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the demise of his beloved sister رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا.**

**The first bayaan was delivered at the funeral home,  
while the second was delivered shortly thereafter at  
a ladies' programme held at another venue.**

**Amidst the sorrow, Hazrat reminded us of the  
temporary nature of this Dunya, the importance of  
remaining steadfast upon Deen, and the everlasting  
hope we should always have in the mercy of our  
beloved and most kind creator Allah Ta'ala.**

**These reflections are not merely words of comfort  
during moments of grief. They contain timeless  
lessons and valuable reminders for every believer  
striving to prepare for the Aakhirah and attain the  
pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.**

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## نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي عَلَى رَسُولِهِ الْكَرِيمِ أَمَّا بَعْدُ

This Dunya is only a temporary abode, where everything we experience lasts for a limited time.

The separations we endure here are also temporary, merely brief partings on our journey towards the everlasting life of the Aakhirah.

We make dua to Allah ta'ala that our ultimate and eternal destination will be Jannah. May Allah Ta'ala grant us Aafiyah, ease and well-being, throughout our lives. Aameen

When our appointed time arrives, may Allah Ta'ala take us from this world with complete and perfect Imaan, while blessed with the nisbat and connection of the Awliyaa (the beloved friends of Allah Ta'ala), and the Siddiqeen (His pious and truthful servants).

One important lesson we must take to heart is the uncertainty of life and how suddenly it can come to an end.

As long as Allah Ta'ala has granted us life, He has also granted us a valuable opportunity to prepare ourselves and work towards building our Aakhirah.

The comforts and pleasures of this Dunya are temporary, and one day they will all come to an end.

They are merely a passing phase of this worldly life, whereas the Aakhirah is real and everlasting.

It is here, in this Dunya, that we must strive and prepare ourselves for the Aakhirah.

We must take valuable lessons from the lives of those who have passed on before us.

MashaAllah, when we hear about their lives, their beautiful qualities and their actions, we should be

deeply concerned that these accounts do not simply pass through our ears without leaving any effect upon our hearts.

We must ask ourselves what we have learnt, where our own lives are lacking, and what changes we need to make.

These examples should awaken us, make us reflect seriously upon our condition, and inspire us to bring meaningful change into our lives before our own time comes to an end.

Just recently, my brother-in-law, Hajee Dawood Desai Saheb, mentioned the Thursday night routine of his late wife, my sister, Aisha رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا.

From the time of Maghrib, she would begin engaging in ibaadat. Before Hajee Dawood Saheb returned home from the Masjid, she would have already completed her Durood & Salaam and would be engaged in the recitation of Surah Kahf.

She would complete these practices in advance, knowing that on Friday, the day of Jumu'ah, she could easily become occupied with other responsibilities and the opportunity might pass.

Rather than delaying her ibaadat, she made it a point to complete it at the earliest opportunity, ensuring that these valuable practices were never neglected.

Despite her many responsibilities and commitments to khidmat (service), she never allowed them to become a reason for neglecting her ibaadat.

This is a great lesson for us. True achievement lies in istiqamat (steadfastness), remaining firm and consistent in one's ibaadat despite the many responsibilities and demands of daily life.

Istiqamat is an extremely valuable quality, especially when one remains firm and consistent despite the challenges, distractions and constant demands of daily life.

To remain firm and steadfast upon Deen despite changing circumstances is a great blessing and a quality that we should all strive to develop within ourselves.

There is a Hadith Shareef, in which our beloved Nabi ﷺ mentioned that certain categories of people will receive a double reward.

Among them is the slave who faithfully fulfils both the rights of his appointed master and the sacred rights owed to his Creator, Allah Ta'ala.

By this slave remaining obedient to Allah Ta'ala while also fulfilling his responsibilities towards his master, he is granted a double reward.

### **Why is he granted a double reward?**

His challenges and responsibilities are greater than those of a person who is free.

A free person may have fewer restrictions and may find it easier to perform his Salah on time.

A slave, however, has the added responsibility of fulfilling the rights of his master, while at the same time remaining steadfast in fulfilling his duties to his Creator Allah Ta'ala.

Here, the person is fulfilling the rights of Allah Ta'ala as well as the rights of his master, without neglecting either.

Naturally, the rights of Allah Ta'ala come above everything else. However, the additional effort required to fulfil both responsibilities brings with it an additional reward, a double reward.

This is the important message and lesson for us: we must remain committed to fulfilling our responsibilities, especially our responsibilities towards Deen.

Above all, the rights of Allah Ta'ala must always remain our highest priority, regardless of the other demands and responsibilities in our lives.

This is a lifelong effort for every one of us. We all have weaknesses, shortcomings and areas in our lives that require correction.

The concern is that we should never become satisfied with our present condition or allow our weaknesses to remain unattended.

We must constantly examine ourselves, correct our shortcomings, improve our actions and strive to strengthen our commitment to Deen.

We cannot continue comforting ourselves with the thought, “InshaAllah, next Ramadhaan I will change,” or, “I will make a plan later.”

The reality is that none of us has been promised another Ramadhaan, another year, or even another tomorrow.

Our time can come at any moment, without warning.

We must develop a deep concern for our condition and begin correcting our lives now, before the opportunity to change is taken away from us.

**We must constantly reflect upon and carefully examine our own lives:**

What still needs to be corrected? Where am I falling short? What areas of my life need improvement?

What habits, actions or weaknesses must I work upon and remove completely before my time comes to an end?

This sincere introspection should become a regular part of our lives, encouraging us to continuously correct and improve ourselves.

Over these past few days, we have heard so many valuable lessons and reminders from which we should take benefit and bring meaningful change into our lives.

Regarding my sister Aisha رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا there were many unique qualities that she had possessed.

One thing that particularly caught my attention was how many people, including neighbours, relatives and friends, would come to her seeking advice, comfort and solace during their times of difficulty.

MashaAllah, it was mentioned that Aisha رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا would listen to them attentively and offer words of comfort and encouragement, yet she would never speak ill of the other party involved.

She would provide comfort without allowing the conversation to become an occasion for speaking negatively about others.

Outwardly, this may appear to be a small matter, but in reality, it is a great accomplishment and a remarkable kamal (quality of excellence).

To maintain good akhlaaq (character) while listening to the complaints and difficulties of others, without being drawn into speaking ill of anyone, reflects remarkable self-restraint and nobility of character.

Many of the qualities that shape a person's life may appear small or insignificant at the time.

A kind word, restraint of the tongue, consistency in ibaadat, or consideration for others may easily pass unnoticed.

Yet, when these qualities become part of a person's daily life, they can become the means of a beautiful ending.

**One important lesson is to never let an opportunity to do good slip away.**

Whenever an opportunity to do good presents itself, we should value it and take advantage of it, because we do not know whether that same opportunity will ever come our way again.

Nabi ﷺ said:

لَا تَحْقِرَنَّ مِنَ الْبَعْرُوفِ شَيْئًا

"Do not regard any good action as trivial."

Whenever an opportunity to do good comes your way, take advantage of it.

Never regard any good deed as too small or insignificant, for we do not know which deed may become most valuable in the sight of Allah Ta'ala.

A warm smile shared with a fellow Muslim or a sincere greeting of Salaam may carry far greater value in the sight of Allah Ta'ala than we could ever realise.

Allah Ta'ala knows best. Perhaps a single small deed, carried out with sincerity, may one day become the means of our salvation when we need it most.

With regards to Aisha رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا, what stood out most was her beautiful akhlaaq (character). SubhanAllah, words cannot truly do justice to such excellent and noble character.

Her beautiful character left a lasting impression upon all those who witnessed it, and إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ, it will remain in their hearts and be remembered for many years to come.

More importantly, these beautiful qualities should not remain merely as memories.

We must take inspiration from them and make a sincere effort to develop these same qualities within our own lives, so that this legacy of goodness may continue through us.

MashaAllah, her Mehmaan-nawaazi (hospitality) was a quality for which she was widely known.

This was not something people mentioned merely in passing. Her hospitality had touched so many hearts that people spoke about it repeatedly, with genuine warmth and appreciation.

The lasting impression Aisha رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا left upon her guests was evident in how fondly and frequently they remembered and spoke about her Mehmaan-nawaazi (hospitality).

Her heart and home were always open to everyone, at any time, and countless people can bear witness to this. Her hospitality was not offered merely as a duty or obligation.

She would prepare in advance, eagerly welcome her guests with genuine happiness, and serve them wholeheartedly, without complaint or hesitation.

This is what we need to carry forward. These beautiful qualities should not remain merely as cherished memories of the past.

Rather, they should become a living legacy, reflected in our own character, actions and daily lives, so that the goodness we witnessed in her life continues through us and benefits those around us.

In Deen, no aspect should ever be regarded as secondary or unimportant in our lives.

Whether it is ibaadat (worship), mu'asharat (social conduct), mu'amalat (dealings), or akhlaaq (character), every aspect of Deen is important and deserves our sincere attention.

At times, a person may excel in ibaadat, yet still have weaknesses in their akhlaaq. True commitment to Deen requires us to strive for improvement in every aspect of our lives.

On the Day of Qiyaamah, a person's hard-earned rewards for ibaadat may have to be given to others because of the wrongs committed against them,

whether through gheebah (backbiting), causing hurt, or violating their rights.

This should create a deep concern within us, reminding us that our conduct towards others is also an essential part of Deen and something for which we will be held accountable before Allah Ta'ala.

The lessons we should take from this are the lessons of beautiful akhlaaq (character), simplicity, and sincere khidmat (service), helping and assisting others solely for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.

These are qualities we should strive to bring into our own lives and preserve through our actions.

## **Reflections on Allah's Qudrat**

This Dunya is filled with countless signs of the Qudrat (Power) of Allah Ta'ala.

Everything around us, from the smallest creation to the greatest, reflects His perfect Power and serves as

a reminder of the countless marvels and wonders of His creation.

Just this morning, someone mentioned a small yet interesting incident. He came across a pigeon that had been caught by some children.

When he went closer to have a look, he noticed a small tag attached to the pigeon's leg, with a telephone number written on it.

He called the number and discovered that the owner lived nearby, somewhere between Isipingo and Amanzimtoti.

The owner soon came to collect the pigeon and explained that it was one of his own homing pigeons.

SubhanAllah, we find that the homing pigeon possesses a remarkable ability.

It can travel over great distances and, through the Qudrat of Allah Ta'ala, this unique pigeon can still find its way back home with remarkable accuracy.

The owner of the pigeon explained that they sometimes release these pigeons as far as 50 kilometres away, yet they are able to find their way back home with astonishing accuracy.

He mentioned that they even measure and record the pigeons' speed and timing during their journeys.

SubhanAllah, such a small and simple looking bird can fly at speeds of around 100 kilometres per hour, without any navigation system or map, yet still find its way precisely to its destination.

The conversation continued, and he mentioned the extraordinary ability of an eagle.

From a tremendous height, an eagle can identify and focus upon its prey.

When it dives towards its target, it closes in with incredible precision, reaching speeds of up to 240 kilometres per hour.

Now consider this: it is not merely diving at such tremendous speed but at the same time, it is able to strike its prey with astonishing accuracy and precision, often targeting a vital area such as the head or neck, with the force of the impact bringing the prey down immediately.

What is even more remarkable is that, despite diving at such tremendous speed, the eagle is able to maintain control after striking its prey, avoiding a crash and continuing its flight with precision.

Allah Ta'ala has placed within it the extraordinary ability to slow itself down, regain control, secure its prey and continue its flight.

SubhanAllah, what an amazing manifestation of the Qudrat (Power) of Allah Ta'ala!

These are only small examples, mere glimpses of the magnificent Qudrat of Allah Ta'ala that surrounds us at every moment and can be witnessed throughout His creation.

Countless wonders are unfolding around us at every moment, each one reminding us of the greatness, majesty and perfect Qudrat of Allah Ta'ala.

### **Our elders beautifully expressed:**

عجب تیری قدرت، عجب کار تیرا

**“Ajab Teri Qudrat, Ajab Kaar Tera.”**

*“O my beloved Allah, How amazing is Your Power,  
how wondrous are Your works!”*

Everywhere we look, we find signs reminding us of the magnificent Qudrat and countless wonders of our beloved creator Allah Ta'ala.

In this Dunya, there is a lesson to be found in everything that is around us.

Every creation, every occurrence and every experience can become a means of reflection for the one who observes with an attentive heart.

**SubhanAllah, the poet goes on to express this beautifully in the following words:**

خوشی غم میں رکھی ہے اور غم خوشی میں،  
عجب تیری قدرت، عجب کار تیرا

**"Khushi gham me rakhi hai, or gham khushi mein,  
Ajab teri qudrat, ajab kaar tera."**

“O my Beloved Allah ,  
You have hidden moments of joy within sorrow,  
and sorrow within moments of joy.

How amazing is Your Power,  
how beautiful are the ways in which You arrange  
every affair.”

This is the nature of this Dunya. Even in moments of happiness and celebration, such as a wedding, there may also be an element of sadness.

Joy and sorrow often exist side by side, reminding us that no condition in this world remains forever.

Similarly, even in moments of sadness, Allah Ta'ala places within the heart a sense of comfort, hope and reassurance.

There is Dua, there is hope in the mercy of Allah Ta'ala, and there is the promise of immense reward for those who remain patient, place their trust in Him, and continue turning towards Him.

This Dunya is a mixture of happiness and sadness, ease and difficulty, and within every changing condition lies a valuable lesson for us to learn and reflect upon.

Beyond all these changing circumstances lies something far greater: the Ma'rifat (recognition) of

Allah Ta'ala, learning to recognise His Qudrat, wisdom and mercy in every condition and through every experience of our lives.

**A poet beautifully expresses in his dua:**

الہی عطا ذرّہ دردِ دل ہو، کہ مرتا ہے بے درد بیمار تیرا

**Ilahi ata zarrah-e-dard-e-dil ho,  
ke marta hai be-dard bimaar tera.**

“O my Beloved Allah Ta’ala, grant my heart a tiny spark of that sweet pain of longing for You,  
for without the ache of Your love,  
this yearning servant of Yours is dying.”

**Another beautiful couplet:**

کوئی تجھ سے کچھ، کوئی کچھ چاہتا ہے، تجھ سے ہو یا رب طلبگار تیرا

**Koi tujh se kuch, koi kuch chahta hai,  
tujh se ho Ya Rabb, talabgaar tera.**

“Everyone comes to You asking for something,  
each with their own desire.

O my Beloved Allah Ta’ala, let my heart desire none  
of these things. Let my only longing be for You, and  
let me seek You alone.”

### Another beautiful couplet:

کوئی تجھ سے کچھ، کوئی کچھ مانگتا ہے،

الہی میں تجھ سے طلبگار تیرا

Koi tujh se kuch, koi kuch maangta hai,  
Ilahi, main tujh se talabgaar tera.

“Everyone asks You for something,  
O my Beloved Allah, I ask for nothing but You.”

In this world, pain usually weakens and breaks a  
person. Yet the pain of yearning for Allah Ta'ala has  
the opposite effect.

It gives life to the heart, strengthens a person from within, and enables one to rise above the hardships and difficulties of this temporary world we call Dunya.

Dunya is Dunya, and challenges will always remain a part of it. We are Insaan (human beings), and it is only natural that we experience emotions, feel sorrow and are affected by the difficulties and losses that come our way.

Our beloved Nabi ﷺ also expressed natural feelings of grief and sorrow upon the loss of his loved ones.

Yet, even through moments of deep sadness, our beloved Nabi ﷺ remained patient, submitted to the decree of Allah Ta'ala, and remained completely focused upon seeking His pleasure.

This is the healing balm taught to us by our beloved Nabi ﷺ: we may grieve, but we remain in submission to Allah Ta'ala.

We may feel the deep pain of loss, but even through that pain, we should continue turning towards Allah Ta'ala with hope, love and complete trust in Him.

This is the state we must continuously strive towards.

It is this connection with Allah Ta'ala that will keep us afloat through every challenge, every difficulty and every storm that we encounter in this Dunya.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us Aafiyah in every matter and every condition.

May Allah Ta'ala make our greatest concern and ultimate focus the journey towards Him and the attainment of His pleasure.

Dunya is not our goal. It is merely a temporary passage on our journey towards the Aakhirah. Its comforts, luxuries and attractions are not the purpose for which we have been sent into this world.

Whatever Allah Ta'ala grants us, we accept with shukr (gratitude). Yet our deepest desire, our greatest yearning and the true focus of our hearts should always remain upon Allah Ta'ala and attaining His pleasure.

**May Allah Ta'ala grant me and all of us the tawfiq.  
May He accept from all of us.**

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً، وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

"Oh, Allah grant us goodness in this world, and goodness in the Hereafter, and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."

وَآخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

## NB:

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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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Some lives leave footprints on our hearts  
that time can never erase.

This bayaan is a humble reflection on the life of a pious lady,  
the beloved sister of Hazrat Ml. Yunus Patel (رحمة الله عليه)  
and Hazrat Ml. Ilyas Patel Saheb (دامت بركاتهم). Her character,  
devotion and quiet dedication inspired all who knew her.  
Through her words, actions and everyday efforts for the sake  
of Allah, she left behind a beautiful example and a legacy  
of goodness.

Now that she has returned to her 'Allah',  
her memories remain with us and her lessons  
continue to guide us. May Allah Ta'ala accept her,  
elevate her ranks in Jannah and allow us to benefit  
from her life and legacy.

Ameen.



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