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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

About the Series

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), Lord of the world. Blessings and peace be upon the leaders of the early and latter generations, our leader Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) and also upon his family and his Companions.

This Series is directed to the general Muslims, compassing of a very easy and simple language, but with a strong content. It serves for a Muslim's fundamental needs wherever he may be.

Muhammad bin Isma'il Al-Bukhari reported on the authority of Talhah bin 'Ubaidullah, who narrated: A man from the people of Najd with unkempt hair came to Allah's Messenger (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) and we heard his loud voice but could not understand what he was saying, till he came near (and we heard that) he was asking about Islam. Allah's Messenger (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "You have to perform five prayers in a day and night" The man asked, "Are there any other prayers upon me? He (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "No, but if you want to perform the voluntary prayers". Allah's Messenger (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "You have to observe fasts during the month of Ramadan." The man asked, "Are there any other fasting upon me"? Allah's Messenger (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) replied, "No, but if you want to observe the voluntary fasts." Then Allah's Messenger (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said to him, "You have to pay the obligatory charity". The man asked, "Is there any thing other than the obligatory charity for me to pay?" Allah's Messenger (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "No, unless you want to give voluntary alms of your own." And then that man turned away saying, "By Allah! I will neither do less nor more than this." He (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "If what he said is true, then he will be successful."

Muslim reported on the authority of Sufyan bin Abdullah, who said: "I said, O Messenger of Allah (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him), tell me something about Islam that I will not need to ask anyone about after you (according to the narration of Abu Usamah, "other than you.") He (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Say: I believe in Allah, then adhere firmly to that."

In this series we carefully rely on the Book of Allah, the authentic Sunnah of His Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him), and the sayings of the famous scholars, so that it may illuminate the path of guidance for the one who seeks it.

We ask Allah, the All-High, the All-Magnificent to accept from us this blessed work, to make it sincere for Allah's Noble Face, to make it useful for the people, and to remove hardships through it.

May the blessings of Allah, be upon His Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his Companions, and on those who follow them till the Day of Resurrection.

Servant of the Book and the Sunnah

Abdul Malik Mujahid

Introduction

Surely all praise is for Allah. We praise Him and seek His help. We seek His forgiveness and we seek refuge in Him from the evil of our own souls and from the wickedness of our deeds. Whomever He guides shall never go astray, and whomever He allows to stray shall never find guidance. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, alone, Who has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and upon his family and his Companions and upon those who follow them in piety until the Day of Judgment.

This book is an abridgment of my earlier work entitled, *Ath-Thikr wad-Du`a wal-'Ilaj bir-Ruqaminal-Kitab was-Sunnah*. In order to make it small and easily portable, I have chosen only the section on words of remembrance for this abridgment. To achieve this, I only mentioned the text of the words of remembrance instead of the entire Hadith. I also limited myself to mentioning only one or two references from the original book for each Hadith. Whoever would like to know about the Companion who related a particular Hadith, or more information about where it is recorded, should refer to the original work (mentioned above).

I ask Allah the Glorious, the Mighty, by His beautiful Names and by His sublime Attributes to accept this as having been done sincerely for His sake alone. I ask Him to bring me its benefits during my lifetime and after my death. May those who read it, those who print it, or have had any role in distributing it, benefit from it also. Surely He, the Glorified, is Capable of all things. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet, Muhammad, and upon his family and Companions and whoever follows them in piety until the Day of Judgment.

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The Virtue Of Remembering Allah (SWT)

﴿فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ﴾ ١٥٢

"Therefore remember Me. I will remember you. Be grateful to Me and never show Me ingratitude."

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا﴾

"O you who believe, remember Allah with much remembrance."

And He said:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ كَثُرَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ أَذْكُرْهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا﴾ ٣٥

"And the men and women who remember Allah frequently, Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward."

And He said:

﴿وَادْكُرْ رَبَّكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ وَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ﴾ ٢٠٥

"And remember your Lord by your tongue and within yourself, humbly and in awe, without loudness, by words in the morning and in the afternoon, and be not among those who are neglectful."

The Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "He who remembers his Lord and he who does not remember his Lord, are like the living and the dead."

And he said: "Shall I not inform you all of the best of your works, the purest of them with your Master (Allah), the loftiest of them in your stations, the thing that is better for you than spending gold and silver (in charity), and better for you than meeting your enemies and slaying them and being slain by them?" They (the Companions) said, "Of course!" He said, "Remembrance of Allah, the Most High."

And he said: "Allah the Most High says, 'I am with my slave when he thinks of Me and I am with him when he mentions Me. For if he mentions Me to himself, I mention him to Myself; and if he mentions Me in a gathering, I mention him in a superior gathering. If he approaches Me by a hand's width, I approach him by an arm's length; and if he approaches me by an arm's length, I approach him by two arms' length. And if he comes to Me walking, I hasten to him swiftly.'"

Abdullah bin Busr said that a man asked the Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him): "O Messenger of Allah! Verily, the sanctions of Islam have become too numerous for me (to perform them all). Inform me of something (simple) that I may always adhere to." The Prophet (Peace and

Blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Let your tongue always be moist with the remembrance of Allah."

And he said: "Whoever reads one letter from the Book of Allah, will receive one Hasanah (reward for a good deed), and one Hasanah comes with ten like it. I do not say that Alif-Lam-Mim is a letter. Indeed Alif is a letter, and Lam is a letter, and Mim is a letter."

‘Uqbah bin ‘Amir t said: The Messenger of Allah came out (from his house) and we were on the porch (As-Suffah). So he said, "Who of you would like to go out in the morning everyday to the valley of Buthan or Al- Aqeeq and come back with two large she-camels without committing any sin or severing the family ties?" We replied, "O Messenger of Allah! All of us would like this." So he said, "Would one of you not go to the Masjid and learn or recite two Verses from the Book of Allah, the Mighty and Majestic? That would be better for him than two she-camels. And three Verses would be better for him than three she-camels. And four Verses would be better than four she-camels, and whatever their number may be of camels."

And he said: "Whoever sits and does not mention the Name of Allah (before he rises), will find it a cause of sorrow from Allah. Whoever lies down to sleep and does not mention the Name of Allah before rising, will find it a cause of sorrow from Allah."

And the Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "No people sit in an assembly without mentioning Allah, and without asking Allah for blessings on their Prophet, except that it will be a cause of sorrow upon them. Thus, if He (Allah) wishes He will punish them, and if He wishes He will forgive them."

And he said: "No people may rise from an assembly in which they have failed to mention the Name of Allah without it being as if they were getting off a dead donkey's rotting back, and it would be a cause of grief for them."

Supplications for when you wake up

١- «الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ»

Alhamdu lillaahil-lathee ‘ahyaanaa ba‘da maa ‘amaatanaa wa ilayhin-nushoor.

Praise is to Allah Who gives us life after He has caused us to die and to Him is the return.

٢- «لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ. سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ، رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي.»

Laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lahu, lahul-mulku wa lahul-hamdu, wa Huwa `alaa kulli shay'in Qadeer. Subhaanallaahi, walhamdu lillaahi, wa laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu, wallaahu 'akbar, wa laa hawla wa laa Quwwata 'illaa billaahil-'Aliyyil-'Adheem, Rabbighfir lee.

There is none worthy of worship but Allah alone, Who has no partner. His is the dominion and to Him belongs all praise, and He is Able to do all things. Glory is to Allah. Praise is to Allah. There is none worthy of worship but Allah. Allah is the Most Great. There is no might and no power except by Allah's leave, the Exalted, the Mighty. My Lord, forgive me.

٣- «الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَافَانِي فِي جَسَدِي، وَرَدَّ عَلَيَّ رُوحِي، وَأَذِنَ لِي بِذِكْرِهِ»

Alhamdu lillaahil-lathee `aafaanee fee jasadee, wa radda `alayya roohee, wa 'athina lee bithikrihi.

Praise is to Allah Who gave strength to my body and returned my soul to me and permitted me to remember Him.

﴿إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ﴾ (١٩٠) الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَمًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَطْلًا سُبْحَنَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿١٩١﴾ رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ مَنْ تَدْخِلِ النَّارَ فَقَدْ أَخْرَيْتَهُ، وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ ﴿١٩٢﴾ رَبَّنَا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا مُنَادِيًا يُنَادِي لِلْإِيمَانِ أَنْ ءَامِنُوا بِرَبِّكُمْ فَءَامَنَّا رَبَّنَا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَكَفِّرْ عَنَّا سَيِّئَاتِنَا وَتَوَفَّنَا مَعَ الْأَبْرَارِ ﴿١٩٣﴾ رَبَّنَا وَءَاثِنَا مَا وَعَدْتَنَا عَلَىٰ رُسُلِكَ وَلَا تُخْزِنَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ ﴿١٩٤﴾ مَا وَلَّهُمْ لَهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ أَنِّي لَا أَضِيعُ عَمَلٍ مِّنْكُمْ مِنْ ذِكْرٍ أَوْ أَتَىٰ بِعَعْضِكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْضٍ فَأَلِذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَأُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَأُودُوا فِي سَبِيلِي وَقَتَلُوا وَقَتِلُوا لَا كُفِّرَن عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَلَا دُخِلَنَّهُمْ جَنَّتِ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ثَوَابًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ حُسْنُ الثَّوَابِ ﴿١٩٥﴾ لَا يَغُرَّنَّكَ تَقَلُّبُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي الْبِلَادِ ﴿١٩٦﴾ مَتَّعٌ قَلِيلٌ ثُمَّ مَا وَلَّهُمْ جَهَنَّمَ وَيُبْسَ الْمِهَادُ ﴿١٩٧﴾ لَكِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ لَهُمْ جَنَّتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا نُزُلًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لِلْأَبْرَارِ ﴿١٩٨﴾ وَإِنَّ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ خَاشِعِينَ لِلَّهِ لَا يَشْتُرُونَ بِعَايَتِ اللَّهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿١٩٩﴾ يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٢٠٠﴾ ﴿

'Inna fee khalqis-samaawaati wal'ardhi wakhtilaafil-layli wannahaari la'aayaatil-li 'oolil-'albaab. Allatheena yathkuroon-allaaha qiyaaman wa qu'oodan wa 'alaa junoobihim wa yatafakkaroona fee khalqis-samaawaati wal'ardhi Rabbanaa maa khalaqta haathaa baatilan subhaanaka faqinaa 'athaaban-naar. Rabbanaa 'innaka man tudkhilin-naara faqad 'akhzaytahu wa maa lidhdhalimeena min 'ansaar. Rabbanaa 'innanaa sami`naa munaadiyan yunaadee lil'eemaani 'an 'aaminoo birabbikum fa'aamannaa, Rabbanaa faghfir lanaa thunoobanaa wa kaffir `annaa sayyi'aatinaa wa tawaffanaa ma'al-'abraar. Rabbanaa wa 'aatinaa maa wa`adtanaa `alaa rusulika wa laa tukhzinaa yawmal-qiyaamati, 'innaka laa tukhliful-mee`aad. Fastajaaba lahum Rabbuhum 'annee laa 'udhee`u `amala `aamilim-minkum min thakarin 'aw 'unthaa, ba`dhukum mim ba`dh, fallatheena haajaroo wa 'ukhrijoo min diyaarihim wa 'oothoo fee sabelee wa qaataloo wa qutiloo la'ukaffiranna `anhum sayyi'aatihim wa la'udkhillannahum jannaatin tajree min tahtihal-'anhaaru thawaaban min `indillaah, wallaahu `indahu husnuth-thawaab. Laa yaghur-rannaka taqallubul-latheena kafaroo fil-bilaad. Mataa`un qaleelun thumma ma'waahum jahannam, wa bi'sal-mihaad. Laakinil-latheenat-taqaw Rabbahum lahum jannaatun tajree min tahtihal-'anhaaru khaalideena feehee nuzulam-min `indillaah, wa maa `indillaahi khayrul-lil'abraar. Wa 'inna min 'ahlil-kitaabi laman yu'minu billaahi wa maa 'unzila 'ilaykum wa maa 'unzila 'ilayhim khaashi`eena lillaahi laa yashtaroon bi'aayaatillaahi thamanan qaleela, 'oolaa'ika lahum 'ajruhum `inda Rabbihim, 'innallaaha saree`ul-hisaab. Yaa'ayyuhal-latheena 'aamanus-biroo wa saabiroo wa raabitoo wattaqul-laaha la'allakum tuflihoon.

Verily! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are indeed Signs for men of understanding. Those who remember Allah standing, sitting and lying down on their sides, and think deeply about the creation of the heavens and the earth, (saying:) "Our Lord! You have not created this without purpose, glory is to You! Give us salvation from the torment of the Fire. Our Lord! Verily, whom You admit to the Fire, indeed, You have disgraced him, and never will the oppressors find any helpers. Our Lord! Verily, we have heard the call of one calling to Faith (saying:) 'Believe in your Lord,' and we have believed. Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and expiate from us our evil deeds, and make us die in the state of righteousness together with the pious and righteous slaves. Our Lord! Grant us what You promised us through Your Messengers, and disgrace us not on the Day of Resurrection, for You never break (Your) promise." So, their Lord answered them (saying): "Never will I allow to be lost the work of any of you, be he male or female. You issue forth one from another, so those who emigrated and were driven out from their homes, and suffered harm in My Cause and who fought, and were killed in My Cause, verily, I will expiate from them their evil deeds and admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow; a reward from Allah, and with Allah is the best of rewards." Let not the free disposal of the disbelievers through out the land deceive you. A brief enjoyment; then, their ultimate abode is Hell; and worst indeed is that place for rest. But, for those who fear their Lord, are Gardens under which rivers flow; therein are they to dwell forever, and entertainment from Allah; and that which is with Allah is the best for the pious and righteous slaves. And there are, certainly, among the people of the Scripture, those who believe in Allah and in that which has been revealed to you, and in that, which has been revealed to them, humbling themselves before Allah. They do not sell the Verses of Allah for a little price, for them is a reward with their Lord. Surely, Allah is Swift in account. O you who believe! Have patience and contend in patience, be vigilant and informed, and fear Allah, so that you may be successful.

Invocation when getting dressed

٥- «الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي كَسَانِي هَذَا (الثَّوبَ) وَرَزَقَنِيهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ حَوْلٍ مِنِّي وَلَا قُوَّةٍ..»

Alhamdu lillaahil-lathee kasaanee haathaa (aththawba) wa razaqaneehi min ghayri hawlim-minnee wa laa quwwatin.

Praise is to Allah Who has clothed me with this (garment) and provided it for me, though I was powerless myself and incapable.

Invocation when putting on new clothes

٦- « اَللّٰهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ اَنْتَ كَسَوْتَنِيْهِ، اَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِهِ وَخَيْرِ مَا صُنِعَ لَهُ، وَاَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهِ وَشَرِّ مَا صُنِعَ لَهُ. »

Allaahumma lakal-hamdu 'Anta kasawtaneehi, 'as'aluka min khayrihi wa khayri maa suni`a lahu, wa 'a`oothu bika min sharrihi wa sharri ma suni`a lahu.

O Allah, praise is to You. You have clothed me. I ask You for its goodness and the goodness of what it has been made for, and I seek Your protection from the evil of it and the evil of what it has been made for.

Invocations for someone who has put on new clothes

Tublee wa yukhliful-laahu ta`aalaa.

May Allah replace it when it is worn out.

٨- « اِلْبَسْ جَدِيْدًا، وَعِشْ حَمِيْدًا، وَمُتْ شَهِِيْدًا. »

Ilbas jadeedan, wa `ish hameedan, wa mut shaheedan.

Put on new clothes, live a praise-worthy life and die as a martyr.

What to say when undressing

٩- « بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ. »

Bismillaahi.

In the Name of Allah.

Invocation for entering the restroom

١٠- « [بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ] اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخُبْثِ وَالْخَبَائِثِ. »

[Bismillaahi] Allaahumma 'innee 'a`oothu bika minal-khubthi walkhabaa'ith.

(Before entering) [In the Name of Allah]. (Then) O Allah, I seek protection in You from the male and female unclean spirits.

Invocation for leaving the restroom

١١- « غُفْرَانَكَ. »

Ghufraanaka.

I seek Your forgiveness.

What to say before performing ablution

١٢- « بِسْمِ اللَّهِ ».

Bismillaahi.

In the Name of Allah.

What to say upon completing ablution

١٣- « أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ».

'Ash-hadu 'an laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lahu wa 'ash-hadu 'anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa Rasooluhu.

I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah alone, Who has no partner; and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger.

١٤- « اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِيْنَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِيْنَ ».

Allaahummaj`alnee minat-tawwaabeena waj`alnee minal-mutatahhireen.

O Allah, make me among those who turn to You in repentance, and make me among those who are purified.

١٥- « سُبْحَانَكَ اَللّٰهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ ».

Subhaanaka Allaahumma wa bihamdika, 'ash-hadu 'an laa 'ilaaha 'illaa 'Anta, 'astaghfiruka wa 'atoobu 'ilayk.

Glory is to You, O Allah, and praise; I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but You. I seek Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance.

What to say when leaving the home

١٦- « بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ ».

Bismillaahi, tawakkaltu `alallaahi, wa laa hawla wa laa quwwata 'illaa billaah.

In the Name of Allah, I have placed my trust in Allah, there is no might and no power except by Allah.