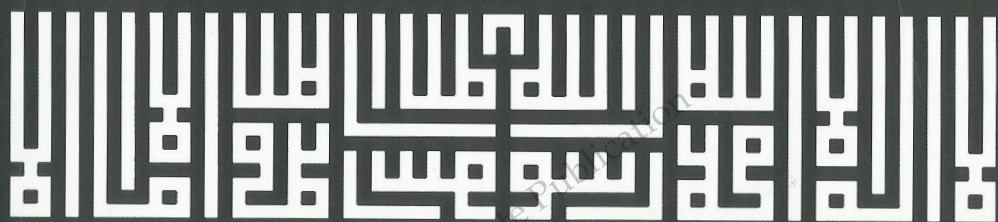


REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH

IN THE LIGHT OF SUNNAH



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Masnoon Azkaar

We would find plenty of self made Azkaar and Wazaif in various books, of which there is no verification through Sunnah. What we should consider is who better, other than the Prophet of Allah (P.B.U.H.) himself, could have the knowledge and insight concerning means to remember Allah (SWT). The most excellent approach for us is that we should perform remembrance of Allah also in ways that were advised and practiced by the Prophet of Allah (P.B.U.H.). This way, we could earn double the reward; first for doing the worship of Zikr, and second for following the Sunnah of the Prophet of Allah (P.B.U.H.).

Remembrance of Allah In the Light of Quran

فَاذْكُرُونِي اذْكُرْتُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ

dh:152)

“Therefore remember Me (by praying, glorifying, etc.). I will remember you, and be grateful to Me (for My countless Favors on you) and never be ungrateful to Me.”

(Al-Ankabut: 45)

وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ

“...and the remembering of Allah is greater indeed.”

(Ar-Ra'd:28) الْأَيْدِ كُرِّ اللَّهُ تَطْمِئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

“Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest.”

Remembrance of Allah In the Light of Ahadith

1. Narrated by Abu Hurairah (R.A.) that the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) has said that: Allah declared that whenever a slave of mine mentions Me and his lips move in My remembrance, at that very moment I am with My slave.
(Sahih Bukhari)
2. Muaz Bin Jabal (R.A) said that the last thing on which I was separated from the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) is that I asked him (PBUH) which deed is the most beloved to Allah (SWT)? Prophet (PBUH) replied that such a deed is that you die in a state that your tongue was actively involved in the remembrance of Allah.
(Ibn Habaan)

In The Light of Ahadith, Masnoon Azkar and its Significance and Benefits

1. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated:
"The most excellent remembrance is

(Tirmidhi)

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

"There is no deity but Allah"

2. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated:
"Whoever recited in the mornings and evenings

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ

"Allah is Pure including all His Qualities"

100, times each, his sins will be forgiven and on the day of resurrection there would be no act weighing equivalent to that except someone has done similar or additional to it."

(Bukhari and Muslim)

3. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated:

“The two verses/kalimat though exceedingly easy on the lips are extremely substantial in the balance of deeds and especially dear to Allah are:”

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ، سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ

(Bukhari and Muslim)

“Allah is Pure including All His Attributes. Allah is Pure (and is of) Greatest Grandeur.”

4. Abu Hurairah (RA) narrates that the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated that:

“If I say;

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

(Bukhari)

“Purity of Allah, and Entire Praise is due to Allah and there is no deity but Allah and Allah is the Greatest”

Then this deed is more beloved to me than all those things in the Universe that the sunrises upon.”

5. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ،

وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ۔

(Bukhari and Muslim)

“There is no deity but Allah, He is All Alone, He has no companions. For Him is All the Sovereignty and for Him All the Praise. And He is in control over everything.”

“Anyone who recites these one hundred times within a day receives the reward equivalent to freeing ten slaves. One

hundred good deeds are recorded for him and one hundred sins are forgiven. There is protection from the devil for him until the evening. No other person would bring (on the day of resurrection) a better deed than this except someone who has done the same.”

6. Narrated from Abu Hurairah (RA) that the Prophet of Allah stated:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

“Without Allah's help there is no courage to perform any good deeds and there is no strength to be protected from sins.”

“Recite this with abundance regularly because this is one of the treasures amongst the treasures of the Jannah / Paradise.”

(Tirmidhi)

7. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated that:

“Whenever you are done with the Maghrib Prayers and if before speaking to anyone you recite

(7 times)

اللَّهُمَّ اجْرِنِي مِنَ النَّارِ

“O' Allah! Deliver me from the punishment of Hellfire.”

and if you happen to die in this condition then you will be delivered from the Hellfire and if you recite this similarly after Morning Prayers (Salatul Fajr) and if you happen to die within the same day you will be saved from the Hellfire.”

(Abu Dawood, Mishkaat)

8. Narrated by Abu Hurairah (RA), the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated that:

“Anyone who recites this enunciation/ wazifa in the morning and in the evening seven times each, Allah takes away all his dreads and worries of this world and the hereafter.”

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

(Sunan Abi Dawood)

“For me Allah is sufficient. There is no deity but Allah. I put my faith in Him and He is the owner of the Aarsh-e-Azeem/the most honored position.”

9. Narrated by Abu Hurairah (RA), that the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated:

Anyone who would enunciate these verses / Kalimat after prayers, all his sins will be absolved even if they are equivalent to the froth on the sea.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ

33 times

Allah is Pure

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

33 times

All the Praise is due to Allah

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

33 times

Allah is the Greatest

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ،

(Mishkaat)

وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ-

“There is no deity but Allah, He is All Alone, He has no companions. For Him is All the Sovereignty, and for Him All the Praise. And He is in control over everything.”

10. Narrated Samrah Bin Jundub (RA) that the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated that:

“Among All the Kalimat the most excellent ones are these four Kalimat:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

(Sahih Muslim)

11. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated:

“Anyone who leaves for a marketplace should enunciate these verses/ kalimat while entering the marketplace.”

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، يُحْيِي
وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ-

“There is no deity but Allah, He is All Alone, He has no companions. For Him is All the Sovereignty, and for Him All the Praise. He gives Life and He gives Death and He Himself is Alive without ever Dying, All Goodness is in His Hand, And He is in control over everything.”

(Tirmidhi, Ibn Majaa)

12. Once a person visited the Prophet (PBUH) and expressed regret over his own sins. The Prophet (PBUH) advised him to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ مَغْفِرَتِكَ أَوْسَعُ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي وَرَحْمَتِكَ أَرْجَى عِنْدِي مِنْ عَمَلِي

(Mustadrak Hakim)

“O' Allah Your Mercy is far more Enormous than my sins and my reliance is over Your Mercy rather than my deeds.”

13. Narrated Saad (RA), the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated that Yunus (AS) recited from within the stomach of the fish

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ-

“O' Allah! There is no deity but You, You are the Purest, indeed I myself am among the transgressors”

The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated:

“A Muslim who would recite this prayer when in need Allah (SWT) acknowledges (the prayer) and fulfills his need.”

(Mishkaat)

14. Narrated by Jawairyah (RA) that one day after performing the Fajr/Morning Prayers the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) left her place to go out. She was sitting at the place of her prayers, at that time, was reciting something. After a while, when the Prophet (PBUH) came back when the time for Chasht Prayers had arrived, Jawairyah (RA) was seated in the same manner and was busy in her wazifah/ enunciation. The prophet of Allah (PBUH) asked her, "since when I had left you have you been reciting in this same manner continuously?" She replied, "Yes!" The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated: after leaving you I had recited four Kalimat three times each, which if weighed against the whole of your wazifa that you have recited since this morning they will weigh exceedingly more. These kalimat are:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ عَدَدَ خَلْقِهِ وَرِضَى نَفْسِهِ وَزِنَةَ عَرْشِهِ
وَمِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ - (Muslim)

"With the Praise of Allah, equal to the count of His Creations, and according to His own Pleasure, equivalent to the weight of His Arsh, and all the ink of His Kalimat (I describe) the Purity of Allah."

15. There is a narration according to Anas (RA), that whenever the Prophet (PBUH) felt any concern or worry, his (pbuh) prayer would be:

“يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ“

“O’ Always Alive! O’ Sustainer! I am an anticipator of your Mercy”.

(Tirmidhi)

16. There is a narration according to Asma (RA), that the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) advised me that "you should recite these in times of anxiety and apprehension; [the Prophet (PBUH) would tell her of a few such Kalimat]. which would be the source of tranquility for you":

(Sunan Abi Dawood)

اللَّهُ اللَّهُ رَبِّي لَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا -

"Allah Allah He is my Rabb and I do not establish an associate to Him"

17. Narrated by Aisha (RA), the Prophet of Allah (PBUH), whenever saw something that would please him used to say;

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي بِنِعْمَتِهِ تَتِمُّ الصَّالِحَاتُ -

"All Praise is due to Allah, by means of Whose Blessings and Favors all the goodness is accomplished."

And whenever the Prophet (PBUH) used to see something that would displease him, he (PBUH) used to say;

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ - (Hakim)

"Allah's Praise and His Gratitude are (Due) in all conditions."

18. An advice of the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) is to put the hand on the part of the body which is in pain and say ;

Bismillah بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

three times
and seven times say

أَعُوذُ بِعِزَّةِ اللَّهِ وَقُدْرَتِهِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا أَجِدُ وَأُحَاذِرُ

(Bukhari)

“I seek refuge with Allah's Reverence and His Authority from the harm from all I face and I fear.”

19. A narration from Anas (RA) is that the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) stated that whenever a man leaves his home he ought to say while leaving:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ -

“(I commence) With the name of Allah, I rely upon Allah. Without Allah's help there is no courage to perform any good deeds and there is no strength to be protected from sins.”

Then the angles from the Unseen World declare to that man, “you received the guidance and your protection is decided.”

(Tirmidhi)

20. Ibn Abbas (RA) says that the verse/Kalimah

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

Ibrahim (AS) enunciated at the time when he was being thrown in the fire and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) also recited the same verse/ Kalimah when people told him (PBUH) that “the Quraish has assembled a massive army to fight you and you should be fearful of them.” Upon hearing this news the Companions' faith (on the Prophet) (PBUH) boosted and they stated the same as well.

(Sahih Bukhari) حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

“For us Allah is Sufficient. And He is the best to rely upon.”

Excellence of Darood Shareef and Specific Surahs/Chapters in Quran (In the Light of Ahadith)

1. Darood Shareef

The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) has stated: whoever offers the Darood once for me Allah bestows ten blessings for him, documents ten good deeds, erases 10 sins, and raises ten grades for him.

(Nasai)

2. Ayat Al Kursi

The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) has stated: Anyone who recites Ayat Al Kursi after each prayer, other than the death, nothing is about to hold him from entering into Jannah/Paradise.

(Mishkat)

3. Last Verses of the Surah Al Baqarah

a. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) has stated: Anyone who would recite the last two verses of Surah Al Baqarah, from; **أَمِنَ الرَّسُولُ** every night they would suffice for him.

(Bukhari and Muslim)

b. Narrated Abu Hurayrah (RA) The Prophet (PBUH) said: Do not make your houses as graveyards. Satan runs away from the house in which Surah Al Baqarah is recited.

(Tirmidhi)

4. Surah Ikhlas, Surah Al Falaq, Surah An Naas

Narrated by Abdullah Bin Khubaib (RA) that we left in the rain and in dark looking for the Prophet of Allah (PBUH).

When we found him (PBUH), we asked what we should say. The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) advised;

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ
قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ
قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ

Recite three times every morning and evening, it will suffice for you against all things.

(Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, Ibn Majaa)

5. Surah Al Mulk

The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) has stated: Anyone who recited Surah Al Mulk every night is absolved from the torment within the grave.

(Nasai)

6. Surah AL Kahf

The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) has stated: Anyone who would recite Surah Al Kahf on Fridays, then between two Fridays Noor/Pure Light remains illuminated for him.

(Mishkaat)

7. Surah Al Fatihah

The Prophet of Allah (PBUH) has stated: There is cure for all illnesses within Surah Al Fatihah.

(Darmi, Baihiqi, Mishkaat)

Quran's Advice

1. "O you who believe! Let not your properties or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. And whosoever does that, then they are the losers".
(*Surah Al-Munafiqoon: V.9*)
2. "And whosoever turns away (blinds himself) from the remembrance of the Most Beneficent (Allah) (i.e. this Qur'an and worship of Allah), We appoint for him Shaitan (Satan - devil) to be a Qarin (an intimate companion) to him".
(*Surah Az- Zukhruf: V.36*)
3. "... and remember Allah much, that you may be successful".
(*Surah Al Jummu'ah: V10*)
4. "But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'an nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection. He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)." (Allah) will say: "Like this, Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e. you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allah's Mercy)."
(*Surah Ta-Ha: V.124-126*)
5. "O you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance. And glorify His Praises morning and afternoon [the early morning (Fajr) and 'Asr prayers]".
(*Surah Al Ahzaab: V.41-42*)
6. "...and the men and the women who remember Allah much (with their hearts and tongues) Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise)".
(*Surah Al Ahzaab: V.35*)
7. "Is not He Who responds to the distressed one, when he calls Him, and Who removes the evil..."
(*An Naml: V.62*)

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