



GUIDANCE FOR THE TRAVELER

روش قدم نبی (ﷺ) کے ہیں جنت کے راستے

“Following in the footsteps of Nabi ﷺ
will lead a person to Jannah.”

اللہ ﷻ سے ملاتے ہیں سیرت کے راستے

“A person will reach and get closer to Allah
by following the sunnats of Nabi ﷺ.”

“LETS
REVIVE A
SUNNAH”

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم. نحمده ونصلي على رسوله الكريم، أما بعد:

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Most beloved and respected friends, and those listening over the internet, first and foremost, we thank Allah ﷻ for granting us the tawfeeq (ability) to continue with these short programmes, these *majalis* (gatherings), which take place during the week.

May Allah ﷻ grant us the tawfeeq to act upon whatever we learn from these gatherings, and may He grant us the strength to safeguard ourselves from all harm and haraam.

Today, inshallah, we will discuss some sunnats (practices) of traveling, and we make dua that Allah ﷻ grants us the tawfeeq to practice these sunnats.

When traveling, it is recommended that one does not travel alone. There should be a minimum of two people traveling together. If one is unable to travel with company and has to travel alone for whatever reason, then it is permissible.

A Sunnah Day to travel:

If possible, initiate your journey on a Thursday, as it is a Sunnah practice. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ frequently selected Thursday for travel, however he did commence journeys on a Saturday as well as other days.

Additionally, before leaving home, perform two rak'ahs of salaah, which serves as a form of spiritual preparation, requesting Allah سبحانه وتعالى's blessings, protection, and support for the trip. This act symbolizes entrusting our journey to Allah سبحانه وتعالى and starting with a sense of tranquility and spiritual awareness.

وقد أخرج الإمام البخاري رحمه الله هذه الأحاديث في صحيحه

1) كان سيدنا كعب بن مالك رضي الله عنه يقول:

"قلما خرج رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم في سفر إلا يوم الخميس."

(صحيح البخاري، حديث: 2949)

1) Sayyiduna Ka'b ibn Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would say "Rarely did Rasulallah ﷺ set out on a journey except on a Thursday."

(Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 2949)

2) عن كعب بن مالك رضي الله عنه قال: خرج النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم في غزوة تبوك يوم الخميس، وكان يفضل أن يخرج يوم الخميس.

(صحيح البخاري، حديث: 2950)

2) Sayyiduna Ka'b ibn Malik (radiyallahu 'anhu) said, "Nabi ﷺ set out on a Thursday on the battle of Tabuk and he preferred to set out on a Thursday." (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 2950)

3) قال الحافظ ابن حجر رحمه الله: وليس معنى ذلك أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم كان يخرج يوم الخميس عادة، بل هناك أحاديث أخرى تبين أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم خرج يوم السبت أيضاً.

(فتح الباري، قبل الحديث: 2947)

3) Hafiz Ibn Hajar رَحِمَهُ اللهُ states this does not mean that Nabi ﷺ habitually set out on a Thursday as there are other Hadiths which state Nabi ﷺ set out on a Saturday as well. (Fathul Bari, before Hadith: 2947)

Imam Bukhari رَحِمَهُ اللهُ has recorded these narrations in his Sahih, and Allah تعالى Knows best.

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[Hadith Answers](#)

When mounting one's conveyance, one should do the following:

one should place the right foot on the stirrup and recite بِسْمِ اللهِ (In the name of Allah). Today, with different modes of transport like cars, planes, and buses, this sunnah can still be applied. After seating oneself properly, one should recite اللهُ أَكْبَرُ (Allah is the Greatest) three times then recite the following dua:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ وَإِنَّا إِلَى رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ

"Pure is the One who has subjugated this conveyance for us, for we could not have done so ourselves. And indeed, to our Lord, we will return."

After this, one should also recite:

اللَّهُمَّ هَوِّنْ عَلَيْنَا سَفَرَنَا هَذَا وَاطْوِ عَنَّا بُعْدَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الصَّاحِبُ فِي السَّفَرِ، وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعَثَاءِ السَّفَرِ، وَكَآبَةِ الْمُنْظَرِ، وَسُوءِ الْمُنْقَلَبِ فِي الْمَالِ وَالْأَهْلِ وَالْوَلَدِ

"O Allah, make this journey easy for us, and shorten its length. O Allah, you are our companion on this journey, and the guardian of our family. I seek Your protection from the hardships of travel, from witnessing any undesirable sight, and from returning home to find my wealth, family, and children in poor condition."

It is sunnah to pull over to the side of the road when stopping along a journey, avoiding obstructing the path of others and causing them

inconvenience. When ascending during a journey, recite **اللهُ أَكْبَرُ** and when descending, recite **سُبْحَانَ اللهِ** (Glory be to Allah).

Mulla Ali Qari **رحمة الله عليه** explains that the wisdom of reciting **اللهُ أَكْبَرُ** while ascending is to remind ourselves that although we may appear to be going higher, true loftiness and greatness belong to Allah alone.

On the other hand, while descending, we say **سُبْحَانَ اللهِ** acknowledge our own humility and insignificance, and that Allah **سبحانه وتعالى** alone is pure and free from lowliness.

Upon entering a new town or city, recite three times:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهِ

"O Allah, grant us blessings in this town."

Then recite:

لِلَّهِمَّ رَزُقْنَا جَنَاحًا وَحَبِّبْنَا إِلَى أَهْلِنَا وَحَبِّبْ صَلَاحِي أَهْلَهَا إِلَيْنَا

"O Allah, grant us blessings here, make us beloved to its inhabitants, and make the pious among them beloved to us."

Nabi-e-Kareem ﷺ advised that once a person has fulfilled the purpose of their journey, they should return home, as it is inappropriate to unnecessarily extend one's stay. When returning home from a long journey, especially if it is late at night, it is best to wait until morning before entering, unless one's family is expecting them.

Certain items such as dogs are not permissible to take on a journey as shaitaan follows such a person, causing the blessings of the journey to be lost.

Upon returning from a journey, it is sunnah to first go to the masjid and perform two rak'ats of salaah (prayer).

عن كعب بن مالك رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم كان إذا قدم من سفر بدأ بالمسجد فركع فيه ركعتين. (متفق عليه)

Ka'b bin Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ reported:

Whenever the Messenger of Allah ﷺ returned from a journey, he would proceed straight to the mosque and perform two Rak'ah of (optional) prayer.

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

For those saying farewell to someone, recite:

أَسْتَوْدِعُكُمْ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا تَضِيعُ وَدَائِعُهُ

"I entrust you to Allah, that being whose trust is never broken."

And when bidding farewell, recite:

أَسْتَوْدِعُ اللَّهَ دِينَكَ وَأَمَانَتَكَ وَخَوَاتِيمَ عَمَلِكَ

"I entrust your deen, your belongings, and the outcomes of your actions to Allah."

When one's conveyance is arriving at its destination, recite:

رَبِّ أَنْزِلْنِي مُنْزَلًا مُبَارَكًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ

"O my Allah, settle me in a blessed manner in a place of peace and comfort, for indeed, You are the best of hosts."

We make dua that Allah سبحانه وتعالى grants us the tawfeeq to continue with these short *majalis*, to practice upon them, and to live and die with imaan.

May Allah سبحانه وتعالى grant us the tawfeeq to follow every sunnah of our beloved Nabi-e-Kareem ﷺ.

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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