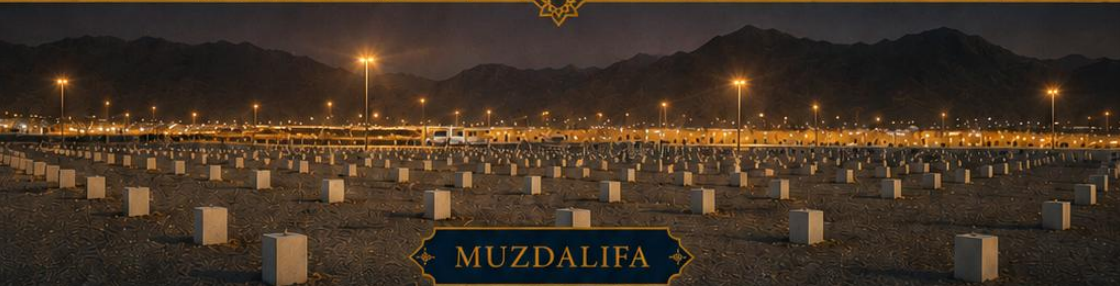


BOOK

5

MY JOURNEY TO ISLAM

A PATH OF TRUTH, PURPOSE
AND PEACE



FROM SEEKING TO BELIEVING.
FROM LOST TO FOUND.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Dear Readers,

Alhamdulillah, we now continue our journey with the fifth book in the *My Journey to Islam* series.

In the previous books, we learned about the beautiful names of Allah, the lives of the Prophets عليهم السلام, the sacrifices and virtues of the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم, and many important events from Islamic history.

In this book, we will build upon that foundation by exploring these subjects in greater depth and gaining a deeper understanding of the lessons they contain.

We will also study a new and inspiring topic, the *Shamaail*, which highlights the noble character, beautiful qualities, and blessed description of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Through this, we hope to know him better, increase our love for him, and strengthen our commitment to following his Sunnah.

We ask Allah سبحانه وتعالى to make this knowledge beneficial, to increase us in faith and understanding, and to draw us closer to Him through learning and practicing His Deen.

Aameen. آمين.

Five Pillars of Islam

Shahada (Belief):

We say and believe, "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad ﷺ is His Messenger."

This is what makes someone a Muslim.

Salah (Prayer):

We pray to Allah five times every day. This helps us remember Allah and thank Him.

Zakah (Giving):

We give a small part (2.5%) of our wealth (such as money) to those who are poor and in need.

Sawm (Fasting):

During the day in Ramadan, we do not eat or drink. We do this to please Allah as it is His command.

Hajj (Journey to Makkah):

We visit the holy city of Makkah once in our life, if we are healthy and able to afford it.

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Chapter 1: Allah's Beautiful Names

Allah سبحانه وتعالى has many beautiful names, known as *Asmaa-ul-Husnaa* (The Most Beautiful Names).

Each of these names describes one of His perfect attributes and helps us understand His greatness, majesty, mercy, wisdom, power, and kindness.

The more we learn about these names, the more we come to know, love, worship, and trust Allah.

Every name of Allah carries a profound meaning and teaches us something important about our Creator.

By learning and reflecting upon these beautiful names, our faith grows stronger, our hearts become attached to Allah, and we are reminded to turn to Him in every situation.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

"And to Allah belong the Most Beautiful Names, so call upon Him by them. (Surah Al-A'raaf 7:180)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also said:

"Indeed, Allah has ninety-nine names, one hundred less one. Whoever preserves them (by learning, understanding, and acting upon them) will enter Jannah."

(Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

Let us learn a few of the beautiful names of our beloved Allah and the valuable lessons they teach us.

Al-Majeed (The Glorious)

Allah is The Most Glorious. Everything in the heavens and the earth reflects His glory. His greatness is beyond anything we can imagine, and His honour is unmatched.

Example: When we look at the beauty of the stars in the night sky, the vastness of the oceans, and the perfection of every living creature, we are reminded of the glory of Allah.

Remembering that Allah is Al-Majeed encourages us to glorify Him and say *SubhanAllah* often, appreciating the beauty and perfection in His creation.

As-Samad (The Self-Sufficient)

Allah is completely independent and self-sufficient. He does not need food, drink, sleep, or any help from His creation. Everything in the heavens and the earth depends upon Him, yet He depends on nothing and no one.

Example: As Muslims, we should turn to Allah in every situation. Whether we are in need, feeling worried, or facing difficulty, we should call upon Him and place our trust in Him alone. Knowing that Allah is As-Samad fills our hearts with confidence and reliance upon Him.

Al-Hakeem (The Most Wise)

Allah is The Most Wise. Everything He does is based upon perfect wisdom. He places everything in its proper place, at the proper time, and for the proper reason.

Everything happens with a purpose, even if we do not immediately understand it.

Example: Sometimes we experience situations that seem difficult or confusing. At such times, we should remember that Allah is Al-Hakeem and that His plan is always better than anything we could imagine. Trusting in His wisdom helps us remain patient during trials and grateful during times of ease.

Al-Lateef (The Most Gentle, The Subtly Kind)

Allah is Al-Lateef, the One whose kindness reaches His creation in ways they may not even notice. He cares for His servants with perfect gentleness and bestows blessings upon them through means they could never have expected. His mercy and kindness surround us at all times.

Example: Sometimes Allah answers our needs in unexpected ways. A difficulty may lead to something better, or a delay may protect us from harm. Remembering that Allah is Al-Lateef helps us trust His plan and appreciate the many blessings He grants us each day, both seen and unseen.

Al-Ghafoor (The Most Forgiving)

Allah is Al-Ghafoor, the One who forgives sins repeatedly. No matter how many mistakes a person makes, the door of repentance remains open as long as he sincerely turns back to Allah. His forgiveness is vast, and His mercy is greater than our sins.

Example: When we make mistakes, we should never despair of Allah's mercy. Instead, we should seek His forgiveness, repent sincerely, and strive to improve ourselves. Knowing that Allah is Al-Ghafoor fills our hearts with hope and encourages us to return to Him.

Ar-Razzaq (The Provider)

Allah is Ar-Razzaq, the One who provides for all His creation. Every blessing we enjoy, including food, water, health, knowledge, and wealth, comes from Him. He knows the needs of every creature and provides for them according to His wisdom. Subhan Allah (glory be to Allah) alone.

Example: Whenever we receive a blessing, we should remember that it comes from Allah alone. Being grateful for His provisions and trusting Him during difficult times strengthens our reliance upon Him and increases our appreciation for His countless favours.

Ash-Shakoor (The Most Appreciative)

Allah is Ash-Shakoor, the One who appreciates and rewards even the smallest good deed performed sincerely for His sake. He multiplies rewards far beyond what we deserve and never allows the efforts of His servants to go unnoticed.

Example: Even a small act of kindness, a sincere du'aa, or a smile given for the sake of Allah can earn tremendous rewards. Remembering that Allah is Ash-Shakoor motivates us to continue doing good deeds, knowing that Allah rewards every sincere effort.

Al-Wadood (The Most Loving)

Allah is Al-Wadood, the One who loves His righteous servants and showers them with His mercy, kindness, and care. His love is perfect, pure, and greater than any love found in this world. He loves those who believe in Him, obey His commands, and strive to do good.

Example: When we perform good deeds, help others, and obey Allah, we earn His love and pleasure. Remembering that Allah is Al-Wadood encourages us to increase in good actions and to seek His love above everything else.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

"And He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Loving."

(Surah Al-Burooj 85:14)

Chapter 2: More Stories of the Prophets

Allah sent many Prophets عليهم السلام throughout history to guide mankind to the truth and show them the path that leads to His pleasure. Each Prophet was specially chosen by Allah to convey His message, teach people how to worship Him correctly, and serve as an example of righteousness and good character.

Although the Prophets were sent to different nations and at different times, their core message remained the same: to worship Allah alone, obey His commands, and live lives filled with faith, honesty, kindness, and justice.

The stories of the Prophets are among the greatest treasures of our Deen. They teach us patience during hardships, courage when standing up for what is right, sincerity in worship, and complete trust in Allah during every situation. Through their examples, we learn how to remain steadfast in our faith and how to navigate the challenges of life with wisdom and perseverance.

In the previous books, we learnt about some of the great Prophets and the valuable lessons their lives hold for us. In this book, we will continue our journey by exploring two more inspiring stories from the lives of the Prophets عليهم السلام. Their stories continue to inspire millions of people and remind us that success lies in following the guidance sent by Allah.

Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام

As-Saabir (The Patient One)

Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام was one of the noble Prophets chosen by Allah سبحانه وتعالى. Allah blessed him with many favours, including good health, a righteous family, wealth, and respect among his people.

Despite these blessings, Ayyub عليه السلام remained humble, grateful, and devoted to the worship of Allah. He used his wealth to help others and constantly remembered Allah in times of ease and comfort.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى then tested Ayyub عليه السلام with a series of severe trials. He lost much of his wealth, suffered the loss of his children, and was afflicted with a serious illness that lasted for many years.

These hardships were a test from Allah, raising his rank and demonstrating his remarkable patience.

Throughout these difficulties, Ayyub عليه السلام remained steadfast. He never complained about the decree of Allah, nor did he lose hope in His mercy.

He continued to worship Allah, trusting that every trial came with wisdom and that Allah's plan was always perfect.

The Qur'an praises the patience of Ayyub عليه السلام.

Allah says in the holy Quraan:

**"Indeed, We found him patient. What an excellent servant!
Indeed, he was one who constantly turned to Allah."**

(Surah Saad 38:44)

After many years of hardship, Ayyub عليه السلام turned to Allah with a humble supplication:

"Indeed, adversity has touched me, and You are the Most Merciful of those who show mercy." (Surah Al-Anbiyaa 21:83)

Allah سبحانه وتعالى accepted his du'aa and responded with mercy. Allah restored his health, removed his suffering, returned blessings to him, and granted him even more than he had before. Through this, Allah demonstrated that relief comes after hardship and that patience is always rewarded.

The story of Ayyub عليه السلام teaches us that trials are a part of life. Every person faces difficulties in different ways, whether through illness, loss, disappointment, or hardship. What matters most is how we respond to these tests.

Ayyub عليه السلام teaches us that true patience is not merely waiting for a difficulty to pass. It is remaining obedient to Allah, trusting His wisdom, continuing to worship Him, and never losing hope in His mercy. Even during the most difficult moments, he remained connected to Allah and placed his complete trust in Him.

His story reminds us that Allah's help can come when we least expect it. No matter how difficult a situation may seem, a believer should never despair of the mercy of Allah.

Every hardship carries wisdom, and every trial brings an opportunity to grow closer to Him.

Lesson

- Allah may test those whom He loves in order to raise their rank.
- We should remain patient and continue worshipping Allah during times of difficulty.
- Never lose hope in the mercy of Allah, regardless of how great a hardship may be.
- Every trial comes with wisdom, even if we do not immediately understand it.
- Patience, trust in Allah, and sincere du'aa are among the greatest qualities of a believer.
- Relief comes from Allah, and after hardship He can grant blessings beyond what we imagine.

Prophet Shu'ayb عليه السلام

Khateeb al-Anbiyaa (The Orator of the Prophets)

Prophet Shu'ayb عليه السلام was sent by Allah سبحانه وتعالى to the people of Madyan. They had been blessed with wealth and prosperity, yet many of them had become dishonest in their business dealings. They would give less than the proper measure and weight, cheat others in trade, and deal unjustly with people. Corruption and dishonesty had become common among them.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى chose Shu'ayb عليه السلام to call his people back to the worship of Allah alone and to guide them towards honesty, fairness, and righteousness. He was known for his eloquent and powerful speech, and because of this, he became known as *Khateeb al-Anbiyaa*, the Orator of the Prophets. (This Title is according to scholars but not in Quran & Hadith)

Shu'ayb عليه السلام spoke to his people with wisdom, kindness, and sincere concern. He reminded them that wealth earned through dishonesty brings no true blessing. He encouraged them to worship Allah alone, to deal fairly with others, and to fulfil the rights of people in every transaction.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى mentions his message in the Qur'an:

"Give full measure and weight in justice and do not deprive people of their due, and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption." (Surah Hud 11:85)

Shu'ayb عليه السلام continued to advise his people and warn them about the consequences of their actions. However, most of them rejected his message. They mocked him, threatened him, and refused to abandon their dishonest ways. Their love for worldly gain prevented them from accepting the truth.

Despite their rejection, Shu'ayb عليه السلام remained patient and continued calling them towards goodness. He fulfilled his duty as a Prophet by conveying the message of Allah clearly and sincerely.

When the people of Madyan persisted in their disbelief and corruption, Allah سبحانه وتعالى sent a severe punishment upon them. Those who rejected the truth were destroyed, while Shu'ayb عليه السلام and the believers who followed him were saved by the mercy of Allah.

The story of Shu'ayb عليه السلام teaches us that honesty is an essential part of Islam. A believer must be truthful in buying and selling, fair in dealing with others, and trustworthy in all matters. Wealth and success are only truly beneficial when they are earned through lawful and honest means.

Shu'ayb عليه السلام also teaches us the importance of calling others towards goodness with wisdom and patience. Even when people refused to listen, he continued to advise them sincerely and never gave up on conveying the truth.

His story reminds us that Allah loves justice and honesty, and that every person will be accountable for how they treat others. A believer should strive to be trustworthy in every aspect of life, knowing that Allah sees all that we do.

Lesson

- Honesty in business and daily dealings is a command of Allah.
- A Muslim should always give people their full rights and never cheat or deceive others.
- Wealth earned through dishonesty contains no true blessing.
- We should speak the truth with wisdom, kindness, and sincerity.
- Calling others towards goodness requires patience and perseverance.
- Allah loves justice and will hold people accountable for their actions.
- Success in this world and the hereafter comes through obedience to Allah and honesty in all our affairs.

Chapter 3: Lessons from the Sahabah

The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم were the blessed companions of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. They were the men and women who believed in him, supported him, and followed his guidance during his lifetime. Allah سبحانه وتعالى selected them to accompany His final Messenger ﷺ and to help establish and spread the message of Islam.

The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم held a special rank in Islam because they learned directly from Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. They witnessed the revelation of the Qur'an, observed the noble character of the Prophet ﷺ, and dedicated their lives to practising and preserving his teachings. Through their efforts and sacrifices, the Qur'an and Sunnah were conveyed to the generations that followed.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى has praised the noble companions Sahabah رضي الله عنهم in the Holy Quraan

"And the first forerunners among the Muhajirun and the Ansar and those who followed them with excellence, Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him."

(Surah At-Tawbah 9:100)

The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم endured many hardships for the sake of their faith. Some were persecuted, some migrated from their homes, and others sacrificed their wealth and comfort in order to support Islam.

Despite these difficulties, they remained firm in their belief and continued to serve Allah and His Messenger ﷺ with sincerity and devotion.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"The best of people are my generation, then those who come after them, then those who come after them."

(Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم were examples of faith, courage, honesty, generosity, patience, and obedience to Allah.

They loved the Prophet ﷺ deeply and were eager to follow every aspect of his guidance. Their lives demonstrate what it means to place Allah and His Messenger ﷺ above all worldly interests.

As Muslims, we should study the lives of the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم, learn from their noble qualities, and strive to follow their example.

Their sacrifices helped preserve Islam for future generations, and their stories continue to inspire believers throughout the world.

In this chapter, we will learn about some of these remarkable companions and discover the valuable lessons their lives hold for us today.

Muadh ibn Jabal رضي الله عنه

The Scholar Companion

Muadh ibn Jabal رضي الله عنه was one of the most knowledgeable companions of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

He accepted Islam at a young age and quickly became known for his deep understanding of the Quraan and the teachings of the Prophet.

Muadh ibn Jabal رضي الله عنه had a deep love for learning about Islam and teaching others about Islam.

From a young age, he devoted himself to studying the Quraan, understanding the rulings of Islam, and memorising the words of the Prophet ﷺ.

His thirst for knowledge was unmatched, and he spent every opportunity he could in the company of the Prophet, learning and growing in his understanding of the faith.

The Prophet ﷺ once said regarding him, "Muadh will be raised as a leader of the scholars on the Day of Judgment."

This shows the high rank that Muadh held in the eyes of Allah and His Messenger, and it reminds us of the great reward that comes with seeking knowledge for the sake of Allah.

Muadh رضي الله عنه was later sent by the Prophet ﷺ to Yemen to teach the people about Islam. Before he left, the Prophet asked him how he would judge between people.

Muadh replied that he would judge by the Book of Allah, then by the Sunnah of the Prophet, and then by his own reasoning. The Prophet was pleased with this answer and praised him for it.

Muadh رضي الله عنه advised people to remember Allah in everything they did, to always seek knowledge, and to act upon what they learned.

His life is a powerful reminder that knowledge without action is incomplete, and that the best way to honour what we learn is to live by it every single day.

Lesson

The life of Muadh ibn Jabal رضي الله عنه teaches us the importance of seeking Islamic knowledge with sincerity and dedication. Knowledge of the Deen brings us closer to Allah, strengthens our faith, and enables us to guide and benefit others. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ recognised Muadh رضي الله عنه for his knowledge, reminding us of the great virtue and responsibility that come with learning and teaching Islam.

Usamah ibn Zaid رضي الله عنه

The Young Leader

Usamah ibn Zaid رضي الله عنه was among the beloved companions of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

He was the son of Zaid ibn Harithah رضي الله عنه and was greatly loved by the Prophet ﷺ, who affectionately referred to him as "the beloved son of the beloved."

Despite his young age, Usamah رضي الله عنه displayed remarkable character, intelligence, and leadership.

Shortly before his passing, the Prophet ﷺ appointed him as the commander of an army that included many senior Sahabah رضي الله عنهم.

This appointment demonstrated the Prophet's confidence in his ability and showed that leadership in Islam is based on faith, character, and capability rather than age alone.

Some people questioned the appointment because of his youth, but the Prophet ﷺ defended him and affirmed his suitability for the role. Usamah رضي الله عنه went on to fulfil this responsibility with dedication and success, earning the respect of the Muslim community.

Lesson:

The life of Usamah ibn Zaid رضي الله عنه teaches us that age does not determine a person's value or potential.

When a person possesses sincerity, good character, knowledge, and trust in Allah, he can achieve great things regardless of his age.

We should strive to develop our abilities, work hard, and place our trust in Allah.

Success comes from Allah, and He grants honour and responsibility to whomsoever He wills.



Chapter 4: Perfecting Our Worship

Worship is one of the greatest ways of drawing closer to Allah سبحانه وتعالى. A believer should strive not only to perform acts of worship correctly but also to perform them with sincerity, concentration, and devotion.

When worship is done with a sincere heart, it strengthens our faith and deepens our connection with Allah.

Focus in Salah (Khushoo)

Salah is the most important act of worship after faith. When we stand before Allah in Salah, we should remember that we are speaking to our Creator. Khushoo' means praying with humility, concentration, and attentiveness. We should reflect on the words we recite, avoid distractions, and remember that Allah sees and hears us at all times.

The Power of Du'a

Du'a is a special gift through which we can speak directly to Allah. We should frequently ask Allah for guidance, forgiveness, protection, and success in both this world and the Hereafter. One of the best times to make du'a is during sujood, when a servant is closest to his Lord. The last third of the night is also a blessed time when du'as are readily accepted by Allah.

Chapter 5: Wudhu

Perfecting Our Purification

Wudhu is much more than physical cleanliness.

It is an act of worship that prepares us to stand before Allah
سبحانه وتعالى in Salah.

Through wudhu, a believer purifies both the body and the soul, drawing closer to Allah and preparing the heart for worship.

Stay in a State of Wudhu

One of the habits of the righteous is to remain in a state of wudhu as much as possible.

Being in wudhu helps us stay mindful of Allah and ready for Salah at any time. It also encourages us to maintain cleanliness, which is greatly loved in our beautiful Deen Islam.

The Spiritual Rewards of Wudhu

Wudhu carries tremendous rewards. The Prophet ﷺ taught that when a believer performs wudhu properly, sins committed by the eyes, ears, hands, and feet are forgiven as the water flows from the limbs.

Wudhu is therefore not only a means of purification but also a means of spiritual cleansing.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"When a Muslim performs wudhu and performs it well, then prays two rak'ahs concentrating fully with his heart and face, Paradise becomes obligatory for him."

(Sahih Muslim)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"My Ummah will be called on the Day of Resurrection with bright faces, hands, and feet from the traces of wudhu."

(Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

Lesson

Wudhu is a means of purification, forgiveness, and drawing closer to Allah. By performing it correctly and maintaining it whenever possible, we prepare ourselves for worship and earn great rewards from Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

It also serves as a constant reminder to remain spiritually conscious and mindful of Allah throughout the day. A believer who values wudhu values cleanliness, discipline, and readiness for worship. Through this blessed act, we strengthen our connection with Allah and prepare our hearts to remember and obey Him.

Chapter 6: The Day of Judgment

The Day of Judgment is a reality that every believer must prepare for.

On that Day, all of mankind will be gathered before Allah سبحانه وتعالى and held accountable for their actions.

Every deed, whether great or small, will be brought forth, and each person will see the results of what they sent ahead in this world.

Shafa'ah (Intercession)

One of the great blessings of the Day of Judgment will be the intercession granted to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

By the permission of Allah, he will intercede on behalf of members of his Ummah.

A believer should strive to earn this honour by following the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ, loving him, obeying his teachings, and remaining steadfast upon Islam.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"My intercession is for the people of major sins from my Ummah." *Sunan Abi Dawud, Jami' at-Tirmidhi*

The Value of Good Deeds

No good deed is insignificant in the sight of Allah. Even simple acts of kindness can carry immense weight on the Scale of Deeds.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Do not belittle any good deed, even meeting your brother with a cheerful face." Sahih Muslim

Every smile, kind word, act of charity, and sincere deed performed for the sake of Allah will be rewarded.

Lesson The Day of Judgment reminds us that this worldly life is temporary and that our ultimate return is to Allah سبحانه وتعالى. We should strive to fill our lives with good deeds, seek Allah's forgiveness regularly, and follow the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ so that we may attain success in the Hereafter.

Every action, word, and intention will be accounted for on that Day. A wise believer prepares for this meeting with Allah by living a life of faith, sincerity, obedience, and constant repentance.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "The intelligent person is the one who holds himself accountable and works for what comes after death." (Jami' at-Tirmidhi) This reminds us to prepare for Yawm al-Hisab through righteous deeds, sincere worship, and obedience to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

Chapter 7: The Shamaail

The Noble Attributes of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

The Shamaail refers to the beautiful qualities, appearance, character, and habits of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The more we learn about him, the more our love for him grows.

Allah ﷻ sent him as the perfect example for all of mankind, and his life teaches us how to worship Allah and how to treat others with kindness, mercy, and respect.

Some Beautiful Qualities of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

- **His Blessed Appearance:** The face of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was radiant and beautiful. The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم often compared it to the brightness of the full moon.
- **His Truthfulness:** Even before Prophethood, he was known as *As-Saadiq* (The Truthful) and *Al-Ameen* (The Trustworthy). He was trusted by all as he never lied or deceived anyone.
- **His Mercy:** Allah described him as a mercy for the worlds. He showed compassion to young and old, friends and strangers, and even to those who opposed him.

- **His Humility:** Despite being the greatest of all creation, he lived simply, served his family, and never considered himself above others.
- **His Generosity:** The Prophet ﷺ was extremely generous and loved helping those in need. He gave freely and encouraged others to do the same.
- **His Forgiveness:** He forgave those who wronged him and responded to harm with patience, wisdom, and kindness.
- **His Patience:** Prophet Muhammad ﷺ remained patient during hardships, opposition, and personal loss. He placed his trust in Allah سبحانه وتعالى and never allowed difficulties to turn him away from his mission.
- **His Modesty:** The Prophet ﷺ was extremely modest and humble. The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم described him as being more modest than a shy person behind a veil.
- **His Justice:** He treated all people fairly and upheld justice in every situation, regardless of a person's status, wealth, or family background.
- **His Courage:** Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was among the bravest of people. During times of danger, he remained firm and encouraged others to place their trust in Allah.

- **His Compassion:** He cared deeply for the well-being of others and always desired what was best for his Ummah.
- **His Gentleness:** The Prophet ﷺ spoke gently and treated people with kindness. He taught that gentleness beautifies everything in which it is found.
- **His Reliability:** People trusted him with their wealth, belongings, and personal matters because of his honesty and trustworthiness.
- **His Good Manners:** The Prophet ﷺ possessed the highest standard of character and treated everyone with respect, dignity, and kindness.
- **His Gratitude:** He constantly thanked Allah سبحانه وتعالى for His blessings and encouraged others to be grateful in all circumstances.
- **His Concern for His Ummah:** He cared deeply for his followers and constantly made du'a for them, wanting ease, guidance, and success for them in this world and the Hereafter.

A Beautiful Example of His Character

Once, a Bedouin came to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and pulled his cloak so forcefully that it left a mark on his blessed neck. The man then demanded that the Prophet ﷺ give him some of the wealth that Allah had granted him.

The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم were upset by the man's harsh behaviour. However, the Prophet ﷺ did not become angry. Instead, he turned towards the man, smiled, and instructed that he be given what he had requested.

This incident, recorded in Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim, shows the remarkable patience, gentleness, and mercy of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Even when treated harshly, the Prophet ﷺ responded with kindness and dignity.

Lesson

The Shamaail of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ teaches us that true greatness lies in good character. We should strive to follow his example by being truthful, kind, forgiving, humble, and generous. The more we imitate his noble character, the closer we come to earning the love of Allah سبحانه وتعالى and the companionship of His Messenger ﷺ in the Hereafter.

Chapter 8: Strengthening Our Worship

Zikr and Sunnah Acts

One of the most effective ways to strengthen our connection with Allah سبحانه وتعالى and deepen our relationship with Him is through regular zikr (remembrance of Allah), staying away from all types of sins, and the consistent practice of Sunnah acts of worship throughout the day. These deeds help keep our hearts connected to Allah, increase our faith, and bring great rewards in this world and the Hereafter.

A believer should strive to remember Allah in all situations, whether in times of ease or difficulty. Constant remembrance of Allah brings peace to the heart, strengthens one's reliance upon Him, and serves as a protection against temptation and wrongdoing.

Likewise, the voluntary acts of worship taught by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, such as additional prayers, charity, recitation of the Qur'an, and helping others, draw a person closer to Allah. When these good deeds are performed regularly and with sincerity, they become a means of spiritual growth and a source of immense reward in the Hereafter.

Morning and Evening Zikr

The Prophet ﷺ encouraged his Ummah to remember Allah throughout the day and to keep their tongues engaged in His remembrance. Among the most virtuous and beloved words of zikr is:

SubhanAllahi wa bihamdihi
(Glory and praise belong to Allah)

This simple yet powerful phrase is easy to recite, carries immense reward, and helps strengthen a believer's connection with Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Whoever says 'SubhanAllahi wa bihamdihi' one hundred times in a day will have his sins forgiven, even if they are like the foam of the sea."

(Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

Another great Zikr is:

La ilaha illallahu wahdahu la sharika lah, lahul mulku wa lahul hamdu wa huwa 'ala kulli shay'in qadeer.

The Prophet ﷺ said

that whoever recites this one hundred times in a day will receive immense rewards and protection.

(Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

The Prophet ﷺ said

that it will be a protection for him from Shaytan until evening. (Sahih al-Bukhari)

Another great Zikr is:

Alhamdulillahi Rabbil-'Aalameen

(All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds.)

The Prophet ﷺ said

"the most beloved words to Allah are four: SubhanAllah, Alhamdulillah, La ilaha illallah, and Allahu Akbar."

(Sahih Muslim)

Another great zikr is:

Subhan Allahi wa bihamdihi, Subhan Allahil-'Azeem

Glory and praise belong to Allah.

Glory belongs to Allah, the Magnificent.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Two words are light on the tongue, heavy on the Scale, and beloved to the Most Merciful: SubhanAllahi wa bihamdihi, SubhanAllahil-'Azeem."

(Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

Another great zikr is:

Astaghfirullah wa atoobu ilayh

(I seek Allah's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance.)

The Prophet ﷺ would seek Allah's forgiveness more than seventy times a day. (Sahih al-Bukhari)

Sunnah Acts of Worship

In addition to the obligatory acts of worship, a Muslim should strive to perform voluntary deeds daily that bring him closer to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

These acts of worship strengthens a persons faith, increase his or her rewards, and helps a believer attain the love and pleasure of Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

- **Tahajjud:** Waking during the last part of the night to pray is among the most beloved acts of worship. Allah praises those who leave their beds to call upon Him.
- **Charity:** Giving charity, even a small amount, earns the pleasure of Allah and benefits those in need.
- **Helping Others:** Assisting family, neighbours, friends, and those in difficulty is a noble act greatly rewarded by Allah.
- **Sunnah Prayers:** Regularly performing the Sunnah prayers before and after the obligatory Salah increases reward and draws a person closer to Allah.

Lesson

The Prophet ﷺ taught that the most beloved of deeds to Allah سبحانه وتعالى are those that are performed consistently, even if they are a little.

By regularly engaging in the remembrance of Allah, performing voluntary acts of worship, giving charity, and serving others, we follow the guidance of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and strengthen our relationship with Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

These righteous deeds increase our faith, purify our hearts, and become a means of drawing closer to Allah سبحانه وتعالى and attaining His pleasure.

The life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ teaches us that true success lies in consistency and sincerity.

He regularly engaged in the remembrance of Allah, performed voluntary acts of worship, and encouraged his companions to make the most of every opportunity to earn reward.

By following his noble example and maintaining good habits, we can increase our love for Allah and prepare ourselves for success in the Hereafter.

DHIKR & SUNNAH ACTS OF WORSHIP

Draw closer to Allah every day

اذكر الله

Remember Allah
and He will remember
you.

(Qur'an 2:152)

BEAUTIFUL ADHKAR



سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ

SubhanAllahi wa bihamdihi
(Glory and praise belong to Allah)



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

La ilaha illallah
(There is no deity worthy of worship
except Allah)



أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

Alhamdulillah
(All praise is due to Allah)



اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allahu Akbar
(Allah is the Greatest)

The most
beloved deeds
to Allah are
those that are
consistent, even
if they are little.

(Sahih al-Bukhari)

SUNNAH ACTS TO PRACTICE DAILY



Tahajjud Prayer



Charity



Recite Qur'an



Dhikr throughout the day



Help others



Sunnah prayers

Chapter 9: Lessons from Islamic History

Islamic history is filled with remarkable events that offer valuable lessons for every Muslim. By studying these events, we gain a deeper appreciation of the sacrifices made by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his noble companions رضي الله عنهم to establish, preserve, and spread the message of Islam.

These are not merely accounts of the past. They are powerful reminders of faith, perseverance, courage, and complete trust in Allah سبحانه وتعالى. Through these events, we learn how the early Muslims remained steadfast during times of hardship and how Allah granted them success through their sincerity and sacrifice.

The Qur'an itself encourages us to reflect upon the experiences of those who came before us and to learn from their examples. The stories and events of Islamic history strengthen our faith and inspire us to follow the path of righteousness.

In the previous books, we explored some of the important events that shaped the early Muslim community. In this chapter, we will continue our journey through Islamic history, learning about significant moments that helped shape our Ummah and discovering the timeless lessons they continue to teach us today.

The Hijrah from Makkah to Madinah

When the persecution of the Muslims in Makkah became severe, Allah سبحانه وتعالى commanded Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his companions رضي الله عنهم to migrate to Madinah.

This migration by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, known as the Hijrah, marked a turning point in Islamic history.

The journey was filled with challenges and dangers, yet the Muslims remained firm in their faith and placed their complete trust in Allah.

Upon arriving in Madinah, the Prophet ﷺ established a strong and united Muslim community.

He joined the Muhajirun (the migrants from Makkah) and the Ansar (the helpers of Madinah) in a bond of brotherhood, creating a society based upon faith, cooperation, and mutual support.

Story

During the Hijrah, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the first Khaliph of Islam Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه took shelter in the Cave of Thawr while the Quraysh searched for them.

The enemies came so close that Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه became concerned for the safety of the Prophet ﷺ.

However, the Prophet ﷺ remained calm and reassured his companion with complete confidence in Allah.

Allah mentions this event in the Qur'an:

"Do not grieve; indeed Allah is with us."

(Surah At-Tawbah 9:40)

Allah protected His Messenger ﷺ and caused the plans of the Quraysh to fail. After remaining in the cave for several days, the Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه continued their journey and safely reached Madinah.

This remarkable event teaches us that true reliance upon Allah does not mean abandoning effort. The Prophet ﷺ took every practical step necessary for a safe journey, yet his heart remained fully dependent upon Allah. When difficulties arise, believers should do what is within their ability and then place their trust in Allah, knowing that His help is always near.

Lesson

- Trust in Allah during times of hardship and uncertainty.
- True faith brings courage, confidence, and peace of mind.
- Take the necessary means while relying upon Allah.
- Unity, and brotherhood strengthen the Muslim Ummah.
- Allah's help comes to those who place their trust in Him.

The Battle of Uhud

The Battle of Uhud took place a year after the Battle of Badr.

The Quraysh of Makkah sought revenge for their defeat at Badr and marched towards Madinah with a large army.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had consulted with his companions رضي الله عنهم and prepared the Muslims to defend their city.

Before the battle began, the Prophet ﷺ placed a group of archers on a hill and instructed them not to leave their position under any circumstances, whether the Muslims were winning or losing.

This was an important part of the battle strategy.

At the beginning of the battle, the Muslims gained the upper hand and the enemy began to retreat. Seeing this, many of the archers thought the battle had ended and left their positions to collect the spoils of war.

Although some of them reminded the others of the Prophet's instructions, many left the hill.

The enemy cavalry quickly recognised the opportunity and launched an attack from behind. The situation changed dramatically, and the Muslims faced a difficult setback. Many companions رضي الله عنهم were wounded, and several noble Sahabah رضي الله عنهم were martyred.

Story

During the Battle of Uhud, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was injured while defending the Muslims. His blessed face was wounded, and some of his teeth were broken.

The Muslims were deeply distressed at seeing their beloved Prophet ﷺ harmed by the enemies of Islam.

Despite the pain and hardship he endured, the Prophet ﷺ did not call for revenge against his enemies.

Instead, he displayed remarkable patience and mercy.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى revealed:

"It is not for you 'O Prophet' to decide whether He will forgive them or punish them, for they are wrongdoers."

(Surah Aal 'Imran 3:128)

The Prophet ﷺ remained steadfast, continued calling people towards Islam, and entrusted all matters to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

This event demonstrates the patience, mercy, and noble character of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, even during some of the most difficult moments of his life.

Lesson

- Success comes through obedience to Allah and His Messenger ﷺ.
- Disobeying clear instructions can lead to harmful consequences.
- Every believer will face tests and challenges in life.
- Patience and perseverance are essential during times of difficulty.
- The mercy and noble character of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ should be an example for us to follow.
- Even after setbacks, a believer should never lose hope in the help and mercy of Allah سبحانه وتعالى.
- Difficulties and setbacks can contain valuable lessons and wisdom from Allah سبحانه وتعالى.
- True believers remain steadfast and return to Allah, even after experiencing loss or hardship.
- Victory comes from Allah alone, and believers should never become overconfident in their own efforts or abilities.
- Obedience to the commands of Allah and His Messenger ﷺ is a key to success in this world and the Hereafter

The Battle of the Trench (Al-Khandaq)

Several Arab tribes united and marched towards Madinah with the intention of destroying the Muslim community.

Faced with a much larger force, the Muslims sought a way to defend the city of Madinah.

Upon the suggestion of Salman Al-Farsi رضي الله عنه, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ instructed the Muslims to dig a deep trench around the exposed areas of Madinah.

This was a strategy unfamiliar to the Arabs and became an effective means of defence.

The Muslims worked tirelessly to complete the trench. They endured hunger, cold, and exhaustion, yet remained united and determined.

The Prophet ﷺ personally joined in the work, digging alongside his companions رضي الله عنهم and encouraging them throughout the difficult task.

When the enemy army arrived, they were unable to cross the trench and lay siege to Madinah for many days.

The believers remained steadfast, placing their trust in Allah تعالى despite the severe conditions they faced.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى describes the situation in the Qur'an:

"When they came upon you from above you and from below you, and when eyes shifted in fear and hearts reached the throats, and you assumed various thoughts about Allah." (Surah Al-Ahzab 33:10)

After the Muslims had shown patience and perseverance, Allah سبحانه وتعالى sent a powerful wind against the enemy forces and caused confusion among them.

Unable to continue the siege, the coalition dispersed and returned home without achieving their objective.

Story

During the digging of the trench, the Muslims encountered a large rock that they were unable to break. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ took a tool and struck the rock. With each strike, a flash of light appeared.

The Prophet ﷺ informed the companions that Allah had shown him the future victories of Islam and gave glad tidings of the conquest of lands such as Shaam and Persia.

At a time when the Muslims were surrounded by enemies and facing severe hardship, these words filled the believers with hope and strengthened their certainty in the promises of Allah.

They understood that no matter how difficult their circumstances appeared, victory ultimately comes only from Allah سبحانه وتعالى alone and all might and power is with Allah.

Lesson

- Unity and cooperation are essential during times of difficulty.
- Believers should combine practical effort with trust in Allah.
- Patience and perseverance lead to the help of Allah.
- Strong leadership helps guide people through challenges.
- The promises of Allah are always true, even when success seems distant.
- Hope and optimism are qualities of a believer.
- Allah can grant victory through means that people do not expect.
- Working together for a good cause brings strength and success.
- Difficult trials can strengthen faith and bring people closer to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.
- Seeking good advice and benefiting from the expertise of others can lead to success.
- Trust in Allah should remain firm, even during the most difficult circumstances.

Chapter 10: Perfecting Our Daily Sunnahs

The Sunnah teaches us that every part of our day can become an act of worship when it is done with sincerity and according to the guidance of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Following his example brings blessings into our lives and helps us earn the pleasure of Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

The Prophet ﷺ encouraged believers to maintain good character in all their interactions. Kindness, honesty, patience, and respect are among the qualities that beautify a Muslim and strengthen relationships with others.

A believer should strive to remember Allah frequently throughout the day. The Prophet ﷺ regularly engaged in dhikr.

The Sunnah also teaches us to be mindful of the rights of others. Whether dealing with family members, neighbours, friends, or strangers, a Muslim should treat everyone with fairness, compassion, and respect.

Another important Sunnah is to make good use of one's time. The Prophet ﷺ encouraged beneficial actions and warned against wasting time. A believer should use his days wisely by engaging in worship, seeking knowledge, helping others, and performing righteous deeds.

Sunnahs to Practise Daily

- **Recite the Morning and Evening Adhkar** to seek Allah's protection and blessings throughout the day.
- **Make Istighfar Frequently.** The Prophet ﷺ regularly sought Allah's forgiveness and encouraged his Ummah to do the same.
- **Recite the Qur'an Daily**, even if only a few verses. Consistency is beloved to Allah.
- **Pray the Sunnah Prayers** before and after the obligatory Salah whenever possible.
- **Visit the Sick** and make du'a for them, bringing comfort and support to fellow Muslims.
- **Maintain Family Ties.** Treat parents, relatives, and family members with kindness and respect.
- **Control Your Tongue.** Speak good words or remain silent, avoiding gossip, lies, and hurtful speech.
- **Give Charity Regularly**, even if it is a small amount. Every act of charity is rewarded by Allah.
- **Make Du'a for Others.** The angels say "Aameen" and make the same du'a for the one who prays for his fellow Muslim.
- **Sleep and Wake Up with Sunnah Du'as**, remembering Allah at the beginning and end of each day.

Lessons

- Every Sunnah is an opportunity to earn reward and increase our love for Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.
- Consistent good deeds, even if they are little, are beloved to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.
- A believer should strive to remember Allah throughout the day and in every situation.
- Following the Sunnah brings blessings into our lives and strengthens our faith.
- Small acts of kindness can become great deeds when performed sincerely for the sake of Allah.
- Good character, kind speech, and helping others are important parts of the Sunnah.
- The Sunnah provides guidance for every aspect of life, both major and minor.
- The closer we follow the Sunnah, the closer we draw to Allah سبحانه وتعالى and His Messenger ﷺ.
- Success in this world and the Hereafter lies in following the guidance of the Qur'an and the Sunnah.

Chapter 11: Zakah

Caring for Others

Zakah is one of the five pillars of Islam and an important act of worship. It is a fixed portion of wealth that Allah سبحانه و تعالی has made obligatory upon eligible Muslims to give to those who are entitled to receive it.

Through Zakah, Allah purifies our wealth, assists those in need, and strengthens the bonds of brotherhood within the Muslim community.

Allah سبحانه و تعالی says:

"Take from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase." (Surah At-Tawbah 9:103)

The word Zakah itself carries the meanings of purification, growth, and blessing. Although a person may appear to be giving away a portion of his wealth, Allah places barakah in what remains and rewards him abundantly in this world and the Hereafter.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Islam is built upon five..."

Among the five pillars mentioned by the Prophet ﷺ is the giving of Zakah. (Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

For wealth upon which Zakah is due, a Muslim generally gives one-fortieth of his qualifying wealth, which is equivalent to **2.5%**, after fulfilling the conditions required for Zakah.

Through this act, a believer acknowledges that all wealth ultimately belongs to Allah and that he is merely a trustee of what Allah has entrusted to him.

Zakah teaches us generosity, compassion, and concern for others. It reminds us that the blessings we enjoy are a trust from Allah and that we have a responsibility towards those who are less fortunate.

Through Zakah, the poor, needy, and vulnerable members of society receive assistance, while the giver of Zakah earns plenty of rewards and purification of his wealth as well.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says

"Take from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cleanse them."

(Surah At-Tawbah 9:103)

Allah سبحانه وتعالى also says

"The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a grain that grows seven ears; in every ear are one hundred grains, and Allah multiplies for whom He wills." (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:261)

Story

A man once came to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and asked him which charity was the most rewarding.

The Prophet ﷺ replied:

"That you give charity while you are healthy, hoping for wealth and fearing poverty, and not delay until death approaches." (Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

This teaches us that true generosity is giving while we still value our wealth and have the ability to benefit others. The believer should not wait for a later time to fulfil the rights of Allah and assist those in need.

The Prophet ﷺ was the most generous of people. He encouraged his companions رضي الله عنهم to give charity regularly, and many of them spent generously for the sake of Allah. Their example teaches us that wealth is a means of earning the pleasure of Allah when it is used correctly.

A believer should view his wealth as a trust from Allah سبحانه and an opportunity to earn reward. Every act of charity, whether large or small, can bring comfort to those in need and become a source of blessings for the giver. By giving sincerely for the sake of Allah, we demonstrate gratitude for His favours and hope for His reward in the Hereafter.

Lessons

- Zakah is one of the five pillars of Islam.
- Zakah purifies wealth and brings barakah into our lives.
- Everything we possess ultimately belongs to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.
- For qualifying wealth, Zakah is generally one-fortieth (2.5%) of the wealth.
- Caring for the poor and needy is an important part of our faith.
- Giving charity does not decrease wealth; Allah blesses and increases it.
- A believer should fulfil the rights of Allah before spending on personal desires.
- Generosity and compassion strengthen the Muslim community.
- Voluntary charity (Sadaqah) is a means of earning additional reward and drawing closer to Allah.
- The best charity is given sincerely for the sake of Allah and without seeking praise from people.

Chapter 12: Hajj

The Journey of a Lifetime

Hajj is one of the greatest acts of worship in Islam and one of the five pillars of our Deen. It is a journey to the Sacred House of Allah in Makkah, performed by those who are physically and financially able.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says

“And Hajj to the House is a duty owed to Allah by mankind, for whoever is able to find a way to it.”

(Surah Aal ‘Imran 3:97)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said

“Islam is built upon five: bearing witness that there is no deity except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establishing Salah, giving Zakah, performing Hajj, and fasting Ramadan.” (Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

Hajj teaches a Muslim humility, sacrifice, patience, unity, and complete submission to Allah.

During Hajj, Muslims from every part of the world gather in the same sacred places, wearing simple clothing and calling upon the same Lord.

This reminds us that honour is not based on wealth, nationality, or status, but on taqwa and obedience to Allah.

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

“Hajj is during well-known months. Whoever undertakes Hajj therein must not engage in immoral behaviour, sin, or arguing during Hajj.” (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:197)

The Prophet ﷺ taught the Ummah how to perform Hajj through his own example.

During his Hajj, The Prophet ﷺ said

“Learn your rites from me.” (Sahih Muslim)

Among the main rites of Hajj are entering into Ihram, standing at ‘Arafah, staying in Muzdalifah, pelting the Jamarat, offering sacrifice for those upon whom it applies, shaving or trimming the hair, and performing Tawaf around the Ka’bah.

These actions remind us of obedience, discipline, sacrifice, and the importance of following the guidance of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

The Day of ‘Arafah is one of the greatest days of Hajj. Standing at ‘Arafah is a central part of Hajj, and it is a day of du’a, humility, repentance, and hope in the mercy of Allah.

A believer should use this blessed day to turn sincerely to Allah and seek His forgiveness.

Hajj also carries immense reward.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

“The reward of an accepted Hajj is nothing except Jannah.”

(Sahih al-Bukhari; Sahih Muslim)

A truly accepted Hajj is not only about completing the outward actions. It is also about returning as a better Muslim, with stronger faith, better character, greater humility, and a deeper desire to obey Allah.

Lessons from Hajj

- Hajj is an obligation upon those who are able to perform it.
- Hajj teaches complete submission to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.
- Muslims must follow the guidance of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in worship.
- Hajj reminds us that all Muslims are equal before Allah.
- A believer should avoid sins, arguments, and bad behaviour during worship.
- The Day of ‘Arafah teaches us the importance of du’a, repentance, and hope.
- An accepted Hajj is a means of earning Jannah.
- The true sign of a blessed Hajj is returning with stronger faith and better character.

Conclusion

Dear Reader,

Alhamdulillah, we have now completed Book 5 of our series My Journey to Islam.

With every lesson we learn and every good deed we practise, we take another step closer to Allah سبحانه وتعالى and a deeper understanding of His beautiful Deen.

In this book, we learned about some of the beautiful names and attributes of Allah سبحانه وتعالى and reflected upon what they teach us about our Creator.

We were inspired by the patience of Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام and the sincerity and honesty of Prophet Shu'ayb عليه السلام.

We explored the lives of noble Sahabah رضي الله عنهم, learned valuable lessons from important events in Islamic history, and discovered practical ways to strengthen our worship and follow the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

However, the purpose of knowledge is not merely to learn. True success lies in acting upon what we know.

Let us strive to remember Allah often, perfect our worship, follow the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and develop the qualities of patience, honesty, gratitude, kindness, and trust in Allah.

These are the qualities that lead to success in this world and everlasting happiness in the Hereafter.

As we come to the end of this book, we should remember that our journey of learning Islam never truly ends.

Every day is a new opportunity to gain knowledge, improve our character, increase our worship, and draw closer to Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

The more we learn and practise, the more we grow in faith and the more prepared we become for our meeting with Allah.

May Allah سبحانه وتعالى accept our efforts, forgive our shortcomings, and make this knowledge a means of guidance and benefit for us.

May He keep us steadfast upon the Qur'an and Sunnah, bless us with sincerity in all that we do, and make us among His righteous servants.

May Allah سبحانه وتعالى grant us beneficial knowledge, righteous actions, steadfastness upon His Deen, and entry into Jannatul Firdaus without reckoning.

May He forgive us, our parents, our teachers, and the entire Ummah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Aameen.

Glossary

سبحانه وتعالى

Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala

Glory be to Allah

ﷺ (صلى الله عليه وسلم)

Sallahu Alayhi Wa Salam

May Allah's mercy and peace be upon him

عليه السلام

Alayhi Wa Salam

Peace be upon him

رضي الله عنه

Radiyallahu Anhu

May Allah be pleased with him

رضي الله عنها

Radiyallahu Anha

May Allah be pleased with her

آمين

Aameen

O Allah, answer (our prayer)

NB:

Please consult a qualified Aalim before acting upon any ruling in this book, as certain matters require proper scholarly guidance to be correctly understood.

Any errors, omissions, or shortcomings found in this publication are solely due to our own limitations and deficiencies. We seek the forgiveness of Allah سبحانه وتعالى for any mistakes that may have occurred and ask Him to accept this humble effort, overlook its shortcomings, and make it beneficial for all who read it.

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May He accept this humble effort, forgive our shortcomings, shower His mercy upon us, our parents, our teachers, and the entire Ummah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. آمِينَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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