#### **Chapter Four**

# TANBEEHI'L ANAAM of: SHAYKH 'ABDUL JALIL BIN 'AZOOM AL-MAGHRIBI

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#### 1. RECITE THESE SALAWAAT WHILE FASTING

Welcome to <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam fee Bayan 'Uluww Maqam Nabiyyina Muhammad</u> (Exhorting Mankind in Explaining the Exalted Station of our Prophet Muhammad ), a book of more than 6,000 **salawaat** (blessings) and **salaams** (salutations) on our beloved Holy Prophet Sayyidina wa Mawlana Muhammad al-Mustafa by Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin Muhammad bin Ahmad bin 'Azoom of Qayrawan, Tunisia (passed ahead in 960 A.H / 1553 C.E). This book is also popularly known as <u>Shifaa' al-Asqaam wa Mahwa'l Aathaam fi's-Salaat 'alaa Khayri'l Anaam</u> (The Healing of Sicknesses and the Erasing of Sins in invoking Blessing on the Best of Mankind).

Let us recall that Allah has appointed seventy thousand angels to invoke salawaat and salaams on the Holy Prophet has at his tomb (lovingly referred to as Rawdah or Garden of Paradise) any one day, and the next day another seventy thousand angels come and offer salawaat and salaams, and so on. Those angels who obtain such an opportunity once never obtain it again, because Allah his in His Love and Justice wants to provide such an opportunity to all the angels. And let us remember that the angels neither eat nor drink nor sleep (Laa akla laa shurba wa laa nawmun lahum). So, transform yourself into an angel, that is, do not eat or drink and approach Tanbeehi'l Anaam in a state of sawm (fasting) and start to recite salawaat on the Beloved of Allah, Muhammad-u'r-Rasulullah his. Some mashaayikh (spiritual masters) have indeed formed the habit of completing the recitation of Tanbeehi'l Anaam every month, especially in Ramadan, the month of fasting.

Indeed Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin 'Azoom himself conveys to us these teachings in the following salawaat.

ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَاوَمُولَانَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَاهُ عَلَى آلِ ٱلَّذِي ْ جَعَلَ اللهُ سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ يَحُقُّونَ بِقَبْرِةِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad for whom Allah has kept seventy thousand angels who surround his tomb

# ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَلَا اللهُمَّ صَلِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَاللهُمَّ صَلْحُهُ عَلَى اللهُ الْجَرَائِمُ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: whoever does his **zikr** / **dhikr** (remembers him) in abundance while fasting, is forgiven his offenses.

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: whoever remembers him with abundance as he deserves it, will be provided shade by Allah in His Shade on the Day (of Judgement) when there will be no shade except His Shade.

And what better way to remember the beloved Prophet stan to invoke **salawaat** and **salaams** of Allah on him while fasting?

Tanbeehi'l Anaam is in two volumes. Volume 1 has 21 chapters while volume 2 has 17 chapters woven around salawaat on a particular theme. Some of the chapter titles are: Fee Fadli Mahabbatihee (On the bounty of Love for him), Fee Akhlaaqihi'sh Shareefah wa Shamaailihi'l Lateefah (His Noble Character and Subtle Qualities), Fi'l Mi'raj (His Ascension, body and soul, to the Heavens to meet Allah , Fi'l Akhbaaraatihi'l Ghaybiyya wa Sidq Maqaalaatihi'l Marwiyyah (The Reports he gave of the Unseen and the Truth of his Reported Sayings), Fee Zuhurihi wa 'Alaamaatihi wa Wilaadatihi wa Ridaa'atihi (His Manifestation and his signs, and his Birth and his Nursing), Fee Mu'jizaatihi'l Baahirah (His Shining Miracles), and Fee Fadli'sh Shafee'ish Shaafi' (His Bountifulness as an Accepted Intercessor).

And Shaykh Ibn 'Azoom knew in reality that our beloved Prophet Muhammad 'Arabi is an intercessor whose intercession is accepted by Allah in the Introduction to the book, he narrates that he saw Rasulullah in a dream. His house appeared all lit up from the light on the face of Muhammad al-Mustafa in the greeted him three times:

Blessing and salutation upon you, O Prophetic Messenger of Allah.

Then, he requested him for his **shafa'ah** (intercession). The beloved Prophet kissed him and gave him the good news that he will attain his **shafa'ah**. So, he was filled with joy and composed these two couplets:

# رَأَيْتُ الْمُصْطَغَىٰ فِي النَّوْمِ حَقَّا بِكَارِى آخِذَابِيَدِى الْيَمِيْنِ وَقَبَّلَنِي وَالْيَمِيْنِ وَآلَى عَلَى نَيْلِ الشَّفَاعَةِ بِالْيَمِيْنِ وَقَبَّلَنِي وَالَّي وَآلَى عَلَى نَيْلِ الشَّفَاعَةِ بِالْيَمِيْنِ

I saw the Chosen One (al-Mustafa ) in a dream for true in my house, taking my right hand, and he kissed me and gave me the good news and promised that I will get his intercession with those on the right (the blissful)

## Allahu Akbar! (Allah is Supremely Great!)

The fact that Rasulullah himself gave him the glad tidings shows that he approves of the composition of salawaat and their recitation.

Then he saw one of his neighbours who had passed ahead who informed him that it had been mentioned in the heavens that he was one of the servants of Rasulullah who eulogized him, while Rasulullah looked on, smiling.

After that, he saw his father in a dream who was extremely happy with him. He informed him that the book of **salawaat** he had written had been mentioned among the Heavenly Host of Angels. SubhanAllah (Glorified is Allah!) This shows that the angels love <u>Tanbeehi'l</u> Anaam. Allahu Akbar (Allah is Supremely Great!) It also shows that he received the glad tidings of the acceptance of this book of **salawaat** many times.

### Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah!)

Tanbihi'l Anaam is indeed an encircling ocean of salawaat. Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin 'Azoom informs us in the Introduction that in writing this book, he referenced about 100,000 Ahaadith (Sayings) of the Prophet . He says that he knew of his own helplessness before Allah and that he was prone to error, but he sought refuge in Allah and decided he had to complete the book as it was necessary that people should know about the spiritual realities of Prophet Muhammad and his exalted Station and position before his Lord.

Many 'ulama (scholars) who came after Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin 'Azoom benefited from <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u>. For example, Mawlana 'Abdulrahman Chohravi benefited from it in writing his <u>Majmu'a Salawaat-u'r-Rasul</u> (A Compendium of Blessings on the Prophetic Messenger).

#### 2. RECITE IT IN CONGREGATION

Tanbeehi'l Anaam is best recited in congregation. It starts with the verse of the Holy Qur'an:

Surely, Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet. O you who believe, ask blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation. (33:56)

Then follow the **salawaat** each of which can be said to be composed of two parts. The first part is:

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad.

This is recited in congregation after which the one who leads the congregation completes the second part of the **salaat**. The second part of one of the **salawaat** is:

Whoever invokes Allah's blessing on him once, Allah blesses him ten times.

We learn of this in the following Hadith Shareef:

Hadrat Anas Bin Malik in narrates that the Holy Prophet said: "If somebody hears my name, he should invoke Allah's blessing upon me. When a person asks one blessing upon me, Allah sends ten blessings upon him, forgives his ten sins, and raises him ten degrees (in Paradise)." (Ahmad, an-Nasaai).

So, as the congregation recites <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u>, it goes on learning about the **Ahaadith** (Sayings) of the Holy Prophet , as well as about Islam in general. Some **majalis** (spiritual gatherings) of **zikr** specialise in the recitation and completion of <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u> and some **mashaayikh** (spiritual masters) have memorised the whole of it; indeed all of its more than 6,000 **salawaat**. Allahu Akbar! (Allah is Supremely Great!)

### 3. LEARN THE HOLY QUR'AN KAREEM

One of the most remarkable features of <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u> is that all its chapters (as well as their sub-sections) end with a **salaat** which contains a few verses, or one verse, or part of a verse from the Holy Qur'an Kareem. For example, the chapter on **mi'raj** (heavenly ascension) ends with the following **salaat**.

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron
Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad:
The meaning of which is
in what Allah, The Mighty and The Majestic said
befitting the Prophet's honour and remembrance:
The heart (of the Prophet) did not falsify what he saw.
Will you then dispute with him concerning what he saw?
And indeed he saw Him (Allah's Nur, Divine Light) in another descent. (53:11-13).
May Allah bless him and bestow peace upon him.

The chapter about the 'ilm u'l-ghayb (knowledge of the Unseen) of the Prophet see ends with this salaat.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُ مَهُ إِن عَلَى اَلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ مَهُ إِن اللَّهُمَّ اللَّهُمَّ اللَّهُمَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمَالِ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ مَتَابِ قُلْ هُو عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ مَتَابِ قُلْ هُو عَلَيْهِ تَوَكُلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ مَتَابِ صَلَّ الله عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الله وَجَمِيْعِ الْاصْحَابُ، مَا هَطَلَ غَيْثُ وَفَتَحَتِ السَّمَاءُ أَبُوابُ صَلَّ الله عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الله وَجَمِيْعِ الْاصْحَابُ، مَاهَطَلَ غَيْثُ وَفَتَحَتِ السَّمَاءُ أَبُوابُ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who was addressed with these Words (in the Qur'an) by the King, the Mighty, the Bestower (Allah):

Say: He is my Lord; none is to be worshipped but He, in Him have I put my trust, and to Him do I turn. (13:30)

May Allah bless him and his Family and all his Companions

for as long as rain pours and the doors of the heaven are opened.

Sometimes the **salaat** with a verse or verses of the Holy Qur'an is in the middle of a chapter as in this instance.

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad on whom was revealed:

Glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most High. Who created, then proportioned. (87:1-2)

So while we recite **salawaat** from <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u>, we also learn about some of the sacred teachings from the Holy Qur'an Kareem.

#### 4. LEARN THE BLESSED HADITH SHAREEF

Those who are familiar with the **Ahaadith** (Sayings) of Rasulullah would love <u>Tanbeehi'l</u> <u>Anaam</u> as it opens up new vistas of composition of **salawaat** together with Hadith Shareef.

To appreciate this contribution of Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin 'Azoom, let us recite three more salawaat from <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u>, cross referenced with (translations of) the blessed Hadith Shareef.

#### Salaat

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who said: "Make things easy and do not make them difficult. And give glad tidings and do not create hatred".

#### **Hadith Shareef**

Hadrat Anas bin Malik , relates that the Holy Prophet , said, "Make things easy and do not make them difficult. And give glad tidings and do not create hatred". (al-Bukhari and Muslim)

#### Salaat

# ٱللَّهُمَّرَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، اللَّهُمَّاتِ الْعُبَانِ اللَّهُ اللهُ اللَّهُمَّاتِ اللَّهُ اللهُ اللَّهُمَّاتِ اللَّهُ اللهُ اللهُ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who said: "Paradise lies beneath the feet of mothers".

#### **Hadith Shareef**

Mu'awiyah bin Jahima said that his father approached the Prophet and said, "I intend going on Jihad. I seek your advice". The Prophet enquired, "Is your mother alive?" He answered, "Yes". The Prophet said, "Go and serve her, for Paradise lies beneath the feet of mothers". (Ahmad, an-Nasaai, Bayhaqi).

#### Salaat

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who said, "Beautify your voices with (the recitation of) the Qur'an".

#### **Hadith Shareef**

Hadrat Al-Bara' bin 'Azib \* reported that Allah's Prophetic Messenger said: "Beautify your voices with (the recitation of) the Qur'an". (Ahmad, Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah, Darimi).

### 5. THE SIFAAT (NOBLE ATTRIBUTES) OF THE HOLY PROPHET 🗯

ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَا نَاهُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَلَا اللهُمَّ صَلِّرَ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَشَجَاعَةَ نُوْجٍ وَشِلَّةَ مُولِسَ اللهُ عَلِي خُلُقَ آدَمَ، وَمَعْرِفَةَ شِيْدٍ، وَشَجَاعَةَ نُوْجٍ وَشِلَّةَ مُولِسَ

# ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّمُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَاللَّهُ مَ اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ اللَّهُمَّةِ مِنْ اللَّهُمَّةِ مِنْ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَ اللَّهُ مَا الللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا الللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مِا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مِنْ مَا اللَّهُ مِنْ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللْمُولِي مَا الللّهُ مَا اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مَا اللّ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who was given the character of Prophet Adam باليقال, the gnostic knowledge of Prophet Sheeth المالية, the bravery of Prophet Nuh المالية, and the strength of Prophet Musa

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who was given the friendship of Prophet Ibrahim ماليتال , and the tongue of Prophet Isma'il ماليتال , and the love of Prophet Daaniyaal المالية , and the contentment of Prophet Ishaaq ماليتال , and the abstinence of Prophet 'Isa

Indeed, the beloved Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa scombined in himself all the superlative qualities of all the previous Prophets with.

To gain an appreciation of some of the **sifaat** (attributes) of the noble Prophet , it suffices to recite the following four **salawaat**, cross referenced with (translations of) his blessed Hadith Shareef.

#### Salaat

ٱللَّهُمَّرَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَا نَاهُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَمَّدٍ،

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad whose character was the Qur'an

#### **Hadith Shareef**

Sa'd bin Hisham said: I went to Sayyidatina 'Aisha and said, "Mother of the Faithful believers! Tell me about the nature of Allah's Prophetic Messenger." She asked, "Do you not recite the Qur'an?" On my replying that I certainly did, she said, "The Prophet's nature was the Qur'an". (Muslim)

#### Salaat

ٱللَّهُمَّرَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَا نَاهُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، اللهُمَّ وَسَلِّمُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، اللهُمُ حَلِ مِنَ الْبُكَاءِ الَّذِيْ الْبِرْجَلِ مِنَ الْبُكَاءِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who, when he prayed **Salah**, his chest sounded like the sound of a boiling pot.

#### **Hadith Shareef**

Hadrat 'Abdullah ibn Shikhkhir ir relates, "Once I visited the Holy Prophet is, when he was offering **Salah** (Prayer). I heard the sound of his weeping coming out of his chest which was like the sound of a boiling pot". (Tirmidhi)

#### Salaat

ٱللَّهُمَّرَ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ عَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ عَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ عَبَدٍ اللَّهُ مَّالِهُ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ الْمَانَوَ جُهُهُ يَتَلَأُلُا تَلَأُلُوا لَقَبَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَنْدِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad whose face shone like the shining of the full moon.

#### **Hadith Shareef**

Narrated Hadrat Abu Ishaq :: Al-Bara' : was asked, "Was the face of the Prophet (as bright) as a sword?" He said, "No, but (as bright) as the moon". (al-Bukhari)

#### Salaat

ٱللَّهُمَّرَ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى ٱلِسَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ،

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who did not eat of (what was given as) charity.

#### **Hadith Shareef**

Hadrat Buraydah reports that when the Holy Prophet emigrated to Madina, Hadrat Salman al-Farisi brought a tray full of fresh dates and offered it to him. He asked, "What is this"? Hadrat Salman said, "It is in charity (sadaqah) for you and your Companions." He said, "We do not eat sadaqah". On the second day too, Hadrat Salman came with a tray of dates and said, "These dates are a gift". Then the Holy Prophet and the Companions at of those dates. Thereafter, Hadrat Salman saw the Seal of Prophethood (in between his shoulders) and embraced Islam. (Tirmidhi)

## 6. THE SUPPLICATIONS OF THE HOLY PROPHET SE WERE ANSWERED

The two chapters on the ad'iya (supplications, plural of du'a) of the Holy Prophet has 64 salawaat each dealing with a specific du'a of the beloved Prophet all of which were answered. For example, he prayed that either 'Umar ibn al-Khattab or Abu Jahl bin Hisham accept Islam. His prayer was answered and Sayyidina 'Umar accepted Islam. We learn of this in the following Hadith Shareef:

Hadrat 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas & reported that the Prophet said, "O Allah! Strengthen Islam with Abu Jahl bin Hisham, or with 'Umar bin al-Khattab". In the morning, Sayyidina 'Umar went to the Prophet and accepted Islam; then prayed openly in the masjid. (Ahmad and Tirmidhi)

The **salaat** in Tanbeehi'l Anaam is as follows:

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who prayed that Islam be strengthened with one of the two 'Umars and behold! 'Umar ibn al-Khattab accepted Islam soon after.

He also prayed for Hadrat 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas that Allah may give him the knowledge of the Qur'an and Allah gave him so much knowledge that he came to get the title **Tarjumaana'l Qur'an** (the interpreter of the Qur'an). We learn of this **du'a** in <u>Sahih al-Bukhari</u>.

Narrated Hadrat ibn 'Abbas : Once the Holy Prophet : embraced me and said, "O Allah! Bestow on him the knowledge of the Book (Qur'an)". (al-Bukhari).

The salaat in <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u> is as follows:

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who publicly prayed for Hadrat 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas that he may get the knowledge of the religion of Islam. And behold! He came to be called the Interpreter of the Qur'an.

The blessed Prophet salso prayed for Hadrat Abu Hurayrah, for Hadrat Abu Hurayrah's mother and for Hadrat Anas, may Allah be pleased with them. The relevant **Ahaadith Shareef** and **salawaat** are as follows:

### Prayer For Hadrat Abu Hurayrah

Narrated Hadrat Abu Hurayrah : I said to Allah's Prophetic Messenger : I hear many Sayings (ahaadith) from you but I forget them". Allah's Prophetic Messenger : said, "Spread your rida (garment)." I did accordingly and then he moved his hands as if filling them with something (and emptied them in my rida) and then said, "Take and wrap this sheet over your body". I did it and after that I never forgot anything. (al-Bukhari)

#### **Salaat Concerning This**

ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ عَبَّدٍ، ٱلَّذِي كَ عَالِاً بِهُ مُرَيْرَةَ حِيْنَ وَعَظَهُ، فَمَا نَسِى شَيْئًا مِنْهُ بَعْلَذَالِكَ حَفِظَهُ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who prayed for Hadrat Abu Hurayrah when advising him after which he never forgot anything that he had memorised.

#### Prayer For Hadrat Abu Hurayrah's Mother

Hadrat Abu Hurayrah said: I used to invite my mother who was a polytheist to accept Islam, and one day when I had invited her and she caused me to hear something about Allah's Prophetic Messenger which I do not care to repeat, I went to him weeping and said, "Messenger of Allah! Supplicate to Allah to guide Abu Hurayrah's mother." He said, "O Allah, guide Abu Hurayrah's mother". So I came out cheered by the Prophet's supplication. When I came to the door I found it shut, and when she heard the sound of my feet, she said, "Stay where you are, Abu Hurayrah". I heard the splashing of water, and when she had bathed and put on her garment,

but was in too big a hurry to put on her head-covering, and opened the door and said, "I testify, Abu Hurayrah, that there is no god but Allah, and I testify that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger". I then returned to Allah's Messenger weeping for joy, and he praised Allah and said some good words. (Muslim)

#### **Salaat Concerning This**

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who prayed that may it please Allah to turn Abu Hurayrah and his mother into believers and behold, both of them became the beloved among people.

### Prayer For Hadrat Anas

Umm Sulaym (the mother of Hadrat Anas bin Malik) narrates that she requested (the beloved Prophet ), "Messenger of Allah !! Anas is your servant. Supplicate to Allah for him." He said, "O Allah, multiply his property and his children, and bless him in what You give him". Hadrat Anas said, "I swear by Allah that my property is abundant and that my children and grandchildren exceed a hundred in number to-day". (al-Bukhari and Muslim).

#### **Salaat Concerning This**

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who prayed for Hadrat Anas that he may have lots of wealth and children and behold, he passed ahead having one hundred and twenty offspring and left a legacy that could neither be counted nor had any limits.

## 7. LEARN ABOUT THE 'ILM U'L-GHAYB OF THE PROPHET ﷺ IN A MAJLIS OF 'ILM AND ZIKR

It appears that Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin 'Azoom wants to teach us everything about Islam in salawaat. He establishes a majlis (gathering) of 'ilm (knowledge) and zikr (remembrance) for

that purpose. And the 'ilm is both the 'ilm uz-zahir (manifestly open knowledge) and the 'ilm u'l-ghayb (knowledge of the Unseen) that Allah square to the Beloved Prophet square.

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

He is Allah, none is to be worshipped but He, the Knower of all the Unseen and the seen. He is the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. (59:22)

Allah is the Creator of everyone and everything, including all the knowledge, both the open and the hidden, about the seen and the Unseen. He gives the knowledge of the Unseen to the Prophets Allah says:

These are the news of the (things) Unseen which We reveal to you (O Prophet Muhammad (3:44)

And Allah will not disclose to you (O people) the secrets of the Unseen but Allah chooses of His (Prophetic) Messengers whom He pleases (to give the knowledge of the Unseen). (3:179)

And he (the Prophet 🛎) does not withhold (the knowledge of) the Unseen. (81:24)

One of the chapters of <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u> has 148 **salawaat** about the knowledge of the Unseen which Allah gave to the Prophet , about what was going to happen on earth in the future and what was going to happen in the Hereafter. Let us gain the **barakaat** (blessings) of reciting a few of these **salawaat**.

There are four **salawaat** about the martyrs of the Battle of Mu'ta one of which is:

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron

Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who announced the martyrdom of Hadrat Zayd ibn Haritha औ and Hadrat Ja'far ibn Abi Talib at-Tayyaar औ before the news arrived (of their passing ahead).

#### **Relevant Hadith**

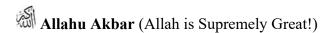
Narrated Hadrat Anas : The Prophet had informed the people about the martyrdom of Hadrat Zayd, Hadrat Ja'far and Hadrat 'Abdullah ibn Rawaha before the news of their death reached them. He said with his eyes flowing with tears, "Zayd took the flag and was martyred, then Ja'far took the flag and was martyred, and then Ibn Rawaha took the flag and was martyred. Finally, the flag was taken by one of Allah's Swords (that is, Hadrat Khalid bin al-Walid and Allah gave them (the Muslims) victory. (al-Bukhari)

#### Salaat

ٱللَّهُمَّرَ صَلِّوَسَلِّمُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ عَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُ عَبَّدٍ، اللَّهُ عَلَى الشَّهَا دَةً، فَكَانَ مَا أَخْبَرَهَا بِهِ وَأَشَادَهُ اللَّهَا عَلَى الشَّهَا دَةً، فَكَانَ مَا أَخْبَرَهَا بِهِ وَأَشَادَهُ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who informed Umm Haram that she will pass ahead as a martyr and it happened just as he had informed and commended her.

We learn from **sirah** (biography) that the Prophet had prophesied that Umm Haram bint Milhan al-Khazrajiyya , the wife of Hadrat 'Ubadah ibn as-Samit of Madina would go on the military expedition by sea. In the year 27 A.H., 16 years after the Prophet passed ahead, during the Khilafat of Sayyidina Uthman, she joined the Muslim army with her husband in a sea expedition to Cyprus, fell from her riding animal, and passed ahead as a martyr.



#### Salaat

ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُحَهَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُحَهَّدٍ، اللهُمَّ صَلِّدِ عَلَى الْفَرَنِي وَشَفَاعَتِهِ اللهُ عَلَى الْفَرَنِي وَشَفَاعَتِهِ اللهُ عَلَى الْفَرَنِي وَشَفَاعَتِهِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who informed some of his Companions and relatives about the signs of Hadrat Uways al-Qarani and his intercession.

#### **Relevant Hadith**

Sayyidina 'Umar ibn al-Khattab reported that Allah's Prophetic Messenger said: "A man named Uways will come to you from Yemen, leaving there only his mother. He had been afflicted by leprosy and made a supplication to Allah Who removed it all except to the extent of a dinar (or dirham, a coin). If any of you meet him, tell him to pray for forgiveness for you". In another version he said that he heard Allah's Prophetic Messenger say, "The best of the Tabi'in (Followers of the next generation) will be a man named Uways whose mother is alive and he has been afflicted by leprosy. Tell him that he must pray for forgiveness for you. (Muslim)

Allah salso gave the 'ilm ul-ghayb to the Prophet salsout the Hereafter. For example, he informed us that Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah) fills the Scale of good deeds on the Day of Judgement.

#### Salaat

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who said: the phrase **Al-Hamdu Lillah** (All Praise is for Allah) fills the Scale (of good deeds on the Day of Judgement).

#### **Relevant Hadith**

Hadrat Abu Malik al-Harith ibn 'Asim al-'Ash'ari reported that the Prophetic Messenger of Allah said: Purity is half of Faith, Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah) fills the Scale (of good deeds), and SubhanAllah (Glorified is Allah) and Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah) each fills or both fill that which is between the heaven and the earth. Prayer is light, charity is a proof, patience is brightness, the Qur'an is an argument for you or against you. Everyone begins the day and is a vendor of himself, either freeing or destroying himself. (Muslim)

**u'l-Adhaa**), wash the dead before burial, offer **Salaatu'l janaza** (the funeral prayer), repay debts, be ritually pure, use **miswaak** (tooth stick) to clean the teeth, fast (non-obligatory fasts) on the 13th, 14th and 15th of every (lunar) month, fast 6 days in the month of Shawwal after **'Eid**, fast Mondays and Thursdays, fast on the ninth and tenth of the month of Muharram, be of good behaviour, do justice among wives, and so on. He forbade ascribing partners to Allah and taught us not to follow satan, not to follow one's lusts, to avoid waste, not to talk while the Imam is giving **khutba** (sermon), not to be obscene and shameless, not to enter a house without permission, not to argue uselessly, not to oppress, not to be arrogant and jealous, not to contract temporary marriage (**mut'a**), not to fast on the days of **'Eid**, and so on. In <u>Tanbeehil Anaam</u>, each of these teachings has a **salaat** that goes with it. The **Shaykh** makes you learn Islam while reciting **salawaat**. He is a Sunni **'alim** (learned scholar) and **'abid** (worshipper of Allah ) who convenes a **majlis** (spiritual gathering) of **'ilm** and **zikr** with **salawaat** at the same time.

In this **majlis**, a teaching enjoining good is followed by a teaching forbidding evil as follows:

ٱللهُمَّ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَاهُ عَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَاهُ عَلَى آلِ اللهُ عَلَى الل

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who enjoined to bear witness that none is to be worshipped but Allah and that truly, Muhammad is the Prophetic Messenger of Allah.

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who forbade to ascribe any partner to Allah.

#### 8. THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ IS THE IMAM

The chapter Fee Imamatihi'l 'Aliyya li-Jamee'il Bariyya (His Exalted Leadership over one and all) tells us that the Beloved Prophet is the Imam of the mursaleen (Prophetic Messengers of Allah and the anbiyaa' (Prophets is the Imam of the mursaleen (the truthful), the mukhliseen (purely sincere), saabireen (the patient in the face of trials and tribulations), muslimeen (those who surrender to Allah and accept Islam), mu'mineen (Faithful believers), qaaniteen (who obey Allah and accept Islam), mu'mineen (Faithful believers), muhajireen (the Emigrants for the sake of Allah and mujahideen (those who do jihad), az-zaahideen (the abstinent), al-'Arabi wa'l 'Ajam (the Arabs as well as non-Arabs), muqarrabeen (those drawn near to Allah and outwardly), taahireen (the pure, inwardly and outwardly),

tawwaabeen (the repentant), faaizeen (the successful), raaki'een (those who bow down in worship to Allah ), sajideen (those who fall prostrate in worship to Allah ), zaakireen (those who remember Allah ), muttaqeen (the pious), muhsineen (those who do good with excellence), the haramayn (the Sacred Masjid in Makkah and the sanctified Masjid an-Nabawi in Madina), and so on. Each of these qualities of Rasulullah has a salaat for a total of 86 salawaat one of which is:

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad, the **Imam** (leader) of the two harams.

#### 9. IMAN BETWEEN HOPE AND FEAR

A Muslim's Faith (Iman) in the religion of Islam is said to lie between hope of rewards in Paradise, and fear of trials on the Day of Judgement and of punishment in hell for sins. The beloved Prophet gave glad tidings of attaining Paradise through fulfilling huquq Allah (duties towards Allah and huquq u'l-'ibaad (duties towards humanity), and issued warnings about the Day of Judgement and about hell-fire for failing to fulfil these duties. One whole chapter of Tanbeehi'l Anaam has salawaat with admonitions about the Day of Judgement, and it stands out in that it is profuse in the use of verses of the Holy Qur'an Kareem which refer to it. Two such salaatayn are:

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: An invocation of blessing by the servant of Allah hoping (to obtain forgiveness) on The Day on which a man shall flee from his (own) brother and from his mother and father. (80:34-35)

ٱللَّهُمَّرَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِينَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِينَا هُحَمَّدٍ، صَلَّاةً عَبْدٍيدَ أَخَلَيْمَ الْكَرِيْم:

## يَوْمَ لَا يَنفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ ﴿ إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى ٱللَّهَ بِقَلْبِ سَلِيمٍ ﴿ اللَّهُ مِنْ أَتَى ٱللَّهَ بِقَلْبِ سَلِيمٍ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: An invocation of blessing by a servant of Allah, pinning his hopes in Allah, the Clement, the Generous.

The Day on which neither wealth nor sons will benefit except for him who brings to Allah a sound heart. (26:88-89)

Each of these **salawaat** ends with a verse or verses (or part of a verse) of the Holy Qur'an about the Day of Judgement. Examples are:

The Day when We shall assemble the righteous to the Beneficent as honoured guests. And drive the guilty to hell as a thirsty herd. (19:85-86)

And the Day when the evil-doer will bite at his hands saying: Oh, would that I had taken a way together with the (Prophetic) Messenger of Allah. Alas for me, would that I had never taken so-and-so for a friend. He indeed caused me to go astray from the Reminder (the Qur'an) after it had reached me. And satan is ever a deserter of man (in the hour of need). (25:27-29)

The Day when the excuses of the evil-doers will not benefit them; and there will be the curse on them, and theirs will be the evil abode (in hell). (40:52)

The Day when the sky will become like molten copper. And the mountains become like wool. And no friend will inquire about a friend. (70:8-10)

The Day when the Spirit (Sayyidina Jibril ماليتانا) and the angles will stand in rows. (78:38)

The Day when no soul will have any power for any other soul and the Command on that Day will only belong to Allah. (82:19)

The Day when mankind will stand before the Lord-Sustainer of the worlds. (83:6)

#### 10. AS-SALAWAAT U'L-HURUFIYYA

Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin 'Azoom has also composed salawaat with all the letters (huruf) of the Arabic alphabet from "alif" to "yaa", one salaat for each letter. Such salawaat can be referred to, for ease of understanding, as "As-salawaat u'l-hurufiyyah". They begin as follows:

ٱللَّهُمَّرَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِينَا وَمَوْلَانَاهُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِينَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِينَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِينَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِينَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِينَا هُحَمَّدٍ،

ٱللَّهُمَّرَ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَا نَاهُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا هُحَبَّدٍ،

ٱللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّوسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَا نَاهُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُحَمَّدٍ،

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: The letter "alif" is for the new beginning.

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: The letter "baa" is for the beginning of the invention.

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: The letter "taa" is for complete benefits.

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad: The letter "thaa" is for unshakeable Tenets of Belief (in Islam).

Each of the letters of the alphabet is thus said to have a meaning and to stand for something.

#### 11. SALAWAAT IN THE FORM OF A MATHNAWI

When we recite <u>Tanbeehi'l Anaam</u>, we begin to marvel not only at the love that Shaykh 'Abdul Jalil bin 'Azoom has for the Holy Prophet but also at the high level of his scholarship. We notice that he has written the **salawaat** in such a way that each couple of the **salaatayn** rhyme in the final word. For example, in the four **salawaat** quoted from the "Hurufiyyah" above, the words **ibtidaa** and **ikhtiraa** rhyme, and the words **fawaaid** and 'aqaaid rhyme. The ending words of the next two **salaatayn** rhyme in another letter and so on. This feat is achieved in two volumes of the book for a total of 701 pages with more than 6,000 **salawaat** and **salaams**. Maa shaa' Allah! (Whatever Allah wills!) This then is **salawaat** in Arabic in the poetic diction of a **mathnawi**, in poetic prose! Surely, who can beat Muslim scholarship?

#### 12. SALAWAAT WITH DU'A AND ASMA U'L-HUSNA

The final chapter Fee itmaam i's-Salawaat i'l-Mukarramah wa'd-Du'a bi Asmaillahi Ta'aala'l-Mu'azzamah (Completion of the Noble Invocation of Blessings with Magnificent Supplication Using the Most Beautiful Names of Allah, The Exalted) fills one's heart with joy on reciting 198 salawaat together with the Asma' and Sifat (Attributes) of Allah . The most well-known Asma u'l-Husna are 99, and in this instance, the salawaat that have been composed by Shaykh 'Azoom are exactly twice that number! Allahu Akbar (Allah is Supremely Great!). It is fitting to conclude with one of these salawaat.

# ٱللَّهُمَّرَ صَلِّوَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَا نَاهُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِسَيِّدِنَا هُحَمَّدٍ، وَلَا اللهُمَّ صَلَّا اللهُمَّاتِ، يَاسَامِعَ الْأَصُواتِ صَلَا اللهُمَّاتِ، يَاسَامِعَ الْأَصُواتِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad. With this **salaat** provide us with a covering in life as well as after death; O the Hearer of voices.

May Allah continue to guide us to offer salawaat on the Holy Prophet in ever increasing profusion every day, Aameen Yaa Rabba'l 'Aalameen (May it be so, O Lord of the worlds!).

#### Al-Fatiha!

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