



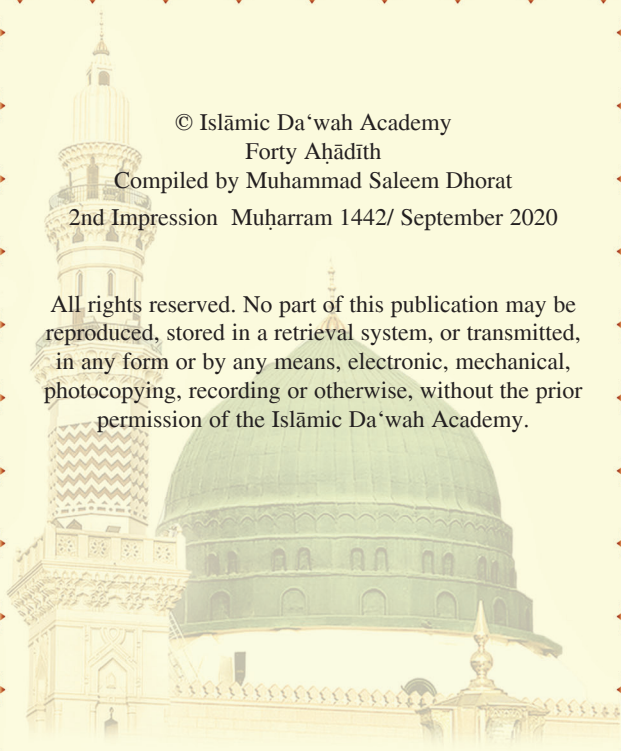

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وَأَنَّكَ لَعَلَّكَ لِي خَلْقٌ عَظِيمٌ

الْأَنْبِيَاءِ



Forby  
Hadith

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<p>(17) Do not become angry.</p>	<p>١٧ لَا تَغْضَبْ <small>بخاری</small></p>
<p>(18) Modesty is from Aman.</p>	<p>١٨ الْحَيَاءُ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ <small>بخاری مسلم</small></p>
<p>(19) Abundance of laughter kills the heart.</p>	<p>١٩ كَثْرَةُ الضَّحِكِ تُمَيِّتُ الْقَلْبَ <small>ابن ماجه</small></p>
<p>(20) The fortunate is he who takes advise from others.</p>	<p>٢٠ السَّعِيدُ مَنْ وَعِظَ بغيره <small>مسلم</small></p>
<p>(21) Purity is half of faith.</p>	<p>٢١ الطَّهْرُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ <small>مسلم</small></p>
<p>(22) Best amongst people is the one most beneficial to people.</p>	<p>٢٢ خَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمُ لِلنَّاسِ <small>ابن ماجه ترمذی</small></p>
<p>(23) A muslim is a brother of a muslim.</p>	<p>٢٣ الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ <small>مسلم</small></p>
<p>(24) The one who breaks relationship will not enter Paradise.</p>	<p>٢٤ لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاتِعٌ <small>بخاری مسلم</small></p>

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## Foreword

Rasūlullāh ﷺ said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

*Convey from me (whatever you are able to), be it a single verse. (Al-Bukhārī)*

When Allāh ﷻ grants someone the opportunity to respond to this call of our beloved Nabī ﷺ it is indeed a great honour and a source of priceless good fortune.

Rasūlullāh ﷺ also said:

نَصَّرَ اللَّهُ أُمَّرَأَةً سَمِعَتْ مِنَّا حَدِيثًا فَحَفِظَتْهُ حَتَّى يُبَلِّغَهُ غَيْرَهُ

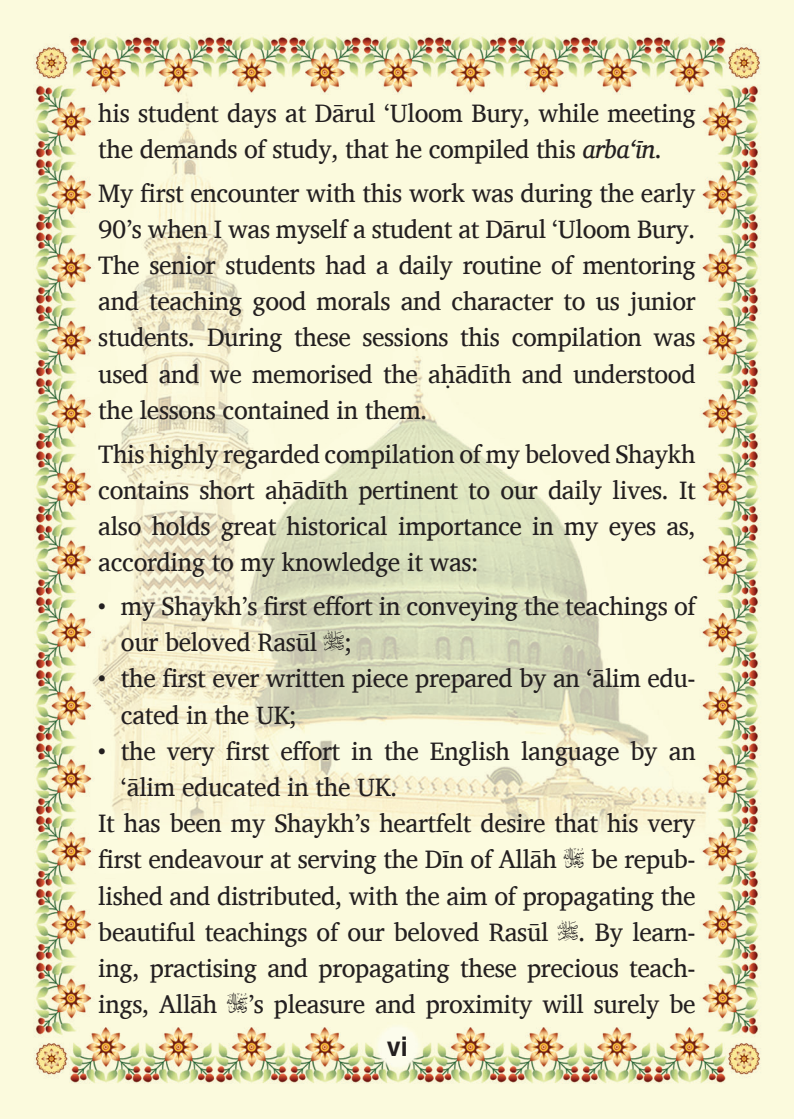
*May Allāh enlighten the person who heard a ḥadīth from me and safeguarded it in order to convey it to others... (At-Tirmidhī)*

This du'ā of Rasūlullāh ﷺ and his instruction to propagate are undoubtedly factors that have motivated countless individuals of the Ummah to preserve and propagate the blessed aḥādīth of Rasūlullāh ﷺ. History is witness to the astounding lengths to which the muḥaddithīn went in order to compile and disseminate the aḥādīth. The resulting compilations of aḥādīth took

various forms, from voluminous works to short collections, notes and even letters.

One such format is the *arba'in*, a compilation of forty aḥādīth. Due to certain narrations of our beloved Messenger ﷺ extolling the virtues of conveying forty aḥādīth to the Ummah, the compiling of *arba'in* is a long established practice. Despite the narrations about *arba'in* being classed as weak by the muḥaddithīn, many luminaries of the Ummah have gathered forty aḥādīth to earn the virtues mentioned therein, as it is an accepted principle that weak aḥādīth are permitted when related to faḍā'il. Imām 'Abdullāh Ibn Al-Mubārak ؓ (d: 181h), 'Allāmah Ibn At-Taymiyyah ؓ (d: 728h) and Al-Ḥāfiẓ Ibn Ḥajar Al-'Asqalānī ؓ (d: 852h) all authored *arba'in*, while the *arba'in* of Imām An-Nawawī ؓ (d: 676h) is the most famous and widely read example of this format in our times.

The *arba'in* in your hands was compiled by my beloved Shaykh and teacher Ḥadrat Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat ṣāhib *dāmat barakātuhum*, who is one of those noble souls whom Allāh ﷻ has specially chosen to serve His Dīn. His efforts and achievements are many, and as Shaykh-ul-Ḥadīth at the Islāmic Da'wah Academy he has been rendering a valuable service to the field of ḥadīth for many years now. However, it was during



his student days at Dārul ‘Uloom Bury, while meeting the demands of study, that he compiled this *arba‘īn*.

My first encounter with this work was during the early 90’s when I was myself a student at Dārul ‘Uloom Bury. The senior students had a daily routine of mentoring and teaching good morals and character to us junior students. During these sessions this compilation was used and we memorised the aḥādīth and understood the lessons contained in them.

This highly regarded compilation of my beloved Shaykh contains short aḥādīth pertinent to our daily lives. It also holds great historical importance in my eyes as, according to my knowledge it was:

- my Shaykh’s first effort in conveying the teachings of our beloved Rasūl ﷺ;
- the first ever written piece prepared by an ‘ālim educated in the UK;
- the very first effort in the English language by an ‘ālim educated in the UK.

It has been my Shaykh’s heartfelt desire that his very first endeavour at serving the Dīn of Allāh ﷻ be republished and distributed, with the aim of propagating the beautiful teachings of our beloved Rasūl ﷺ. By learning, practising and propagating these precious teachings, Allāh ﷻ’s pleasure and proximity will surely be



acquired.

It is my earnest appeal to readers to:

- memorise all forty aḥādīth;
- practise upon the aḥādīth and convey them to others;
- distribute this booklet far and wide;
- teach these aḥādīth to your children;
- include this booklet in the madrasah syllabus;
- imāms of masājid may also wish to impart weekly lessons based on one ḥadīth per week. Similarly, prison chaplains may wish to use this text for the tarbiyah (spiritual nurturing) of inmates.

May Allāh ﷻ grant further acceptance to this work and make it a means of guidance for all. May He grant barakah and acceptance to every endeavour of my beloved Shaykh and grant him good health and a long life with serenity and peace. May Allāh ﷻ bless us with the ability to benefit from his enlightening presence for many years to come and allow us to live up to his heartfelt hopes for us and make us the embodiment of his pure teachings. Āmīn.

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## Preface

From amongst the innumerable favours of Allāh ﷻ upon me, one very great favour was the blessing of my beloved father ﷺ, who nurtured me from childhood to learn, practice and propagate the beautiful teachings of our Dīn. May Allāh ﷻ shower infinite blessings and mercies upon his grave, enlighten it with immense nūr and reward him in abundance. This nurturing had a profound effect on my life and, in my humble way, I have always tried to fulfil his desire for me to dedicate my life to the service of Dīn.

During the early 80s, whilst I was studying at Dārul ‘Uloom Bury, I came across the following ḥadīth of Rasūlullāh ﷺ:

مَنْ حَفِظَ عَلَى أُمَّتِي أَرْبَعِينَ حَدِيثًا مِنْ أَمْرِ دِينِهِ بَعَثَهُ اللَّهُ  
فَقِيهًا، وَكُنْتُ لَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَافِعًا وَشَهِيدًا

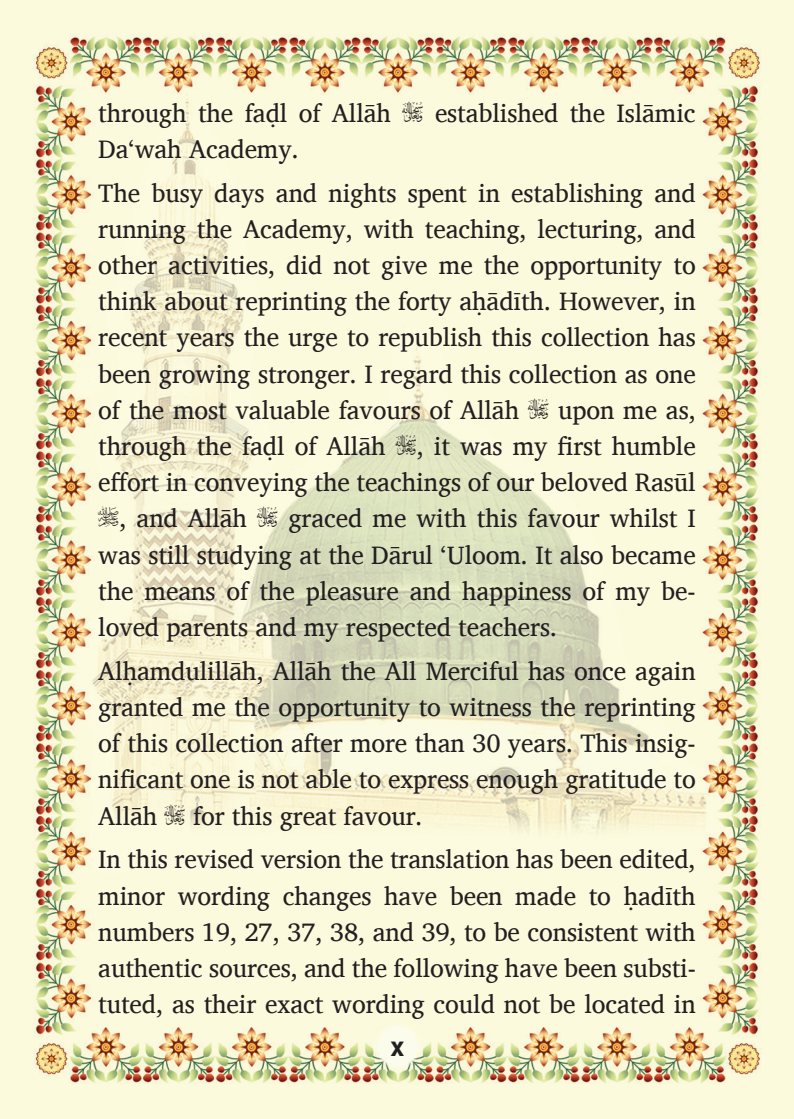
*Whoever conveys forty aḥādīth on matters of religion to my Ummah, Allāh will raise him as a faqīh (a person with sound Dīnī knowledge) and on the Day of Qiyāmah I shall be an intercessor for him and a witness on his be-*

*half. (Al-Bayhaqī)*

Through the tawfiq of Allāh ﷻ, I immediately resolved to collect forty aḥādīth from the beautiful collections of the aḥādīth of our beloved Nabī ﷺ. In those days textual resources were scarce. Therefore, from the books available, I began collecting short aḥādīth which could be easily memorised and understood by young and old alike. After deciding upon the forty aḥādīth, I translated them and had them edited by Mr. Ibrahim, a revert and a teacher of geography at Dārul ‘Uloom Bury, who was always affectionate and helpful.

By the grace of Allāh ﷻ, it was published first in the UK and then in Al-Madīnah Al-Munawwarah. When I presented a copy to my honourable ustādh and mentor, Ḥaḍrat Mawlānā Hashim ṣāhib dāmat barakātuḥum, for his prayers and blessings, he said, “I am delighted. May this beginning be full of blessings. The very first work that Allāh ﷻ has taken from you is related to the ḥadīth of our Beloved ﷺ. I take good omen that Allāh ﷻ will utilise you much for the service of His Dīn and also the aḥādīth of Rasūlullāh ﷺ.”

Time passed, and I graduated from Dārul ‘Uloom Bury in 1986. Thereafter, I was granted the honour of teaching at the Dārul ‘Uloom until 1991 when, due to the demise of my late father ﷺ, I moved to Leicester and



through the faḍl of Allāh ﷻ established the Islāmic Da‘wah Academy.

The busy days and nights spent in establishing and running the Academy, with teaching, lecturing, and other activities, did not give me the opportunity to think about reprinting the forty aḥādīth. However, in recent years the urge to republish this collection has been growing stronger. I regard this collection as one of the most valuable favours of Allāh ﷻ upon me as, through the faḍl of Allāh ﷻ, it was my first humble effort in conveying the teachings of our beloved Rasūl ﷺ, and Allāh ﷻ graced me with this favour whilst I was still studying at the Dārul ‘Uloom. It also became the means of the pleasure and happiness of my beloved parents and my respected teachers.

Alḥamdulillāh, Allāh the All Merciful has once again granted me the opportunity to witness the reprinting of this collection after more than 30 years. This insignificant one is not able to express enough gratitude to Allāh ﷻ for this great favour.

In this revised version the translation has been edited, minor wording changes have been made to ḥadīth numbers 19, 27, 37, 38, and 39, to be consistent with authentic sources, and the following have been substituted, as their exact wording could not be located in

the books of authentic aḥādīth.

- الدُّنْيَا مَرْرَةٌ الْآخِرَةُ
- الصِّدْقُ يُنْجِي وَالْكَذْبُ يُهْلِكُ
- أَكْرِمُوا الصَّيْفَ
- أَشْكُرُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى عَلَى نِعْمَتِهِ

May Allāh ﷻ accept this humble effort through His sheer Grace and Mercy and make it a means of salvation for me, my parents, my teachers, my mashā'ikh, my well-wishers and all my associates and the whole Ummah, those living and those who have departed.

I am grateful to all my friends and associates who have assisted in making this publication possible. May Allāh ﷻ reward them with Divine Love. Āmīn.

(Shaykh-ul-Ḥadīth, Ḥaḍrat Mawlānā)

Muhammad Saleem Dhorat (ḥafīzahullāh)

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مَحَلُّ سُبُوْلِ اللَّهِ  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ  
وَالْوَٰلِدَاتِ  
وَالْوَٰلِدِينَ  
وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ  
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## Ḥadīth 1

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ

(رواه البخاري ومسلم)

Actions are dependent on intentions.


(Al-Bukhārī & Muslim)

## Ḥadīth 2

قُلْ آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ ثُمَّ اسْتَقِمَّ

(رواه أحمد)

Say: 'I believe in Allāh,' thereafter remain steadfast. (Aḥmad)



Hadīth 3

الصَّلَاةُ عِمَادُ الدِّينِ

(رواه البيهقي)

Ṣalāh is the pillar of the religion (Islām).  
(Al-Bayhaqī)

Hadīth 4

الصِّيَامُ جُنَّةٌ

(رواه البخاري ومسلم)

Fasting is a shield.  
(Al-Bukhārī & Muslim)



Hadīth 5

كُنْ فِي الدُّنْيَا كَأَنَّكَ غَرِيبٌ أَوْ

عَابِرُ سَبِيلٍ (رواه البخاري)

Be in the world as though you are a traveller or a wayfarer. (Al-Bukhārī)

Hadīth 6

مَنْ يَتَزَوَّدُ فِي الدُّنْيَا يَنْفَعُهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ

(رواه البيهقي)

Whoever makes provision (of good actions) in the world, it will benefit him in the hereafter. (Al-Bayhaqī)

## Hadīth 7

الدُّنْيَا سِجْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِ وَجَنَّةُ الْكَافِرِ

(رواه مسلم)

The world is a prison for the believer and a paradise for the non-believer. (Muslim)

## Hadīth 8

لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ مَا أَعْلَمُ لَضَحِكْتُمْ

قَلِيلًا وَوَبَكَيْتُمْ كَثِيرًا (رواه البخاري ومسلم)

If you knew what I know you would have surely laughed less and cried more.

(Al-Bukhārī & Muslim)

## Ḥadīth 9

الَّتَائِبُ مِنَ الذَّنْبِ كَمَنْ لَا ذَنْبَ لَهُ

(رواه ابن ماجه)

The one who repents from sins is like the one who has no sin. (Ibn Mājah)

## Ḥadīth 10

أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا

(رواه الترمذي وأبو داود)

The most perfect believer is the one with the best character. (At-Tirmidhī & Abū Dāwūd)



Ḥadīth 11

مَنْ صَمَتَ نَجَا

(رواه الترمذي)

One who remains silent will save himself.

(At-Tirmidhī)

Ḥadīth 12

الدُّعَاءُ سِلَاحُ الْمُؤْمِنِ

(رواه الحاكم)

Du'ā is the weapon of the believer.

(Al-Ḥākim)

### Hadīth 13

إِنَّ الصِّدْقَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْبِرِّ وَإِنَّ  
الْبِرَّ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ (رواه البخاري)

Indeed truthfulness leads to piety, and indeed piety leads to Jannah. (Al-Bukhārī)

### Hadīth 14

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ  
فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ (رواه البخاري)

Whoever believes in Allāh and the Last Day should honour his guest. (Al-Bukhārī)

## Ḥadīth 15

لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا

وَيَعْرِفُ شَرَفَ كَبِيرِنَا (رواه الترمذي وأبو داود)

One who does not show mercy to our young nor acknowledges the honour and status of our elders is not of us. (At-Tirmidhī & Abū Dāwūd)

## Ḥadīth 16

لَا يَرْحَمُ اللَّهُ مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ النَّاسَ

(رواه البخاري)

Allāh will not show mercy to the one who does not show mercy to the people. (Al-Bukhārī)

## Ḥadīth 17

لَا تَغْضَبُ

(رواه البخاري)

Do not become angry.  
(Al-Bukhārī)

## Ḥadīth 18

الْحَيَاءُ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ

(رواه مسلم)

Ḥayā<sup>1</sup> is a branch of Īmān.  
(Muslim)

<sup>1</sup> Ḥayā is a character trait that causes one to abandon all that is shameless and repugnant and prevents one from neglecting the rights of others.

Hadīth 19

لَا تُكْثِرِ الضَّحِكَ فَإِنَّ كَثْرَةَ  
الضَّحِكِ تُمَيِّتُ الْقَلْبَ (رواه الترمذي)


Do not laugh excessively, for indeed  
excessive laughter kills the heart.  
(At-Tirmidhī)

Hadīth 20

السَّعِيدُ مَنْ وُعِظَ بِغَيْرِهِ  
(رواه مسلم)

Fortunate is he who learns a lesson from  
(the fate of) others. (Muslim)





Hadīth 21

الطُّهُورُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ

(رواه مسلم)

Purity is half of faith.

(Muslim)

Hadīth 22

خَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ

(رواه الطبراني)

The best amongst people is the one who is most beneficial to people. (Aṭ-Ṭabarānī)



Ḥadīth 23

الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ

(رواه البخاري ومسلم)

A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim.  
(Al-Bukhārī & Muslim)

Ḥadīth 24

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاطِعٌ

(رواه البخاري ومسلم)

The one who severs ties of kinship will not  
enter Jannah. (Al-Bukhārī & Muslim)

Hadīth 25

الْجَنَّةُ تَحْتَ أَقْدَامِ الْأُمَّهَاتِ

(رواه الديلمي والقضاعي)

Jannah lies under the feet of mothers.  
(Ad-Daylamī & Al-Qudā'ī)

Hadīth 26

أَفْسُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ

(رواه مسلم)

Spread salām amongst you.  
(Muslim)

## Ḥadīth 27

أَكْرَمُهُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اتَّقَاهُمْ

(رواه البخاري)

The most honoured amongst people in the sight of Allāh is the one with the most taqwā<sup>2</sup>.

(Al-Bukhārī)

<sup>2</sup> Taqwā is a quality of the heart which prevents one from disobeying Allāh ﷻ.

## Ḥadīth 28

الْمَرْءُ مَعَ مَنْ أَحَبَّ

(رواه البخاري ومسلم)

A person will be with whom he loved (in the hereafter). (Al-Bukhārī & Muslim)

## Ḥadīth 29

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

(رواه البخاري وأبو داود)

The best amongst you is one who learns the Qur'ān and teaches it. (Al-Bukhārī & Abū Dāwūd)

## Ḥadīth 30

الْإِيمَانُ نِصْفَانِ نِصْفٌ فِي الصَّبْرِ

وَنِصْفٌ فِي الشُّكْرِ (رواه البيهقي)

Īmān has two halves: half is ṣabr (patience) and half is shukr (gratitude). (Al-Bayhaqī)

### Ḥadīth 31

مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا

لَا يَحْتَمِيهِ (رواه الترمذي وابن ماجه)

From the beauty of a person's Islām is his leaving that which does not concern him.

(At-Tirmidhī & Ibn Mājah)

### Ḥadīth 32

الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ

لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ (رواه البخاري ومسلم)

The (perfect) Muslim is he from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe.

(Al-Bukhārī & Muslim)

### Ḥadīth 33

مَنْ تَوَاضَعَ لِلَّهِ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ

(رواه البيهقي و أبو نعيم)

One who humbles himself for the sake of Allāh, Allāh will elevate him. (Al-Bayhaqī & Abū Nu‘aym)

### Ḥadīth 34

مَنْ قَرَأَ يَسَّ فِي صَدْرِ النَّهَارِ قُضِيََتْ

حَوَائِجُهُ (رواه الدارمي)

Whoever recites Sūrah Yāsīn at the beginning of the day, all his needs will be fulfilled. (Ad-Dārimī)

Ḥadīth 35

أَحَبُّ الْبِلَادِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَسَاجِدُهَا

(رواه مسلم)

The places most beloved to Allāh are the masājid. (Muslim)

Ḥadīth 36

الْبَخِيلُ الَّذِي مَنْ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ

يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ (رواه الترمذي)

The miser is he before whom I am mentioned, yet does not send salutations upon me. (At-Tirmidhī)



## Hadīth 37

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ

عَلَيْهِ عَشْرًا (رواه مسلم)

Whoever sends one salutation upon me,  
Allāh will send ten blessings upon him.  
(Muslim)

## Hadīth 38

أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَكْثَرُهُمْ

عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً (رواه الترمذي)

The closest of people to me on the Day of  
Judgement will be the one who sends the  
most salutations upon me. (At-Tirmidhī)

Hadīth 39

إِنَّ الدَّالَّ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ كَفَاعِلِهِ

(رواه الترمذي)

Indeed the one who directs towards good is like the doer of good. (At-Tirmidhī)

Hadīth 40

مَنْ تَمَسَّكَ بِسُنَّتِي عِنْدَ فَسَادِ أُمَّتِي

فَلَهُ أَجْرُ مِائَةِ شَهِيدٍ (رواه البيهقي)

Whoever holds fast to my way during the degeneration of my Ummah, for him is the reward of a hundred martyrs. (Al-Bayhaqī)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

