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# THE PROPHET'S ﷺ WORSHIP

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'Abdullah bin Mas'ud رضي الله عنه relates that he was on one occasion asked by the Holy Prophet ﷺ to recite some verses of the Qur'an to him. He said: "O Messenger of Allah ﷺ! The Qur'an has been revealed to you (i.e., you know it best of all). How then shall I recite it to you?" But the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: "I love to hear it recited by other people also." Thereupon 'Abdullah bin Mas'ud رضي الله عنه began to recite from Surah Al-Nisa'. When he recited the verse: "And how will it fare with them when We shall bring a witness from every people, and shall bring thee as a witness against them" (4: 42), the Holy Prophet ﷺ exclaimed: 'Enough! Enough!' 'Abdullah bin Mas'ud رضي الله عنه looked up and saw that tears were streaming from the Holy Prophet's ﷺ eyes (Bukhari, Kitab Fada'ilul Qur'an).

[LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ, P. 205]

HADITH FROM NASAI

قَرَّةٌ عَيْنِي فِي الصَّلَاةِ

PRAYER IS THE DELIGHT OF MY EYES

# WORSHIP OF THE PROPHET ﷺ

[LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ, P. 56]

When he reached a place called Badr, he accepted the suggestion of one of his followers and ordered his men to settle near the brook of Badr. The Muslims took possession of this source of water, but the land on which they took up their positions was all sand, and therefore unsuitable for the maneuvers of fighting men. The followers of the Prophet ﷺ showed natural anxiety over this disadvantage. The Prophet ﷺ himself shared the anxiety of his followers and spent the whole night praying. Again and again he said: My God, over the entire face of the earth just now, there are only these three hundred men who are devoted to Thee and determined to establish Thy worship. My God, if these three hundred men die today at the hands of their enemy in this battle, who will be left behind to glorify Thy name? (Tabari). God heard the supplication of His Prophet ﷺ. Rain came over-night. The sandy part of the field which the Muslims occupied became wet and solid. The dry part of the field occupied by the enemy became muddy and slippery.

**FINAL ADVICE TO MUSLIMS ON HIS DEATH-BED:  
“YOU MUST REMEMBER YOUR ONE AND ONLY  
OBJECTIVE — THAT IS, THE WORSHIP OF THE  
ONE AND ONLY GOD.”**

[LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ, P. 192]

He sometimes stood so long in prayer during the latter part of the night that his feet would get swollen, and those who saw him in that condition were always much affected. On one occasion 'A'isha رضى الله عنها said to him: "God has honoured you with His love and nearness. Why then do you subject yourself to so much discomfort and inconvenience?" He replied: "If God has by His Grace and Mercy conferred His love and nearness upon me, is it not my duty in return to be always rendering thanks to Him? Gratitude should increase in proportion to the favours received" (Bukhari, Kitabul Kusuf).

[LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ, P. 204]

He was so particular about joining the congregational prayers that, even during severe illness when it is permissible not only to say one's prayers in one's room but even to say them lying in bed, he would go to the mosque to lead the prayers himself. On one occasion when he was unable to proceed to the mosque he directed that Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه should lead the prayers. Presently however, he felt some improvement in his condition and asked to be supported into the mosque. He rested his weight on the shoulders of two men but was in so feeble a condition that, according to 'A'isha رضي الله عنها, his feet trailed along the ground (Bukhari).

[Life of Muhammad ﷺ, p. 205]

The Prophet ﷺ did not approve of prayers or worship being carried on as a penance or imposition. On one occasion he came home and observed a rope dangling between two pillars. He inquired what its purpose was, and was informed that his wife Zainab رضى الله عنها was in the habit of supporting herself by means of the rope when she became tired in the course of her prayers. He directed the rope to be removed and said that prayers should be continued only so long as one felt easy and cheerful and that if a person became tired he should sit down. Prayers were not an imposition, and if carried on after the body became fatigued they failed of their purpose (Bukhari, Kitabul Kusuf).

[LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ, P. 206]



Have you any notion what was the strange event that occurred in the wasteland of Arabia when hundreds of thousands of the dead were revived within a few days, and those who had been misguided through generations exhibited Divine complexion, and those who were blind began to see, and those who had been dumb began to utter words of Divine wisdom, and the world underwent a revolution which no eye had seen before and no ear had heard of. Do you know how all this came about? It was the supplications during dark nights of one who had lost himself in God which caused a revolution in the world, and showed such wonders as could never have been expected from that Unlettered and Helpless one [the Holy Prophet ﷺ].

[BARAKAT-UD-DU'A, RUHANI KHAZA'IN, VOL. 6, PP. 5-14]

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TAHAJJUD SALAAT**

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