

As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu

Bismillahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem

Nahmaduhu wa nusalli ala Rasoolihil Kareem. Amma ba'd.

All praise is due to Almighty ALLAH, the Cherisher, Nourisher and Sustainer of the Universe. Peace, blessings and salutations be upon our Beloved Master and Leader, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ.

IKHLAASUN-NABI MUHAMMAD ﷺ FIL IBADAT - NABI MUHAMMAD ﷺ'S SINCERITY AND DEVOTION IN ACTS OF WORSHIP

Mustafa ﷺ never took his ﷺ status as the last Prophet for granted. Rather, he would exert himself in all acts of worship.

1. LENGTHY SALAAT

Nabiyyil Mustafa ﷺ *tulu ibadat* - Mustafa ﷺ would worship Almighty ALLAH على وجل for lengthy periods of time.

Our Mother, Siddiqah Sayyida A'isha رضى الله عنها reported, "The Mubarak feet of Mustafa ﷺ would get swollen and I would ask, "Ya RasoolAllah, Almighty ALLAH has said that He has forgiven you, *ma taqaddama wa ma ta-akhar*" – for your mistakes of the past, present and future, so why must you exert yourself so much in *ibadat*, and worship Allah for such lengthy periods, to the extent that your Mubarak feet swell up?"

The Master, HabeebAllah ﷺ said, "*Afala akunu abdan shakura?*" – "What? Should I not be a slave that is extremely grateful and thankful to Almighty ALLAH?"

Similarly, 'Al-Mughirah ibn Shu'bah رضى الله عنه reported: The Prophet ﷺ would pray until his feet were swollen. It was said to him, "Why do you do this when Allah has forgiven your past and future sins?" The Prophet ﷺ said, "**Shall I not be a grateful servant?**"

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عَنْ الْمُغِيرَةَ بْنِ شُعْبَةَ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ صَلَّى حَتَّى انْتَفَخَتْ قَدَمَاهُ فَقِيلَ لَهُ أَتَكَلِّفُ هَذَا وَقَدْ غَفَرَ اللَّهُ أَفَلَا أَكُونُ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا لَكَ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِكَ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ فَقَالَ

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Ambiya, Messengers السلام و الصلاة عليهم do not commit sin but sometimes, occasionally, they can make mistakes. But even those mistakes were forgiven by Almighty ALLAH.

The hadith is mentioned in Muslim Sharif, Musnad-i-Ahmad and various compilations.

This teaches all of us the lesson that, the more Almighty ALLAH showers His bounties and favours upon us, the more they recur upon us, the more gratitude, *shukr* and thankfulness we should display.

Almighty ALLAH complains of you and me: *Wa qaleelum min ibadiyyash-shakur* – exceedingly few of My servants are truly grateful and thankful.

2. CONTINUOUS ACTION

In another narration, our Mother Siddiqa A'isha رضي الله عنها said, that when Nabi ﷺ started in action, he ﷺ would love to continue with it and she, Siddiqa A'isha رضي الله عنها asked, “*Wa ayyukum yuteeq maa kana yuteeq?* – Who had strength, stamina, ability like Nabi ﷺ?”

‘I said to Aisha رضي الله عنها: Did RasoolAllah ﷺ specify any number of days?

She رضي الله عنها said, “No, his actions were continuous, and who of you could accomplish what RasoolAllah ﷺ could?!”

كان عمله ديمة وأيكم يطيق ما كان رسول الله يطيق
فُلْتُ لِعَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا: هَلْ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَخْتَصُّ مِنَ الْأَيَّامِ شَيْئًا؟ قَالَتْ: لَا، كَانَ عَمَلُهُ دِيمَةً، وَأَيُّكُمْ
يُطِيقُ مَا كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُطِيقُ؟!

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Narrated by Sayyida Aisha رضي الله عنها Source: Sahih Al-Bukhari, number: 1987 [Sahih]

<https://surahquran.com/Hadith-37161.html>

3. FASTING

And we know Nabi ﷺ used to say, “*At-amani Rabbi wasaqani*” – My Almighty ALLAH feeds me, nourishes me and He quenches my thirst.” The hadith is mentioned in Musnad-i-Ahmad

Kana yasumu hata naqul – Sometimes, Nabi ﷺ would fast daily and we would say, “*La yufthir*”. *Wa yufthir*, and sometimes Nabi ﷺ would not fast for days and days, *hata naqul* – so we would say, “*La yasum*” - that he ﷺ is not going to fast at all.

And when you wanted to see his reading salat at night, *illa ra-aytahu*, Nabi ﷺ was reading salat *wa la na-iman illa ra-aytahu na-ima*, and if you wanted to see the Master عليه الصلاة والسلام sleeping, then you would find him sleeping.

حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْعَزِيزِ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ، عَنْ حُمَيْدٍ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ أَنَسًا - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - يَقُولُ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُفْطِرُ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ حَتَّى نَظُنَّ أَنْ لَا يَصُومَ مِنْهُ، وَبِصَوْمِ حَتَّى نَظُنَّ أَنْ لَا يُفْطِرُ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا، وَكَانَ لَا تَشَاءُ أَنْ تَرَاهُ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ مُصَلِّيًا إِلَّا رَأَيْتَهُ وَلَا نَائِمًا إِلَّا رَأَيْتَهُ. تَابِعَهُ سُلَيْمَانُ وَأَبُو خَالِدٍ الْأَحْمَرُ عَنْ حُمَيْدٍ.

Reference: Sahih al-Bukhari 1141 In-book reference: Book 19, Hadith 22 USC-MSA web (English) reference: Vol. 2, Book 21, Hadith 242 (deprecated numbering scheme)

<https://sunnah.com/bukhari/19>

This is how Mustafa Nabiyuna ﷺ fulfilled *Huqooqullah* - the rights of Allah - and *huqooqul-ibaad* - the rights of people.

It is mentioned by Auf bin Malik رضي الله عنه (Hadith in Abu Dawud):

One night Mustafa ﷺ woke up, made miswak and wudhu. Thereafter, he ﷺ offered salaah. He ﷺ read the whole Surah Baqarah, which is almost two and a half juz, two and a half paras. Mustafa ﷺ made ruku for a long duration, stood up and read, “*Subhana thil Jabarut, walMulki wal Malakut, Walathma...*”

Subhana thil Jabarut – Everlasting Glory to the One who possesses Absolute Power

WalMulki wal Malakut – and the Dominion and Supremacy

Walathma – and Majesty, Authority and everything belong solely and only to Almighty ALLAH.

And then Nabi ﷺ made sajdah, prostrated, for a lengthy period.

He ﷺ would read Surah 'Aal 'Imran and Surah Nisaa in one salaah, SubhanALLAH!

حَدَّثَنَا أَحْمَدُ بْنُ صَالِحٍ، حَدَّثَنَا ابْنُ وَهْبٍ، حَدَّثَنَا

ا مُعَاوِيَةُ بْنُ صَالِحٍ، عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ قَيْسٍ، عَنْ عَاصِمِ بْنِ حُمَيْدٍ، عَنْ عَوْفِ بْنِ مَالِكِ الْأَشْجَعِيِّ، قَالَ
فُؤْتُ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَيْلَةً فَقَامَ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ الْبَقَرَةِ لَا يَمُرُّ بِآيَةٍ رَحْمَةٍ إِلَّا وَقَفَ فَسَأَلَ
سُبْحَانَ ذِي " وَلَا يَمُرُّ بِآيَةٍ عَذَابٍ إِلَّا وَقَفَ فَتَعَوَّدَ - قَالَ - ثُمَّ رَكَعَ بِقَدْرِ قِيَامِهِ يَقُولُ فِي رُكُوعِهِ
الْجَبْرُوتِ وَالْمَلَكُوتِ وَالْكَبْرِيَاءِ وَالْعِظْمَةِ " . ثُمَّ سَجَدَ بِقَدْرِ قِيَامِهِ ثُمَّ قَالَ فِي سُجُودِهِ مِثْلَ ذَلِكَ - ثُمَّ قَامَ
فَقَرَأَ بِآلِ عِمْرَانَ ثُمَّ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ نِسَاءِ

Reference: Sunan Abi Dawud 873 In-book reference: Book 2, Hadith 483, English translation: 3, Hadith 872

<https://sunnah.com/abudawud:873>

4. DU'A

During the Hajjatul Wida (Farewell Pilgrimage) Mustafa ﷺ exerted himself in du'a. He ﷺ was making du'a for five to six hours, continuously, for the Sahaba, for the Ummah and for humanity, until the last Day of Qiyaamah.

LESSON: INCREASING OUR IBADAT

Almighty ALLAH جل وعلی says, in Surah Nahl, (Ch. 16, The Bee), Ayat 18:

وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ - *Wa in ta'uddoo ni'matal laahi laa tuhsoohaa; innal laaha la Ghafoorur Raheem*

<https://myislam.org/surah-nahl/ayat-18/>

If you tried to enumerate the bounties and favours of ALLAH, you would never be able to count them; verily ALLAH is Most Forgiving, very Merciful.

So, we should not consider our salaah a burden. Rather, we should increase all our ibadat, as much as possible, to show our gratitude to Almighty ALLAH جل وعلی for His many favours upon us.

May Almighty ALLAH grant us the *taufeeq*, ability, and make us his true servants, Aameen.
BarakAllah feek.