



The Excellence of Invoking Blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ¹

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Allāh ﷻ stated in the Qur’ān,

“Allāh and his angels send blessings on the Prophet: O you who believe, send your blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation.”²

It was related that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ came one day with a cheerful appearance. He said, “Jibrīl ﷺ came to me and said, ‘Are you not pleased that whenever anyone invokes blessings upon you Allāh will bless him tenfold. No one will ask Allāh to grant you peace, except that Allāh will grant them peace tenfold.’”

He ﷺ said, “The nearest people to me are those who invoke the most blessings upon me.”

He ﷺ said, “An Angel supplicates upon those who invoke blessings upon me for as long as he supplicates, be it a short time or long.”

He ﷺ said, “A person is considered miserly if I am mentioned in his presence and he does not invoke blessings upon me.”

He ﷺ said, “Increase your invocation of blessings upon me on Fridays.”

He ﷺ said, “Whoever of my nation invokes blessings upon me once, ten good deeds are written for him and ten sins are erased.”

He ﷺ said, “Whoever hears the call to prayer and says: ‘O Allāh, Lord of this perfect call and this established prayer, grant Muḥammad the *wasīla*,³ the lofty rank, and

¹ This is a translation of a short section excerpted from the book of Imām al-Jazūlī (d.870 H) entitled *Dalā’il al-Khayrāt* [The Waymarks of Benefits]. The traditions of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ presented (which may vary in authenticity) were cited without chains of transmission for ease in memorisation. For further details regarding *Dalā’il al-Khayrāt* please see: <http://www.dalail.co.uk/dalail.htm>.

² Sūrat al-Aḥzāb 33:56

³ A place in Heaven that is only worthy for one person.

resurrect him in the most praised position that You have promised him', my intercession for him will be binding on the Day of Judgment."

He ﷺ said, "Whoever invokes blessings upon me in a book, for as long as my name remains in that book an angel will supplicate for him."

Abū Sulaymān al-Darānī ؓ said, "Whoever wishes to ask Allāh to fulfil his need, let him increase his supplications upon the Prophet ﷺ and then request his need and seal it with further supplications upon the Prophet ﷺ. Allāh will accept the two requests for blessings upon the Prophet and He is too generous to refuse what is in between them."

It is narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said, "Whoever asks Allāh to bless me one hundred times on a Friday, he is forgiven the sins of eighty years."

Abū Hurayra ؓ said the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, "For the one who invokes blessings upon me is a light on the Traverse,⁴ he who has a light on the Traverse is from the People of the Light and cannot be from the People of the Fire."

He ﷺ said, "Whoever neglects to ask for blessings upon me has lost the way to heaven. The route to heaven is barred for such a neglectful one whilst it is open for the one who invokes blessings upon me."

In a narration from 'Abdul Raḥmān ibn Awf ؓ the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, "Jibrīl ؑ came to me and said, "O Muḥammad, anyone who invokes blessings upon you is blessed by seventy thousand angels and whoever is blessed by the angels is from the people of heaven."

He ﷺ said, "The more you supplicate upon me the more you will have in heaven."

It was narrated that he ﷺ said, "Whenever someone invokes blessings upon me, extolling my right, Allāh, Mighty and Majestic, creates an angel from his speech whose wings spread from the east to the west, with feet that are firm upon the lowest world and a neck hovering below the Throne. Allāh, Mighty and Majestic, says to him, 'Bless my slave the like of which he asked for blessings upon my Prophet' and the angel will bless him until the Day of Judgement."

He ﷺ said, "Nations will come to my Pool on the Day of Rising who I will not know except through their frequent invocation of blessings upon me."

It was narrated that he ﷺ said, "Whoever invokes blessings upon me once, Allāh blesses that person ten fold; Whoever invokes blessings ten times for me, Allāh blesses him one hundred times; Whoever invokes blessings one hundred times for me, Allāh blesses him a thousand times, and whoever asks Allāh to bless me a thousand times Allāh will prohibit his body from the fire and affirm him with a weighty word in this world and the afterlife. He will enter heaven on the Day of Judgment and his supplications will be a light for him upon the Traverse visible for a distance of five

⁴ The Bridge over Hell that leads to Heaven.

hundred years. Allāh will grant him a palace in Heaven for every supplication upon me, regardless of how many.”

The Prophet ﷺ said, “Whenever one invokes blessings upon me his request leaves him quickly and passes over the land and sea, through east and west saying, “I am the supplication of so and so who prayed upon Muḥammad the Chosen One, the Best of Allāh’s Creation.” Then a bird is created from these supplications which has seventy thousand wings, on every wing there is seventy thousand feathers, on every feather there are seventy thousand heads, on every head there are seventy thousand faces. On Each face there are seventy thousand mouths and in every mouth there are seventy thousand tongues who praise Allāh most high in seventy thousand languages. Allāh records the reward of all this to him.”

‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib ؓ reported that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, “Whoever invokes blessings upon me one hundred times on Friday comes with a light on the Day of Judgement. If this light was divided between creation, all of it would be engulfed.”

It was mentioned in another account, “Written on the leg of the Throne is: Whoever longs for Him is shown mercy, whoever requests is given and whoever draws closer to Me through asking for blessings upon Muḥammad is forgiven his sins even if they are as plentiful as the foam on the sea.”

It was narrated that one of the companions ؓ said, “In every gathering that Muḥammad ﷺ is supplicated upon, a sweet smell emanates until it reaches the clouds of the sky and the angels say, ‘This is a gathering in which blessings upon Muḥammad ﷺ are being asked for.’”

It was mentioned in another account, “When the believing slave, male or female, begins with supplication on Muḥammad ﷺ the doors and canopy of the skies open, reaching the Throne. There is no angel in the heavens except it invokes blessings upon Muḥammad ﷺ and requests forgiveness for that servant, as long as Allāh wills.”

He ﷺ said, “Whoever is troubled by some matter, let him increase his salutations upon me because it will remove concerns, sadness, distress and will increase his provisions and his needs will be fulfilled.”

One of the pious said, “I had a scribe for a neighbour, when he died, I saw him in a dream. So I asked, “What did Allāh do to you?” He replied, “He forgave me.” “How was that?” He said, “When I used to write the name Muḥammad ﷺ in a book, I would invoke blessings upon him. Thus my Lord gave me what no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard and what has never occurred to the hearts of man.”

Anas ؓ narrates that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, “None of you truly believes until I become more beloved to him than himself, his wealth, his children, his parents and all of mankind.”

In a narration, ‘Umar ibn Khattāb ؓ is related to have said, “You are more beloved to me, O Messenger of Allāh, than everything except the soul that is between my two sides.” He ﷺ replied, “You are not a believer until I am more beloved to you than

your own self.” ‘Umar ؓ said, “I swear by the One who sent you the Book,⁵ you are more beloved to me than my soul that is between my two sides.” The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, “O ‘Umar, now your faith is complete.”

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ was asked, “How will I become a believer?” and in another narration, “A truthful believer.” He ﷺ said, “When you love Allāh.”

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“When you follow his way and practices, love what he loves, dislike what he dislikes, befriend his friends and dislike his enemies. People differ in their faith according to their love for me and people differ in their disbelief according to their hatred for me. There is no faith in one that doesn’t love him, there is no faith in one that doesn’t love him, there is no faith in one that doesn’t love him.”

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ was asked, “We see humble believers and those who are not humble, what is the reason for this?” He ﷺ said, “Whoever finds the sweetness of faith is humble and he who doesn’t is not humble.” “How can we find, attain or acquire such faith?” He ﷺ said, “By sincerely loving Allāh.” “How is the love of Allāh attained or acquired?” He ﷺ said, “By loving His Messenger.” So seek out the pleasure of Allāh ﷻ and the pleasure of His Messenger ﷺ by loving them.

Someone asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, “Who are the family of Muḥammad whom we are ordered to love, to honour and be dutiful to?” He ﷺ said, “The people of purity and loyalty, those who believe in me, sincerely.” It was asked, “What are their signs?” “The effect of my love is upon every lover internally who is busy with my remembrance after the remembrance of Allāh ﷻ.” And in another narration, “Their signs are that they remain in my remembrance and intensify their asking for blessings upon me.”

Someone asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, “Who has the strongest love for you?” He ﷺ said, “The one who believes in me without seeing me. He truly believes in me through yearning and is sincere in his love. The signs of this are that he desires to see me more than everything he owns.”

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ was asked, “Are you aware of the supplication for you by those who are not with you or will come after you? What is their state regarding you?” He ﷺ said, “I hear and know the supplication of the people who love me, their supplication and others’ supplications are displayed to me.”



⁵ The Qur’ān