

## Three Advices From the Blessed City of

# MADĪNAH MUNAWWARAH







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## **Foreword**

Taking a brief look at the services and achievements of Maḥbūbul 'Ulamā wal-Mashā'ikh (the beloved of the 'Ulamā and Mashā'ikh), Shaykh Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *dāmat barakātuhum*, will compel one to conclude that He is amongst those Servants of Allāh whom Allāh has chosen for the service and revival of Dīn in the current era.

As a result of the great concern and worry such blessed individuals have for the Ummah, Allāh inspires them with new ideas and effective ways of serving the Dīn. The honourable Shaykh is well-known for his unique and effective initiatives, which have been well-accepted by the masses and applauded by the 'Ulamā and Mashā'ikh. Perhaps the main feature of his new initiatives which attracted the Help and Mercy of Allāh most is that whilst fulfilling the needs of the time and adjusting the methods of da'wah to suit new challenges, he does not sway away from the core

way of the pious-predecessors. This is something great luminaries, the likes of Mufti Sa'īd Aḥmad Pālanpūrī , Muftī Taqi Usmani *dāmat barakātuhum*, Mufti Rafi Usmani *dāmat barakātuhum*, etc. and Mashā'ikh in general have testified to. In this regard, the principle he teaches is:

Inventiveness and creativity alongside maintaining the tradition and inherited practice

The gist of this phrase is that when making changes in the way we convey the teachings of our beautiful Dīn, we must not compromise any value or teaching of Islām, or the tradition of the salaf that has reached us through generations.

The Islāmic Da'wah Academy, a world renowned institute with a unique setup; the 'Annual Youth Conference' and the 'Annual Sisters Gathering' which attracts thousands; a large selection of books, booklets and leaflets covering a wide spectrum of topics and including an array of much needed titles, all of which are written in a lucid and appealing style and have proven to be practical and effective in educating and correcting society; da'wah amongst the youth

which has benefitted thousands and the 'Monthly Tazkiyah and Tarbiyah Programme' which receives a vibrant gathering of pious Mashā'ikh, erudite 'Ulamā, practising and non-practising laymen and professionals from up and down the country, are just a few of the successful feats that the respected Shaykh pioneered, each being replicated in numerous other institutes and masājid in the UK and abroad.

## New Year's Eve Programme

From amongst the initiatives taken up by the respected Shaykh, one is the late night 'New Year's Eve Programme' which takes place in Masjid An-Noor, Leicester, every year. The programme is well structured and includes Qur'ān recitations, nashīds, inspirational lectures and workshops. It is then concluded with the words of advice from the respected Shaykh *dāmat barakātuhum*.

New Year's Eve provides us with a good opportunity for introspection. The programme aims to utilise this opportunity to bring audiences to reflect and take account of the past year and see where one has been making religious or worldly loss, and thereafter make resolutions on how one will improve in the following year. Audiences, mainly of youth, are motivated to make good resolutions, to turn to Allāh sand to begin a new more productive chapter in their lives. Before leaving, attendees are encouraged to pray two raka'āt and supplicate to seek the Help and Forgiveness of Allāh stoo.

Alḥamdulillāh, just like other works of the respected Shaykh, this initiative proved to be a success too and was liked by the 'Ulamā, many of whom have replicated this programme in their own masājid, around the country and abroad.

## The Background of This Booklet

The honourable Shaykh himself delivers the final lecture of this programme every year, but in late December 2017, he had travelled to perform 'Umrah and was unable to attend the programme. However, upon being requested, he agreed for arrangements to be made for him to speak to this gathering from Madīnah Munawwarah, as delivering advices from the blessed city would have barakah of its own. At a later date, the respected Shaykh also commented that he made sure to impart some advices on that night as it was a rare opportunity to be able to convey the message of Dīn from the blessed city of our Beloved Nabi , Madīnah Munawwarah.

The time was roughly 3:00 a.m. in Madīnah Munawwarah when the respected Shaykh shared priceless advices from the Sacred City of Madīnah to this blessed gathering who were eagerly listening in Masjid An-Noor, Leicester.

This booklet is the publication of those very same precious words of advice. I urge all readers to pay careful attention to every word spoken by the Shaykh with the intention of practising.

#### How to benefit from the booklet(s):

- 1. Read with sincerity, with the intention of practising.
- 2. Read with adab, preferably with wudū and whilst sitting in a humble manner.
- 3. Make a note of important points one needs to practise upon.
- 4. Read the booklet multiple times, not just once.
- 5. Encourage others, especially one's family and friends, to read the booklet too.
- 6. As a good method of da'wah, acquire multiple copies and distribute them for free.

I pray that Allāh accepts all the Shaykh's works and

efforts and grants him a long life with good health. I pray that Allāh enables myself and the rest of the Ummah to truly appreciate the Shaykh, recognise his value and benefit from him. Āmīn.

(Mawlānā) Abrar Qutbi Rajab 1443 / February 2022





# بالسال الخالم

الْحَمْدُ لِلهِ، الْحَمْدُ لِلهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِيْنُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُوْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ، وَنَعُودُ وَنَعُودُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُوْرِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّنَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَن يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَعْوِدُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَن لَّا إِلهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَن لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَن لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى اللهِ أَنَّ سَيِّدُونَا وَنَبِيَّنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى اللهِ وَمَا الشَيْطَانِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَبَارَكَ وَ سَلَّمَ تَسْلِيْمًا كَيْيُرًا كَثِيْرًا ، أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُودُ بِاللهِ مِن الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّحِيْمِ: كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَاتِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ، وَإِنَّمَا تُوفَوْنَ أُجُوْرَكُمْ الْقِيَامَةِ، فَمَنْ رُحْزِحَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ، وَمَا الْحَلُوةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلّا مِنَا اللهُ لُؤُورُ.

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا حُلْوَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهُ مُسْتَحْلِفُكُمْ فِيْهِا فَنَاظِرٌ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ، أَلَا فَاتَّقُوا الدَّنْيَا وَاتَّقُوا النِّسَاءَ... أَوْ كَمَا قَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ الِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِيْ صَدْرِيْ وَيَسِّرْ لِيْ أَمْرِيْ وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِيْ يَفْقَهُوْا قَوْلِيْ، شُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ اَنْتَ الْعَلِيْمُ الْحَكِيْمُ. اَللَّهُمَّ انْفَعْنَا بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنَا وَعَلِّمْنَا مَا يَنْفَعُنَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّوْنَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ أَمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوْا تَسْلِيمًا، اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اللهِ وَاصْحَابِهِ وَأَثْبَاعِهِ وَأَرْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ. Allāh ﷺ, through His infinite Mercy and Grace, has granted this sinful, humble and insignificant servant the opportunity to speak to you all today from Madīnah Munawwarah, the city of our most Beloved Nabī ﷺ on January 1st 2018, at the time of tahajjud, at 3:05 a.m. I firstly greet you with the greeting of Islām:

May Allāh sgrant acceptance in His Court to this gathering that is taking place today in Masjid An-Noor, Leicester. May Allāh sgranke it a means of our forgiveness, the forgiveness of all those associated to us and the forgiveness of the whole Ummah. May this programme also become a means of complete hidāyah (guidance) coming into our lives, the lives of all those who are associated to us and the whole Ummah. Āmīn.

## A Hadīth with Three Important Advices

I would very briefly like to go through a Ḥadīth of our Beloved Nabī ﷺ. Once Sayyidunā Jibrīl ﷺ came to our Beloved Nabī ﷺ and conveyed three very beautiful advices. If we were to ponder over these three beautiful advices then, inshā'allāh, we will be able to see a positive change in our lives.

#### The First Advice

Nabī said, 'Once Jibrīl ( came to me and said,

O Muḥammad (ﷺ)! Live for as long as you desire, (but remember that ultimately) you are going to die.<sup>1</sup>

This is the first message we need to embed in our hearts and minds; that whether we live till the age of 20, 50, 70, 100 or even more, we will not live in this world forever. Our ultimate destination is the Hereafter.

## **Every Soul Shall Taste Death**

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ Every soul shall taste death.

Allāh declares this in three different places in the Glorious Qur'ān:

Every soul shall taste death and on the Day of Qiyāmah you will be given your rewards in full. (3:185)

<sup>1</sup> Al-Mustadrak alaṣ-Ṣaḥiḥayn, kitāb : الرقاق Ḥadīth: 7921

Every soul shall taste death. We test you with good and bad (conditions) and to us you will return. (21:35)

Every soul shall taste death then to us you will return. (29:57)

Whoever comes into this world comes only to go, whether it be after a few moments, days, weeks or years. Allāh says,

## وَمَاجَعَلْنَالِبَشَرِمِّنْ قَبُلِكَ الْخُلْلَا

We have not decreed for any human before you to remain [in this world] forever. (21:34)

In another place Allāh s mentions,

Indeed, you will die and they (who are opposing you and rejecting you) will also die. (39:30)

#### We Cannot Live Forever

My brothers, elders, friends, mothers, sisters and daughters! This is the first thing we need to embed in our hearts and minds:

Live for as long as you desire, (but remember that ultimately) you are going to die.<sup>2</sup>

This means that if we were given the choice to live in this world for as long as we desired, then we would not be able to choose to stay in this world for eternity. No matter how long we choose to live for in this world, a time will come when we will have to depart for the Hereafter.

#### The Second Advice

... and love whomsoever you (desire to) love, (but remember that one day) you will have to part ways.<sup>3</sup>

If a person decides to ignore Allāh **s** and love his wife and children to the extent that he gives priority to

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

them over the Commands of Allāh ; or he loves his desires and gives priority to them over the Commands of Allāh ; or he loves wealth and gives it priority over the Commands of Allāh , then he should remind himself that he will soon separate from all these things. Love whomsoever and whatsoever you desire besides Allāh , but remember that a time is going to come when you will have to separate from that person, item or thing and you will have to meet the Creator. Either you will depart first leaving the person or item behind, or the person or item will part from you and leave you behind.

Allāh # mentions in the Glorious Qur'ān,

The person who hopes to meet his Rabb (in such a way that the Creator is happy and pleased with him) should carry out good deeds and should not make anyone a partner in the worship of his Rabb, i.e. he should worship Allāh only for His Pleasure. (18:110)

## Loving Others for the Sake of Allāh

So the second advice Sayyidunā Jibrīl 🕮 conveyed

is that all relationships and connections besides our connection with Allāh are feeble and weak. The only connection, relationship and bond that will be of help in this world, at the time of death, in the grave and on the Day of Qiyāmah is the relationship, connection and bond with Allāh. Therefore, instead of concentrating on befriending or loving the creation of Allāh, concentrate on befriending and creating a bond with the Creator Himself.

Yes, you may love whomsoever you desire for the Pleasure of Allāh for which you will be rewarded. If a person loves his wife, children, relatives, siblings and Muslim brothers and sisters as a result of love for Allāh, then this love will prove to be beneficial and rewarding in this world, at the time of death and on the Day of Qiyāmah, inshā'allāh.

#### The Third Advice

The third advice that Sayyidunā Jibrīl a conveyed to Nabī was:

Do whatever you desire, (but remember that) you

## will be retributed for it.4

Whilst in this world, you can choose to do whatever you desire. It is completely up to you. Allāh says in the Glorious Qur'ān,

Whosoever desires should accept Īmān, and whosoever desires should disbelieve. (18:29)

But before doing anything in this world, remember that if you do good, Allāh will grant you His Pleasure and the bounties of Jannah. If you do wrong then Allah will become unhappy and you will be punished in the Fire of Jahannam.

## We Will be Held Accountable for Every Action and Statement

On the Day of Qiyāmah, Allāh swill reckon us for whatever we do or say in this world, no matter how insignificant it may be.

Whosoever carries out an atom's weight of good will see it (on the Day of Qiyāmah in his book of

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

deeds and on the scales), and whosoever carries out an atom's weight of bad will see it (on the Day of Qiyāmah in his book of deeds and on the scales). (99:7-8)

In the Hereafter we will be retributed for each and every action we carry out and each and every word we say in this world - in the form of Jannah for good actions and in the form of Jahannam for bad actions.

## **Building for the Hereafter**

A poet says,

There is no house after death for a person in which he will live;

Except for that (house) which he constructs before death.

If he constructs that house with good, then his abode will be good;

And if he constructs that house with evil, then he will be a loser in the Hereafter.

Thus, we are constructing our home of the Hereafter whilst we are in this world. If we carry out good deeds, we are constructing our home in Jannah, and if we carry out evil deeds, we are building a home in the Fire of Jahannam.

#### **Time Flies**

My friends! The year 2017 has gone and the year 2018 has just begun. In order to understand the length of the year 2018, look back at the year 2017; how it started last year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and how quickly it has ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. Similarly, the upcoming year, 2018, which looks so long will come to an end very quickly aswell. Soon we will find ourselves, if we remain alive, sitting in a similar gathering and we will be saying that the year 2018 has gone and 2019 has begun. Like this, slowly slowly, breath by breath, our lives will melt away.

Life is decreasing like ice;
Quietly quietly, slowly slowly, breath by breath.

Today the year 2017 has ended, last year 2016 ended and the year before that 2015 ended; friends, a time will come when our lives will end too.

## Our Time of Passing Will also Come

Sayyidunā 'Umar & would say, 'Every day it is said that such and such a person has passed away. Indeed, a day will come when it will be said, "'Umar has passed away."'5

We all say that Monday is gone, Tuesday is gone, a week has gone, a month has gone, a year has gone, this person has gone, etc. My Friends! a time is going to come when people will say regarding me or you that he has gone.

## Only Our Actions Will Accompany Us in the Hereafter

Before that time comes, let us embed these three points in our hearts that a time is going to come when we will have to depart and whomsoever and whatever we love will separate from us and we will leave this world with only our actions.

<sup>5</sup> Risālatul-Mustarshidīn - Ta'līqātush-Shaykh 'Abdil-Fattāḥ Abī Ghuddah, p.167

No money, wealth or riches will go (with you).

Only the shroud will go with you.

Your wealth, money and mansion will not go with you. The only thing that will go with you from this world is your shroud. Other than that, only your actions will go with you; whether good or bad. This is why a poet says,

One day you will have to die, the end is death; Do whatever you need to do, the end is death.

One day you will have to depart from this world, so carry out whatever good deeds you are able to. Do whatever you need to for your salvation in the Hereafter and for the eternal Pleasure of the Creator, because we will be retributed for everything that we do.

Allāh 🎉 says,

Every soul shall taste death. And you will be given your retribution in full on the Day of Qiyāmah. The person who is saved from the Fire (of Jahannam) and entered into Jannah has surely become successful. (3:185)

## The World is a Deception

This worldly life is nothing but a commodity of deceit. It is deceiving us by making us believe that everything we earn is ours, but the reality is that nothing is ours. The only thing that is ours is our good and bad deeds, as both of them will remain with us forever and ever.

#### Make a Firm Resolution

My friends, let us make a firm resolution that inshā' allah, from today, we will sit in the company of God-fearing reliable 'Ulamā and acquire authentic knowledge from them. Thereafter, we will practise and carry out all the farā' iḍ and wājibāt and always stay away from ḥarām and makrūh taḥrīmī acts. There will be no compromise in these matters. Moreover, we will try our utmost to carry out the sunan, mustaḥabbāt and nawāfil, and stay away from the makrūh tanzīhī acts.

#### **Hard Work Brings Success**

There is a saying in Arabic:

One who seeks something and thereafter strives (for it), will (surely) acquire it.

That person who goes out in search for something and strives for it, Allāh will grant it to him. My friends! The year 2017 has gone. Let us make a firm resolution that in the future Dīn is going to be our priority, pleasing Allah is going to be our priority, love for Rasūlullāh and his Sunnah is going to be our priority and the Hereafter is going to be our priority.

After this resolve, let us strive. Let us sit in the company of the God-fearing reliable 'Ulamā and acquire authentic knowledge. Let us sit in the company of the Mashā'ikh so that our hearts and souls are purified, and as a result we practise what we learn from the 'Ulamā. Thereafter, let us pass on as much as we can to others. From today, let us learn, practise and pass on whatever we learn to others, as much as possible.

These are advices which Allāh sinspired me to impart from Madīnah Munawwarah. I am so happy

to be part of this blessed gathering, wherein you are all trying to come closer to Allāh . I am also very happy that I am participating from the blessed city of Madīnah Munawwarah.

#### Du'ā

May Allāh grant us all true love for Makkah Mukarramah and Madīnah Munawwarah. May Allāh grant us the opportunity to visit the Ḥaramayn Sharīfayn and also Al-Masjidul-Aqṣā over and over again with much reverence, love and adab. May Allāh grant us the tawfīq (ability) to benefit from every moment of our stay in the Ḥaramayn Sharīfayn and every moment of our stay in this world. May Allāh grant us death with His Pleasure in either Makkah Mukarramah or Madīnah Munawwarah whilst in the state of maqāme-ṣiddīqiyyat (the highest form of wilāyah). May Allāh grant us all the tawfīq to connect ourselves to Allāh His Beloved Nabī and His beautiful Dīn.

Inshā'allāh, I will convey salām to Rasūlullāh tomorrow on behalf of the whole gathering and everyone who is listening at this moment. I am very happy to be with you all from Madīnah Munawwarah.

I greet you once again with the greeting of Islām:

اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ وَاخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعُلَمِيْنَ، وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى الِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.



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## Glossary

adab (pl. ādāb) Etiquette

Al-Masjidul-Aqṣā Masjid in Jerusalem which

is the third most sacred Mas-

jid in Islām

Āmīn 'Amen', An expression ut-

tered at the end of a supplication. It is a supplication in itself meaning 'O Allāh!

Accept.'

barakah (pl. barakāt) Blessing

da'wah Invitation, calling towards

Allāh 🎉

Dīn Religion, used specifically

to refer to Islām

farā'iḍ (sg. farḍ) Compulsory acts

Ḥadīth (pl. Aḥādīth) Saying, action, affirmation,

physical or moral quality of

Rasūlullāh ﷺ

ḥarām Forbidden, impermissible

Haramayn Sharīfayn The two sacred precincts at

Makkah Mukarramah and

Madīnah Munawwarah

Īmān Belief in Allāh 🎉 and all the

articles of faith

inshā'allāh 'If Allāh wills'

Jahannam Hell

Jannah Paradise

Jibrīl 49 The archangel Gabriel

(peace be upon him)

Madīnah Munawwarah A city in Saudi Arabia where

Rasūlullāh **migrated** to from Makkah Mukarramah

Makkah Mukarramah A city in Saudi Arabia

wherein the Ka'bah is situated and the birthplace of

Rasūlullāh ﷺ

makrūh tanzīhī A disliked action which one

should refrain from

Mashā'ikh (sg. Shaykh) refer to Shaykh

masājid (sg. masjid) Mosque

Masjid Nabawī Masjid in Madīnah Munaw-

warah which is the second most sacred Masjid in Islām and where the second most important masjid in Islām is

situated

Mawlānā 'Our leader', title given to Islamic scholars in the

Indian subcontinent

Muftī Islamic jurist

mustaḥabbāt (sg. mustaḥabb) Preferable acts

Nabī (pl. Ambiyā) Prophet, also used to re-

fer to Muḥammad 🎉

nashīds Poems

Qiyāmah The Day of Judgement

Rabb The Cherisher and the

Sustainer of the whole creation, Allāh

Rajab The seventh month of

the Islamic calendar

raka'āt Units of prayer, prayers

consist of 2, 3 or 4 units

Ṣaḥābah (sg. Ṣaḥābi) 'Companions', those

who came into the company of Rasūlullāh sa Muslims and passed

away as Muslims

Sayyidunā 'Our most-respected', a

title of honour given to

a male

Shaykh (pl. Mashāyikh) Spiritual mentor

Sunnah The way of Rasūlullāh

sunan (sg. Sunnah) Non obligatory acts car-

ried out by Nabī 1 with

regularity

tahajjud The voluntary night

prayer

tarbiyah Moral and spiritual nur-

turing, especially of

children

tazkiyah Soul purification

'Ulamā (sg. 'Ālim) Islamic scholars

Ummah Nation, commonly used

to refer to the global

Muslim community

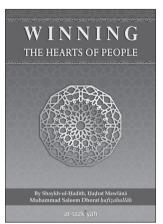
'umrah The minor pilgrimage

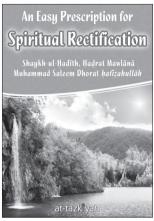
wuḍū' Ablution, the prescribed

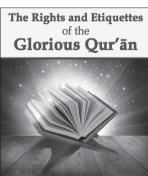
method of purification from the state of minor

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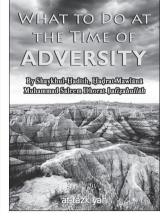
wājibāt (sg. wājib) Necessary acts

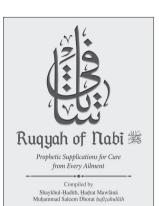






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