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The Book of Dua (Invocations)

Ahadith 108

(6304-6311)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Invocations

The statement of Allah

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ

"And your Lord says, "Call upon Me; I will respond to you."
Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell (rendered)
contemptible." (40:60)

For every Prophet there is one invocation granted

Hadith # 6304

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"For every prophet there is one (special invocation (that will not be rejected) with which he appeals (to Allah), and I want to keep such an invocation for interceding for

my followers in the Hereafter."

Hadith # 6305

Narrated Anas:

Prophet (pbuh) said,

"For every prophet there is an invocation that surely will be responded by Allah,"

(or said), "For every prophet there was an invocation with which he appealed to Allah, and his invocation was accepted (in his lifetime), but I kept my (this special) invocation to intercede for my followers on the Day of Resurrection."

Afdal Al-Istighfar

Allah said in Surah Nuh:

فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا... وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا

"Saying, 'Ask forgiveness from your Lord; for He is Oft-Forgiving;

"He will send rain to you in abundance; "Give you increase in wealth and sons; and bestow on you Gardens and bestow on you Rivers (of flowing water). (71:10-12)

And said in Surah Ale Imran:

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ... وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلُوا وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ

And those who, having done something to be ashamed of, or wronged their own souls, earnestly bring Allah to mind, and ask for forgiveness for their sins, and who can forgive sins except Allah?

And are never obstinate in persisting knowingly in (the wrong) they have done. (3:135)

Hadith # 6306

Narrated Shaddad bin Aus:

The Prophet (pbuh) said

"The most superior way of asking for forgiveness from Allah is:

اللهم أنت ربي، لا إله إلا أنت، خلقتني وأنا عبدك،

O Allah! You are my Lord, there is no god but You.

You have created me and I am Your servant.

وأنا على عهدك ووعدك ما استطعت،

And I am on your covenant and promise as much as I can

أعوذ بك من شر ما صنعت، أبوء لك بنعمتك على وأبوء بذنبي،

I seek your refuge from the punishment of the evil deeds that I have done

and I confess that you have blessed me.

اغفر لي، فإنه لا يغفر الذنوب إلا أنت

Forgive me, for no one forgives my sins except You.

The Prophet (pbuh) added.

"If somebody recites it during the day with firm faith in it, and dies on the same day before the evening, he will be from the people of Paradise;

and if somebody recites it at night with firm faith in it, and dies before the morning, he will be from the people of Paradise."

Seeking Allah's forgiveness by daytime and at night

Hadith # 6307

Narrated Abu Huraira:

I heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying."

By Allah! I ask for forgiveness from Allah and turn to Him in repentance more than seventy times a day."

At-Tauba

Hadith # 6308

Narrated Al-Harith bin Suwaid:

`Abdullah bin Mas`ud related to us two narrations: One from the Prophet (pbuh) and the other from himself, saying:

A believer sees his sins as if he were sitting under a mountain which, he is afraid, may fall on him; whereas the wicked person considers his sins as flies passing over his nose and he just drives them away like this."

Ibn Mas`ud added: Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Allah is more pleased with the repentance of His slave than a man who encamps at a place where his life is jeopardized, but he has his riding beast carrying his food and water. He then rests his head and sleeps for a short while and wakes to find his riding beast gone. (He starts looking for it) and suffers from severe heat and thirst or what Allah wished (him to suffer from). He then says, 'I will go back to my place.' He returns and sleeps again, and then (getting up), he raises his head to find his riding beast standing beside him."

Hadith # 6309

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Allah is more pleased with the repentance of His slave than anyone of you is pleased with finding his camel which he had lost in the desert. "

Lying on right side

Hadith # 6310

Narrated Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to pray eleven rak`at in the late part of the night, and when dawn appeared, he would offer two rak`at and then lie on his right side till the Muadhhdhin came to inform him (that the morning prayer was due).

To sleep with ablution

Hadith # 6311

Narrated Al-Bara bin `Azib:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said to me, "When you want to go to bed, perform ablution as you do for prayer, then lie down on your right side and say:

اللَّهُمَّ أَسَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي إِلَيْكَ وَفَوَّضْتُ أَمْرِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَلْجَأْتُ ظَهْرِي إِلَيْكَ رَهْبَةً وَرَغْبَةً إِلَيْكَ

Oh God, I have surrendered myself to You, delegated my affairs to You,

and turned my back on You out of fear and desire for You.

لَا مَلْجَأَ وَلَا مَنَاجَا مِنْكَ إِلَّا إِلَيْكَ أَمَنْتُ بِكِتَابِكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَ وَبِنَبِيِّكَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَ

There is no refuge or escape from you except in you,

I believe in your book that you sent down and in your prophet that you sent

If you should die then (after reciting this) you will die on the religion of Islam (i.e., as a Muslim); so let these words be the last you say (before going to bed)"

While I was memorizing it, I said, " وِبِرَسُولِكَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَ (in Your Apostle whom You have sent).! The Prophet (pbuh) said, "No, but say: وَبِنَبِيِّكَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَ (in Your Prophet whom You have sent).

What to say on going to bed

Hadith # 6312

Narrated Hudhaifa:

When the Prophet (pbuh) went to bed, he would say:

بِاسْمِكَ أَمُوتُ وَأَحْيَا،

In your name I die and live

and when he got up, he would say:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

Praise be to God, who revived us after He caused us to die, and to Him is the resurrection.

Hadith # 6313

Narrated Al-Bara bin `Azib:

That the Prophet (pbuh) advised a man, saying, "If you intend to lie down (i.e. go to bed), say,

اللَّهُمَّ أَسْلَمْتُ نَفْسِي إِلَيْكَ وَفَوَّضْتُ أَمْرِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَلْجَأْتُ ظَهْرِي إِلَيْكَ رَهْبَةً وَرَغْبَةً إِلَيْكَ

Oh God, I have surrendered myself to You, delegated my affairs to You,

and turned my back on You out of fear and desire for You.

لَا مَلْجَأَ وَلَا مَنَاجَا مِنْكَ إِلَّا إِلَيْكَ أَمَنْتُ بِكِتَابِكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَ وَبِنَبِيِّكَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَ

There is no refuge or escape from you except in you,

I believe in your book that you sent down and in your prophet that you sent

And if you should die then (after reciting this before going to bed) you will die on the religion of Islam"

Putting right hand under right cheek on sleeping

Hadith # 6314

Narrated Hudhaifa:

When the Prophet (pbuh) went to bed at night, he would put his hand under his cheek and then say,

بِاسْمِكَ أَمُوتُ وَأَحْيَا،

In your name I die and live

and when he got up, he would say,

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

Praise be to God, who revived us after He caused us to die, and to Him is the resurrection.

Sleeping on the right side

Hadith # 6315

Narrated Al-Bara' bin `Azib:

That the Prophet (pbuh) advised a man, saying, "If you intend to lie down (i.e. go to bed), say,

اللَّهُمَّ أَسَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي إِلَيْكَ وَفَوَّضْتُ أَمْرِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَلْجَأْتُ ظَهْرِي إِلَيْكَ رَهْبَةً وَرَغْبَةً إِلَيْكَ

Oh God, I have surrendered myself to You, delegated my affairs to You,

and turned my back on You out of fear and desire for You.

لَا مَلْجَأَ وَلَا مَنَاجَا مِثْلَكَ إِلَّا إِلَيْكَ أَمَنْتُ بِكِتَابِكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَ وَبِنَبِيِّكَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَ

There is no refuge or escape from you except in you,

I believe in your book that you sent down and in your prophet that you sent

And if you should die then (after reciting this before going to bed) you will die on the religion of Islam"

The invocation by one who wakes up at night

Hadith # 6316

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

One night I slept at the house of Maimuna. The Prophet (pbuh) woke up, answered the call of nature, washed his face and hands, and then slept. He got up (late at night), went to a water skin, opened the mouth thereof and performed ablution not using much water, yet he washed all the parts properly and then offered the prayer. I got up and straightened my back in order that the Prophet (pbuh) might not feel that I was watching him, and then I performed the ablution, and when he got up to offer the prayer, I stood on his left. He caught hold of my ear and brought me over to his right side.

He offered thirteen rak`at in all and then lay down and slept till he started blowing out his breath as he used to do when he slept. In the meantime, Bilal informed the Prophet (pbuh) of the approaching time for the (Fajr) prayer, and the Prophet offered the Fajr (Morning) prayer without performing new ablution.

He used to say in his invocation,

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ فِي قَلْبِي نُورًا وَفِي بَصَرِي نُورًا وَفِي سَمْعِي نُورًا وَعَنْ يَمِينِي نُورًا وَعَنْ يَسَارِي نُورًا

O Allah, place light in my heart, light in my sight, light in my hearing, light on my right and light on my left.

وَفَوْقِي نُورًا وَتَحْتِي نُورًا وَأَمَامِي نُورًا وَخَلْفِي نُورًا وَاجْعَلْ لِي نُورًا

Light above me, light below me, light ahead of me, light behind me, and make light for me.

Kuraib (a sub narrator) said, "I have forgotten seven other words, (which the Prophet (pbuh) mentioned in this invocation).

I met a man from the offspring of Al-`Abbas and he narrated those seven things to me, mentioning,

عصبي ولحمي ودمي وشعري وبشري

My nerves, my flesh, my blood, my hair, my skin,

and he also mentioned two other things."

Hadith # 6317

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

When the Prophet (pbuh) got up at night to offer the night prayer, he used to say:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ

O Allah, praise be to You.

You are the light of the heavens and the earth and whoever is in them.

وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ قَيِّمُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ

To You be praise,

You are the Guardian of the heavens and the earth and whoever is in them.

وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ الْحَقُّ وَوَعْدُكَ حَقٌّ وَقَوْلُكَ حَقٌّ وَلِقَاؤُكَ حَقٌّ

Praise be to you, you are the truth,

your promise is true, your words are true, and your meeting is true.

وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ وَالنَّبِيُّونَ حَقٌّ وَمُحَمَّدٌ حَقٌّ

Paradise is true, Hell is true,

the Hour is true, the Prophets are true, Muhammad is true

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ أَسْلَمٌ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ وَإِلَيْكَ أُنْبِتُ وَبِكَ خَاصَمْتُ وَإِلَيْكَ حَاكَمْتُ

O Allah, I submit to you, and in you I trust, and in you I believe,

and to you I repent, and in you I argue, and in you I judge.

فَاعْفُرْ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَّرْتُ وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ

So forgive me for what I have done and what I have delayed,

and what I have hidden and what I have declared.

أَنْتَ الْمَقْدِمُ وَأَنْتَ الْمُؤَخَّرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَوْ لَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

You are the first and you are the last,

there is no god but you or there is no god but you

Saying Takbir and Tasbih on going to bed

Hadith # 6318

Narrated `Ali:

Fatima complained about the blisters on her hand because of using a mill-stone. She went to ask the Prophet for servant, but she did not find him (at home) and had to inform `Aisha of her need. When he came, `Aisha informed him about it.

`Ali added: The Prophet (pbuh) came to us when we had gone to our beds. When I was going to get up, he said, "Stay in your places," and sat between us, till I felt the coolness of the feet on my chest.

The Prophet (pbuh) then said, "Shall I not tell you of a thing which is better for you than a servant? When you (both) go to your beds, say 'Allahu Akbar' thirty-three times, and 'Subhan Allah' thirty-three times, 'Al hamdu 'illah' thirty-three times, for that is better for you than a servant." Ibn Seereen said, "Subhan Allah' (is to be said for) thirty-four times."

Taking refuge with Allah, and the recitation before going to bed

Hadith # 6319

Narrated `Aisha:

Whenever Allah's Messenger (pbuh) went to bed, he used to blow on his hands while reciting the Mu'auwidhat (i.e. Surah al-Falaq 113 and Surah-an-Nas 114) and then pass his hands over his body.

Hadith # 6320

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"When anyone of you go to bed, he should shake out his bed with the inside of his waist sheet, for he does not know what has come on to it after him, and then he should say:

بِاسْمِكَ رَبِّ وَضَعْتُ جَنْبِي وَبِكَ أَرْفَعُهُ، إِنَّ أَمْسَكْتَ نَفْسِي فَارْحَمْهَا،

In your name, my Lord, I put my side down, and in you I lift it up.

If you hold my soul, have mercy on it.

وَإِنْ أَرْسَلْتَهَا فَأَحْفَظْهَا بِمَا تَحْفَظُ بِهِ عِبَادَكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

And if you send it, protect it as you protect your righteous servants.

Invocation in the middle of the night

Hadith # 6321

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"When it is the last third of the night, our Lord, the Blessed, the Superior, descends every night to the heaven of the world and says,

'Is there anyone who invokes Me (demand anything from Me), that I may respond to his invocation;

Is there anyone who asks Me for something that I may give (it to) him;

Is there anyone who asks My forgiveness that I may forgive him?' "

What to say when going to the lavatory

Hadith # 6322

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

Whenever the Prophet (pbuh) went to the lavatory, he used to say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخُبْثِ وَالْخَبَائِثِ

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from wickedness and wickedness

What to say when one gets up in the morning

Hadith # 6323

Narrated Shaddad bin 'Aus:

The Prophet said, "The most superior way of asking for forgiveness from Allah is:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ، وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ،

Oh God, you are my Lord, there is no god but You,

You created me and I am Your servant,

and I keep Your covenant and promise as much as I can.

أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ، وَأَبُوءُ لَكَ بِذَنْبِي، فَاعْفِرْ لِي، فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ،

I confess your favor to you, and I confess my sin to you,

so forgive me, for no one forgives sins except you.

أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ

I seek refuge in You from the evil of what I have done

Hadith # 6324

Narrated Hudhaifa:

Whenever the Prophet (pbuh) intended to go to bed, he would recite:

بِاسْمِكَ اللَّهُمَّ أَمُوتُ وَأَحْيَا

"With Your name, O Allah, I die and I live)."

And when he woke up from his sleep, he would say:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

"All the Praises are for Allah Who has made us alive after He made us die (sleep) and unto Him is the Resurrection. "

Hadith # 6325

Narrated Abu Dhar:

Whenever the Prophet (pbuh) lay on his bed, he used to say:

اللَّهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ أَمُوتُ وَأَحْيَا

"With Your name, O Allah, I die and I live)."

and when he woke up he would say:

تَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

"All the Praises are for Allah Who has made us alive after He made us die (sleep) and unto Him is the Resurrection. "

Invocation during the Salat

Hadith # 6326

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Amr:

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq said to the Prophet, "Teach me an invocation with which I may invoke (Allah) in my prayer." The Prophet (pbuh) said,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي ظُلْمًا كَثِيرًا وَلَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، فَاعْفِرْ لِي

O Allah, I have wronged myself a lot, and no one forgives sins except You, so forgive me

مَغْفِرَةً مِنْ عِنْدِكَ، وَارْحَمْنِي إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعُفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

Forgiveness from You, and have mercy on me, for You are the Forgiving, the

Merciful.

Hadith # 6327

Narrated `Aisha:

The Verse: 'Neither say your prayer aloud, nor say it in a low tone.' (17.110) was revealed as regards invocation.

Hadith # 6328

Narrated `Abdullah:

We used to say in the prayer:

'AsSalam be on Allah, As-Salam be on so-and so.'

So, one day the Prophet said to us, "Allah Himself is As-Salam; when anyone of you sits during his prayer, he should say:

التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ -- الصَّالِحِينَ (All the compliments are for Allah ...righteous people)

for when he recites this, then he says his Salam to all the righteous people present in the heavens and on the earth.

Then he should say,

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

'I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah,
and that Muhammad is His slave and His Apostle,'

and then he can select whatever he likes to celebrate (Allah's) Praises."

The invocation after the Salat

Hadith # 6329

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The people said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! The rich people have got the highest degrees of prestige and the permanent pleasures (in this life and the life to come in the Hereafter)."

He said, "How is that?" They said, "The rich pray as we pray, and strive in Allah's Cause as we do, and spend from their surplus wealth in charity, while we have no wealth (to spend likewise)."

He said, "Shall I not tell you a thing, by doing which, you will catch up with those who are ahead of you and supersede those who will come after you; and nobody will be able to do such a good deed as you do except the one who does the same (deed as

you do).

That deed is to recite

- 'Subhan Allah ten times,
- and 'Al-Hamduli I-lah ten times,
- and 'AllahuAkbar' ten times after every prayer."

Hadith # 6330

Narrated Warrad:

Al-Mughira wrote to Muawiya bin Abu Sufyan that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to say at the end of every prayer after the Taslim,

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

There is no god but Allah, He is alone, He has no partner,

to Him belongs the country, and to Him is all praise, and He has power over all things.

اللَّهُمَّ لَا مَانِعَ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَلَا مُعْطِيَ لِمَا مَنَعْتَ وَلَا يَنْفَعُ ذَا الْجَدِّ مِنْكَ الْجَدُّ

O Allah! No one can withhold what You have given,

and no one can give what You have withheld,

and no one who is rich and fortunate (in Your presence) can benefit from his wealth.

"... And invoke Allah for them ..."

Hadith # 6331

Narrated Salama bin Al-Akwa`:

We went out with the Prophet (pbuh) to Khaibar. A man among the people said, "O 'Amir! Will you please recite to us some of your poetic verses?" So 'Amir got down and started chanting among them, saying,

"By Allah! Had it not been for Allah, we would not have been guided."

'Amir also said other poetic verses which I do not remember.

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "Who is this (camel) driver?" The people said, "He is 'Amir bin Al-Akwa`," He said, "May Allah bestow His Mercy on him."

A man from the People said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Would that you let us enjoy his company longer." When the people (Muslims) lined up, the battle started, and 'Amir was struck with his own sword (by chance) by himself and died. In the

evening, the people made a large number of fires (for cooking meals).

Allah's Apostle said, "What is this fire? What are you making the fire for?" They said, "For cooking the meat of donkeys." He said, "Throw away what is in the pots and break the pots!"

A man said, "O Allah's Prophet! May we throw away what is in them and wash them?" He said, "Never mind, you may do so."

Hadith # 6332

Narrated Ibn Abi `Aufa:

Whenever a man brought his alms to the Prophet, the Prophet (pbuh) would say, "O Allah! Bestow Your Blessing upon the family of so-and-so."

When my father came to him (with his alms), he said, "O Allah! Bestow Your Blessings upon the family of Abi `Aufa."

Hadith # 6333

Narrated Jarir:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said to me. "Will you relieve me from Dhi-al-Khalasa? " Dhi-al-Khalasa was an idol which the people used to worship and it was called Al-Ka`ba al Yamaniyya.

I said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh) I am a man who can't sit firm on horses." So, he stroked my chest (with his hand) and said, "O Allah! Make him firm and make him a guiding and well-guided man."

So I went out with fifty (men) from my tribe of Ahrnas. and came to Dhi-al-Khalasa and burnt it, and then came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! I have not come to you till I left it like a camel with a skin disease."

The Prophet then invoked good upon Ahmas and their cavalry (fighters).

Hadith # 6334

Narrated Anas:

Um Sulaim said to the Prophet (pbuh) "Anas is your servant."

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"O Allah! increase his wealth and offspring, and bless (him) whatever you give him."

Hadith # 6335

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) heard a man reciting (the Qur'an) in the mosque. He said," May

Allah bestow His Mercy on him, as he made me remember such and-such Verse which I had missed in such-and-such Sura."

Hadith # 6336

Narrated `Abdullah:

The Prophet (pbuh) divided something (among the Muslims) and distributed the shares (of the booty). A man said, "This division has not been made to please Allah." When I informed the Prophet (pbuh) about it, he became so furious that

I noticed the signs of anger on his face and he then said,

"May Allah bestow His Mercy on Moses, for he was hurt with more than this, yet he remained patient."

What rhymed prose is disapproved in invocations

Hadith # 6337

Narrated `Ikrima:

Ibn `Abbas said,

- "Preach to the people once a week, and if you won't, then preach them twice, but if you want to preach more, then let it be three times (a week only), and do not make the people fed-up with this Qur'an.

- If you come to some people who are engaged in a talk, don't start interrupting their talk by preaching, lest you should cause them to be bored. You should rather keep quiet, and if they ask you, then preach to them at the time when they are eager to hear what you say.

- And avoid the use of rhymed prose in invocation for I noticed that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and his companions always avoided it."

One should appeal to Allah with determination

Hadith # 6338

Narrated Anas:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"When anyone of you appeal to Allah for something, he should ask with determination and should not say, 'O Allah, if You wish, give me.', for nobody can force Allah to do something against His Will.

Hadith # 6339

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "None of you should say:

- 'O Allah, forgive me if You wish; O Allah, be merciful to me if You wish,'

- but he should always appeal to Allah with determination, for nobody can force Allah to do something against His Will."

Invocation is granted by Allah

Hadith # 6340

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"The invocation of anyone of you is granted (by Allah) if he does not show impatience (by saying, "I invoked Allah but my request has not been granted.")

The raising of the hands-on invoking

Hadith # 6341

Narrated Anas,

"The Prophet (pbuh) raised his hands (in invocation) till I saw the whiteness of his armpits."

To invoke Allah while not facing the Qiblah

Hadith # 6342

Narrated Anas:

While the Prophet (pbuh) was delivering a sermon on a Friday, a man stood up and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Invoke Allah to bless us with rain."

The Prophet (pbuh) invoked Allah for rain. So, the sky became overcast and it started raining till one could hardly reach one's home. It kept on raining till the next Friday

when the same man or another man got up and said (to the Prophet), "Invoke Allah to withhold the rain from us, for we have been drowned (with heavy rain). "

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "O Allah! Let it rain around us and not on us."

Then the clouds started dispersing around Medina and rain ceased to fall on the

people of Medina.

To invoke Allah while facing the Qiblah

Hadith # 6343

Narrated `Abdullah bin Zaid:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) went out to this Musalla (praying place) to offer the prayer of Istisqa.' He invoked Allah for rain and then faced the Qibla and turned his Rida' (upper garment) inside out.

The invocation of the Prophet (pbuh) for his servant

Hadith # 6344

Narrated Anas:

My mother said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Please invoke Allah on behalf of your servant." He said, "O Allah! Increase his wealth and children, and bestow Your Blessing on whatever You give him." a time of distress.

To invoke Allah at a time of distress

Hadith # 6345

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to invoke Allah at the time of distress, saying,

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

There is no god but Allah, the Most Exalted and the Forbearing, there is no god but Allah,

the Lord of the heavens and the earth and the Lord of the Great Throne.

Hadith # 6346

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to say at a time of distress,

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

There is no god but Allah, the Great and the Forbearing. There is no god but Allah, the Lord of the Great Throne.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَرَبُّ الْأَرْضِ، وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ

There is no god but Allah, the Lord of the heavens and the earth, and the Lord of the Great Throne.

To seek refuge with Allah from a calamity

Hadith # 6347

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to seek refuge with Allah

- from the difficult moment of a calamity
- and from being overtaken by destruction
- and from being destined to an evil end,
- and from the malicious joy of enemies.

Sufyan said, "This narration contained three items only, but I added one. I do not know which one that was."

"O Allah! (Join me) The Highest Companion"

Hadith # 6348

Narrated `Aisha:

When Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was healthy, he used to say,

"No prophet dies till he is shown his place in Paradise, and then he is given the option (to live or die)."

So when death approached him (during his illness), and while his head was on my thigh, he became unconscious for a while, and when he recovered, he fixed his eyes on the ceiling and said, "O Allah! (Let me join) the Highest Companions." (4:69),"

I said, "So, he does not choose us." Then I realized that it was the application of the statement he used to relate to us when he was healthy. So that was his last utterance (before he died), i.e. "O Allah! (Let me join) the Highest Companions."

The invocation for death or life

Hadith # 6349

Narrated Qais:

I came to Khabbab who had been branded with seven brands and he said,
"Had Allah's Messenger (pbuh) not forbidden us to invoke (Allah) for death, I would have invoked (Allah) for it."

Hadith # 6350

Narrated Qais:

I came to Khabbab who had been branded with seven brands over his `Abdomen, and I heard him saying,

"If the Prophet: had not forbidden us to invoke (Allah) for death, I would have invoked Allah for it."

Hadith # 6351

Narrated Anas:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

" None of you should long for death because of a calamity that had befallen him, and if he cannot, but long for death,

then he should say,

My aunt took me to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! My sister's son is sick." So he passed his hand over my head and invoked for Allah's blessing upon me and then performed the ablution.

I drank from the water of his ablution and I stood behind him and looked at his Khatam (the seal of Prophethood) between his shoulders (and its size was) like the button of a tent.

'O Allah! Let me live as long as life is better for me, and take my life if death is better for me.' "

To invoke for Allah's Blessings upon the children

Hadith # 6352

Narrated As-Sa'ib bin Yazid:

My aunt took me to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! My sister's son is sick." So, he passed his hand over my head and invoked for Allah's blessing upon me and then performed the ablution.

I drank from the water of his ablution and I stood behind him and looked at his Khatam (the seal of Prophethood) between his shoulders (and its size was) like the

button of a tent.

Hadith # 6353

Narrated Abu `Aqil:

That his grandfather. `Abdullah bin Hisham used to take him from the market or to the market and used to buy grain and when Ibn Az-Zubair and Ibn `Umar met him, they would say to him, "Let us be your partners (in trading) as the Prophet (pbuh) invoked for Allah's blessing upon you."

He would then take them as partners and he would Sometimes gain a whole load carried by an animal which he would send home.

Hadith # 6354

Narrated Mahmud bin Ar-Rabi:

On whose face Allah's Messenger (pbuh) had thrown water from his mouth, the water having been taken from their well while he was still a young boy (who has not yet attained the age of puberty).

Hadith # 6355

Narrated `Aisha:

The boys used to be brought to the Prophet (pbuh) and he used to invoke for Allah's blessing upon them. Once an infant was brought to him and it urinated on his clothes. He asked for water and poured it over the place of the urine and did not wash his clothes.

Hadith # 6356

Narrated `Abdullah bin Tha `laba bin Su'air:

He had seen Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas offering one rak`a only for the witr prayer.

As-Salat upon the Prophet (pbuh)

Hadith # 6357

Narrated `Abdur-Rahman bin Abi Laila:

Ka`b bin 'Ujra met me and said, "Shall I give you a present? Once the Prophet (pbuh) came to us and we said, 'O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! We know how to greet you; but how to send 'Salat' upon you?"

He said, 'Say:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! Bestow Your mercy on Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the family of Muhammad,

as You bestowed mercy on Abraham, indeed, You are Praised and Glorified.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! By blessing Muhammad and the progeny of Muhammad as You blessed Abraham and the progeny of Abraham, surely You are Praised and Glorified.

Hadith # 6358

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

We said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh) This is (i.e. we know) the greeting to you; will you tell us how to send Salat on you?"

He said, "Say:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

O Allah! Send Your mercy upon Muhammad (peace be upon him), who is Your servant and Your Messenger, just as You sent Your mercy upon Abraham.

وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

And bless Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his family as you blessed Abraham and the family of Abraham.

Can one send Salat on anybody other than Prophet

Allah said in Surah Tawbah

وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ لَهُمْ

and pray on their behalf. Verily thy prayers are a source of security for them: (9:103)

Hadith # 6359

Narrated Ibn Abi `Aufa:

Whenever somebody brought alms to the Prophet (pbuh) he used to say, اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ (O Allah! Send Your Salat (Grace and Honor) on him)."

Once when my father brought his alms to him, he said, " اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى آلِ أَبِي أَوْفَى (O Allah! Send Your Salat (Grace and Honor) on the family of Abi `Aufa.)"

Hadith # 6360

Narrated Abu Humaid As-Saidi:

The people said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh) ! How may we send Salat on you?" He said, "Say:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَأَزْوَاجِهِ، وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ،

O Allah! Have mercy on Muhammad and your wives and your children

as you had mercy on Abraham and the family of Abraham

وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَأَزْوَاجِهِ، وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

And bless Muhammad and his wives and their children,

as You blessed Abraham and the family of Abraham.

Undoubtedly, the praised is glorious.

"If I should harm somebody, let that be a means of purification and mercy for him."

Hadith # 6361

Narrated Abu Huraira:

He heard the Prophet (pbuh) saying,

"O Allah! If I should ever abuse a believer, please let that be a means of bringing him near to You on the Day of Resurrection."

To seek refuge with Allah from Al-Fitan

Hadith # 6362

Narrated Anas:

Once the people started asking Allah's Messenger (pbuh) questions, and they asked so many questions that he became angry and ascended the pulpit and said, "I will answer whatever questions you may ask me today." I looked right and left and saw everyone covering his face with his garment and weeping.

Behold! There was a man who, on quarreling with the people, used to be called as a son of a person other than his father. He said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Who is my father?" The Prophet (pbuh) replied, "Your father is Hudhaifa."

And then `Umar got up and said, "We accept Allah as our Lord, and Islam as (our) religion, and Muhammad as (our) Apostle; and we seek refuge with Allah from the afflictions."

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

" I have never seen a day like today in its good and its evil for Paradise and the Hell

Fire were displayed in front of me, till I saw them just beyond this wall."

Qatada, when relating this Hadith, used to mention the following Verse:--

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَسْأَلُوا عَنَ أَشْيَاءَ إِنِ تُبَدَّ لَكُمْ تَسْؤُكُمْ

'O you who believe! Ask not questions about things
which, If made plain to you, May cause you trouble. (5.101)

To seek refuge with Allah from being overpowered

Hadith # 6363

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

The Prophet (pbuh) said to Abu Talha, "Choose one of your boys to serve me." So Abu Talha took me (to serve the Prophet (pbuh)) by giving me a ride behind him (on his camel). So I used to serve Allah's Messenger (pbuh) whenever he stayed somewhere.

I used to hear him saying,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَضَلَعِ الدَّيْنِ وَغَلْبَةِ الرِّجَالِ

"O Allah! I seek refuge with you (Allah)

from (worries) care and grief, from incapacity and laziness, from miserliness
and cowardice,

from being heavily in debt and from being overpowered by other men."

I kept on serving him till he returned from (the battle of) Khaibar. He then brought Safiya, the daughter of Huyay whom he had got (from the booty). I saw him making a kind of cushion with a cloak or a garment for her. He then let her ride behind him.

When we reached a place called As-Sahba', he prepared (a special meal called) Hais, and asked me to invite the men who (came and) ate, and that was the marriage banquet given on the consummation of his marriage to her.

Then he proceeded till the mountain of Uhud appeared, whereupon he said, "This mountain loves us and we love it."

When he approached Medina, he said,

"O Allah! I make the land between its (i.e., Medina's) two mountains a sanctuary, as the prophet Abraham made Mecca a sanctuary. O Allah! Bless them (the people of Medina) in their Mudd and the Sa' (units of measuring)."

To seek refuge from punishment of the grave

Hadith # 6364

Narrated Um Khalid bint Khalid:

I heard the Prophet (pbuh) seeking refuge with Allah from the punishment of the grave.

Hadith # 6365

Narrated Mus`ab:

Sa`d used to recommend five (statements) and mentioned that the Prophet (pbuh) I used to recommend it. (It was)

- اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبُخْلِ،

- "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from miserliness;

- وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ،

- and seek refuge with You from cowardice;

- وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُرَدَّ إِلَى أَرْذَلِ الْعُمُرِ،

- and seek refuge with You from being sent back to geriatric old age;

- وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الدُّنْيَا يَعْنِي فِتْنَةَ الدَّجَالِ،

- and I seek refuge with You from the affliction of this world (i.e., the affliction of Ad-Dajjal etc.);

- وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

- and seek refuge with You from the punishment of the grave."

Hadith # 6366

Narrated `Aisha:

Two old ladies from among the Jewish ladies entered upon me and said' "The dead are punished in their graves," but I thought they were telling a lie and did not believe them in the beginning. When they went away and the Prophet (pbuh) entered upon me, I said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Two old ladies.." and told him the whole story.

He said, "They told the truth; the dead are really punished, to the extent that all the animals hear (the sound resulting from) their punishment."

Since then I always saw him seeking refuge with Allah from the punishment of the grave in his prayers.

Seek refuge with Allah from Fitnah of life and death

Hadith # 6367

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

Allah's Prophet used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْهَرَمِ

"O Allah! I seek refuge with You from incapacity
and laziness, from cowardice and geriatric old age,
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَحْيَا وَالْمَمَاتِ

and seek refuge with You from the punishment of the grave,
and I seek refuge with You from the afflictions of life and death."

To seek refuge with Allah from all kinds of sins and from being in debt

Hadith # 6368

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكُسَلِ وَالْهَرَمِ وَالْمَأْتَمِ وَالْمَعْرَمِ

"O Allah! I seek refuge with You from laziness and geriatric old age,
from all kinds of sins and from being in debt;

وَمِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْقَبْرِ وَعَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ وَمِنْ فِتْنَةِ النَّارِ وَعَذَابِ النَّارِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْعَنَى
from the trial and affliction of the grave and from the punishment in the
grave;

from the affliction of the Fire and from the punishment of the Fire;
and from the evil of the affliction of wealth;

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْفَقْرِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيحِ الدَّجَالِ

and I seek refuge with You from the affliction of poverty,
and I seek refuge with You from the affliction of Al-Mesiah Ad-Dajjal.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْسِلْ عَنِّي خَطَايَايَ بِمَاءِ التَّلْجِ وَالْبَرَدِ

O Allah! Wash away my sins with the water of snow and hail,

وَتَقَّ قَلْبِي مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا تَقْيَتُ الثُّوبَ الْأَبْيَضَ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ

and cleanse my heart from all the sins as a white garment is cleansed from the
filth,

وَبَاعِدْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ خَطَايَايَ كَمَا بَاعَدْتَ بَيْنَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ

and let there be a long distance between me and my sins,
as You made East and West far from each other."

Seek refuge with Allah from cowardice and laziness

Hadith # 6369

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَضَلْعِ الدَّيْنِ وَغَلْبَةِ الرِّجَالِ

- "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from worry and grief,
- from incapacity and laziness,
- from cowardice and miserliness,
- from being heavily in debt and
- from being overpowered by (other) men."

To seek refuge with Allah from miserliness

Hadith # 6370

Narrated Mus`ab bin Sa`d:

Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas used to recommend these five (statements) and say that the Prophet (pbuh) said so (and they are):

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبُخْلِ

- "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from miserliness,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ

- and seek refuge with You from cowardice,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُرَدَّ إِلَى أَرْذَلِ الْعُمُرِ

- and seek refuge with You from being brought back to geriatric old age,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الدُّنْيَا

- and seek refuge with You from the afflictions of the world,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

- and seek refuge with You from the punishment of the grave."

To seek refuge with Allah from senile old age

Hadith # 6371

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to seek refuge with Allah saying,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَرَمِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبُخْلِ

- "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from laziness,

and seek refuge with You from cowardice,

and seek refuge with You from geriatric old age,

and seek refuge with You from miserliness."

To invoke Allah to take away epidemic and diseases

Hadith # 6372

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْمَدِينَةَ كَمَا حَبَّبْتَ إِلَيْنَا مَكَّةَ أَوْ أَشَدَّ

"O Allah! Make us love Medina as You made us love Mecca, or more,

وَانْقُلْ حُمَاهَا إِلَى الْجُحْفَةِ اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي مَدِينَا وَصَاعِنَا

and transfer the fever that is in it, to Al-Juhfa.

O Allah! Bless our Mudd and our Sam' (kinds of measures).

Hadith # 6373

Narrated 'Amir bin Sa`d:

His father said, "In the year of Hajjatal-Wada`, the Prophet (pbuh) paid me a visit while I was suffering from an ailment that had brought me to the verge of death. I said, 'O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! My sickness has reduced me to the (bad) state as you see, and I am a rich man, but have no heirs except one daughter. Shall I give 2/3 of my property in charity?' He said, 'No.'

I said, 'Then 1/2 of it?' He said, 'Even 1/3 is too much, for, to leave your inheritors wealthy is better than to leave them in poverty, begging from people. And (know that) whatever you spend in Allah's Cause, you will get reward for it, even for the morsel of food which you put in your wife's mouth.'

I said, 'O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Will I be left behind my companions (in Mecca)?'

He said, 'If you remain behind, whatever good deed you will do for Allah's Sake, will raise and upgrade you to a higher position (in Allah's Sight). Maybe you will live longer so that some people may benefit by you, and some e others (pagans) may get harmed by you. O Allah! Complete the migration of my companions and do not turn them on their heels; But (we pity) the poor Sa`d bin Khaula (not the above-mentioned Sa`d) (died in Mecca)" Allah's Messenger

To seek refuge from senile old age and Fitnah

Hadith # 6374

Narrated Sa`d:

Seek refuge with Allah by saying the words which the Prophet (pbuh) used to say while seeking refuge with Allah,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ

- "o Allah! I seek refuge with You from cowardice,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبُخْلِ

- and seek refuge with You from miserliness,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ أَرُدَّ إِلَى أَرْدَلِ الْعُمُرِ

- and seek refuge with You from reaching a degraded geriatric old age,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الدُّنْيَا

- and seek refuge with You from the afflictions of the world

وَعَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

- and from the punishment in the grave."

Hadith # 6375

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكُسَلِ وَالْهَرَمِ وَالْمَعْرَمِ وَالْمَأْتَمِ

- "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from laziness from geriatric old age,
from being in debt, and from committing sins.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ النَّارِ وَفِتْنَةِ النَّارِ وَفِتْنَةِ الْقَبْرِ وَعَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

- O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the punishment of the Fire,
the afflictions of the grave, the punishment in the grave,

وَشَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْغِنَى وَشَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْفَقْرِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيحِ الدَّجَالِ

- and the evil of the affliction of poverty

and from the evil of the affliction caused by Al-Masih Ad-Dajjal.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْسِلْ خَطَايَايَ بِمَاءِ التَّلَجِّ وَالْبَرَدِ وَنَقِّ قَلْبِي مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا يُنْقَى الثَّوْبُ الْأَبْيَضُ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ

- O Allah! Wash away my sins with the water of snow and hail,
and cleanse my heart from the sins as a white garment is cleansed of filth,

وَبَاعِدْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ خَطَايَايَ كَمَا بَاعَدْتَ بَيْنَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ

- and let there be a far away distance between me and my sins
as You have set far away the East and the West from each other."

To seek refuge from the Fitnah of wealth

Hadith # 6376

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to seek refuge with Allah (by saying),

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ النَّارِ وَمِنْ عَذَابِ النَّارِ

- "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the affliction of the Fire
and from the punishment in the Fire,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْقَبْرِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

- and seek refuge with You from the affliction and punishment of the grave,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْغِنَى

- and I seek refuge with You from the affliction of wealth,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْفَقْرِ

- and I seek refuge with You from the affliction of poverty,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيحِ الدَّجَالِ

- and seek refuge with You from the affliction of Al-Masih Ad-Dajjal."

To seek refuge from the Fitnah of poverty

Hadith # 6377

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ النَّارِ وَعَذَابِ النَّارِ

- 'O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the affliction of the Fire,
the punishment of the Fire,

وَفِتْنَةِ الْقَبْرِ وَعَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

- the affliction of the grave, the punishment of the grave,

وَشَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْغِنَى وَشَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْفَقْرِ

- and I seek refuge with You from the affliction of wealth,

and the evil of the affliction of poverty.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيحِ الدَّجَالِ

- O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the evil of the affliction of Al-Masih Ad-Dajjal,

اللَّهُمَّ اغْسِلْ قَلْبِي بِمَاءِ الثَّلْجِ وَالْبَرَدِ

- O Allah! Cleanse my heart with the water of snow and hail,

وَنَقِّ قَلْبِي مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا نَقَّيْتَ الثَّوْبَ الْأَبْيَضَ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ

- and cleanse my heart from all sins as a white garment is cleansed from filth,

وَبَاعِدْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ خَطَايَايَ كَمَا بَاعَدْتَ بَيْنَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ،

- and let there be a far away distance between me and my sins

as You made the East and West far away from each other.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ وَالْمَأْتَمِ وَالْمَعْرَمِ

- O Allah! I seek refuge with You from laziness,

sins, and from being in debt."

The invocation for increase in wealth and offspring

Hadith # 6378, 6279

Narrated Um Sulaim:

She said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Anas is your servant, so please invoke for Allah's blessing for him." The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"O Allah! Increase his wealth and offspring and bless (for him) whatever You give him."

To invoke for increase of offspring, along with His Blessings.

Hadith # 6380, 6281

Narrated Anas:

Um Sulaim said (to the Prophet), "Anas is your servant; so please invoke for Allah's blessings for him." He said

"O Allah! Increase his wealth and offspring, and Bless (for him) whatever You give him."

The invocation on making Istikharah

Hadith # 6382

Narrated Jabir:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to teach us the Istikhara for each and every matter as he used to teach us the Surahs from the Holy Qur'an. He used to say,

"If anyone of you intends to do something, he should offer a two-rak`at prayer other than the obligatory prayer, and then say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ

O Allah! I ask You for guidance from Your knowledge and strength from Your power and I ask You for Your grace
فَاتِّبْكَ تَقْدِيرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

O Allah! I seek goodness (istikhara) from Your goodness, You are the Knower, I have no knowledge and You are the Knower of all hidden things.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ خَيْرٌ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي وَأَجَلِهِ فَأَقْدِرْهُ لِي

O Allah! If You know that this work is better for me, from the point of view of my religion, my livelihood, and the point of view of my performance, then make it a destiny for me.
وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ شَرٌّ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي وَأَجَلِهِ فَاصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَاصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ

And if You know that this deed is bad for me, for my religion, for my life, and for my doer, then turn it away from me and turn me away from it.

وَأَقْدِرْ لِي الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ ثُمَّ رَضِّنِي بِهِ وَيُسِّمِي حَاجَتَهُ

And appoint goodness for me wherever it may be and then make me satisfied with it

Then he should mention his matter (need).

Invoking Allah while performing ablution

Hadith # 6383

Narrated Abu Musa:

The Prophet (pbuh) asked for some water and performed the ablution, and then raised his hands (towards the sky) and said, "O Allah! Forgive `Ubaid Abi 'Amir."

I saw the whiteness of his armpits (while he was raising his hands) and he added,

"O Allah! Upgrade him over many of Your human creatures on the Day of Resurrection."

Invoking Allah while ascending a high place

Hadith # 6384

Narrated Abu Musa:

We were in the company of the Prophet (pbuh) on a journey, and whenever we ascended a high place, we used to say Takbir (in a loud voice). The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"O people! Be kind to yourselves, for you are not calling upon a deaf or an absent one, but You are calling an All-Hearer, and an All-Seer."

Then he came to me as I was reciting silently, " لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ (La haul a wala quwwata illa bil-lah)." He said, "O `Abdullah bin Qais! Say: " لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ (La haul a wala quwwata illa bil-lah)." bil-lah, for it is one of the treasures of Paradise."

Or he said, "Shall I tell you a word which is one of the treasures of Paradise? It is: " لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ (La haul a wala quwwata illa bil-lah)."

Invoking Allah while going down a valley Invocation while going on a journey or returning

Hadith # 6385

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Whenever Allah's Messenger (pbuh) returned from a Ghazwa or Hajj or `Umra, he used to say,

"Allahu Akbar," three times; whenever he went up a high place, he used to say,

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

There is no god but Allah, He alone has no partner,

لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

to Him is the kingdom and to Him is all praise, and He has power over all things.

أَيُّونَ تَائِبُونَ عَابِدُونَ لِرَبِّنَا حَامِدُونَ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ

We return, repenting, worshiping our Lord and praising Him. Allah fulfilled His promise,

وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ وَهَزَمَ الْأَحْزَابَ وَحْدَهُ

helped His servant and single-handedly defeated all the armies.

Invocation for a bridegroom

Hadith # 6386

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet (pbuh) seeing a yellow mark (of perfume) on the clothes of `Abdur-Rahman bin `Auf, said, "What about you?" `Abdur-Rahman replied, "I have married a woman with a Mahr of gold equal to a date-stone."

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"May Allah bestow His Blessing on you (in your marriage). Give a wedding banquet, (Walima) even with one sheep."

Hadith # 6387

Narrated Jabir:

My father died and left behind seven or nine daughters, and I married a woman. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Did you get married, O Jabir?" I replied, "Yes." He asked, "Is she a virgin or a matron?" I replied, "She is a matron."

He said, "Why didn't you marry a virgin girl so that you might play with her and she with you (or, you might make her laugh and she make you laugh)?"

I said, "My father died, leaving seven or nine girls (orphans) and I did not like to bring a young girl like them, so I married a woman who can look after them."

He said, "May Allah bestow His Blessing on you."

What one should say before having sexual intercourse with his wife

Hadith # 6388

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "If anyone of you, when intending to have a sexual intercourse with his wife, says:

بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ وَجَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ مَا رَزَقْتَنَا

In the name of Allah, O Allah! Keep us away from Shaytan and keep away from Shaytan whatever You give us.

and if the couple are destined to have a child (out of that very sexual relation), then Satan will never be able to harm that child."

"Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good!"

Hadith # 6389

Narrated Anas:

The most frequent invocation of The Prophet (pbuh) was:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

"O Allah! Give to us in the world that which is good
and in the Hereafter that which is good,
and save us from the torment of the Fire." (2.201)

To seek refuge from the fitnah of the world

Hadith # 6390

Narrated Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to teach us these words as he used to teach us the Book (Qur'an):

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبُخْلِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ

"O Allah! seek refuge with You from miserliness,
and seek refuge with You from cowardice,

أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ تُرَدَّ إِلَيَّ إِلَى أَرْدَلِ الْعُمُرِ

and seek refuge with You from being brought back to (senile) geriatric old age,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الدُّنْيَا وَعَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

and seek refuge with You from the affliction of the world
and from the punishment in the Hereafter."

To repeat the invocation

Hadith # 6391

Narrated `Aisha:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was affected by magic, so much that he used to think that he had done something which in fact, he did not do, and he invoked his Lord (for a remedy). Then (one day) he said, "O `Aisha!) Do you know that Allah has advised me as to the problem I consulted Him about?"

`Aisha said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! What's that?" He said,

"Two men came to me and one of them sat at my head and the other at my

feet, and one of them asked his companion, 'What is wrong with this man?' The latter replied, 'He is under the effect of magic.' The former asked, 'Who has worked magic on him?' The latter replied, 'Labiid bin Al-A'sam.' The former asked, 'With what did he work the magic?' The latter replied, 'With a comb and the hair, which are stuck to the comb, and the skin of pollen of a date-palm tree.' The former asked, 'Where is that?' The latter replied, 'It is in Dharwan.'

Dharwan was a well in the dwelling place of the (tribe of) Bani Zuraiq. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) went to that well and returned to `Aisha, saying,

'By Allah, the water (of the well) was as red as the infusion of Hinna, and the date-palm trees look like the heads of devils.'

`Aisha added, Allah's Messenger (pbuh) came to me and informed me about the well. I asked the Prophet, 'O Allah's Messenger (pbuh), why didn't you take out the skin of pollen?'

He said, 'As for me, Allah has cured me and I hated to draw the attention of the people to such evil (which they might learn and harm others with).'

Narrated Hisham's father: `Aisha said,

"Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was bewitched, so he invoked Allah repeatedly requesting Him to cure him from that magic."

Hisham then narrated the above narration.

To invoke Allah against Al-Mushrikun

Hadith # 6392

Narrated Ibn Abi `Aufa:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) asked for Allah's wrath upon the Ahzab saying,

اللَّهُمَّ مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ سَرِيعِ الْحِسَابِ اهْزِمِ الْأَحْزَابَ اهْزِمْهُمْ وَزَلْزَلْهُمْ

"O Allah, the Revealer of the Holy Book, and the One swift at reckoning!

Defeat the confederates; Defeat them and shake them."

Hadith # 6393

Narrated Abu Huraira:

When the Prophet (pbuh) said, " سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ حَمِدَهُ (Allah heard him who sent his praises to Him)" in the last rak`a of the `Isha' prayer, he used to invoke Allah, saying,

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْجِ عِيَّاشَ بْنِ أَبِي رَبِيعَةَ اللَّهُمَّ أَنْجِ الْوَالِدَ بْنَ الْوَالِدِ

"O Allah! Save `Aiyash bin Abi Rabi`a; O Allah! Save Al-Walid bin Al-Walid;

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْجِ سَلْمَةَ بْنَ هِشَامٍ اللَّهُمَّ أَنْجِ الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

O Allah! Save Salmah bin Hisham, Save the weak people among the believers;

اللَّهُمَّ اشْدُدْ وَطْأَتَكَ عَلَى مُضَرَ

O Allah! Be hard on the Tribe of Mudar;

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهَا عَلَيْهِمْ سِنِينَ كَسِنِي يُوسُفَ

O Allah! Inflict years of drought upon them like the years (of drought) of the Prophet (pbuh) Joseph."

Hadith # 6394

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet (pbuh) sent a Sariya (an army detachment) consisting of men called Al-Qurra', and all of them were martyred. I had never seen the Prophet (pbuh) so sad over anything as he was over them. So he said Qunut (invocation in the prayer) for one month in the Fajr prayer, invoking for Allah's wrath upon the tribe of 'Usaiya, and he used to say,

"The people of 'Usaiya have disobeyed Allah and His Apostle."

Hadith # 6395

Narrated `Aisha:

The Jews used to greet the Prophet (pbuh) by saying, "As-Samu 'Alaika (i.e., death be upon you), so I understood what they said, and I said to them, "As-Samu 'alaikum wal-la'na (i.e. Death and Allah's Curse be upon you)."

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Be gentle and calm, O `Aisha, as Allah likes gentleness in all affairs."

I said, "O Allah's Prophet! Didn't you hear what they said?" He said, "Didn't you hear me answering them back by saying, 'Alaikum (i.e., the same be upon you)?"

Hadith # 6396

Narrated `Ali bin Abi Talib:

We were in the company of the Prophet (pbuh) on the day (of the battle) of Al-Khandaq (the Trench). The Prophet said,

"May Allah fill their (the infidels') graves and houses with fire, as they have kept us so busy that we could not offer the middle prayer till the sun had set; and that prayer was the `Asr prayer."

Invocation in favor of Mushrikun

Hadith # 6397

Narrated Abu Huraira:

At-Tufail bin `Amr came to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! The tribe of Daus has disobeyed (Allah and His Apostle) and refused (to embrace Islam), therefore, invoke Allah's wrath for them."

The people thought that the Prophet (pbuh) would invoke Allah's wrath for them, but he said, "O Allah! Guide the tribe Of Daus and let them come to us."

"O Allah! Forgive my past and future sins."

Hadith # 6398

Narrated Abu Musa:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to invoke Allah with the following invocation:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي خَطِيئَتِي وَجَهْلِي وَإِسْرَافِي فِي أَمْرِي كُلِّهِ وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي

My Lord! Forgive me for my mistakes, my ignorance and transgressing my limits in all matters

and those sins which You know better than me.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي خَطَايَايَ وَعَمْدِي وَجَهْلِي وَهَزْلِي وَكُلَّ ذَلِكَ عِنْدِي

O Allah! Forgive me, in my mistakes, in my intentional and unintentional actions and in my humorous actions and all these are from Me.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَّرْتُ وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ

O Allah! Forgive me for what I have done and what I will do and what I have hidden and what I have revealed.

أَنْتَ الْمَقْدِّمُ وَأَنْتَ الْمُؤَخِّرُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

You are the first, and You are the last, and You have power over all things.

Hadith # 6399

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari:

The Prophet (pbuh) used to invoke Allah, saying,

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي خَطِيئَتِي وَجَهْلِي وَإِسْرَافِي فِي أَمْرِي وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي

O Allah!

Forgive me in my mistakes, in my ignorance and in my transgression in some

matter, in those matters which You know more than I.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي هَزْلِي وَجِدِّي وَخَطَايَايَ وَعَمْدِي وَكُلُّ ذَلِكَ عِنْدِي

O Allah! Forgive me in my humor and in my seriousness
and in my intention and all this is from me.

To invoke Allah during a particular time on Friday

Hadith # 6400

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Abu-I-Qasim (the Prophet) said,

"On Friday there is a particular time. If a Muslim happens to be praying and invoking Allah for something good during that time, Allah will surely fulfill his request."

The Prophet (pbuh) pointed out with his hand. We thought that he wanted to illustrate how short that time was.

**"Our invocation against the Jews will be accepted,
but theirs will not be accepted."**

Hadith # 6401

Narrated Ibn Abi Mulaika:

`Aisha said, "The Jews came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said to him, "As-Samu 'Alaika(i.e., Death be upon you)." He replied, 'The same on you.' "

`Aisha said to them, "Death be upon you, and may Allah curse you and shower His wrath upon you!"

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "Be gentle and calm, O `Aisha! Be gentle and beware of being harsh and of saying evil things."

She said, "Didn't you hear what they said?"

He said, "Didn't you hear what I replied (to them)? have returned their statement to them, and my invocation against them will be accepted but theirs against me will not be accepted."

The saying of 'Amin'

Hadith # 6402

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"When the Imam says 'Amin', then you should all say 'Amin', for the angels say 'Amin' at that time, and he whose 'Amin' coincides with the 'Amin' of the angels, all his past sins will be forgiven."

The superiority of saying "La ilaha ill-Allah"

Hadith # 6403

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said," whoever says:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

There is no god but Allah, He alone has no partner, to Him is the kingdom and to Him are the praises, and He has power over all things.

- one hundred times will get the same reward as given for manumitting ten slaves;
- and one hundred good deeds will be written in his accounts,
- and one hundred sins will be deducted from his accounts,
- and it (his saying) will be a shield for him from Satan on that day till night,
- and nobody will be able to do a better deed except the one who does more than he."

Hadith # 6404

Narrated `Amr bin Maimun:

Whoever recites it (i.e., the invocation in the above Hadith ten times will be as if he manumitted one of Ishmael's descendants.

Abu Aiyub narrated the same Hadith from the Prophet (pbuh) saying,

"Whoever recites it ten times) will be as if he had manumitted one of Ishmael's descendants."

The superiority of Tasbih

Hadith # 6405

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"Whoever says, 'سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ' (Subhan Allah wa bihamdihi,) one hundred times a day, will be forgiven all his sins even if they were as much as the foam of the sea.

Hadith # 6406

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"There are two expressions which are very easy for the tongue to say, but they are very heavy in the balance and are very dear to The Beneficent (Allah), and they are,

- سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ 'Subhan Allah Al-`Azim and
- سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ 'Subhan Allah wa bihamdihi.'"

The superiority of Dhikr of Allah 'Azza wa Jall

Hadith # 6407

Narrated Abu Musa:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"The example of the one who celebrates the Praises of his Lord (Allah) in comparison to the one who does not celebrate the Praises of his Lord, is that of a living creature compared to a dead one."

Hadith # 6408

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah 's Apostle said, "Allah has some angels who look for those who celebrate the Praises of Allah on the roads and paths. And when they find some people celebrating the Praises of Allah, they call each other, saying, "Come to the object of your pursuit.' "

He added, "Then the angels encircle them with their wings up to the sky of the world."

He added. "(after those people celebrated the Praises of Allah, and the angels go back), their Lord, asks them (those angels)----though He knows better than them----'What do My slaves say?' The angels reply, 'They say: Subhan Allah, Allahu Akbar, and Alham-du-li l-lah,

Allah then says 'Did they see Me?' The angels reply, 'No! By Allah, they didn't see

You.'

Allah says, How it would have been if they saw Me?' The angels reply, 'If they saw You, they would worship You more devoutly and celebrate Your Glory more deeply, and declare Your freedom from any resemblance to anything more often.'

Allah says (to the angels), 'What do they ask Me for?' The angels reply, 'They ask You for Paradise.' Allah says (to the angels), 'Did they see it?' The angels say, 'No! By Allah, O Lord! They did not see it.' Allah says, How it would have been if they saw it?' The angels say, 'If they saw it, they would have greater covetousness for it and would seek It with greater zeal and would have greater desire for it.'

Allah says, 'From what do they seek refuge?' The angels reply, 'They seek refuge from the (Hell) Fire.' Allah says, 'Did they see it?' The angels say, 'No By Allah, O Lord! They did not see it.' Allah says, How it would have been if they saw it?' The angels say, 'If they saw it they would flee from it with the extreme fleeing and would have extreme fear from it.'

Then Allah says, 'I make you witnesses that I have forgiven them.'"

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) added,

"One of the angels would say, 'There was so-and-so amongst them, and he was not one of them, but he had just come for some need.' Allah would say, 'These are those people whose companions will not be reduced to misery.' "

'La haula wa la quwwata illa billah'

Hadith # 6409

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari:

The Prophet (pbuh) started ascending a high place or hill. A man (amongst his companions) ascended it and shouted in a loud voice, "**La ilaha illal-lahu wallahu Akbar.**"

At that time Allah's Messenger (pbuh) was riding his mule. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "You are not calling upon a deaf or an absent one."

and added, "O Abu Musa (or, O `Abdullah)! Shall I tell you a sentence from the treasure of Paradise?" I said, "Yes." He said, "**La haul a wala quwwata illa billah,**"

Hadith # 6410

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah has ninety-nine Names, i.e., one hundred minus one, and whoever believes in their meanings and acts accordingly, will enter Paradise; and Allah is witr (one) and

loves 'the witr' (i.e., odd numbers).

Preaching at intervals

Hadith # 6411

Narrated Shaqiq:

While we were waiting for `Abdullah (bin Mas`ud). Yazid bin Muawiya came. I said (to him), "Will you sit down?" He said, "No, but I will go into the house (of Ibn Mas`ud) and let your companion (Ibn Mas`ud) come out to you; and if he should not (come out), I will come out and sit (with you)."

Then `Abdullah came out, holding the hand of Yazid, addressed us, saying,

"I know that you are assembled here, but the reason that prevents me from coming out to you, is that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to preach to us at intervals during the days, lest we should become bored."

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