



**THE TEACHINGS OF  
THE HOLY PROPHET  
(Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam)  
THE GREATEST TEACHER OF  
THE PAST AND THE PRESENT  
ABOUT THE MOST COMPLETE  
AND PERFECT FAITH**

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يُسَبِّحُ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ الْمَلِكِ  
 الْقَدُّوسِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ  
 فِي الْاُمَمِ رَسُوْلًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُوْا عَلَيْهِمْ اٰيٰتِهٖ  
 وَيُزَكِّيْهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتٰبَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ  
 وَاِنْ كَانُوْا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلٰلٍ مُّبِيْنٍ ؕ (سورة الجمعة)

In the name of ALLAAH,  
 the Compassionate, the Merciful.

1. Whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth hallows ALLAAH, the Sovereign, the Holy, the Mighty, the Wise,
2. He it is Who hath raised amidst the unlettered ones a Messenger from among themselves, rehearsing, unto them His revelations and purifying them and teaches them the Book and Wisdom, though they have been in error manifest. 62/1,2.

CHAPTER 1**BELIEFS****FAITH****Islam, Eeman and Ihsan**

**Hadis:** It is narrated on the authority of Hadrat Umar bin Khattab (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu): One day when we were in the company of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) at that time he was addressing a big gathering of his companions - (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) that suddenly a man appeared before us. His clothes were extremely white and his hair was very black. There was no effect of travel on him (which could give an impression that he was not an outsider). Besides, none of us recognized him and this led us to take him as an stranger. This man making his way through the gathering came upto the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and sat down before him in such a manner that his knees touched those of the Holy Prophet's (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and placing his hands on the thighs of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "Tell me, Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) what is Islam?"

The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) replied, "ISLAM is (i.e., its fundamentals are) that you testify (with your heart and tongue) that there in no deity (worthy of being worshipped) but ALLAAH and that Muhammad is His Messenger and that you establish the prayer, pay the Zakat, fast during the the month of Ramadhan and perform Hajj (pilgrimage to the House of ALLAAH), if you have the means. The new comer, on hearing the reply, said, "You spoke the truth."

the narrator of this tradition, Hadrat Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) with him) says that we were astonished to find that the man is putting a question and is himself testifying and approving the reply.

Thereafter he said. "Now tell me, what is Eeman? The stranger questioned, "Eeman is that you believe in ALLAAH, His angels, His Messenger, His Books and the Last Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection) as also believe in both good and evil being destined by ALLAAH." Hearing this too, the man said, "You spoke the truth."

Then he said, "Now tell me, what is IHSAN. "The Messenger of ALLAAH said, Ihsan is this that you worship and serve ALLAAH as if you are seeing ALLAAH. Although you do not see Him but He sees you all the same."

Then he said, " Tell me about the Day of Resurrection (i.e., when it will come about)." The Messenger replied, "The one who is being questioned does not know more than the one who is putting the question." Thereupon he (the questioner) said, "Then tell me some of its signs. "The Messenger said, (One sign is) that the maid servant would give birth to her master and mistress. (The other is ) that those who have no shoes for their feet, no clothes for their body and are poverty stricken shepherds would be raising lofty buildings and would be competing with each other in this activity. Hadrat 'Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) says that after this dialogue, the newcomer went away. After some days, the Holy Apostle asked me, "Do you know who the questioner was? I replied, "ALLAAH and his Messenger know better." Then he said, "He was Gabriel (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) he had come to your gathering to teach you your religion." [Muslim, BukhAri, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

## **Eeman means testifying all that concerns beliefs**

Ibn Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated the Holy Messenger of ALLAAH said, Religion is the sum total of five Important beliefs and practices (all of them are fundamental) none of them is tenable without the other in the sense that it may completely relieve one from Hell: Testifying that there is no deity but ALLAAH, belief in His angels, His Messenger, Paradise and Hell and that the dead will be raised to render their accounts. This is one of the beliefs. Then there are five Salaah (daily) which constitute one of the pillars of Islam. Without Salaah ALLAAH will not accept even Eeman (faith). Zakat is atonement for sins. Without Zakat ALLAAH, will not accept Eeman and Salaah. Then if one who has performed these duties but fails to fast intentionally and without excuse during the month of Ramadan, ALLAAH will accept neither his Eeman, nor Salaah, nor Zakat. If one has discharged all these duties and has the means to perform Hajj but did neither perform it himself (during his lifetime) nor any of his relations do so on his behalf then neither his Eeman, nor his Salaah, nor his Zakat, nor his fasting will be acceptable to ALLAAH. Acceptability means that due to any deficiency in the performance of any of the fundamentals of Islam, the remaining (good) actions will not be enough for immediate relief from Hell.

[Al-Hiliya, Tarjuman -us- Sunnah]

## **Perfect Islam**

Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH said: ISLAM is that you worship ALLAAH alone, attribute no partners to Him, perform Salaah regularly, pay Zakat, fast during the month of Ramadhan, perform Hajj, enjoin people to do good and forbid evil. say: **السلام عليكم** to your family members when you enter your home. One who does not observe any one of these practices then he does not follow Islam.

Then he has turned his back on Islam.

[Hakam, Tarjuman -us- Sunnah]

Hadrat Talha bin Ubaidullah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: A man belonging to the region of Najd and having dishevelled hair advanced towards the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) saying some thing. We could not make out clearly (perhaps owing to distance) what he said until he came very near to the Messenger of ALLAAH.

Then he said, 'Tell me about specific commands of Islam which are obligatory to me as a Muslim and for every other Muslim to carry out.' The Messenger of ALLAAH said, Five times of Salaah during the day and night (which are obligatory and constitute the first and foremost duty in ISLAM). He said, 'Is there any other obligatory prayer besides these?' The Messenger of ALLAAH replied, "No" (The obligatory Salaah are only these five Salaah, but it is upto you if you (in addition to these) five obligatory Salaah say more Salaah willingly and voluntarily (and thus earn further reward). The Messenger then told him about Zakat and he again said, 'Will it be obligatory for me to pay any other Sadaqa in addition to Zakat?' The Messenger of ALLAAH replied, "No" (Only Zakat is obligatory) but it is upto you that you pay Sadaqa voluntarily (and earn further reward). Hadrat Talha bin Ubaidullah, the narrator of this tradition says that at this stage the questioner went back saying, (whatever the Messenger of ALLAAH has told me) I will not add to it anything on my part or take off any thing. The Messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) heard this and observed. "He would get prosperity if he is truthful."

[BukhAri, Muslim, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### Thinking of ALLAAH in the best terms

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said: thinking of ALLAAH in the best of terms is one of the most

meritorious devotion.

[Musnad Ahmad, Abu Daud, Mishkat]

### The sign of true faith

Hadrat Anas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, "No one of you can be a true believer until he loves me more than he loves his parents, children and all mankind."

[Ma'arif -ul- Hadis, BukhAri, Muslim]

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said: Eeman has more than seventy branches. Out of these, the highest and most excellent is the recognition that there is no deity but ALLAAH i.e. testifying to the oneness of ALLAAH and the humblest is to remove the harmful and injurious objects from the street. And modesty is an important branch of Eeman.

[Ma'ariful Hadis, Musnad Ahmad]

Hadrat Abu Umama (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that a man asked the Messenger of ALLAAH, what is faith? The Messenger replied, "When your good deed pleases you and evil deed grieves you, you are a believer. [Ma'arif -ul- Hadis, Musnad Ahmad]

Abu Huraira (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, Modesty and humility are born out of faith. The reward for faith is Paradise. Harshness of temperament gives birth to immodesty and obscenity in speech, which lead to Hell."

[Musnad Ahmad, Tirmizi]

Ibn Umar narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said: Modesty and Eeman are bound to each other. When one of them is withdrawn, the other is also taken away." [Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

In the Hadis narrated by Ibn Abbas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) it appears like this. When one of the two

is withdrawn, the other follows the former.

[Shabul Iman, Tarjuman -us- Sunnah]

Hadrat Abu Huraira (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH said, 'Is there anybody who will himself comply with these rules of belief at least transmit them to those who will do so? I said, "O Messenger of ALLAAH, I am at your command.' He thereupon caught hold of my hand and told me the following five things.

1. Keep away from all that is forbidden. You will be reckoned among the devout servants of ALLAAH.
2. Reconcile with whatever ALLAAH predestined for you. You will thus become one of most carefree servants of ALLAAH.
3. Always do good to your neighbour. You will become a true believer.
4. Wish for others whatever you would wish for yourself. You will become a perfect Muslim.
5. Do not laugh much, this deadens the heart."  
[Musnad Ahmad, Tirmizi, Tarjuman -us- Sunnah]

Abu Shuraih Khuzai (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Holy Prophet said,

"I swear by ALLAAH, that man is not a true believer. I swear by ALLAAH, that man is not a true believer. I swear by ALLAAH, that man is not a true believer."

I asked, "O Messenger of ALLAAH, who is not a true believer?"

He replied, "The man whose neighbours are in constant fear of his mischief and machinations."

[Bukhari, Marif -ul- Hadis]



Abu Huraira (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH said, you cannot enter paradise until you are a believer and you cannot be a believer until you love one another. Should I not tell you something by acting upon which mutual affection will develop among you. And that is to cultivate the habit of saluting each other and make it a common practice. [Muslim: Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **The sum and substance of Eeman and Islam**

Hadrat Tamim Dari narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH said, "Faith means sincerity of purpose and adherence." We asked "Sincerity and adherence to whom?" He replied, To ALLAAH, the Exalted, to His Book, to His Messenger, to the leaders and leaders of Muslims and to the common people".  
[Ma'arif -ul- Hadis, Muslim]

### **The lowest degree of eeman**

Hadrat Abu Sad al-Khidri (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, "If any one of you notices any thing evil and against the Shari'ah, it is incumbent on him to set it right by force, if he possesses it, and through advice if he has no force or power, and if he is not in a position to do this even, then abhor it from the core of his heart. This is the lowest degree of Eeman.

[Muslim, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **Love of ALLAAH and his Prophet**

Hadrat Anas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, there are three qualities and whosoever possesses them, will be favoured with the sweetness of Eeman.

1. One who holds ALLAAH and his Messenger dearer than any thing else (i.e. who does not love anybody or anything more than ALLAAH and his Messenger).

2. One who loves a human being for the sake of ALLAAH alone (i.e without any expectation of any worldly gain - but on this consideration alone that he is a godly person).
3. One who has been rescued from Kufr (whether from the very beginning or through repentance) and after that he dislikes returning to Kufr as much as being cast into Hell.

[Bukhari, Muslim, Hayat -ul- Muslimeen]

Hadrat Ma'az bin Jabal (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: I asked the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) about the most excellent Eeman (i.e. about the highest and most excellent degree of Iman and the deeds and virtues through which it can be achieved). The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) replied, that you love any one for the sake of ALLAAH and so be your hatred for the sake of ALLAAH (i.e sympathy and antipathy with any one should be for the sake of ALLAAH alone) and secondly, you use your tongue in remembering ALLAAH. Hadrat Muaz asked 'Any thing else, O Messenger of ALLAAH' (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam). He replied, That for others you wish and like what ever you wish and like for your self and dislike those things for them which you dislike for yourself. [Bukhari, Muslim, Musnahd Ahmed, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **Love as a mean of nearness and close association**

Hadrat Abdullah Ibn Masud (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that a man came to the Holy Messenger and asked him, what do you say about a person who loves a group of people but is unable to associate and to approach them? He replied, "One who loves any one is nevertheless with him (or will be placed with him in the Hereafter). [Bukhari, Muslim, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Hadrat Anas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated:

Someone asked the Messenger of ALLAAH, "When is the Day of Resurrection expected?" He replied, "Woe to you that you enquire about the exact time and moment when Resurrection will come about. Let me know the preparation you have made for it." The man replied, "I have made no special preparation (which may be worth mentioning or dependable but (by the Grace of ALLAAH I have the good fortune of) loving ALLAAH and His Messenger. The Prophet then observed, 'You will be with him whom you love and you will be in his company.'

The reporter of this tradition Hadrat Anas adds: I did not see the Muslims (i.e. the Prophet's (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) companions) after having accepted Islam, happier than on hearing these good tidings from the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).  
[Bukhari, Muslim, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Someone came to the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and said: 'O Messenger of ALLAAH, I love you more than I love my wife, my children and my own self. And my condition is that when I am at home and your goodself comes to my mind, I remain restless until I come over to you and have a look at you. And when I think of my death and also that of your departure, it occurs to me that after death you would be taken to the elevated place of Prophets in Paradise, but as for me, even if I, by the Grace of ALLAAH enter Paradise, I will not be able to reach that high place and will thus be deprived of seeing you. The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) gave no reply by himself until the following verse of Surah NISA was revealed:

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالْقِدِّيمِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ  
وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا ۝

(And those persons who obey ALLAAH and His

Messenger, are in the company of those on whom ALLAAH has bestowed His Grace, - Viz: of the Prophets, the saints, the martyrs and the righteous).  
(4.69) [Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

**Those who, love each other for the sake of ALLAAH, become ALLAAH's beloved**

Hadrat Muaz bin Jabal (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated I have heard the Messenger of ALLAAH say, "ALLAAH has said that it is incumbent on Him to love those who love each other for His sake, who sit together for his sake, who visit each other for His sake and spend on each other for His sake.  
[Muwatta Imam Malik, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Hadrat Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH said, "Among the servants of ALLAAH there are some who are neither prophets nor martyrs, but on the Day of Resurrection many prophets and martyrs will envy them because of their nearness to ALLAAH. The Companions asked, "O Messenger of ALLAAH ! Please tell us who are these? He replied, Such persons are those who without any bonds of kinship and without having any financial interest love each other for the sake of ALLAAH alone. As such I swear by ALLAAH that their faces will be glittering on the day of Judgement, rather they will all be light and will be seated on the pulpits of light. Further, when people in general will be apprehensive, at that moment they will be peaceful and undisturbed. When people in general will be worried, at that time they will have no worry.

At this stage, he read out the following verse:

الْآنَ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Behold! verily for the friends of ALLAAH there is no fear nor shall they grieve.

[Sunane Abu Daud, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Once someone passed in front of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) while some persons were seated with him. One of these said, "O Messenger of ALLAAH! I love this man for the sake of ALLAAH. "The Messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) enquired as to whether he had told him so. That person replied in the negative. Thereupon the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) told him "Go and tell him that you love him so for the sake of ALLAAH. "The man got up immediately, went over to him and told him like that. In reply the person in question said, "May He love for the sake of Whom you love me. [Tirmizi, Abu Daud]

### **Keeping company with pious men**

Hadrat Abu Raza (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH said, "Should I not tell you some thing which is the pivot of faith and through which you can achieve goodness in this world and in the Hereafter.

Firstly, hold fast the company of Ahl-e-Zikar (devout men). Secondly when you are alone, keep your tongue busy in remembering ALLAAH, as far as possible. Thirdly, love for the sake of ALLAAH only and (similarly) hate for the sake of ALLAAH alone." [Baihaqui]

**Note:** It is confirmed by experience that good company is the best means of realizing the gist of religion, relishing its taste and appreciating its strength.

[Hayat -ul- Mulimin]

### **Evil promptings are not against man and are not accountable**

Hadrat Abdullah-Ibn-Abbas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: A man came to the Messenger of ALLAAH and said, Sometimes such evil thoughts occur to me that I would rather be burnt to ashes than make a

mention of them. The Messenger of ALLAAH replied, Praise and thanks be to ALLAAH who has turned this affair into one of evil suggestions: (i.e. has made those thoughts remain thoughts only) and not turned them into doubt and evil deeds.

[Abu Daud, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Hadrat Abu Huraira (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, People will continue to put absurd questions about How and Why so much so that this foolish question will be asked, "When ALLAAH has brought into being all creation, who has created ALLAAH? If any one has to face such a question he should put an end to it by saying that I believe in ALLAAH and His Prophet."

[BukAri, Muslim Ma'arif -ul- Hads]

### **Belief in pre destination is also an article of faith**

Hadrat Abu Khizamah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated on the authority of his father, who said, "I asked the Messenger of ALLAAH, "What have you to say about incantation and charms which we resort to in relieving our pains and ailments and about medicines which we use during illness as also the devices that we employ for our protection. Do these repel the Divine Decree. The Apostle of ALLAAH replied, "All these things are also by Divine Decree."

[Musnad Ahmad, Tirmizi, Ibn -e- Majah, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Hadrat Abu Huraira (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: while (sitting in the Prophet's mosque) we were arguing about ALLAAH's decree that the Messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) came out to us and saw us engaged in arguments), he become extremely angry and even to this extent that his face became so red that it looked as if pomegranate seeds had been burst open on his cheeks. He then said, "Is this what you were commanded to do or was it for this purpose that I was

sent to you (that you engage yourself in discussion of such important and delicate issues)? Beware your predecessors perished only when they argued about this matter. I charge you, not to argue about it."

[Tirmizi, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Hadrat Ali (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated the Messenger of ALLAAH said, "The place which every one of you will occupy in hell or in paradise has been recorded." When his hearers asked him whether they should not trust simply in what had been recorded for them and abandon doing good deeds, he replied, "Go on doing them, for every one is helped to do that for which he was created. Those who are among the number of the blessed will be helped to do appropriate deeds."

Then he recited:

فَأَمَّا مَنْ أَعْطَىٰ وَالتَّقَىٰ وَصَدَّقَ بِالْحُسْنَىٰ فَسَنِيْرَهُ  
لِلْيُسْرَىٰ وَأَمَّا مَنْ بَخِلَ وَاسْتَغْنَىٰ وَكَذَّبَ  
بِالْحُسْنَىٰ فَسَنِيْرَهُ لِّلْعُسْرَىٰ وَاللَّيْلِ (معرفة الحديث)

Then as for him who giveth and feareth Him.

And testifies to the Good,

Unto him therefore We shall indeed make easy  
the path to ease.

And as for him who stinteth and is heedless.

And who belieth the Good,

Unto him therefore We shall indeed make easy  
the path to hardship. 92/5-10. [Ma'ariful Hadis]

After having done something it is forbidden to say: Would that I had not done it like this but would have done like that. The Messenger of ALLAAH has said,

"This opens the door for Satan's mischief." He further said, It is more helpful to say: Whatever has happened was Divine Decree and whatever He decrees must come to pass. [Zad -ul- Ma'ad]

Hadrat Ibn Abbas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated I was behind the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) when he said to me, "Young man! I will tell you a few things, Keep ALLAAH in your mind; He will guard you. Think of ALLAAH and you will find Him near yourself. Whenever you have to ask for any thing, ask for it from ALLAAH, whenever you need help, pray to ALLAAH for it. Be sure that if all groups of people unite to confer any benefit upon you, they will simply be unable to do so, excepting what ALLAAH has foreordained you and similarly, if they combine to do any harm to you, they can do you no harm except if ALLAAH has decreed it.

[Tirmizi, Hayat -ul- Mumineen]

## **Piety**

The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said: to Hadrat Abu Zar:'I bequeath you to be pious, because piety greatly adorns and improves all your deeds.'

Hadrat Abu Zar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) thereupon said, "Some more, Sir", He said, "Recite the Holy Quran and remember ALLAAH as a regular measure because this recitation and remembrance will be followed by you on earth." Hazrat Abu Zarr requested for some more. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "Cultivate the habit of remaining silent and speaking less because this habit wards off Satan and is helpful in matters of faith".

Hadrat Abu Zar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) again requested for some more counsel. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "Give up the habit of laughing too much because it deadens the spirit and dims the light of one's face.



Hadrat Abu Zar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) requested for some more counsel. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "Speak the truth even though it may be unpalatable and bitter." On request for still more counsel, the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said. "Do not care for people's reproach and loop-holes of others in the matter of ALLAAH Whatever you know about your own self and person, should be enough to hold you back from finding out. [Sha'ab -ul- Aman, Baihaqui, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Hadrat Mu'awiya (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that he wrote to Hadrat Aishah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anha) requesting her for some counsel in concise terms. She wrote in her reply:

Greetings to you, I have heard the Messenger of ALLAAH say: Whoever wishes to please ALLAAH at the cost of displeasing men, ALLAAH will free him from the care and charge of men, and will Himself suffice for him. And whosoever pleases people by displeasing ALLAAH, ALLAAH will deliver him to the charge of men. [Tirmizi, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **Good name earned by good deeds is a bounty of ALLAAH**

Hadrat Abu Zarr Ghaffari (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) was asked, "What do you say about a man who does good deeds and is on that account spoken well by the people? (According to another narration the last clause was: is loved by the people?) He replied, This is real good tiding for a true Muslim." [Sah Muslim]

Similarly if someone does any good work openly with the intention that others may follow him and learn to do likewise, then it will not be taken as dissimulation: but in such a situation that servant of ALLAAH will

get divine reward for teaching and preaching (religion). From numerous traditions it appears that this was the intention behind many actions of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam).

May ALLAAH bless us with selflessness and sincerity of purpose, make us His true servants and protect our hearts from ruinous attacks of dissimulation and running after fame. [Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **Beauty of Islam**

Hadrat Abu Huraira (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said:

The beauty and perfection of a man's Islam is that he should refrain from useless and purposeless acts.'  
[Ma'arif -ul- Hadis, Ibn Majah: 2, Tirmizi]

### **Use of worldly riches**

Hadrat Abu Kabsha Ammar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: I heard the Messenger of ALLAAH say, "There are three things about which I make a solemn declaration, and there is also another thing which I would like to tell you. So bear these things well in your mind. The three things that I declare solemnly are:

- (i) Nobody's riches are diminished by giving Sadaqa (Charity)
- (ii) If any one is wronged and bears it with fortitude, ALLAAH will exalt him in honour as a recompense for it.
- (iii) No one shall open the door of begging but ALLAAH will open the door of poverty on him.

The other thing that I want to tell you and which you must remember, is that the world is inhabited by four

types of men. Firstly, one whom ALLAAH has given wealth as well as the knowledge of the right way of living who fears ALLAAH while utilizing or spending his wealth: who treats relatives well by the use of his riches; and when he appropriates or spends it he does so only for the sake of ALLAAH. Such men occupy the highest and most sublime rank.

Secondly, one whom ALLAAH has favoured with knowledge but has not given him riches. However, if such a person has a sincere wish and expresses it that should he get riches, he would spend it on good works in the same manner as such and such person has been doing, the reward for such a person would be of the same order as that of the first person. Thirdly, those whom ALLAAH has given wealth but not the knowledge and desire to utilize it in the right manner and they squander it foolishly without fear of ALLAAH, and do not help their relations with it; such men occupy the lowest position. Fourthly, those whom ALLAAH has neither given wealth nor right knowledge (and desire) and say that if they would get riches, they would expend it in the manner as such (and like the spendthrift squander their wealth). As this is their intention therefore both of them are equal in sin."

[Jam -e- Tirmiz, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **Truth about this world and the next**

Hadrat Amr-bin-al-as (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) delivered a sermon one day. In it he said, "Listen and remember that this world is temporary and momentary which is available for the time being (it has no real worth or value). So everyone, good or bad, has a share in it and all are fed by it. Believe it firmly that the Day of Reckoning will come at its appointed time. This is an inevitable fact and on this day the Almighty Sovereign will decree reward or punishment to all (according to their deeds).

Remember, all good and every kind of comfort is in Paradise and all evil and every kind of evil is in Hell. So beware whatever you do, do it fearing ALLAAH and keep its reaction in the Hereafter in view. Believe it that you will be presented before ALLAAH with all your deeds and who has done an atom of good will see it and whoever has done an atom of evil will see it too. [Musnad Imam Shafii, Ma'ariful Hadis]

### **Fear of ALLAAH and piety leads to eminence and nearness**

While seeing off Hadrat Mu'az bin Jabal after having appointed him as Qazi / Governor, the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) gave him a few counsels and made bequests. He said to him: O Mu'az! I may not be able to meet you after this year of my life...." On hearing this Hadrat Mu'az began to weep due to shock of separation. The Messenger of ALLAAH then turned his face from him and looking towards Madina said. (probably he himself was visibly moved and deeply impressed) "All those who fear ALLAAH are very much near to me and have association with me (and lead a life of piety) whoever they may be and wherever they may be.

[Masnad Ahmad, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **Not associating with the world and conscious of the life hereafter.**

Hadrat Jabir (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH passed by a dead kid whose ears had been cut off. He said, "Who would like to exchange it for a dirham. The hearers said, ("Not to speak of a dirham) we would not like to have it even for the meanest thing. "The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "By ALLAAH, the world is more contemptible than what this is for you.

[Muslim, Hayat -ul- Muslemein]

Hadrat Ibne Mas'ud (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH slept on a mat and when he got up, the impressions of the mat were visible on his body. Ibne Mas'ud made a request for spreading bedding for him. He said, I have no concern with the world. My association with the world is like that of a horseman who (while on his way) stops under a shady tree and then leaving it goes ahead." [Ahmad, Tirmizi, Ibne-Majah]

Hadrat Abu Huraira (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said remember abundantly the terminator of all pleasures i.e. death.

[Tirmizi, Nisai, Ibn - Majah, Hayat -ul- Muslimeen]

Hadrat Abdullah bin Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, "To a Muslim death is a gift". [Baihaqui]

So one should be pleased with the gift and if some one is apprehensive of the punishment then he should think of the ways for his relief from that i.e. he should follow the commandments of ALLAAH and His Messenger and offer repentance for the lapses."

[Hayat -ul- Muslimeen]

Hadrat Bara -bin- azib (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated (in a lengthy tradition) that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, "When a true Muslim is about to leave the world for the Hereafter, then two angels in pure white faces descend on him with the shroud and perfumes from Paradise. Then comes the Angel of Death and says. "O pure soul, come forth to ALLAAH's pardon and pleasure! When they take this soul, they do not hold it in their hands but deposit it in that shroud and perfume. This gives out musk like smell. Then they carry it upwards and they do not pass by any concourse of angels (stationed on earth) which does not say, "Who is this pure soul? They say, "Such a one, the son of a such a one," Calling him by graceful

names. Then they take him to the lowest region of heaven and ask the door to be opened for him which is done. The angels of every heaven take (the souls) to the next above in the same manner upto the seventh heaven. ALLAAH the Almighty says, "Write the record of actions or name of this servant in Ellyn; and return him to the earth for interrogation. Therefore his soul is returned to his body but not in the manner it was while he was in the world but in consistence with the state of being, the truth about which will be known after death. Then two angels come to him and say to him, "Who is thy Lord? He replies, "My Lord is ALLAAH." Then they say "What is thine religion, He says "Islam. "They then ask, "Who is the gentleman who was The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) to you?" He replies, The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) of ALLAAH. "Then a voice from ALLAAH calls out, "My servant gave the right reply. Throw for him a bed from Paradise, and dress him from paradise and open a door for him towards Paradise." Then peace and perfume come for him from Paradise (After this, there is mention of what happens with an infidel which is opposite to it).

[Musnad Ahmad, Hayatul Muslemeen]

## Remembrance of death

In a lengthy tradition, Hadrat Abu Sa'd al-Kudri narrated that one day, the Messenger of ALLAAH came to the mosque from his home for performing Salaah and he saw people looking as if they were bursting into laughter (in the mosque) (and this was the sign of disrespect). So the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said (for their guidance), "If you were to keep in remembrance death which brings to end the pleasures it would distract you from what I see. So remember death. [Jam -e- Tirmiz, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

Hadrat Anas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH came upon a young man at a time when he was dying and asked. "How do you

find yourself at the moment? He replied "O Messenger of ALLAAH! I am in such a state of mind that I am hopeful of ALLAAH's mercy and at the same time I am apprehensive of punishment and hellfire for my sins". The Messenger of ALLAAH said, be sure, that in whose heart, there are feelings of both hope and fear (at the time of death) then ALLAAH, the Magnificent would certainly bestow upon him what he is expecting from His bounty and would keep him safe from punishment of which he is afraid and fearful.' [Jame -Tirmizi Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **Tears in fear of ALLAAH**

Hadrat Abdullah bin Masud (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Messenger of ALLAAH said, "If through fear of ALLAAH tears, even to the extent of a fly's head, fall from any believer's eyes and drop on some part of his cheek, he will be kept away from hell by ALLAAH. [Ibn Majah, Ma'arif -ul- Hadis]

### **TABLIGH (Preaching)**

The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), one day delivered an address in which he praised some Muslims. Then he said, "How is that some people do not help their neighbours, in developing and understanding of religion and do not teach them religion and do not apprise them of the harmful aspect of remaining ignorant of religion and do not restrain them from evil. How is it, that people do not learn religion from their neighbors and do not develop an understanding of religion and do not ascertain the consequences of remaining ignorant of religion. I swear by ALLAAH, it is incumbent on Muslims to impart religious teaching to their neighbours and to develop understanding of religion in them, to tender advice to them.