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#### QURANIC VERSE



"Indeed Allah conferred a great favour on the believers that He raised among them (the most eminent) Messenger (blessings and peace be upon him) from among themselves who recites to them His Revelations. purifies them and educates them on the Book and Wisdom though, before that, they were in manifest error."

# HADITH



Narrated Anas: The Prophet S.A.W said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will taste the sweetness of faith:

- 1. The one to whom Allah and His Apostle become dearer than anything else.
- 2. Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake. 3. Who hates to revert to disbelief (Atheism) after Allah has brought (saved) him out from it, as he hates to be thrown in fire."

From Bukhari 1.20

#### SAYINGS OF SAHABA R.A



There are people who worship Allah to gain His Favors, this is the worship of traders; while there are some who worship Him to keep themselves free from His Wrath, this is the worship of slaves; a few who obey Him out' of their sense of gratitude and obligations, this is the worship of free and noble men.

> Hazrat Ali (RA) Nahjul Balagha (Peak of Eloquence)

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08-10	04:04	05:19	12:58	18:12	20:35	21:50
11-13	04:00	05:13	12:58	18:14	20:39	21:52
14-16	03:57	05:09	12:58	18:17	20:44	21:56
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#### **AWLIYA ALLAH / FRIENDS OF ALLAH**

#### Teaching of Hazrat Khwaja Garib Nawaz (Rahmatullahi 'alayh):

Closest to Allah is one who possesses

the following three qualities:

- Magnanimity of the river.
- Kindness of the sun.
- Humility of the Earth.

Noblest of the characters is possessed

by the one who is:

- Bountiful in poverty.
- Content in hunger.
- · Cheerful in grief.
- · Friendly in hostility.

Surest way to keep off the internal

· To feed the hungry.

punishment in the hell is:

- · To redress the aggrieved.
- To help the distressed.

#### WHAT IS WILAYAT?

Wilayat (Sainthood) is a very special rank and position of acceptance given by Allah (Subhanahu wa Ta'ala) to His beloved servants. A Wali is a pious Muslim who attains this position of wilayat. Wilayat is deduced from the root word "Wila", which means closeness. Some attain this position due to their sincere devotion and worship. Some attain this position from birth, but ultimately, it depends on Allah's mercy and kindness. Wilayat is a shadow of Nabuwat (Prophethood). A Wali, no matter how great his status, cannot reach the status of a Prophet or a Sahaabi (companions of the Beloved Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam). The following narration explains the status of the Awliya:

Hadrat Umar (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu) said: "I heard the Beloved Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam) saying that there will be certain worshippers of Allah who will not be Prophets, nor martyrs, but the Prophets and martyrs will envy them on the Day of Judgement." The Companions then asked, "O Prophet of Allah, who are these people?"

The Most Beloved Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam) explained to them the qualities of the Awliya. The Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam) read to them the verse: "Beware, verily on the friends of Allah, there is no fear, nor shall they grieve." (Surah Yunus, Verse 62)

There are two types of Wilayat:

- 1) Wilayat-e-Amma (general closeness to Allah) This is the closeness of Allah to every believer, as Allah declares in the Qur'an al-Kareem: "And We are closer to him, than his own jugular vein." (Surah Al-Kaaf, Verse 16)
- 2) Wilayat-e-Khaas (special closeness to Allah) This closeness is exclusive to the Awliya. This is a speciality of those who have travelled on the path of Tasawwuf (Spirituality), and attained nearness to Allah. This is declared in a Hadith-e-Qudsi, where Allah says to the Most Beloved Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam), "Among the things that bring My servant close to Me, the ones I love best, are the things that I have made fard (compulsory). When My servant does nafili ibaadat (optional prayer), he gets very close to Me. So much so, that I love him very much. When I love Him, I become his hearing ear, seeing eye, holding hand, and walking foot. I give him whatever he wishes. When he invokes Me for help, I protect him."

Allah's closeness is not like material closeness that can be understood by reason, or perceived through the sense organs. It can only be comprehended through the knowledge of Ma'rifa (gnosis) bestowed by Allah upon the Awliya. From the Awliya of all the ummahs (of the previous Prophets), the greatest Awliya are from the ummah of Sayidina Rasoolallah (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam). There have been Awliya Allah in every era and there will always be Awliya Allah in every era. However, their recognition may be difficult. The Qur'an al-kareem divides those that are favoured by Allah into 4 groups:

- a) The Prophets This cycle has ended after the appearance of Sayyadina Rasoolallah (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam)
- b) The Siddeeq (The Truthful) This rank is next after the Prophets. The greatest Siddeeq was Hadrat Abu Bakr (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu). The meaning of Siddeeq is Truth. Such a person recognizes truth in all its manifestations
- c) The Shuhada (Martyrs) One need not actually be killed in the battlefield to prove one's self as shaheed (martyr). One in this stage feels satisfied by sacrificing everything that he has for the Creator.
- d) The Salih (Pious) This is the lower grade that one can attain by devotional activities. In this stage, one cleanses himself from all spiritual impurities such as jealousy, hatred, hypocrisy etc.

From the Awliya of the ummah of Sayyadina Rasoolallah (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam), the most superior Awliya are the four Khulafa-e-Rashideen (The Righteously guided Caliphs), namely Hadrat Abu Bakr Siddique (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu), Hadrat Umar Farooq (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu), Hadrat Uthman Ghani (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu), and Hadrat Ali Murtaza (Radi Allahuta'ala Anhu), and then all the other Sahaba. All the Sahaba were Awliya, however, all Awliya are not Sahaaba.

At any given time, there are 4000 Awliya living on Earth amongst whom 40 are designated as Abdaal. In reference to the Abdaals, Imam At-Tabarani (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu) quotes a Hadith Shareef in which the Beloved Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam) declares, "There will always exist 40 persons on the Earth, each of whom is blessed like Hadrat Ibrahim (Alaihis Salaam). It rains because of their barakah. Allah appoints another when one of them dies."

In another Hadith Shareef, Abu Naeem (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu) reports that the Beloved Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam) said, "There always exist 40 persons among my ummah. Their hearts are like that of Hadrat Ibrahim (Alaihis Salaam). Allah Ta'aala redeems His human servants from disasters for their sake. They are called Abdaal. They do not attain to that degree by performing salaah, fasting, or giving zakaah."

Ibn Mas'ud (Radi Allahu ta'ala Anhu) asked, "Ya Rasoolallah (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam), by what means do they attain that degree?" "They attain it by being generous, and by advising muslims," said the Beloved Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alehi Wasalam).

Do remember that although all the Awliya Allah are equal as far as Wilayah is concerned, they differ as far as status is concerned.

#### HUQOOQ-UL-IBAD / RIGHTS OF PEOPLE

Say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honour. - Quran 17:23

In Islam it is obligatory for us to show kindness, respect, and obedience to our parents. The position of parents, and the mutual obligations and responsibilities, have been addressed in Islam in great detail. In fact kindness and obedience is so strongly emphasized that Allah has linked showing gratitude to one's parents with showing gratitude to Allah in Surah Luqman verse 14.

In Sura Bani Israel Ayah 23-24, Allah mentions: "And your Lord has commanded that you shall not serve (any) but Him, and goodness to your parents. If either or both of them reach old age with you, say not to them (so much as) "Ugh" nor chide them, and speak to them a generous word."

Holy Prophet (saw) mentioned the following in regards to ones parents: Narrated 'Abdullah: I asked the Prophet "Which deed is the dearest to God?" He replied, "To offer the prayers at their early stated fixed times." I asked, "What is the next (in goodness)?" He replied, "To be good and dutiful to your parents". (Bukhari)

Narrated Abu Bakra: Allah's Apostle said, "Shall I inform you of the biggest of the great sins?" They said, "Yes, O Allah's Apostle!" He said, "To join partners in worship with Allah, and to be undutiful to one's parents. " (From Bukhari 8.290)

Therefore, we must always remember the importance of our Parents and devote our lives in their service. May Allah grant us the opportunity to fulfil our duty towards our parents, Ameen.

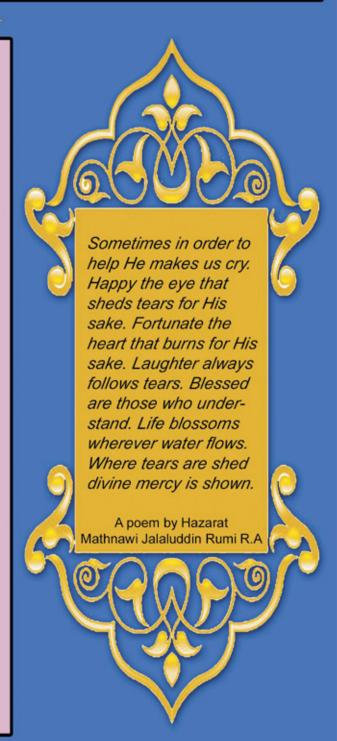
#### **KIDS CORNER**

#### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ**

- 1. What is the first month of Islamic Calendar?
- a) Ramadan
- b) Shawwal
- c) Rabi-ul-Awal
- d) Muharram
- 2. What must you say when you Sneeze?
- a) La Illaha Illal Lah
- b) Yarhamakallah
- c) Al Hamdulillah
- d) Ya Allah
- 3. What number Surah is Al Fatihah in the Holy Quran?
- a) First
- b) Fifth
- c) Eighth
- d) Eleventh
- 4. When do we pray Zuhr Salat?
- a) In the Morning
- b) In the Afternoon
- c) In the Evening
- d) At Night
- 5. What was the first word of the Qur'an which was revealed to Muhammad (s.a.w)?
- a. Pray
- b. Think
- c. Read
- d: Write

- 6. How many times a day are we required to offer Salat?
- a) One
- b) Three
- c) Five
- d) Seven
- 7. What was the name of Holy Prophets (s.a.w) Mother?
- a) Hawaa
- b) Zinab
- c) Haleema
- d) Aaminah
- 8. Where do Muslims go for HAJJ?
- a) Medinah
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Taif
- d) Makkah
- 9. How old was Muhammad (s.a.w) when his mother passed away?
- a. 2 years old
- b. 6 years old
- c. 9 years old
- d. 12 years old
- 10. Where was Holy Prophet (s.a.w) born?
- a) Medinah
- b) Makkah
- c) Jureslm
- d) Taif

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