecting them from any kind of harm.

Emphasising on this, the Messenger of Allah pbuh said:

أَنَا وَكَافِلُ الْيَتِيمِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ كَهَاتَيْنِ». وَأَشَارَ بِأَصْبُعَيْهِ السَّبَّابَةِ وَالْوُسْطَى (2)

“I and the one who looks after an orphan will be like this in Paradise,” indicating with his middle and index fingers.

7. Making Special Dua - خُصُوصِي دُعَاكَرَنَا

In this context, it was narrated that Abdullah Ibn Masood (R.A.) said that he once established prayer and then sat making supplications to Allah. Then the Prophet pbuh said to him, *“Ask and it will be given to you.”* So, Abdullah supplicated:

(1) أحمد : 12498.

(2) البخاري : 5304 ، والترمذي : 1918 واللفظ له.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ إِيْمَانًا لَا يَرْتَدُّ، وَنَعِيمًا لَا يَنْقُذُ، وَمُرَافَقَةً مُحَمَّدٍ فِي أَعْلَى
جَنَّةِ الْخُلْدِ⁽¹⁾

“O Allah! I ask you for firm faith that does not revert, and a bliss that never ends, and the companionship of Muhammad pbuh at the highest (level) of the Garden of Eternity (Paradise).”

8. Reciting Durood Shareef frequently - درود شریف

Moreover, invoking blessings on the Prophet pbuh frequently on Friday is one other means of being blessed with his company in Paradise. So, you are urged to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh, for the supplications for him made on Fridays are presented to him. The Messenger of Allah pbuh accentuated this as he said:

أَكْثَرُوا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ جُمُعَةٍ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاةَ أُمَّتِي تُعْرَضُ عَلَيَّ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ جُمُعَةٍ،
فَمَنْ كَانَ أَكْثَرَهُمْ عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً كَانَ أَقْرَبَهُمْ مِنِّي مَنْزِلَةً⁽²⁾

“Invoke blessings on me frequently on Friday, for the supplications made by my Ummah (followers) are presented to me every Friday, and the one who invokes blessings upon me most frequently will be the closest to me in status (in Paradise).”

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Mohammad, all his family and his companions.

Dua:

With this in mind, we pray to Allah the Almighty to help us be amongst those who will accompany the Prophet pbuh in Paradise.

(1) أحمد : 4428.

(2) البيهقي في السنن الكبرى : 249/3 ، وشعب الإيمان 110/3 .

O Allah, may we ask You to increase us in our Iman, help us in doing good deeds and increase us in cooperation, success, consolidation and harmony.

O Allah, may You forgive us and our parents and bless us in our offspring. Our Lord, please continue blessing us with happiness with our families and make us amongst those who are obedient to their parents and kind to their kith and kin.

O Allah, we implore to You to continue blessing us with Your bounties, endow upon us Your favours and make us rejoice peace of mind and wellbeing. O Allah, please accept our good deeds and accept our prayers.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue bless us with stability, welfare and increase bounties, knowledge, civilisation, happiness, tolerance and peace.

O Allah, give us from the blessings of the sky and grow for us from the blessings of the earth.

Our Lord, give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire.

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

نَفْعِي اللَّهُ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ،
وَبِسُنَّةِ نَبِيِّهِ الْكَرِيمِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.